



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

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

<sup>1</sup> The date project funds were first transferred.

# OUTPUT INDICATORS



Indicator <sup>2</sup>	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
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**Description of the quantifiable indicator as set out in the approved project proposal**

Number of interim care Centers (ICCs) providing care to children on 21 day observation who are separated from their primary care giver	Montserratado (All districts) Margibi ( All Districts) Lofa (All Districts) Bong (All Districts) Bomi (All Districts)	Baseline: 1 ICC Target: 3 more ICCs	0 ICC and 1 transit Center on stand by	2 ICC and 1 transit Center on stand by	75% with the transit center
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		Baseline: 2,000 (Foster Carers) Target: 7500 <sup>3</sup> children Affected by EVD receiving the foster grant	Five Counties:1153 Bong-0 Bomi-23 Montserratado-433 Margibi-552 Lofa-145	Cumulative: 5927  Five Counties: 4424 Bong-286 Bomi-202 Montserratado-2012 Margibi-1152 Lofa-772	
Number of families who received one-off cash transfers support for caring for orphaned/abandoned children due to Ebola		Baseline: Target: 7500 families receiving foster grant		Cuumulative:4436 children have recieved the US\$150 one-time cash grant	
Number of children receiving mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)		Baseline: 3542 children (MHPSS) Target: 10,000 children receiving MHPSS	1045 children received MHPSS	Cumulative:8780 (3789m,4991f)  Breakdown by County: Bomi 220 (107m,113f) Bong 356(155m,201 f) Gbarpolu 112(69m,43f) G.Bassa 310(147m,163f) G.Cape Mount 433 (215m,218f)	87%

<sup>2</sup> The Indicators should be disaggregated by gender, age and region as and where applicable

<sup>3</sup> The 7500 is targeting children who were affected by the EVD Nationwide

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				G. Gedeh240 (103m,137f) G. Kru 132 (64m,68f) Lofa 1375 (580m,799f) Margibi 2614(992m,1622f) Maryland (0m,0f) Montserrado 2213(1007m,1206f) 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	105 social workers, Child Welfare Officers trained  65 Mental Health Clinicians trained	120 Social Workers and 65 Mental Health Clinicians 15 Child Welfare officers  20 CP Data clerks  Cumulative: 1200 (542m, 658f) <sup>5</sup> Ebola Survivors	120%
Number of Ebola survivors trained and employed as child carers, foster parents, working with social mobilization teams.		1200 <sup>4</sup> Ebola Survivors	0	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	9 National CPN held	100%

<sup>4</sup> Total number of of Ebola Survivors trained and employed in the five counties

<sup>5</sup> 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>7 Local Child Protection Network/CPN meetings</p> <p>1 National CPN 1 National PSS meeting</p> <p>2 CWCs, Bomi</p>	<p>30 PSS Coordination meetings held</p> <p>50 CWCs functional</p> <p>Bomi-18 Bong-7 Margib-2 Montserrado-23</p>	<p>100%</p>
<b>EFFECT INDICATORS (if available for the reporting period)</b>					
<p><b>Strategic Objective 3 MCA6:</b> Increased children's access to basic services</p>	<p>Montserrado -Margibi -Lofa -Bong -Bomi</p>	<p>7500</p>	<p>1045<sup>6</sup></p>	<p>8780</p>	<p>117%</p>
<p><b>Strategic Objective 3 MCA7:</b> 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>105 social workers and Child Welfare officers trained</p> <p>65 mental health Clinicians trained</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>

<sup>6</sup> Number of children identified who receives PSS packages in the five counties for the month

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<p><b>Strategic Objective 4</b> <b>MCA11:</b> 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 children<sup>7</sup>. Currently, the number of EVD affected children in the Ministry of Gender Children and Social protection (MoGCSP database) is 5927 plus additional 2853 who received PSS services bringing the cumulative figure to 8780. Through this project during the month, UNICEF has supported the MoGCSP to train 105 Social Workers and child welfare officer on case management, recreation for resilience activities, alternative care guidelines and the appropriate use of the tools (Forms for documentation). The trained social workers and mental health clinicians have provided services for child survivors of EVD and children who have lost parents or primary caregivers due to EVD. These services, available pre-EVD outbreak to all vulnerable children, are being expanded to

<sup>7</sup> 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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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 300<sup>8</sup> 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. In addition, 1200 plus survivors have been recruited in partnership with NGOs for a period of six months to support a number of activities supporting EVD affected communities, depending on their skills and capacities. The range of activities include providing care for EVD affected children in interim care centers, community mobilization activities, and outreach support to strengthen child protection structures at the community level.

Liberia is again free from Ebola with Zero cases, however, 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. As well, the Social Workers and Mental Health Clinicians with these Ministries have provided support through the profiling of EVD affected children, the provision of case management and family tracing for vulnerable children, and MH assessment for persons in need. Social mobilization activities to fight the EVD continue in all counties with concentration on the two affected counties. Relevant services for children including specialized care in the Interim Care Center and transit home have been prepared and are on standby should in case there is need for such services for children. UNICEF continues to monitor the quality of standards and services being provided to the vulnerable groups and households.

