

2017 AND 2018 REPORT

Trust Fund in Support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse



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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CBCN	Community-Based Complaint Network
CDT	Conduct and Discipline Team
CDS	Conduct and Discipline Service
CDU	Conduct and Discipline Unit
DMSPC	Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
DFS	Department of Field Support
IO	Implementing Office
IP	Implementing Partner
IRC	International Rescue Committee
MINUSCA	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic
MONUSCO	United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PKO	Peacekeeping Operations
PM	Programme Manager
RC	Review Committee
SEA	Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
TOR	Terms of Reference
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNMIL	United Nations Mission in Liberia
USG	Under-Secretary-General
VRA	Victims' Rights Advocate



“The men and women serving under the blue flag across the world have a duty to uphold the highest standards of integrity, professionalism and respect for the dignity of the human person.

As we serve the world’s people and work for peace and the advancement of humanity, the United Nations must be a source of inspiration and a beacon of hope for all. Together, let us solemnly pledge that we will not tolerate anyone committing or condoning a crime, and in particular, crimes of sexual exploitation and abuse.

Let us make zero tolerance a reality.”

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres

OVERVIEW

Following the release of the report on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/69/779), the Secretary-General established the Trust Fund in Support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, in March 2016. The Trust Fund supports United Nations and non-United Nations entities and organizations to provide victim assistance and support services in accordance with the United Nations Comprehensive Strategy on Assistance and Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by United Nations Staff and Related Personnel, annexed to General Assembly Resolution 62/214.

Since the Trust Fund's establishment, the Secretary-General has actively engaged Member States and other stakeholders, encouraging contributions to the Trust Fund. Following receipt of voluntary contributions from Bhutan, Cyprus, India, Japan and Norway in 2016, 14 additional Member States, Albania, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Finland, Italy, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Slovakia, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, and Uganda, made contributions to the Trust Fund in 2017 and 2018. In 2018, the Trust Fund portfolio comprised voluntary contributions from these 19 Member States in the amount of over USD 2 million, including approximately USD400,000 representing payments withheld following substantiated allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations personnel. This report is for 2017 and 2018 as this is the period when a sufficient base of funds was available to allow funding of projects. In 2016 and early 2017, efforts were undertaken to fundraise and raise awareness of the Trust Fund as well as to develop processes, draft a guidance toolkit and templates for partners to submit proposals.

The Trust Fund has provided seed funds to address gaps or provide additional support as per its objectives below from the Terms of Reference for the Trust Fund. The role of the Trust Fund can be catalytic, building on the work of the entities of the United Nations system and partners generally and through specific projects to be carried forward by partners.

The Trust Fund is open to the entire UN system and in 2019 and going forward, further efforts will continue to seek projects and partners from the larger UN system where there are risks of sexual exploitation and abuse and where there are victims who require assistance and support.

Objectives of the Trust Fund

In accordance with its fundamental principle of putting the rights and dignity of victims first, the Trust Fund is guided by the following key objectives:



To provide specialized services (medical, legal, psychosocial, other material care) in support of victims of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA)



To engage in community outreach



To address service gaps in the provision of assistance and support to complainants, victims and children born as a result of SEA



As an additional support and communication for complainants, victims and children born as a result of SEA

Trust Fund Governance and Administration

As of 1 January 2019, the Trust Fund Implementing Office is the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance (DMSPC) and the Programme Manager is the Conduct and Discipline Service (CDS), within the Administrative Law Division of the DMSPC. The appointed Certifying Office is the Business Partner Service of DMSPC.

Trust Fund Management Coordination Process

Programme Manager at Headquarters

The Programme Manager is responsible for all administrative functions and management of the Trust Fund, and is also the primary contact for existing and potential donors, implementing partners and/or grantees and is the Secretariat for the Trust Fund Review Committee.

