

**TRUST FUND IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE
PERIODIC PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT FOR QUARTER 3 (JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2023)**

PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	<i>(to be provided by the Implementing Office)</i>
PROJECT TITLE:	Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Northern Bahr El Ghazal State.
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION DATE (START/END DATE)	Start on 24 th / July 2023 to 24 th / July/ 2024
PROJECT LOCATION:	Northern Bahr El Ghazal State, South Sudan
UN AFP / IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:	Community Initiatives for Partnership and Development (CIPAD)
REPORTING PERIOD:	July 24 th to September 30 th / 2023
SUBMITTED ON:	10 th / October/ 2023
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AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT (IN USD)	One Hundred-Twenty-Seven Thousand, Seventy-nine point ninety-three United State of America Dollars only (127,079.93USD)
AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING LAST QUARTER (IN USD)	N/ A
AMOUNT PENDING DISBURSEMENT (IN USD)	One hundred-twenty-seven thousand, and seventy-five point zero-four United State of America Dollars only (127,075.04 USD)

Summary of Progress during the Reporting Period (no more than 500 words)

In June 2023, Community Initiative for Partnership and Development (CIPAD) signed grant agreement with the United Nations (UN) to implement a United Nations Trust Funds in support of victims of sexual exploitation and abuse project titled “Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) in Northern Bahr El Ghazal State” with the objectives of working towards enhancing social and economic resilience of victims of SEA through income generating activities; strengthening capacity of communities to mitigate and report SEA through SEA outreach activities; and improving access to psychosocial support, legal counselling and medical care through psychosocial activities and awareness on the use of available referral pathways like CBCM.

In this quarter three (3) reporting phase, Community Initiative for Partnership and Development (CIPAD) in collaboration with Community Based Complaint Mechanism (CBCM) and United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)’s Conduct and Discipline Team (CDT) and Victims



Rights Office, successfully implemented some project activities below. This quarter as the starting quarter was occupied with pre-project activities arrangements in collaboration with UNMISS's CDT and Victims Rights Office which include beneficiaries verification, design and printing of SEA outreach materials like t-shirt artwork, use of UN logo approval, identification of UN logo side on the t-shirts, and SEA messages that can be printed on the t-shirts and other materials. The finally verified list of beneficiaries was ageed with Senior Victims Rights Officer (SVRO) and Conduct and Displine Team (CDT) which is being used by the project team to implement the project activities. The list was collaboratively verified by Senior Victims Rights Officer (SVRO) and Conduct and Displine Team (CDT) of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). The beneficiaries are victims Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by UN staff, those that are at risk of SEA by UN staff and most vulnerable community members to avoid stigmatization.

Community outreach/engagement meetings on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA): *At least six (6) community outreach/engagement meetings on Sexual exploitation and Abuse (SEA) were conducted in the following Counties*

- ✓ *In Aweil West County, two (2) outreach meetings were conducted at Nyamllell and Marialbaai on 19th-20th /09/2023 resepectively.*
- ✓ *In Aweil North County, two (2) outreach meetings were conducted at Ariath and Gok-machar on 27th-28th /09/2023 resepectively.*
- ✓ *In Aweil Municipal Council, two (2) outreach meetings were conducted at Maper and Ayuung 14th-15th / 09/ 2023 resepectively.*

The categories of the participants attended the above outreach meetings were mainly community members and other relevant stakeholders. 180 (96 women and 84 men) people were reached by the ourreach/community engagement meetings on sexual exploitation and abuse across the three (3) Counties of Northern Bahr El Ghazal state with various messages on reporting and mitigation of sexual exploitation and abuse.

Basic business and financial literacy skills training: *2 days basic business and financial literacy skill training was successfully conducted for 58 verified victims of SEA with the aim of giving them the skills to sustain income generating support that will be provided by the project. The 2 days training was very interactive as majority of participants requested that after-training follow up on how they will execute skills on busniess operation.*

Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse with income genrating activities: (Business start up kits): *As planned, CIPAD project team managed to procure and distribute items to thirty seven (37) beneficiaries in the list of 58 beneficiaries from Aweil Centre County and Aweil Muncipal Council. The items provided were bags of maize flour, carton of bar soaps, and sets of bedsheets items for bedsheets decoration business.*

We do not have vocational training activities in our project work-plan and budget. We heard from CBCM during State SEA Taskforce and Rule of Law Meetings that CDT has vocational training project activities which are going to be implemented when their project started. We can only

implement vocational trainings when there is additional funding support because it was not sincerely planned during the project design.

Beneficiaries were absolutely consulted on vocational skill training that they wanted to be provided by the project. There was an inclusive beneficiaries' consultation as the project is respecting the principle of victims centered approach, so it is design to meet beneficiaries' expectations. We believe that including beneficiaries in decision making on which vocational training they want as a free choice, will provide a chance for a greater sustainability of the project impact by empowering beneficiaries to have a free choice of the skills required within that given context where she is living as they willingly own the project.

