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TRUST FUND IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

2019 UPDATE

OVERVIEW

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.

The Trust Fund (TF) provides funding to a) specialized services, which provide assistance and support required by complainants, victims and children born as a result of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), including medical care, legal services, and psycho-social support; b) address service gaps in the provision of assistance and support c) community outreach; and d) additional support and communications for complainants, victims and children born as a result of SEA.



FUNDS

As of June 2019, nearly 70 percent of the \$2 million available over the past two years have been disbursed or committed for projects.

PLEDGED...

Italy recently pledged **160,000 Euros** at the Peacekeeping Ministerial at the end of March 2019 and the funds were recently received.

BALANCE...

With the projected remaining balance of \$723,982 from current funds and the recent pledge of Italy, the Trust Fund will have just over \$900,000 remaining.

FUNDRAISING...

A meeting with Member States on the Trust Fund on 21 June 2019 is intended as an awareness-raising event to encourage continued voluntary contributions for the Trust Fund. Outreach and awareness-raising on the Trust Fund will continue throughout 2019.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

Ongoing Projects

Central African Republic (CAR)

- The International Rescue Committee (IRC), is currently implementing a country-wide victim assistance and support in the CAR, to provide project beneficiaries with **psycho-social, medical support and some access to legal assistance** for victims of SEA and gender-based violence.
- As part of the project, a component on sexual exploitation was added to the IRC **awareness raising** programme on sexual and gender-based violence and so far, **2873 people in the communities** targeted by the IRC, have participated.
- In the second quarter of 2019, **IRC has also reached out to the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Network, including UN and NGOs, and to the Gender-Based Violence Cluster**, to inform these actors that the services provided through this project could also be offered to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse committed by UN personnel.
- This project is expected to be completed by the end of 2019.

Liberia

- The project in Liberia was approved to support education and vocational training for victims facing marginalization and stigmatization in **eight communities of the Montserrado County** in Liberia.
- The first phase of preparation is under way, including meetings to inform community leaders, elders and stakeholders about the goals and objectives pursued by the project in the location identified so far: West Point (near Central Monrovia), Wrotto Town/Larkpazee (all in/near Spriggs Payne Airfield Community); Bong Mine Bridge; Logan Town; New Kru Town; Gurley Street and Center Street Communities (Central Monrovia); Virginia Community (near Hotel Africa);
- Currently, this project is being implemented by UNESCO and the National Adult Education Association of Liberia and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2020.

Upcoming Projects

- In the last quarter of 2018, the Trust Fund Review Committee approved **a project to provide legal support and assistance to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse in CAR**. The project will be implemented by the **American Bar Association, Rule of Law Initiative** (ABA ROLI). This is a positive step forward in the challenging area of paternity and child support claims.
- In May 2019, **six proposals for projects to provide enhanced assistance and support to victims in the communities of Beni, Bunia, Kalemie, Kisangani, Mwenga and Uvira in the DRC** were approved by the Trust Fund Review Committee.
- An initial proposal for an income generation project was recently received from **South Sudan** and is under review by the Programme manager of the Trust Fund.