The Programme Manager keeps abreast of the programmatic aspects of victims' assistance and support in field and other locations to inform planning, outreach for projects and proposals relating to the Trust Fund. Strategic consultation on victim assistance including on support and service gaps as well as project proposals is conducted with victims' rights advocates at Headquarters and in the field.

Consultation also takes place with peacekeeping missions, agencies, funds and programmes and other bodies such as the Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC). Risk and mitigation measures related to sexual exploitation and abuse and victims are also continually reviewed and assessed, including through existing risk management tools.

Implementing Partners (IPs)

The required assistance and support services is provided by, and through, IPs which receive funds to develop approved activities or programmes supported by the Trust Fund.

Project Proposals

The Programme Manager evaluates the use of grants, including through project visits. As the Fund grows and the number of proposals increases, pre-screening new applicants will be considered, in partnership with United Nations missions, other United Nations partners and NGOs.

Conduct and Discipline Teams (CDTs) and other designated UN focal points (where no peace operation exist), have the task to identify and inform the Implementing Office of any local assistance and support service gaps in need of funding. In South Sudan and Haiti, the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Task Force, which addresses gender-based violence, works in partnership with the relevant mission to identify appropriate projects. The Trust Fund does not disburse funds directly to individual complainants, victims and/or children born as a result of sexual exploitation and

abuse, but provides funding to eligible entities that provide assistance and support services to these beneficiaries.

The Implementing Office may solicit proposals from entities to receive funds to provide services by open call or invitation.

Only applications by service providers and United Nations partners are considered.

Project proposal templates, accompanied with guidelines for completion and submission, are provided by the Implementing Office to CDTs or implementing partners. All proposals are required to include a detailed breakdown of activities and related cost. The CDTs and/or other designated focal points conduct an initial review of proposals in line with guiding criteria provided in proposal and budget templates and checklists to ensure consistency with the Terms of Reference of the Trust Fund.

A list of eligible proposals is transmitted to the Implementing Office for review and action, which reviews the proposals and prepares a short-list of with recommendations to the Review Committee for approval and selection.

Project Review and Approval: The Trust Fund Review Committee

The Trust Fund Review Committee approves eligible proposals in accordance with the Trust Fund Terms of Reference.

The Review Committee selects proposals according to their alignment with the purpose of the Trust Fund, including:



Disbursement of Funds

An Agreement between the United Nations and the IP governs the terms and conditions under which the IP receives funds from the Trust Fund.

In line with UN Financial Regulations and Rules, disbursement of funds is made directly to the IP by the United Nations Controller, through the Executive Office of the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance.

Monitoring and Evaluation

In order to ensure accountability, guidance on monitoring and evaluation is being developed including processes for the IPs and grantees. Implementing partners are to designate a contact person whose contact details must be kept up-to-date and communicated to the Implementing Office.

As a general rule, the Programme Manager and/or its partners will conduct field visits to all new applicants before any application is presented to the Review Committee. For example, CDS and the CDT in the Democratic Republic of the Congo visited three project sites in 2017. A similar visit was conducted including the Field Victims' Rights Advocate in the Central African Republic to meet proposed partners in the International Rescue Committee and the American Bar Association. In Liberia, the Head of UNMIL endorsed the project idea prior to the closing of the mission.

As the first round of projects is being completed, guidelines on evaluation reports are being prepared which will incorporate the type of assistance provided, notes on meetings with grantees, coordinators and victims, as well as a description of internal financial procedures and management.

It is envisaged that grantees would be required to facilitate on-site monitoring visits including access to project premises and full access to financial records by representatives of the United Nations, at any time. Grantees are requested to maintain updated records of expenses documenting how grant funds are spent including financial records, receipts, invoices, supplier quotes and purchase orders, and records on the management and administration of services funded whole or in part by the Trust Fund, as well as narratives outlining progress, including benefits, impact, best practices and lessons-learned.

The Implementing Office must be immediately informed of any change in the structure of the project and/or services being rendered to victims.

Reporting Requirements, Audit and Financial Controls

IPs are required to submit regular substantive or narrative reports and quarterly financial reports to the Implementing Office.