During this reporting period, 58 beneficiaries trained on basic business and financial literacy skills are expected to have income generating skills more especially on:

- 1. Grocery business management which enabled them established and management business with bags of maize/wheat flours, and cartoons of soaps provided by the project in this reporting quarter;*
- 2. Embroidery business management which enabled them to established and management business with rolls of bedsheets and beads provided) provided by the project; and*
- 3. Basic animal husbandry sessions which enabled them to manage goats provided to them by the project in this reporting quarter.*

Now all 58 trained beneficiaries have started their businesses as our project team uses to monitor and mentor them as they are going about their business.

Some business sites of the beneficiaries were jointly visited by our Project team, Community Based Complaint Mechanism (CBCM), United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)'s Conduct and Discipline Team (CDT) in person of Christine Besong (Outreach Team Leader), Nelson Kayanga (Team Assistant), and another female police officer from UN Police.

Other income generation skills will be fulfilled by other project activities for example tailoring among others.

a. PROJECT IMPACT (Describe project impact if any, of the project's activities on beneficiaries, the community or other actors? Include, where appropriate, information or feedback provided by beneficiaries or other relevant stakeholders.)

#	Expected Impact (as per project proposal)	Impact on	Explanation of status
1	At least 58 victims of sexual exploitation and abuse have increased sources of income as the results of livelihood assistance provided in form of business star-up or booster packages that contribute	Beneficiary	37 victims of SEA who have partially received some income generating materials have entered into the local markets with their items with the aim of generating incomes for their



	to sustainable economic empowerment		economic empowerment in order to enhance their social and economic resilience. The income earned will be used to support the growth of their business and support their families, said one of the participants after receiving the support. <i>The remaining 21 beneficiaries will receive materials in October 2023.</i>
2	Increased awareness of 360 community members and victims of sexual exploitation and abuse on their rights to report any suspicious act of any kind to relevant rights bodies in accordance with national, regional and international human rights laws. This strengthened capacity of communities to mitigate and report SEA	Community	Atleast 180 (96 women and 84 men) people were reached through six (6) community outreach/community engagement meetings on sexual exploitation and abuse across the three (3) Counties of Northern Bahr El Ghazal state with various messages on reporting and mitigation of sexual exploitation and abuse. Those activities implemented have strengthened capacity of communities to mitigate and report SEA. Other six (6) community outreach/community engagement meetings on sexual exploitation and abuse will be conducted in the next reporting period to reach the planned target.
3	At least 58 victims of sexual exploitation and abuse have accessed free community psychosocial support services in the targeted communities	Beneficiary	The corresponding activity is not implemented in this quarter.
4	At least 58 victims of sexual exploitation and abuse have accessed multi-sectorial services using the available sexual exploitation and abuse services referral pathways	Beneficiary	Through community outreach on sexual exploitation and abuse meetings, many people got information on referral pathway or reporting points which include CBCM and many other services providing institutions across the state.



5	Increased voluntarily, and skilful community owned structures that provide free community psychosocial support services to the victims of sexual exploitation and abuse in the communities	Community	The corresponding activity is not implemented in this quarter.
6	At least 12 volunteer community psychosocial support groups established and trained to provide free psychosocial support services to the victims of SEA in the communities.	Community	The corresponding activity is not implemented in this quarter.
7	Increased information sharing, and collaborations that contribute to improve multi-sectorial responses and services provided to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse in Northern Bahr El Ghazal state's counties and municipalities.	Community	Robust relationship established with other agencies and stakeholders through attending of cluster meetings, Northern Bahr El Ghazal State SEA Taskforce meetings and other stakeholders' meetings organized in various institutions

#	Project Activities Scheduled During the Reporting Period	Status	Explanation of status
1	Activity 1: Conduct twelve (12) community outreach/community engagement meetings (awareness campaigns) on what sexual exploitations and abuse entails in order to provide deeper understanding of prevention and victims' identification strategy. Two outreach meetings in each of the six (6) local governments localities will be held in Nyamllell and Marialbaai in Aweil West County; Malek-alel and Wathmuok of Aweil South County; Maper and Ayuung of Aweil Municipal Council (Aweil Town); Apada and Aroyo of Aweil Centre County; Wanyjok and Warawar of Aweil East County; and Gokmachar and Ariath in Aweil North County in the State. Each meeting will be one	On track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ At least six (6) community outreach/community engagement meetings (awareness campaigns) on sexual exploitation and abuse were successfully conducted in this reporting QUARTER ✓ The remaining six (6) community outreach/community engagement meetings (awareness campaigns) on sexual exploitation and abuse will be conducted in the coming QUARTER



