



**UN Action MPTF Resource Management Committee (RMC)
Note for the Record – 11 December 2012**

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1. RMC members met on 11 December 2012 to consider the following proposals:

- UNFPA/UNICEF/UNHCR: extension/modification of GBVIMS funding (UNA022)
- OSRSG-SVC/OHCHR: extension/modification of Angola Protection Adviser on Expulsions funding (UNA024)
- DPKO/OHCHR: deployment of Women Protection Advisers to UNOCI (new proposal)

In addition to the above proposals, the following no-cost extensions were also considered:

- UNICEF: no-cost extension of multi-sectoral service provision in DRC (UNA026)
- UN Action Secretariat: no-cost extension of the Secretariat operational funding (UNA004)

2. The **MPTF Office** noted that the volume of available funding was \$3.1 million. The **UN Action Secretariat** provided an update on outreach/briefings to donors and potential donors over the past few weeks, namely to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, UK and USA.

3. **Extension/modification of funding for the GBVIMS (UNA022)**

UNFPA presented on the status of the GBVIMS initiative, noting that as a result of administrative delays, it has not yet been possible to complete all elements of the original proposal. Through the process of rolling out the GBVIMS in various conflict-affected settings, the GBVIMS team—now comprised of an Inter-agency Coordinator (housed in UNFPA) and a two-person Surge Team (housed in UNICEF)—has the opportunity to document and define best practices on safe and ethical collection, sharing and reporting of CRSV data. The team continues to work on a Guidance Note regarding the compatibility of the GBVIMS with MARA. A draft of this document will be consulted across the UN Action network and produced as a joint UN Action knowledge product. It was emphasized that the

initiative operates in support of MARA focus countries/UN Action priority countries and is reflected in the UN Action Strategic Framework.

UNFPA/UNICEF requested an extension of the remaining \$365,612 from the initial proposal as well as \$908,387 in additional funds to continue this work through September 2014.

UNHCR will also join as a third UN Action partner, fully integrating their existing GBVIMS consultant into the surge team and deepening the focus on refugee/displacement settings. Members of the RMC welcomed the forthcoming consultations on the GBVIMS/MARA Guidance Note; supported the idea of its presentation as a joint UN Action product; and generally noted the valuable addition of a third UN Action partner to the initiative. It was mentioned that it would be helpful to have more detailed information regarding future directions and sustainability of the GBVIMS, and those with specific follow-up questions agreed to submit them in writing.

The RMC **approved** the extension of the remaining \$365,612 and **approved subject to modification/condition** the request for an additional \$908,387, pending the provision of more detailed information on sustainability.

4. **Extension/modification of Angola Protection Adviser on Expulsions funding (UNA024)**

OSRSG-SVC explained that, due to administrative delays, the Protection Adviser had been on the ground for just one month, though the funding was originally granted in December 2011 for immediate deployment. As a result of the above-mentioned delays, the ICS post adjustment cost had increased in Angola. Secondly, due to the complexities of the region and political sensitivities surrounding this work, it was not possible to recruit an external candidate, resulting in additional cost increases related to UN internal recruitment. **OHCHR** noted that the Protection Adviser has already conducted extensive consultations with the government and UN partners; that other UN entities have already begun expressing a need for his expertise and support; and that the Protection Adviser is key to implementing the Joint Communiqué signed last year by SRSG Wallström and the GoA. Both the **OSRSG-SVC** and **OHCHR** emphasized that talks had already begun with the EU and other donors regarding the need to secure more sustainable funding for this post. **OSRSG-SVC** acknowledged that this initiative did not align with the UN Action Strategic Framework or list of priority countries, but submitted that under the *Analytical and Conceptual Framing of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence*, Angola should be considered a post-conflict situation, especially as SSR and government capacity-building are at a nascent stage. Hence it was submitted that sexual violence occurring there falls within UN Action's common definition of CRSV.

The early achievements of the Protection Adviser were acknowledged, but further clarification on the specific link between his work and CRSV was also requested. In general, it was felt that since UN Action had decided to invest in the project, the network should see it through to completion. It was also suggested that short, periodic reports from the Protection Adviser on progress and achievements in addressing CRSV could be helpful, for onward communication to the network and donors.

The RMC **approved** the extension of the funds remaining from the original proposals and **deferred** decision on the additional \$102,360 for a period of two months. Given that Angola



is not a UN Action priority country and other actors may be better-placed to undertake protection and monitoring in this context, the RMC felt it was important to ensure that other potential funding sources have been explored/exhausted before approving the additional funds.

5. Deployment of Women Protection Advisers to UNOCI (new proposal)

DPKO presented a new proposal for \$619,871 for two WPAs in UNOCI, noting that WPAs fall under the Country-Level Action pillar of the UN Action Strategic Framework, and that Côte d'Ivoire is a UN Action priority country, an accelerated MARA rollout country, and one of the countries with groups listed in the S-G's report on CRSV. The two WPAs (P5 and P4 level) will sit within the mission, one in the RC/HC's office and one in Human Rights. As the recruitment process is currently underway for a Senior Gender Advisor, the Gender WPA will be recruited at a later time. It was noted that the ToRs for these posts—consisting of workshops on monitoring and reporting, sensitization activities within UNOCI and with civil society, coordination between UNOCI and the country team, and keeping track of commitments on CRSV—had been developed by DPA, DPKO, OHCHR and the OSRSG-SVC, in consultation with UNFPA.

Some concern was voiced around the sustainability of WPA posts. It was agreed that **DPKO** would modify the proposal to incorporate specific language articulating the entity's commitment to regularize the posts long-term, following the precedent of the DPKO Sexual Violence Focal Point position (i.e. *“DPKO/DFS is committed to the institutionalization of these positions and will make all efforts for their inclusion in the regular budget”*).

The RMC **approved the proposal subject to modification/condition**, namely the inclusion of language reflecting the need for sustainability.

6. No-Cost Extensions for: a) multi-sectoral service provision in DRC (UNA026) and b) UN Action Secretariat operations (UNA004)

Owing to time constraints, it was agreed that the **UN Action Secretariat** would circulate the two no-cost extension requests via email for RMC consideration/decision. The RMC was asked to submit questions regarding the extension requests no later than COB 14 December. If no replies are received by the deadline, the proposals will be processed on a no-objections basis.