The deadline for submission of reports to the Implementing Office is set out in the Agreement with IPs. If reports are not received in a timely fashion, renewal of an existing grant or a new grant will not be considered.

In accordance with its Terms of Reference, the Trust Fund is subject to audit by the Office of Internal Oversight Services, under Financial Regulation 5.15, and by the United Nations Board of Auditors, under Article VII of the Financial Regulations and its annex.

TRUST FUND HIGHLIGHTS AND PERFORMANCE

Following identification of risk areas and the need to enhance support and services, the Implementing Office sought projects from peacekeeping missions to ensure timely receipt of proposals through Conduct and Discipline Teams as well as to support efficient disbursements using established processes within the Secretariat. The Conduct and Discipline Teams and Field Victim's Rights Advocates have acted as coordinators at the locations of projects. The experience from this first round of projects has paved the way for the Trust Fund to establish templates and processes for agreements and work plans with UN system and NGO partners, some of which were initiated in Liberia (with UNESCO) and the Central African Republic (with an international NGO).

The first three projects funded by the Trust Fund and completed in the reporting period are located in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Implementation of a Programme of Assistance for Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in the Central African Republic

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is implementing a country-wide programme to provide support and assistance to survivors of sexual exploitation and abuse and gender-based violence, in the Central African Republic. The United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) identified the IRC as the most suitable organization in the Central African Republic to develop and sustain a project to provide healing and recovery to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse through access to appropriate services, including psychosocial, medical and judicial support. The project, implemented by MINUSCA in partnership with the IRC, aims to reinforce community-based complaint mechanisms and the SEA Task Force in the Central African Republic.

The first phase of the programme now is underway. A component on sexual exploitation and abuse was integrated into the sexual and gender-based violence awareness raising, as part of the existing IRC programmes, and partnerships on medical and psychosocial support have incorporate specific needs that may arise for victims of sexual exploitation and abuse if not already part of SGBV programming.

Implementation of an Adult Literacy Programme in Eight Communities in Liberia

The former United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) identified an Adult Literacy Programme as necessary to address educational gaps in groups in vulnerable situations, especially victims of sexual exploitation and abuse exposed to marginalization and stigmatization. UNMIL selected the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as the project's implementing partner, and following the end of UNMIL's mandate, the project was handed over to UNESCO which was tasked with implementing the project in eight communities in the Montserrado County in Liberia, including West Point; Wrotto Town; Bong Mine Bridge; Logan Town; New Kru Town; Gurley Street and Center Street Communities; Virginia Community; and Elwa Community.

The Adult Literacy Programme seeks to empower members of these communities through the development of literacy and numerical skills; engage participants to serve as advocates against sexual exploitation and abuse; and create awareness amongst community leaders so they are involved actively in prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse. The project will be implemented in three phases, with the first focusing on literacy and numerical courses, and the third on training in hairdressing enabling beneficiaries to initiate their own small businesses for sustainability.

Implementation of Victim Assistance and Support to Community-Based Complaint Networks in the Communities of Bujovu/Munigi, Kavumu and Sake in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Between February and December 2018, the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), in collaboration with "Siku ya Mazingira" (SYAM), a local organization and UN partner, implemented three projects to benefit 441 participants in the communities of Bujovu/Munigi, Kavumu and Sake. The projects provided victim assistance and support to community-based complaint networks and a two-year scholarship programme for children in vulnerable situations and capacity-building for community-based complaint networks.

In May 2018, MONUSCO held a ceremony, attended by project beneficiaries and their families, local government officials, community leaders and MONUSCO representatives, in Sake to inaugurate the projects in Bujovu, Kavumu and Sake.



The projects were funded by the Trust Fund at a cost of USD 264,703. A total of 329 community members have learned a trade, produced food and generated income for self-sustainability. Scholarships have also been provided to 52 children, and 60 members of the CBCN have benefited from capacity- building activities.



