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Project Number and Title: #38- Title: Reintegration of Sierra Leone Red Cross Society (SLRCS) Volunteers Burial Teams	PROJECT START DATE¹: 23-06-2015	AMOUNT ALLOCATED by MPTF <i>(please indicate different tranches if applicable)</i> \$ USD 1,975,639.87	RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
Project ID: 00095545			
Project Focal Point: Name: Jason Ian Lee E-mail: jason.ian.lee@undp.org	EXTENSION DATE: 31-06-2016	FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS \$249,952.61 USD	
Strategic Objective (STEPP) Improved mental health of SLRCS volunteers through enhanced treatment and management of stress and/or trauma related disorders SLRCS volunteers that undergo the re-skilling, vocational training or business development stream having recovered livelihoods and are able to engage in income generation activities Improved access of SLRCS volunteers to financial services Improved Reskilling and reintegration programmes for the wider ERW	PROJECTED END DATE: 31-06-2016	EXPENDITURES Total Expenditure : \$116,335.69 USD	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S): The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Sierra Leone Red Cross Society (SLRCS)
Mission Critical Action MCA - Description			
Location: Sierra Leone, West Africa	Sub-National Coverage Areas: Full list of countries and/or districts Kenema District, Western Area, Port Loko District, Kambia district, Bombali District, Koinadugu District, Tonkolili District, Moyamba District, Pujehun District, Bo District, Kailahun District, Bonthe District and Kono District		

¹ The date project funds were first transferred



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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	All the 14 Districts	800	0	800	100%
# Red Cross Staff trained in Community Based Psychosocial Support (CBPSS)	All the 14 Districts	28	0	0	0
# of SLRCS volunteers trained in Psychological First Aid	All the 14 Districts	800	0	330	41.25%
# of SLRCS branches with a referral system to specialized mental health services	All the 14 Districts	14	0	0	0
# of SLRCS volunteers undertaking counselling sessions	All the 14 Districts	800	800	800	100%
# of SLRCS volunteers referred to specialized care and treatment and receiving ongoing support	All the 14 Districts	200	0	0	0



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2) Assessment # of SLRCS volunteers completing skills/educational/interest assessment	All the 14 Districts	800	0	800	100%
(3) Livelihood # of SLRCS volunteers receiving career skill development training	All the 14 Districts	62	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers streamed through the career skill development training that successfully complete the training	All the 14 Districts	75%	0	0	0
# of SLRCS volunteers receiving vocational training	All the 14 Districts	225	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers streamed through the vocational training that successfully complete the training	All the 14 Districts	75%	0	0	0
# of SLRCS volunteers receiving business development training	All the 14 Districts	405	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers streamed through the business development training that successfully complete the training	All the 14 Districts	75%	0	0	0
Market assessment and analysis	All the 14 Districts	800		0	0



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emergent industries/livelihood areas			0		
# of SLRCS volunteers returning back to tertiary studies	All the 14 Districts	108	92	92	85%
(4) Financial inclusion # of SLRC volunteers receiving planning and advisory services	All the 14 Districts	800	0	0	0
# of SLRC volunteers receiving financial management advice linked to UNDP's small and medium enterprise development and recovery programmes	All the 14 Districts	800	0	0	0
# of SLRCS volunteers receiving training on financial inclusion and access to financial services such as savings, credits, insurance etc.	All the 14 Districts	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	Nationwide – 13 districts	50%		0	0



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treatment			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 career 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
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	Nationwide – 13 districts	50%	0	0	0
Proportion of SLRCS volunteers able to	Nationwide – 13 districts	50%	0	0	0



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access financial services and savings					
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))*

WHO declared the end of Ebola virus transmission in the neighbouring Republic of Guinea. Forty-two days have passed since the last person a 70 year old man confirmed to have Ebola virus disease tested negative for the second time. Guinea now enters a 90-day period of heightened surveillance to ensure that any new cases are identified quickly before they can spread to other people. Active surveillance is ongoing in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia and will continue as this will maintained the zero case of EVD and other disease outbreaks. WHO, together with partners, has developed technical guidance and training materials that can be used by countries to further strengthen their capacities to prepare and respond to disease outbreaks, including Ebola virus disease, in accordance with the IHR (2005) core capacities requirements.

SLRCS has concluded the processes involved in payment of fees of 222 SDB/IPC volunteers from 31 institutions who opted for vocational skills stream and 93 SDB/IPC volunteers who opted for continuing Education stream. All the volunteers in continue education are now attending their various institutions. Most of the volunteers also in vocational skills have started their vocational skills trainings.

