



**UN EBOLA RESPONSE MPTF
PROJECT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - VERSION 1
Period (Month-Year): September 2015**

Project Number and Title:00093136 Title: Ebola Children Protection	PROJECT START DATE¹: 01 December 2014	AMOUNT ALLOCATED by MPTF <i>(please indicate different tranches if applicable)</i> \$2,000,000	RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION UNICEF-Child Protection
Project ID: 0000000 (Gateway ID)		FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS \$2,000,000	
Project Focal Point: Name: Mr. Sheldon Yett E-mail:syett@unicef.org	EXTENSION DATE: 29 May 2015		
Strategic Objective (STEPP) SO3 –Ensure Essential Services	PROJECTED END DATE: 31 December 2015	EXPENDITURES as of [date] \$1,832,485	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S): 1. Ministry of Gender Children and Social Protection/MoGCSP, 2. Ministry of Health/MoH 3. Ministry of Youth and Sports/MoYSP 4. Helping Hand
Mission Critical Action MCA 6 – Access to Basic Services			
Location: Liberia	Sub-National Coverage Areas: Full list of countries and/or districts: 1. Montserrado (All districts) 2. Margibi (All Districts) 3. Lofa (All Districts) 4. Bong (All Districts) 5. Bomi (All Districts)		

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT RESULTS MATRIX

¹ The date project funds were first transferred.

OUTPUT INDICATORS



Indicator ²	Geographic Area	Projected Target (as per results matrix)	Quantitative results for the (one month) reporting period	Cumulative results since project commencement (quantitative)	Delivery Rate (cumulative % of projected total) as of date
Description of the quantifiable indicator as set out in the approved project proposal					
<p>Number of interim care Centers (ICCs) providing care to children on 21 day observation who are separated from their primary care giver</p> <p>Number of Foster Carer households providing alternative care arrangements for children who are either "contacts"(needing 21 day observation period), survivors, or orphans with no one identified to care for them in the community setting</p> <p>Number of families who received one-off cash transfers support for caring for orphaned/abandoned children due to Ebola</p> <p>Number of children receiving mental health and psychosocial support (MPHSS)</p>	<p>Montserratado (All districts) Margibi (All Districts) Lofa (All Districts) Bong (All Districts) Bomi (All Districts)</p>	<p>Baseline: 1 ICC Target: 3 more ICCs</p> <p>Baseline: 2,000 (Foster Carers) Target: 7500³ children Affected by EVD receiving the foster grant</p> <p>Baseline: 0 Target: 7500 families receiving foster grant</p> <p>Baseline: 3542 children (MHPSS) Target: 10,000 children receiving MHPSS</p>	<p>0 ICC and 1 transit Center on stand by</p> <p>Five Counties:43 Bong-0 Bomi-16 Montserratado-0 Margibi-25 Lofa-2</p> <p>51 children received MHPSS</p>	<p>2 ICC and 1 transit Center on stand by</p> <p>Cumulative: 5978</p> <p>Five Counties: 4467 Bong-286 Bomi-218 Montserratado-2012 Margibi-1177 Lofa-774</p> <p>Cuumulative:4436 children have reieved the US\$150 one-time cash grant</p> <p>Cumulative:8831 (3811m,5020)</p> <p>Breakdown by County: Bomi 236 (115m,121f) Bong 356(155m,201 f) Gbarpolu 112(69m,43f) G.Bassa 310(147m,163f) G.Cape Mount 433 (215m,218f) G. Gedeh240 (103m,137f) G. Kru 132 (64m,68f)</p>	<p>75% with the transit center</p> <p>88%</p>

² The Indicators should be disaggregated by gender, age and region as and where applicable

³ The 7500 is targeting children who were affected by the EVD Nationwide

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				Lofa 1381 (581m,800f) Margibi 2639(1003m,1636f) Maryland (0m,0f) Montserrado 2217(1009m,1208f) Nimba 580 (257m, 323f) River gee 46 (20m,26f) Rivercess 93 (40m,53f) Sinoe56 (33m,23f)	
Number of Social workers and Mental Health Clinicians trained and providing family tracing, foster care placement, follow up of children in care, psychosocial support, community support and distribution of cash allowances and infection control and hygiene items.	Montserrado (All districts) Margibi (All Districts) Lofa (All Districts) Bong (All Districts) Bomi (All Districts)	Baseline: 100 social worker and MPHSS specialists 20 Ebola Survivors Target: 200 Social Workers & Mental Health Clinicians	0 0	120 Social Workers and 65 Mental Health Clinicians 15 Child Welfare officers 20 CP Data clerks	120%
Number of Ebola survivors trained and employed as child carers, foster parents, working with social mobilization teams.		1200 ⁴ Ebola Survivors	0	Cumulative: 1200 (542m, 658f) ⁵ Ebola Survivors Five County Totals:1102 Bomi 25 (6m,19f) Bong 72 (32m,40f) Lofa 170 (86m,84f) Margibi 184 (84m,100f) Montserrado 651 (288m,363f)	100%
Number of counties with strengthen CP and MPHSS coordination, Existence of CP and	Montserrado (All districts) Margibi (All Districts) Lofa (All	Baseline: 1 national 1 county 0 CWCs	1 National Child Protection Network/CPN held	10 National CPN held	100%

⁴ Total number of of Ebola Survivors trained and employed in the five counties

⁵ Total number of Ebola Survivors nationwide.