“Siku ya Mazingira” (SYAM), also supported SEA awareness-raising activities and training on complaint, reporting and referral mechanisms so that at-risk communities can safely report allegations of SEA.



MONUSCO Chief of staff Nancee Oku Bright opened the inauguration ceremony on behalf of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the DRC.



Beneficiaries voiced their appreciation for the projects which supported them to become active participants in the community's economy.

Project Activities

1. Identification and Enrolment of Project Beneficiaries

Between February and March 2018, a first group of beneficiaries were identified following consultations with the community-based complaint networks who shared feedback from victims and community members on the gaps in their communities, ideas on the type of support which could help them regain independence and remove or reduce stigma, in the communities of Bujovu/Munigi, Kavumu and Sake, to benefit from vocational training, a scholarship programme and capacity-building. Three hundred and twenty-nine beneficiaries enrolled in vocational training in tailoring (cutting and sewing), mycelium (mushroom cultivation), bread-baking, flour processing, basket-weaving and livestock breeding. A total of 52 children were enrolled in a two-year schooling programme, and 60 members of the CBCN were trained in project-management and refresher-training on victim assistance.

2. Construction of a Training Center



As a first step, a training center was constructed and equipped to house participants in vocational training in Bujovu, Kavumu and Sake. Each training center was designed with three rooms for vocational training and a children's game room for the beneficiaries' children.

A house was rented in the center of Kavumu, to serve as an office, and serve as the training centre for participants in tailoring and bread-baking. The purpose of renting a house in the center of Kavumu, was to strengthen visibility of products being manufactured and to bring the trained beneficiaries closer to the shopping center to allow them to sell their products. Two additional rooms were also rented in Kavumu town for the processing and sale of flour.

3. Launch of Projects

On 8 May 2018, an official inauguration of the projects was held, with the attendance of community members and the first group of project beneficiaries. The event was attended by local governmental authorities, CBCN members, the Siri ya Mazingira "SYAM" team, UN agencies representatives and the leadership of MONUSCO.



4. Vocational training

a. Tailoring training (cutting and sewing)

Training rooms were equipped with 60 brand new machines for tailoring (cutting and sewing), including 20 in Bujovu/Munigi, 15 in Kavumu and 26 in Sake.

A total of 61 women benefitted from tailoring training in Bujovu (20), Kavumu (15) and Sake (26). Project beneficiaries are able to sew shirts, skirts, pants and gowns, and accessories, such as bags, cushion covers and house ornaments. This training proved popular activity, and a second group is looking forward to the next training opportunity.



Results:

Each week, each beneficiary can make between 1 and 3 garments for an average of US \$3.4 per outfit. This is already a stepping stone for a person who had no activity at the beginning of the project.

b. *Mycelium (mushroom cultivation)*

Two mushroom production training workshops, equipped with shelves, drums, cooking pots, a dark room and other equipment required for the cultivation of mushrooms, were installed in Bujovu and Sake.



A total of 100 participants benefitted from training in mushroom cultivation. They are now adept in the process of mushroom growing and are able to produce mushrooms for their own consumption and sale. The mushrooms are sold twice a week at the local market, and clients are the local authorities, local restaurants, the community, and MONUSCO personnel and NGOs.



Results:

The beneficiaries are adept in the processes of mushroom production. Two mushroom harvesting campaigns were held in Sake and one in Bujovu. The mushrooms are sold at an average of US \$5 for 5kg. Each beneficiary makes around US \$1/\$2 per sale. The beneficiaries have a management committee and have their own bank account. The earnings are shared amongst the beneficiaries twice a month.

c. Bread-baking training

For bread-baking training a well-equipped fermentation room was built, and a machine with a mixer was installed. A total of 65 participants benefited from bread-baking training. The oven has a capacity to produce about 900 small loaves of bread a day.