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SDB/IPC volunteers in theoretical driving skills training

Two meetings were held with 3 institutions (Restless Development, CEPARD, AFFORD) that would be engaged as service providers for the business development skills stream at the SLRCS national office At No 6 Liver Pool street, Freetown on the 25th and 27th respectively. The aims of the meetings were to discuss mode of engagement between the Red Cross and the institutions. Finalized Memorandum of Understanding(MOU's) were prepared and will be signed in the next few days. Training strategies were also explained by each of the service providers and acceptance letters are now being issued out to 405 volunteers indicating training period as shown in table 1 below;

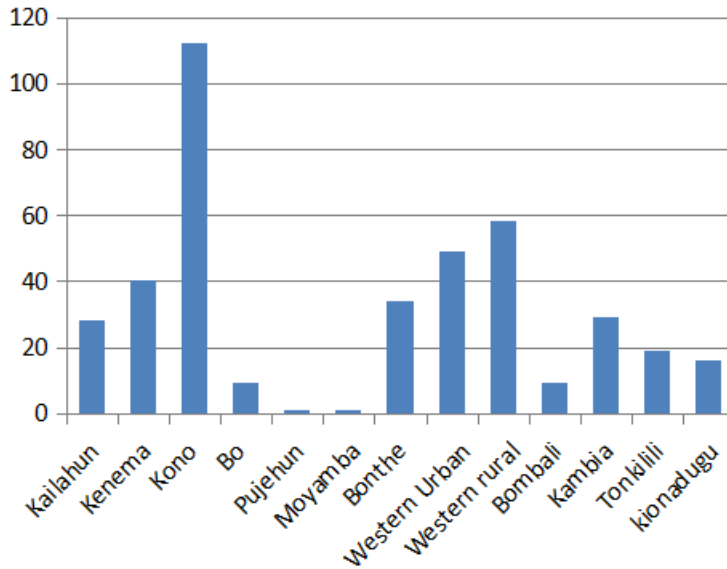
Table 1: BDS providers , number of admission and District covered

Institution	Number of Volunteers admitted	Districts Covered
Restless Development	152	Western Urban, western Rural, Bo, Bonthe, Moyamba and Pujehun
CEPAD	180	Kenema, Kailahun and Kono
AFFORD	73	Bombali, Tonkolili, Kambia and Koinadugu

Training Budgets were prepared and shared by BDS service providers. It was also agreed to include the harmonised training curriculum in their acceptance letters. It is expected that by the last week of June and the first week of July , that the first cohort of volunteers will be placed into the BDS training institutions.

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405 volunteers in BDS stream per District



1 SDB volunteer from the Western Rural district was reported to have developed Mental disorder. She was followed up and was taken to the kissy mental home for proper assessment. She is undergoing treatment at her monkey bush resident in waterloo. Ongoing follow up visits is being made to monitor her health progress.

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Group counselling session with Kailahun SDB volunteers in progress

One to One and group counselling sessions were organised in all the 13 branches on Family pressure, restoring hope and resilience with help of the reskilling project, problems faced during their vocational skills trainings and their continuing education sessions. They were guided on how to move on with their normal lives and to successfully go through their chosen streams as this will support their livelihood. On-going follow up visits were also made to volunteers with special attentions such sleeping difficulties, stigmatizations, family pressure and conflict in all the branches (See table 2 below).

On-going sensitizations sessions in 22 communities from 13 districts were organised on stigmatizations especially for Ebola response workers, survivors and Ebola affected communities, proper hand washing, and community services such as cleaning campaigns. Coordination meetings were attended at district level and updates of activities were shared. The sensitizations were all successful and the number of direct and indirect people reached are indicated in the tables below.

Table 2: Activities conducted in the branches with SDB/IPC volunteers and the number reached.

DISTRICT:	ACTIVITY	FEMALE	GIRL	MALE	BOY	TOTAL
Western Rural	1. One to one and group counselling sessions, on coping mechanism. 2. follow up visits on the volunteer with mental disorder.	13	-	21	-	34
Kenema	1. One to one and group lay counselling sessions on stress Family pressure 2. Meeting with volunteers to discuss	17	-	98	-	115



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	<p>the may month celebration and their role as volunteers.</p> <p>3. Follow up visits on family conflict.</p>					
Bombali	<p>1. One to one and group counselling sessions on coping with their trainings and continuing Education.</p> <p>2. Follow up visits on mediation</p> <p>3. Meet with volunteers in BDS to explain the DBS status.</p> <p>4. Referred to hospital for minor ailments</p>	1	-	10	-	11
Tonkolili	<p>1. One to one and group counselling sessions,</p> <p>2. Meeting with business dev. Vol. to tell them about their training status.</p> <p>3. follow up visits to SDB/IPC volunteers who were engage in community services</p>	5	-	14	-	19
Kambia	<p>1. One to one and group counselling sessions on Stress and conflict mediation</p> <p>2. Meeting with BDS volunteers to explain their BDS training status</p> <p>3. follow up visits on Stigmatization.</p> <p>4. sessions on community service such as cleaning campaigns.</p>	4	-	18	-	22
Port Loko	<p>1. One to one and group counselling sessions</p> <p>2. Sessions on community service such as community cleaning campaigns</p> <p>3. follow up visits on volunteers who were deprived of family property (Plantation)</p>	1	-	18	-	19
Kailahun	<p>1. One to one and group counselling sessions on restoring hope and resilience with the help of the reintegration project.</p> <p>2. Meeting with BDS volunteers to inform them of their coming BDS training.</p> <p>3. Vocational skill training in computer skills have started in Kailahun.</p>	4	-	22	-	26