There are still incidence of EVD contact children being subject to stigma, discrimination and rejection by the communities. These children continues to receive constant follow up and psychosocial support geared towards building resilience. The affected communities have been targeted with series of community dialogues on acceptance and protection of EVD affected children and their families.

UNICEF's child protection response remained focus on case management and reintegration follow ups, direct provision of services to EVD affected children, Psychosocial support to affected children and their families and capacity building and support for the professionals involved in this provision of services. The interventions (described in achievements below) are expected to build resilience among the EVD affected children and families to cope and thrive long term.

### **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 a set of trainings on basic child rights and protection skills, basic social work skills and provision of psychosocial care support with emphasis on recreation for resilience activities. The trainings were provided and facilitated by the trainers of the MoGCSP and the MOH Mental Health department.
- ✓ 120 Social Workers, 65 Mental Health Clinicians, and 15 child welfare officers continue to work in the counties of

<sup>8</sup> 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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Liberia and through their work we have documented and registered 8780 (3789m,4991f) 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 6778(2841m, 3937f) 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 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 continue serve 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 accumulative 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.
- ✓ Several vehicles, motorbikes, rain gears, bicycles 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.
- ✓ A one-week Joint field monitoring visit with the MPTF programme officer, MOGCSP and UNICEF were conducted in Montserrado and Margibi counties. Outcomes from the visits shows that the programme is actually targeting the most vulnerable groups and that there are opportunities to help change the situations of those vulnerable families into becoming self-sustainable. There are also issues of concern for adolescent girls in those families who are at high risks of adopting negative coping mechanism including commercial sexual activities to help their families. This will require re-strategizing to ensure that these girls are productively occupied and positively engaged to gain life skills and positive coping mechanisms.
- ✓ In some communities children who were affected and did not have birth certificates are being supported to access Birth certificates in their counties.
- ✓ 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.

**Adolescent girls**

- ✓ 150 adolescent girls and boys in Grand Gedeh continue to conduct awareness and sensitization campaigns to prevent stigma against children who were affected by the EVD, shared messages against sexual exploitation and



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abuse and promote the importance of remaining in schools. It is expected that this exercise will be rolled out in other counties.

- ✓ The Kerlekula Interim Care Center that previously provided sheltered and accommodation for EVD affected children who were under the 21-day observation was decommissioned during this period. All children has been reunified since March 2015.

*(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. However, delays in the MoGCSP liquidations have delay the incentives for some social workers that are covered by the MPTF funds. All efforts are being made to fast track the liquidation process and ensure that the Social Workers will receive their backlog of incentives.

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

No. of Beneficiaries-July 2015	
Women	658
Girls	4991
Men	542
Boys	3789
<b>Total</b>	<b>9980</b>

Environmental Markers

*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 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.

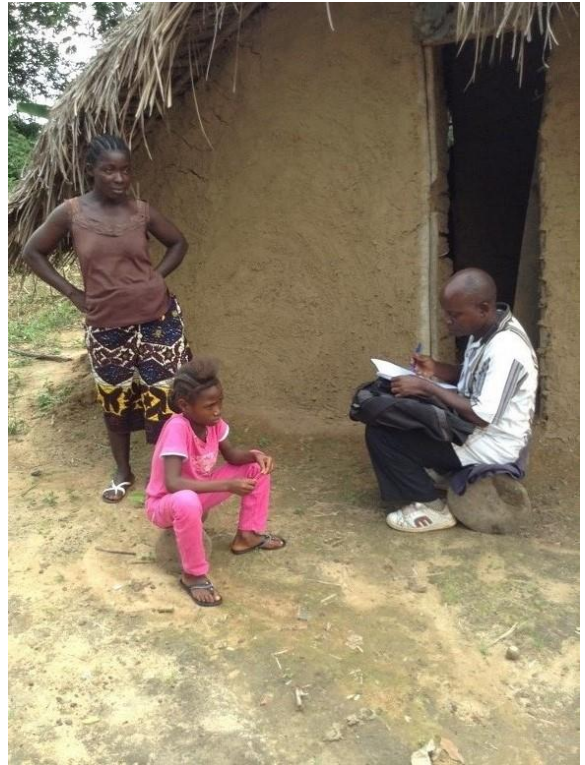


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Additional Information (*Optional*)



EVD affected family was forced to move to the swamp after the Father died



Social Worker conducting Reintegration follow up visit to EVD affected Child



Social Workers making their way to an affected family



A widowed survivor and her children. They benefited from the cash grant.

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Children at the recreation for resilience activity in Margibi County.



Grand Mother and her 4 grand Children and their friends during the visit. All the children received the one-time cash grant