Results:

Bread is an essential component of each meal in the community and is in constant demand at the local market. Beneficiaries enjoy income generated from the sale of loaves and are able to bake bread for their own families.

d. Flour processing training

Two mills were installed for the processing of flour, one in Kavumu and another in Katana, South Kivu and fitted to train 18 participants. These flour processing and production units were installed in houses rented for an initial period of six months, to facilitate the transition to the CBCN which will provide sustainability by assisting the training beneficiaries after conclusion of the project.



Results:

Following the training, beneficiaries earn about 10,000 Congolese Francs a day, or approximately 300,000 Congolese Francs per month. This is approximately US \$187.50/per beneficiary, for an average of US \$19 per month for each beneficiary.

e. *Basket-weaving*

Ten participants completed the basket-weaving learning activity.

f. *Livestock breeding*

A total of 23 participants were enrolled in goat breeding training. The beneficiaries of this project received goats and have access to a veterinary clinic and related drugs to look after the goats. At the end of the project, 16 goats were pregnant, and six had given birth.

g. *Support of the schooling of children in vulnerable situations*

Since 3 September 2018, a total of 52 children in vulnerable situations, some orphans, others reportedly born as a result of sexual exploitation were supported through a two-year scholarship, provision of school supplies, meals and other related needs. Among these children, 25 are boys and 27 are girls.

Results:

The children benefitting from the two-year scholarship attend school and the scholarship programme is expected to continue beyond the two-year project period to support them to complete primary or secondary education.

5. Support to the Community-Based Complaint Network

One goal was to ensure the sustainability of the projects in Bujovu/Munigi, Kavumu and Sake. While this could have been accomplished by having the involvement of a national NGO such as SYAM, it was also determined that a main actor in providing direct support and assistance to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse was the community-based complaint network, comprising members of the community and protection stakeholders. Accordingly, 20 members of the Community-Based Complaint Network (CBCN) in each community were enrolled in project management training. Two training sessions were organized and facilitated by SYAM. As part of the activities of the project management training, these CBCN members participated in the rolling out of vocational training activities from the outset.



In addition, in close coordination with the CBCN, SYAM, with the participation of 20 members of the CBCN in each community, developed a sensitization plan, on the basis of which a community awareness-campaign was organized once a week, in each village.

The MONUSCO CDT, in close collaboration with SYAM, provided training to the CBCN on complaint reception and referral mechanisms, strategies to fight sexual exploitation and abuse and assistance and support to victims.

Results:

Members of the CBCN in Bujovu, Kavumu and Sake trained in project management continue to provide support and guidance to project beneficiaries to ensure sustainability of the small businesses initiated by project beneficiaries. Accordingly, the CBCN is better prepared to provide enhanced assistance and support to victims.

6. Project closing ceremony

Upon conclusion of the projects on 31 December 2018, a graduation ceremony was organized in Sake and in Kavumu at which a Certificate of Completion was presented to each of the participants in vocational training.



The graduation ceremony was attended by MONUSCO leadership, local authorities and civil society representatives as well as SYAM and members of the CBCN. At the ceremony, project beneficiaries also received a “reinsertion kit,” supporting them to initiate their own income-generating business. Participants in tailoring training received a sewing starting kit to initiate their own business. Participants in the basket-weaving training received a roll of plastic material, allowing for the production of 25 baskets.



During the ceremony, a mother of one of the children thanked MONUSCO “not only because this is the first time her child will complete a whole school year without being driven out for failure to pay school fees, but most importantly, because she has also learned a skill which will help her having some money to continue to educate her child.”



Testimonies

Some of the victims of sexual exploitation and abuse who have benefited from the projects offered the following testimonies on how the project activities have positively impacted on their lives.