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	4. Follow up visits to volunteers who had conflicts with their relatives.					
Bo	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One to one and group counselling sessions, 2. Follow up visits to check on the wellbeing and their coping mechanisms 3. Meeting of SDB volunteers to discuss the importance of the reskilling project. 4. Stress management sessions 5. Organise mediation sessions with 1 SDB volunteer with his spouse. 	12	-	13	-	25
Pujehun	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One to one and group counselling sessions, 2. Meeting with volunteers to discuss the importance of reskilling project. 3. follow up visits to check on the wellbeing of volunteers and their coping skills. 	6	-	17	-	23
Moyamba	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One to one and group counselling sessions, 2. Follow up visits to check on the wellbeing and their coping mechanisms 3. Stress management sessions 	3	-	16	-	19
Bonthe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 One to one and group counselling sessions, 2 Follow up visits to check on the wellbeing and their coping mechanisms 3 Stress management sessions 	4	-	28	-	32
Western Urban	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One to one and group counselling sessions, 2. Sessions on mediation 3. Meetings to discuss with BDS volunteers to discuss training schedules 	14	-	37	-	51
	Total number of SDB/IPC volunteers reached	84	-	312	-	396

Table 3: The number of people reached in SDB/IPC in beneficiary communities.



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DISTRICT:	ACTIVITY	FEMALE	GIRL	MALE	BOY	TOTAL
PUJEHUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on community visit on survivors status (health, Stigma and relationship) • Participated in the May Celebrations • Community sensitization on cleaning campaigns and hand washing. 	6	3	4	2	15
Bonthé	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on community visit on survivors status (health, Stigma and relationship) • Participated in the May Celebrations • Community sensitization on cleaning campaigns and hand washing 	3	9	12	3	27
Kailahun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on community visit on survivors status (health, Stigma and relationship) • Participated in the May Celebrations • Community sensitization on cleaning campaigns and hand washing. 	10	14	20	22	68
Kambia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on community visit on survivors status (health, Stigma and relationship) • Participated in the May Celebrations • Participated in the May Celebrations • Community sensitization on cleaning campaigns and hand washing. 	42	72	42	56	212
Kenema	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on community visit on survivors status (health, Stigma and relationship) • Participated in the May Celebrations • Community sensitization on cleaning campaigns and hand washing. • Conflict mediation exercise between communities and beneficiaries 	19	214	63	23	319
Moyamba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on community visit on survivors status (health, Stigma and relationship) • Community sensitization on cleaning campaigns and hand washing • One to one and group counselling sessions 	13	4	26	10	53



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in the May Celebrations Sessions on community service such as community cleaning campaigns follow up visits 						
Bombali	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on community visit on survivors status (health, Stigma and relationship) Community sensitization on cleaning campaigns and hand washing. One to one and group counselling sessions, Follow up visits Participated in the May Celebrations 	41	8	25	10	84	
Bo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on community visit on survivors status (health, Stigma and relationship) Community sensitization on cleaning campaigns and hand washing. One to one and group counselling sessions, Follow up visits on the 1 volunteer that was referred and she is now coping Participated in the May Celebrations 	39	19	58	10	126	
Western Rural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on community visit on survivors status (health, Stigma and relationship) Community sensitization on cleaning campaigns and hand washing .One to one and group counselling sessions, Participated in the May Celebrations follow up visits 	341	488	372	31	1,232	
Western Urban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on community visit on survivors status (health, Stigma and relationship) Community sensitization on cleaning campaigns and hand washing. One to one and group counselling sessions, Participated in the May Celebrations 	110	150	85	144	489	



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Port Loko	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on community visit on survivors status (health, Stigma and relationship) Community sensitization on cleaning campaigns and hand washing. One to one and group counselling sessions, Participated in the May Celebrations 	209	70	98	42	419
Tonkolili	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on community visit on survivors status (health, Stigma and relationship) Community sensitization on cleaning campaigns and hand washing. One to one and group counselling sessions, Participated in the May Celebrations 	31	18	25	26	100
	Total number of community people reached	864	1,069	830	379	3,144

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

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- 1 SDB volunteer from the Western Rural district was reported of Mental disorder. She was followed up and was taken to the kissy mental home for proper assessment. She is undergoing treatment at her monkey bush resident in the waterloo axis.
- 3 services providers were engaged to train 405 SDB/IPC volunteers in business Development skills.
- **Case Study of SDB/IPC volunteer**

Bockarie Morqui is a native of Kailahun district and a Red Cross Volunteer took active part in the Ebola response. He Was and still one of the most dedicated and veteran volunteer in the Kailahun Branch. As a committed volunteer in the branch he has also served in the following capacities: Branch Youth Secretary, Malaria Keep up Team leader, Blood donor group member.

