



**UN EBOLA RESPONSE MPTF
PROJECT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - VERSION 1
Period (Month-Year): April 2016**

Project Number and Title: RSO3 #45 Database Creation; Needs Assessment & Screening; Psychosocial Support & Reintegration into Society	PROJECT START DATE¹: 13/11/2015	AMOUNT ALLOCATED by MPTF <i>(please indicate different tranches if applicable)</i> \$788,456	RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION UNICEF
Project ID: 00096725			
Project Focal Point: Name: Sandra Lattouf E-mail: slattouf@unicef.org	EXTENSION DATE: Not applicable	FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS	
Recovery Strategic Objective RSO3 – Basic Services and Infrastructure	PROJECTED END DATE: 13/11/2016	EXPENDITURES as of 30th April 2016 43,072.65 USD.	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S): Ministry of Health & Sanitation, Ministry of Social Welfare Gender & Children’s Affairs, NGO partners
Location: Sierra Leone	Sub-National Coverage Areas: Port Loko		

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>					
1. Establish a comprehensive fully functional, verified and user-friendly database on EVDS	Port Loko District	496 EVDS	Registration and verification of EVD survivors was not conducted in the month of April as planned.	The cumulative total of registered and verified EVD survivors remains at 229 of which 104 are males and 125 are females. This total reflects the registration and	48%. A work plan for rolling out registration and verification of EVD survivors in the silent districts has been finalized with the newly appointed focal person for MSWGCA and SLAES to take place between May

¹ The date project funds were first transferred.



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				verification in Tonkolili and Kono.	and June 2016.
2. Number of EVDS and Survivor Advocates with increased capacity in PFA, PSS (First Aid)	Port Loko District	496 EVDS plus selected Survivor Advocates	No training was conducted during the reporting period for survivors or MSWGCA staff in PFA and PSS	A cumulative total of 40 survivors (26M, 14F) have been trained as advocates in Tonkolili and Kono districts.	8% Implementation rate is expected to increase with the planned roll-out of registration in silent district New baselines/target will also be established.
3. Number of staff from MOHS and MSWGCA with increased capacity in conducting needs assessments, psychosocial exams, screening, and community engagements	Training venue - Freetown	TBD	Not yet implemented	Not yet implemented	Baseline is being established and will be provided in the next report.
4. Number of survivors and community members provided with psychosocial counselling	Port Loko District	496 EVDS plus selected community members	61 survivors (44M, 17F) were reached during the reporting period and provided with counseling support by survivor advocates. 6 of the 61 survivors identified to need medical assistance were encouraged to visit the survivor clinic in the district. 33 survivors in Kono (19, 14F) were supported with counseling and peer support. Livelihood support was identified as a concern for survivors in the district. However it must be noted that the cases supported with PSS this month are not new cases	Insofar, 229 EVD survivors have received PFA/PSS	49%. Implementation rate will increase with roll out of activities in the silent districts which is planned for May and June 2016
5. Number of strengthened Sierra Leone Association of Ebola Survivors through capacity building in organizational management and reporting	Port Loko District and Freetown	TBD number of executives and selected members of SLAES	In districts where Project Shield has been implemented, SLAES has been trained in assessment and registration and are supported to coordinate survivor activities in their districts. A capacity strengthening of SLAES as an	2 associations of EVD survivors in Tonkolili and Kono districts were trained in assessment, verification and registration and supported to coordinate survivor activities at district level.	Capacity building needs have been identified and a work plan for implementation developed.



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			organization has been designed and will be rolled out in April		
6. Number of individualized survivor needs assessments conducted at community level	Port Loko District	496 EVDS	Needs assessment of survivors was not carried out during this reporting period	Needs of 229 EVD survivors, including 104 males and 125 females assessed as part of the registration and verification process in Kono and Tonkolili.	49%. A needs assessment is carried out during the registration process. In addition needs assessments have been conducted by UNDP and WFP in various districts. 4 key areas have been identified; agriculture, small business, schooling and vocational and skills training.
7. Number of communities with greater understanding and awareness of the needs of EVDS	Port Loko District	TBD	Awareness raising was not carried out during this reporting period	A total 12 chiefdoms have been sensitized using MPTF funds on the situation of and needs of EVD survivors. Community leaders and other elders are targeted for awareness raising and are involved in planning activities for promoting integration at community level.	Not applicable for this report as no baseline was defined.
EFFECT INDICATORS (if available for the reporting period)					
Number of EVD Survivors that feel supported, and are welcomed by communities without stigma or discrimination	Port Loko District	496	Addressing stigma and discrimination is a longer term intervention whose impact cannot be measured within 2 months of project implementation	Addressing stigma and discrimination is a longer term intervention whose impact cannot be measured within 2 months of project implementation	Progress against the effect can only realistically be measured at least from the 6 th month of project implementation

NARRATIVE

Situation Update

Sierra Leone is one of the West African countries worst affected by the Ebola virus disease. Since the onset of the outbreak in May 2014, the country had reported 8,704 confirmed cases of Ebola and 3,589 deaths, including women and children. 8,624 children that had lost one or both parents due to Ebola have been registered; and over two-thirds of those infected are in the economically active age group. On 7 November 2015, the World Health Organization declared the end of the outbreak in Sierra Leone but two new cases of Ebola were later confirmed in January 2016 in the district of Tonkolili. The new event resulted in quarantined communities across the districts of Tonkolili, Kambia, and Port Loko.

Care for Survivors is an integral component of the strategy to build a resilient preparedness, surveillance and response mechanism. To this end, the Ministry of Health Services and Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs, with the support of WHO, UNICEF and other implementing partners, have defined and set forth toward the implementation of the Comprehensive Package for Ebola Survivors. CPES is a key element for implementation of the national Ebola Survivor



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Policy in Sierra Leone.

For UNICEF, care of survivors should follow a holistic approach (integrated in the wider community engagement strategy) to ensure long term package of health and welfare measures to support and protect them from stigmatization and isolation. Activities to support survivors will therefore be expanded over the next few months to include other areas/sections.

Key Achievements

In the context of implementation of Project Shield (project funded by DFID aimed at improving survivor engagement and support through the CPES), UNICEF has begun supporting: 1) the identification, verification and registration of Ebola Survivors, 2) the provision of psychosocial support, 3) the assessment of survivor needs/mapping of services, and 4) the training of survivor advocates on PFA. Implementation of Project Shield started in August 2015 and the registration and verification of EVD survivors had already been completed in Port Loko when the MPTF grant was awarded. As a result and in consultation with the Ministry of Social Welfare, it was decided to use the MPTF funds for the scale-up of the Shield Project in Tonkolili and other silent districts. The registration and verification exercise has been completed in Tonkonlili and Kono Districts. Plans for the expansion of the EVD registration and verification in silent districts has also been developed and roll-out will take place in May and June.

Delays or Deviations

Project implementation did not start in November 2015, as originally intended due to a delay with the creation of the grant and receipt of funds in the UNICEF Sierra Leone accounts.

A change in leadership at the MSWGCA slowed down implementation of activities within the agreement as the focal person for survivor coordination was relieved of her duties. MSWGCA has however appointed a new focal person who will now focus on implementation of activities in the MPTF agreement

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

No. of Beneficiaries		Environmental Markers	
Women	125	<i>e.g. Medical and Bio Hazard Waste</i>	
Girls		<i>e.g. Chemical Pollution</i>	
Men	104	Neutral impact on environment	
Boys			
Total	229		

Additional Information *(Optional)*