	day targeting 30 (15 females) participants to reach the total of 360 (180 females).		
2	Activity 4: Assist and support victims of sexual exploitation and abuse with income generating activities namely rolls of bedsheets and beats decorating business; bags of sorghums and groundnuts for agricultural production; bags of sugar, cartons of soaps, household kits (utensils, plastic sheets, beds and mattresses).	On track	37 victims of SEA have partially received some income generating materials which <i>bags of maize flour, carton of bar soaps, and sets of bedsheets as a business start-up package that will contribute to enhance social and economic resilience of the beneficiaries. The remaining beneficiaries will receive materials in October. No beneficiary received livestock in this Quarter, but all of them will receive livestock especially goats (5 goats each, 2 he-goats and 3 she-goats) in October 2023, the next quarter. .</i>
3	Conduct three radio talk shows of 1hour each with Radio Miraya (UN Radio), Akol-yam FM Radio and Nhomlau FM Radio on sexual exploitation and abuse, referral pathways, and our response and prevention activities targeting 13,000 people across the state.	On track	1 Radio talk show conducted with UN Radio Miraya and 1 with Akol Yam FM. 1 Radio talk show with Nhomlau FM (community radio) remains to be conducted in the next QUATER
4	Conduct 2-days training of 58 victims who will receive income generation support on basic business and financial literacy skills in Aweil Town. This will help to sustain the support given to them by the project.	Completed	At least 58 (All females) victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) trained on basic business and financial literacy skills. We remain with the follow up on their work. Beneficiaries were not trained on husbandry as an independent training because the training was not planned. It is not in the work-plan and budget of the project to implement an independent animal husbandry training, but we have included some basic animal husbandry sessions in basic business and financial literacy skills training. Majority of



			community members where beneficiaries originated are pastoralists and that is why beneficiaries choose to have goats during project design consultations.
5		Choose an item.	
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7		Choose an item.	

#	Issue Description and its effect on project	Status (Open/Closed)	Actions Taken
1	Participants of community outreach/engagement meetings on sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) were impressed by messages shared with them, so they requested CIPAD and UNMISS carry out the same sensitization meetings in other locations that are not reached by the meetings	Open	CIPAD proposed activities and budget do not go beyond the planned locations. So, participants were tasked to spread the messages received since CIPAD could not go beyond work-plan.
2		Choose an item.	
3		Choose an item.	

#	Risk Description and its potential effect on project	Likelihood (Expected/Highly Likely/Likely/Not Likely)	Mitigation Measures
1	Unmet community expectations	Not Likely	Collaborate and engage with other cluster partners to fill the gaps, for example, a community expected a non-functional borehole to be repaired, then CIPAD will contact WASH cluster.
2	War and communal conflicts	Not Likely	Collect early warning indicators and always make contextual updates to inform project team



3	Natural disasters like flooding	Not Likely	CIPAD will use motorbikes, boats, and available community means of transport to access beneficiaries since we are familiar with the context and already integrated in the communities we serve.
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#	List of Activities Planned for the Next Quarter/Reporting Period	Planned Delivery
1	Conduct the remaining 6 community outreach/engagements in 6 locations of Aweil South, East and Centre counties of Northern Bahr el Ghazal State.	These activities will be conducted in October 2023
2	Assist and support victims of sexual exploitation and abuse with income generating activities: Finish distribution of livelihood goods especially goats to those who had already received other items and give start up kits to those remaining number of beneficiaries or victims of SEA. During proposal design, beneficiaries were consulted on what kind of livestock they want and have chosen goats as an easy to managed livestock. So, based on the budget we have, the planned number of livestock for each beneficiary is 5goats (2he-goats and 3she-goats)	These activities will be carried out in October 2023
3	Conduct 12 community meetings to established 12 inclusive community volunteer psychosocial support groups in Nyamlell and Marialbaai in Aweil West County; Malek-alel and Wathmuok of Aweil South County; Maper and Ayuung of Aweil Municipal Council (Aweil Town); Apada and Aroyo of Aweil Centre County; Wanyjok and Warawar of Aweil East County; and Gokmachar and Ariath in Aweil North County in the State.	These activities will be implemented in November and December 2023

#	Financial Status a. Please attach a signed expenditure report b. Please attach list of beneficiaries of project	Status
1	Are activities progressing according to allocated budget?	Yes, the planned budget as per the activities was spent as it is because good market survey was done during project design and development.



2	Are there any factors that might demand additional funds for project implementation	Yes, participants were requesting for the extension of SEA awareness meetings to other areas which are not in our project work-plan. This may look as a relevant community demand that is not met. The locations identified by communities for outreach are Wedwil in Aweil West County; Tiaraliet in Aweil South County; and Mayen-ulem in Aweil North County. There are no victims identified because of bad social norms and lack of SEA awareness or inadequate SEA knowledge in the community.
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