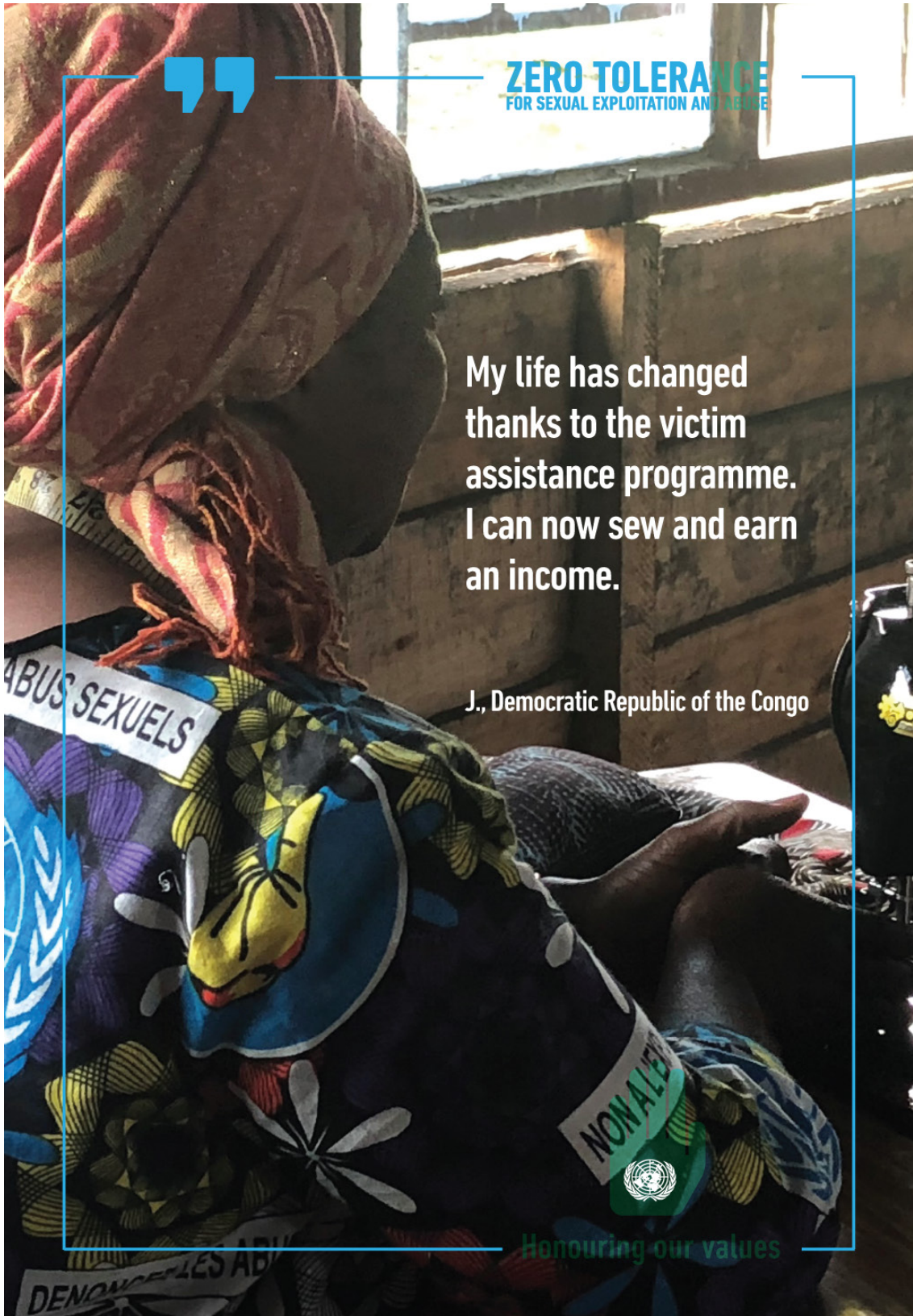
ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

I don't ever want to go back to my former life, when I was desperately trying to make ends meet. Now I can earn a living through sewing.

G., Democratic Republic of the Congo



Honouring our values



ZERO TOLERANCE
FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

My life has changed thanks to the victim assistance programme. I can now sew and earn an income.

