



**UN EBOLA RESPONSE MPTF
PROJECT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT
Period: November 2015**

Project Number and Title: Reintegration of Sierra Leone Red Cross Society (SLRCS) Volunteers Burial Teams	PROJECT START DATE¹: 01-06-2015	AMOUNT ALLOCATED by MPTF <i>(please indicate different tranches if applicable)</i> USD 1,975,639.87	RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Project ID: 00095545			
Project Focal Point: Name: Sudipto Mukerjee; E-mail: sudipto.mukerjee@undp.org ; Name: Jason Ian Lee E-mail: jason.ian.lee@undp.org	EXTENSION DATE: 31-06-2016	FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS \$...	
Strategic Objective (STEPP) SO3 – Ensure essential services	PROJECTED END DATE: 31-06-2016	EXPENDITURES as of [date] \$...	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S): The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) (CSO) Sierra Leone Red Cross Society (SLRCS) (CSO)
Mission Critical Action MCA08 – Recovery and Economy			
Location: Sierra Leone		Sub-National Coverage Areas: All 13 Districts	

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT RESULTS MATRIX

OUTPUT INDICATORS					
Indicator	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
<i>Description of the quantifiable indicator as set out in the approved project proposal</i>					
# of SLRCS volunteers completing psychosocial assessment	Nationnnnnn winde nn	800	800	800	100

¹ The date project funds were first transferred.



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# Red Cross Staff trained in Community Based Psychosocial Support (CBPSS)		28	0	0	0
# of SLRCS volunteers trained in Psychological First Aid		800	0	0	0
# of SLRCS branches with a referral system to specialised mental health services	Nation wide	14	0	0	0
# of SLRCS volunteers undertaking counseling sessions	Nation wide	800	0	0	0
# of SLRCS volunteers referred to specialized care and treatment and receiving ongoing support	Nation wide	200	0	0	0
2) Assessment # of SLRCS volunteers completing skills/educational/interest assessment	Nation wide	800	800	800	100%
(3) Livelihood # of SLRCS volunteers receiving career skill development training	Nation wide	200	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers streamed through the career skill development training that successfully complete the training	Nation wide	75 per cent	0	0	0



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# of SLRCS volunteers receiving vocational training	Nation wide	200	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers streamed through the vocational training that successfully complete the training	Nation wide	75%	0	0	0
# of SLRCS volunteers receiving business development training	Nation wide	200	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers streamed through the business development training that successfully complete the training	Nation wide	75%	0	0	0
Market assessment and analysis emergent industries/livelihood areas	Nation wide	800 (through IFRC/SLRCS initially, entire ERW)	0	0	0
# of SLRCS volunteers returning back to tertiary studies	Nation wide	200 (tbd pending assessment)	0	0	0
(4) Financial inclusion # of SLRC volunteers receiving planning and advisory services	Nation wide	200 (tbd pending assessment)	0	0	0
# of SLRC volunteers receiving financial management advice linked to UNDP's small and medium enterprise development and	Nation wide	200 (tbd pending assessment)	0	0	0



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recovery programmes					
# of SLRCS volunteers receiving training on financial inclusion and access to financial services such as savings, credits, insurance etc.	Nation wide	800	0	0	0
EFFECT INDICATORS (if available for the reporting period)					
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers with signs of stress and/or trauma related symptoms reporting an ablation of said symptoms after treatment	Nationwide – 13 districts	50%	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers that require ongoing care for trauma and/or stress associated symptoms still receiving treatment	Nationwide – 13 districts	50%	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers that were referred to specialized mental health care that complete the treatment and management of their condition	Nationwide – 13 districts	50%	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers in the skill development stream successfully joining the workforce	Nationwide – 13 districts	50%	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers in the vocational development stream gaining a vocational skill	Nationwide – 13 districts	50%	0	0	0



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Proportion of SLRCS volunteers in the vocational development stream gaining a vocational skill	Nationwide – 13 districts	50%	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers in the business development stream having established small or medium enterprises	Nationwide – 13 districts	50%	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers that resume their studies successfully complete their education Proportion of SLRCS volunteers able to access financial services and savings	Nationwide – 13 districts	50%	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers able to access loan/micro-credit facilities	Nationwide – 13 districts	20%	0	0	0
Proportion of the wider ERW that are able to access future reintegration and reskilling programmes	Nationwide – 13 districts	50 percent of the entire ERW	0	0	0

NARRATIVE

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

On advice from WHO the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone was declared over on 7 November. There is an increased emphasis now being placed on enhanced surveillance continued which is scheduled to be in place until 5 February 2016. The key actor in the response against the virus, the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC), will be wound down at the end of the year and will hand over its functions to the Office of National Security and the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS). Safe and Dignified Burials (SDB) are no longer mandatory within the transition plan with a much reduced number of teams on stand-by to deal with suspicious deaths as set out in a new case definition. As a result Red Cross and other agencies including the Ministry of Health & Sanitation have dramatically reduced the number of SDB teams from 143 to 28. None of the remaining teams are managed by the Red Cross.

An inter-agency group of which the Red Cross is an active member, held a series of meetings in November to develop a Rapid Response Plan (RRP). The group defined the roles and responsibilities of organizations for each key functional area, mapped out the available resources and identified existing gaps. The plan, which was finalized in late-November, emphasizes the capacity in the country to respond immediately to a new flare and urges the responsible organizations to maintain agreed response capacities



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throughout 2016.

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

Psychosocial Support (PSS)

To prepare the 800 beneficiaries for entry into the programme, an assessment training was conducted for the PSS Officers and the Safe and Dignified Burial (SDB) team leaders. The trainings focussed on the collection of data and assessment on the level of stress and/or trauma experienced (if any) faced by the volunteers and their respective coping mechanisms.

Following the training, teams composing of 1 PSS Officer and SDB team leader, conducted one on one assessments of all the 800 volunteers nationally. The assessment included overall questions on mental health, challenges and/or traumas faced and their respective coping mechanisms. The assessors were also trained to watch for indicators that suggested which SDB volunteer may need further follow up PSS support and longer term support and/or referrals for counselling therapy and treatment. The Assessment itself was seen as a form of intervention to offer support and comfort to each volunteer individually while giving them an arena to voice their concerns and struggles. The results of these assessments are currently being analysed to provide a better understanding and insight into the psychological state of the 800 volunteers, to inform the design and provision of individual and community based psychosocial interventions to aid in the reintegration and mental health of the volunteers.

During the PSS assessments, the teams took the opportunity to begin sensitisation of the upcoming reskilling and reintegration component of the project. Communication materials had been developed to provide clear information on the reskilling options available, in addition to providing details on the content and relevance of each option. This helped to manage expectations as well as helping each volunteer to decide which was the appropriate reskilling option for them.

Delays or Deviations *(if any, briefly describe the delays or changes in focus, approach or targets, and provide a short justification for the change (1-2 paragraphs))*

Conducting the assessments for 800 targets in the in a short amount of time was challenging especially while other programs were also going on. This meant that there was delay in the follow up training so that the assessors could have more time to complete their assessments.

The Red Cross are planning on having a follow up training in January, to talk about the process, assist with coding the results and address challenges.

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

No. of Beneficiaries		Environmental Markers	
Women	240	e.g. Medical and Bio Hazard Waste	
Girls		e.g. Chemical Pollution	
Men	560		
Boys			
Total			

Additional Information *(Optional)*