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<p>MPHSS networks coordination structures at the national and county level</p> <p>Number of counties with decentralized child protection Network coordination meeting;</p> <p>Functioning Child Welfare Committee in the most affected communities to identify, support and refer the most vulnerable children.</p>	<p>Districts) Bong (All Districts) Bomi (All Districts</p>	<p>Target; 1 national 5 Counties 50 CWCs</p>	<p>2 PSS Coordination Meetings held</p> <p>2 Child Protection IMS meeting Held</p> <p>5 Local Child Protection Network/CPN meetings</p> <p>1 National CPN 1 National PSS meeting</p>	<p>32 PSS Coordination meetings held</p> <p>20 IMS meetings</p> <p>50 CWCs functional</p> <p>Bomi-18 Bong-7 Margib-2 Montserrado-23</p>	<p>100%</p>
EFFECT INDICATORS (if available for the reporting period)					
<p>Strategic Objective 3 MCA6: Increased children's access to basic services</p>	<p>Montserrado -Margibi -Lofa -Bong -Bomi</p>	<p>7500</p>	<p>51⁶</p>	<p>8831</p>	<p>117%</p>
<p>Strategic Objective 3 MCA7: Increased capacity of the social welfare system to handle cases of children affected by EVD through increased number of workers</p>	<p>Montserrado -Margibi -Lofa -Bong -Bomi</p>	<p>185</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>Total: 220</p> <p>Breakdown: 120 Social Workers 65 mental health Clinicians 15 Child Welfare officer and 20 data clerks</p>	<p>119%</p>

⁶ Number of children identified who receives PSS packages in the five counties for the month



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<p>Strategic Objective 4 MCA11: Functioning community based child protection networks in the most affected communities identify, support and refer the most vulnerable children affected by EVD</p>	<p>Montserrado -Margibi -Lofa -Bong -Bomi</p>	<p>200</p>	<p>2 CWCs in Bomi</p>	<p>50 Functional CWCs in the four counties with a membership of 11 persons per CWC (550 CWC members)</p> <p>Accumulative: 300 National volunteers nationwide.</p> <p>143 Junior National Volunteers active in all 5 counties</p> <p>1102 (496m,606f) survivors active as child protection agents in 5 counties</p> <p>Bomi-25 Bong-72 Lofa-170 Margibi-184 Montserrado-651</p>	
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NARRATIVE

Situation Update *(please describe critical changes, if any, in the situation that affect the project (1-2 paragraphs))*

UNICEF is utilizing the funds from MCA6 through the project ‘Supporting the Well-being and Protection of Ebola Affected Children in Liberia’ to serve 7500 affected children⁷. Currently, the number of EVD affected children in the Ministry of Gender Children and Social protection (MoGCSP database) is 5978 plus additional 2853 who received PSS services bringing the cumulative figure to 8831. Through this project during the month, the 105 trained Social Workers, 65 trained mental health clinicians and child welfare officer provided case management, recreation for resilience activities, reintegration follow ups and alternative care guidelines to the 8831 children. These services, available pre-EVD outbreak

⁷ The current number of EVD affected children registered by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection is 4,915. This number continues to be updated as new data comes in from the county-level social workers who are registering children who have lost one or both parents or primary caregivers due to EVD, child survivors of EVD and other EVD-affected children.



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to all vulnerable children, are being expanded to serve this larger population again.

UNICEF, through its partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, has supported the Ministry to recruit, train and deploy 300⁸ national youth volunteers as contact tracers to identify and refer children affected by EVD, provide psychological first aid, community and social mobilization as well as messaging for EVD prevention. 1200 plus survivors who were recruited in partnership with NGOs for a period of six months to support EVD affected communities have completed their activities- which included anti-stigma awareness and referring children in need to child protection agencies.

Liberia is again free from Ebola. In the effort to build back better, UNICEF continues to support the MoGCSP and MoH to provide Case management and PSS support to families and communities affected, particularly families under precautionary observation. A consultant has been hired to provide support to the MoGCSP in strengthening their HR systems and supporting in the roll out of an improved supervision model in order to support the quality of case management being provided to children.