J., Democratic Republic of the Congo

Honouring our values



ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE



Members of the local community-based complaint network helped me report my story to MONUSCO. I was then provided with medical care and enrolled into a victim-support programme.

G., Democratic Republic of the Congo



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BUDGETS FOR PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Programme of assistance for victims of sexual exploitation and abuse in the Central African Republic

Cost Element	Estimated Cost (in USD)
Project Operations	103,615
National support staff and consultants for medical and psychosocial support including expertise in SGBV	83,301
Programme Support Cost (PSC)	24,299
Total:	\$211,215

LIBERIA

Adult Literacy Programme for eight communities in the Montserrado County in Liberia

Cost Element	Estimated Cost (in USD)
Project Operations	91,500
Trainers, coordinators, experts to monitor training and learning events, outreach and advocacy teams	8,500
Programme Support Cost (PSC)	13,000
Total:	\$113,000

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Victim Assistance and Support to Community-Based Networks in the Communities of Bujovu/Munigi, Kavumu and Sake

Cost Element	Estimated Cost (in USD)
Project Operations	213,367
Trainers and supervisors in each vocational and project area per location, community experts, logistics specialists, community coordinators	21,113
Programme Support Cost (PSC)	30,453
Total:	\$264,703

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

Good Practices

- The Trust Fund in Support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse is the only dedicated mechanism to provide financial support for services and activities for a greater and dignified support and assistance to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse.
- The involvement of Conduct and Discipline Teams in peacekeeping operations, UN actors and other implementing partners, provided a solid base for the identification of projects and programmes focused in meeting specific needs at the local level.
- Mapping exercises to identify in-country service providers, in close coordination with UN agencies, funds and programmes, Community-Based Complaint Networks, Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Task Forces and non-governmental organizations were essential to identifying gaps in the provision of sustainable support and assistance to victims in project locations. These exercises will be further enhanced following the results of the latest mapping efforts under the auspices of the Victims' Rights Advocate.
- Funding projects and programmes implemented by non-governmental organizations complements local capacity building by enabling the implementing partner to become an active participant in providing assistance and support to victims.
- The active engagement of Members States, United Nations missions, agencies, funds and programmes' respective field offices, non-governmental organizations and the communities is essential for a unified approach to identify, develop and implement projects designed to assist, support and empower victims of sexual exploitation and abuse.

Overall Challenges and Lessons

- New partnerships with implementing partners require new agreements and until there is a body of practice and legally pre-approved agreement templates for a variety of entities, there will be delays in initiation of work plans for approved projects.
- The generous voluntary contributions are mainly provided as pooled funds but there are time bound contributions. As the Trust Fund is growing and trying to enhance outreach for project ideas and proposals, as well as to build capacities through partners for developing proposals in acceptable formats, these are accepted on a rolling basis. Time bound funding can cause constraints if no projects are imminent in that period.
- Separating the number of actual victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by UN personnel assisted among overall beneficiaries of projects for our own accountability and reporting purposes is a challenging area.
 - The Trust Fund aims to build on existing services which may be for Sexual Gender-Based Violence, vocational training and empowerment of communities so as not to stigmatize and further marginalize victims.
 - Consultations among the Trust Fund Programme Manager, the Victim Rights' Advocate and implementing partners will be ongoing per project. Project identification is already informed by risk assessments and knowledge of high risk locations and existing data on locations of victims and services to be further enhanced by the Victim Assistance Tracking System database.

Local Challenges

- Transferring funds to remote locations can be delayed due to logistical challenges with banking structures. Alternative arrangements will be considered with partners.
- Security conditions in unstable environments: sudden attacks by armed rebels can take place in project locations and communities can be under threat as their visibility increases as beneficiaries of projects. Implementing partners have increased security at project locations and secured equipment. This has also prompted action to enhance Trust Fund risk management guidance later in 2019.