LIFE BEFORE THE EVD

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Bockarie Morqui a commercial Bike rider.

This Young man smile as he explained his life story before the outbreak. “ Life was not too favourable with me especially when my parents sometimes could not afford food and other basic necessities for the home, through my Bike Riding, I became the bread winner in my family but I didn’t have much resources to shoulder all my family responsibilities. Even though I was doing all of these but yet still I didn’t forget my education because I have the conviction that with education I will conquer poverty and all other barriers.

LIFE DURING EBOLA



Bockarie Morqui in SDB operation

During the Ebola outbreak life came to a standstill, schools were closed and because of the state of health emergency, movement of people became restricted. This was how he finds himself engage in the EVD operation. “Before the outbreak I was engaged as one of the volunteers who were sensitizing boarder communities about the Ebola outbreak in guinea, it causes, signs and symptoms and its preventive measures.” Unfortunately in May 2013 Sierra had the Outbreak through a border town of sokoma in Kailahun district. “ I was engage this time to serve as a Contact Tracing volunteer and later when Dead Body Management was instituted now Safe and Dignified Burial, I volunteered and became a member of the

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burial team since people were not in position to do such job. Frankly speaking I could have never imagined what a day it was going to be when I decided to be part of the Red Cross Burial Team”.

Since Ebola disease can only be transferred from one person to another through body contact, Bockarie who engaged in SDB operation became a concern to his family and community. Much fear was created in his family and friends and they started pushing him off in the society. ” During my operation as SDB volunteer, I went through lots of psychological problems; Stigmatization, Humiliation and Rejection from my friends and family, I was asked out of my home, family members disowned me. What silence the stigmatization a bit was the incentive I was receiving, I shouldered almost all the family responsibilities including feeding. Most times during and after my operation, I experience the feeling of fear, confusion and uncertainty. Remember an epidemic that destroyed the lives and dignity of my people. An imaged I will never forget is the mass burial I engaged almost every day of the operation, this keeps playing in my mind and also the horrible dreams”. Morqui burst into tears and was allowed to cry for some time and then he continued “I extend my gratitude to the staff of Red Cross in my Branch for the counselling sessions I received which greatly helped me build my resilience and continue my SDB operation”.

LIFE AFTER EBOLA



Bockarie Morqui at his resident

After the Ebola outbreak, SBD operations stopped and all incentives and hazards payment stopped and he further explained “my source of income ended. Some community members and friends started teasing me giving me sort of names; SDB Morqui, Ebola man etc, this was so serious that my community people even marginalized me. Many people were going with the idea that I was paid huge sum of money and are expecting me to build a Mansion and such is not seen from me. Presently, I am with the intension of being a computer literate and IT specialist because computer is now ruling the world.” As he sits wondering he explains more. “I was almost experiencing a disturbed mind when I had a phone call to report to the Red Cross office the next day. They explained to me about the Reintegration of the SLRCS SDB volunteers and I was interviewed. I chose the vocational skills stream as I was longing to become an IT specialist. I later applied for a training, having gone through all the processes, I was given an acceptance letter which I

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presented to the office.

Bockarie is happily learning his computer skills at the New Look computer Training Institute in Kailahun as he expressed “ My dreams has come true this is what I have been longing for. With this, I will conquer poverty and other barriers, live a good life and that of my family. I will now be recognised and useful again in my community. My sincere thanks and appreciation to IFRC, SLRCS and UNDP for bringing hope back to my life.



Bockarie Morqui taking his computer class.

Challenges *(please use this section to highlight noted challenges for the month, using bullet points if preferred)*

- There have been delays between the financial reporting mechanisms of the IFRC and SLRC due to a time lag in reporting between the two entities . However this has been rectified with the signing of an agreement between the IFRC and SLRCS which will see the SLRC report actual expenditure of activities to the IFRC at the end of each month . From the month of June, on-wards, IFRC will report more accurate expenditures of activities as the project progresses.

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

No. of Direct Beneficiaries	
Women	172
Girls	
Men	628
Boys	
Total	800

No. of Indirect Community Beneficiaries reached		April Cumulative	May Cumulative
Women	864	6,486	7,350
Girls	1,069	5,462	6,531
Men	830	5,858	6,688
Boys	379	4,873	5,252
Total	3,144	24,239	27,383