MHPSS in particular is much needed still as children and families who experienced loss cope and return to routines. Children have returned to school and UNICEF, in conjunction with the MoE rolled out a nationwide training for teachers and PTA members on basic PSS for children. It is expected, once complete, that each trainee will reach out to the 40 or so children in their classroom.

Key Achievements

Alternative care, Case management and PSS support to Children affected by the EVD

- ✓ Supported the Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Protection and the ministry of health-PSS to increase the capacity and technical skills of 105 social workers, child welfare officer and 65 mental health clinicians through several on the job technical supervision visits and spot checks. A consultant currently providing support for the strengthening of this supervision model and of the HR processes in general for the Children and Social Protection department of the MoGCSP.
- ✓ 120 Social Workers, 65 Mental Health Clinicians, and 15 child welfare officers continue to work in the counties of Liberia and through their work we have documented and registered 8831 (3811m,5020f)as children who have been affected by the EVD and received one or more forms of PSS services and case management. Out of this number 6829 (2863m, 3966f) are from the five counties of focus.
- ✓ Types of PSS services being provided to the children include but is not limited to individual supportive talks, group dialogue, community healing dialogues, recreation for resilience activities, linking survivors to available survivor network, referral to essential services including medical care, provision of case management services and referral and provision of the one-time cash assistance.
- ✓ Out of the above listed number from the five counties 3346 (1578m, 1768f) have been registered as orphans and

⁸ The initial planned number of 350 contact tracers was not required as, from other sectors in UNICEF and other partners, many contact tracers were mobilized and recruited. Further, the number of cases was less than anticipated. Although the number of cases has come down, this important work at community level continues.



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out of this number 3258 (97%) have benefitted from one-time emergency cash assistance in the five counties of focus. Registration continues nationwide. All of these children are in family based care.

- ✓ 1102 (496m,606f) adult survivors in the five county of focus have completed their activities this month. They had served as referral agents for children affected by the EVD in their communities- identifying and referring EVD affected and other vulnerable children in need of services to the MoGCSP social workers. The cumulative total for adult survivors employed by UNICEF through partners nationwide to date is 1200 (542m, 658f).The survivor network has so far counted over 1,400 survivors, of which 13% are children.
- ✓ Revitalized and continuing to provide support to the National Child Protection Information Management System that is currently storing the data of all children in need of child protection services, especially children affected by the EVD.
- ✓ 11 vehicles, 100 motorbikes were provided to the MoGCSP to help facilitate the work of the social workers in the counties and to fast track the registration of children in remote communities.
- ✓ 143 national junior volunteers continues to provide sensitization and awareness activities on EVD prevention, prevention of sexual and gender based violence in the five counties. Some also serve as volunteer teachers, nurses and provide guidance in the decision on children in their communities.
- ✓ Three technical supervision, coaching and monitoring visits were made to the Children and Social Protection Department, MoGCSP and Mental Health Department, MoH to give guidance on the strategy for the implementation of the work plan activities such as utilization of the case management tools and the delivery of the PSS services to children.

(please use this section to highlight your key achievements for the month, using bullet points if preferred)

Delays or Deviations

UNICEF Child Protection has not experienced major deviations from programming during the past month. UNICEF through its technical support and guidance was able to fast track the MoGCSP liquidations process and the funds for the incentives for some social workers have been given the Ministry .

Gender and Environmental Markers *(Please provide disaggregated data, if applicable)*

No. of Beneficiaries-July 2015		Environmental Markers
Women	658	
Girls	5027	
Men	542	
Boys	3804	
Total	10,031	

Please explain what strategies are being used to reach out to the most vulnerable sections of the population (women, children, etc) and how it is making a difference.

UNICEF continues to work with the MoGCSP and other NGOs to enhance the capacity of the social welfare system to



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properly manage cases of children affected by EVD along with other vulnerable persons in the community. These services provide psychosocial support, case management and alternative care services to those most in need. The system works to ensure that contact children without parental care are provided with appropriate care during the 21 day observation period and link them to coordinated services to ensure that basic needs are met, that they are reunified with families, that families are supported, and livelihoods are restored. We will continue to promote adolescent and child ambassador structures among slum communities, engaging children to conduct awareness, sensitization, monitoring and reporting of child protection concerns. We are continually working to strengthen the referral system to ensure that the most vulnerable receive services, which presently includes child survivors of Ebola who are faced with medical problems and need access to the relevant medical services. UNICEF also continues to work closely with the MoGCSP GBV unit and the Police to effectively respond to cases of sexual gender based violence and link them to the justice and protection system.

Additional Information (*Optional*)

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A child beneficiary of the One time Cash grant, with his family.



Some of the Motorbikes delivered to MoGCSP for the work of Social Workers in the field.



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