A GROWING VISION

The Trust Fund has provided seed funds to address gaps or provide additional support for victims of sexual exploitation and abuse. While there may always be a need to address immediate gaps in medical, psychosocial and material support, the vision of the Trust Fund is to provide opportunities which are sustainable and to serve as a catalyst for the restoration of victims' dignity and their economic empowerment.

The transformation of projects, supported by seed funds for income generation activities, to sustainable economic empowerment, will be actively pursued with the support of development actors, including United Nations Funds and Programmes present in the field and other international and local partners. The Trust Fund will, also with the support of partners, make efforts to further capture the voice of victims and collect their feedback on the projects they participate in, as well as inputs on future project needs.

The overarching aspiration of the Trust Fund is to continue to contribute to restore the dignity of victims, help break stigma, and facilitate their reintegration within their communities.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

As of 31 December 2018, the Trust Fund portfolio comprised of contributions received from the following nineteen (19) Member States, in the amount of over USD 2 million¹ :

Albania		Luxembourg	
Australia		Nigeria	
Bangladesh		Norway	
Bhutan		Pakistan	
Canada		Portugal	
Cyprus		Slovakia	
Finland		Sri-Lanka	
India		Switzerland	
Italy		Uganda	
Japan			

¹ Including withheld payments in the amount of USD 399,772 for substantiated cases of sexual exploitation and abuse.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUNDS UTILIZATION REPORT

Funds Received

	Country	Amount Received
1	Australia	\$ 150,954
2	Albania	\$ 2,000
3	Bangladesh	\$ 100,000
4	Bhutan	\$ 10,000
5	Canada (Y1)	\$ 118,774
	Canada* (Y2)	\$ 115,346
6	Cyprus	\$ 1,120
7	Finland	\$ 60,045
8	India	\$ 100,000
9	Italy	\$ 400,000
10	Japan	\$ 200,000
11	Luxembourg	\$ 50,000
12	Nigeria	\$ 100,000
13	Norway	\$ 123,337
14	Pakistan	\$ 10,000
15	Portugal	\$ 10,000
16	Slovakia	\$ 35,352
17	Sri-Lanka	\$ 10,000
18	Switzerland	\$ 52,000
19	Uganda	\$ 10,000
	Total:	\$ 1,658,928

Withheld Payments in line with A/RES/70/286

Source	Amount
Withheld payments	\$ 399,772
Total:	\$ 399,772

Commitments (2018)

Project location/Description	Amount
Democratic Republic of the Congo - Three projects	
Victim assistance and support to CBCNs in Bujovu/Munigi, Kavumu and Sake	\$ 264,702
Central African Republic - Two projects	
Country-wide assistance and support to victims of SEA	\$ 211,215
Legal support and assistance to victims of SEA	\$ 339,000
Liberia - One project	
An adult Literacy programme for victims of SEA exposed to marginalization and stigma in eight counties in Liberia	\$ 113,000
Total:	\$ 927,917

Projections (2019)

Democratic Republic of the Congo - Six projects	
Victim assistance and support to CBCNs in Beni, Bunia, Kalemie, Kisangani, Mwenga and Uvira (six projects)	\$ 406,800
Total:	\$ 406,800

Summary as of 31 December 2018

Funds Received	\$1,658,928
Withheld Payments	\$ 399,772
Total:	\$2,058,700
Funds Committed (2018):	\$ 927,917
Projections (2019)	\$ 406,800
Balance:	\$ 723,983

* Contribution over a two-year period

HOW TO DONATE TO THE TRUST FUND



A pledge of voluntary contributions must be made by a formal letter or Note Verbale to the United Nations. Contributions will be used in accordance with United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules. Donors will receive a report highlighting the activities carried out and fund utilization during the reporting period.

Pledges of contributions will be accepted by the Controller, subject to 13% Programme Support Cost (PSC), in the following bank account:

Account Name:	United Nations General Trust Fund
Account Number:	485-0019-69
Bank:	J. P. Morgan Chase, International Agencies Bank Group
ABA Number:	021-000-02
SWIFT:	CHASUS33

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