

**MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND FOR
UN ACTION AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT
PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

Part A. Meeting Information (To be completed by the UN Action Secretariat)	
RMC Meeting No: UNA022	Project¹ No: UNA046
Date of Meeting: 15 June 2016	RMC members in attendance at meeting: Claudia Garcia Moreno (WHO, co-chair), Margriet Veenma (UNHCR), Antonio Cisneros (OHCHR), Nadine Puechguirbal/Laura Martin (UN Action Secretariat); DPKO and UN Women provided written comments
Part B. Project Summary (To be completed by the Participating UN Organization)	
Date of Submission: April 2016	Participating UN Organization(s): UNDP and UNICEF
	Participating UN Organization receiving funds: UNDP Mali
Focal Point of the Participating UN Organization(s): Name: Alejandro Alvarez, UNDP Telephone: + 1 212 906 5942 Email: alejandro.alvarez@undp.org Name: Karin Grim, UNICEF Telephone: (+223) 44 97 71 21 E-mail: kgrimm@unicef.org	Project Title: Deployment of National Staff in Mali Supporting the development of a National Strategy on Gender Based Violence, including Sexual Violence In Conflict
	Project Location(s): Bamako, Mali
UN Action pillar of activity: <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support to UN system at country level	Projected Project Duration: One year, with a possibility of extension
Proposed project, if approved, would result in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Project <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of previous funding	Total Project Budget: US \$71,539.13 Amount of MPTF funds requested: US \$71,539.13

¹ The term “project” is used for projects, programmes and joint programmes.

<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) <input type="checkbox"/> No-cost extension: (from – to)	Percentage of indirect support costs from MPTF contribution: 7%		
Projected Annual Disbursements:	2016 \$	2017 \$	2018 \$
Projected Annual Commitments:	20xx \$	20xx \$	20xx \$

Application Instructions for Narrative Summary

The questions below are for guidance in developing the narrative under each sub-heading. Applicants should address these questions to the extent possible.

I. Overview

- a. Provide a brief overview of the project, including overall goals and objectives, key strategies, expected results, and intended beneficiaries.
- b. Specify the geographic location(s) of the proposal and/or countries addressed.

II. Proposal’s compliance with UN Action’s Strategic Framework

- a. What pillar does the proposal fall under? (support to UN system action at country level, advocacy, or knowledge-building)
- b. Explain how the proposal enhances UN system coordination and joint programming.
- c. Explain how the UN, governmental organizations, NGOs, and other key stakeholders will be engaged throughout implementation of the proposal.
- d. Explain how the proposal would strengthen the capacity of national institutions to deal with conflict-related sexual violence.

III. Success criteria and means of evaluating results

- a. Explain how the Participating UN Organisation(s) submitting the proposal have the institutional capacity to successfully achieve the proposed objectives.
- b. Describe the overall management structure of this project.
- c. Explain how the proposal will be monitored and evaluated.

IV. Budget

- a. Describe other attempts to apply for funding for this particular proposal.

Narrative Summary

I. Overview

Following the 2014 UN Action’s Donors conference that took place in Geneva, the Swiss Government indicated its intention to support the UNCT in Mali through UN Action, by deploying a Gender Based Violence (GBV)/ Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) Expert from their Human Security Division. In 2015, the UN Action Coordinator went on mission to Mali with the Regional Emergency GBV Adviser, based in Dakar, to define the scope of responsibilities that will be undertaken by the Swiss GBV/CRSV Expert, keeping in mind the needs of the UNCT and the ultimate goal of developing and implementing a National Strategy on SGBV/CRSV.

While the UN system in Mali has supported the development of a National Program on Violence Against Women and Girls (2011-2013), which is yet to be implemented, as well as an Action Plan for the National Gender Policy (2011-2013), these strategies do not account for critical dimensions of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) which need specific attention given Mali's recent conflict. In UN Action's experience in settings such as Côte d'Ivoire and DRC, National Strategies must have specific components addressing CRSV in order to ensure that prevention, protection and response to CRSV is adequate and effective.

During that mission, it became obvious that it would be strategic to support a national staff post in the office of the Minister for the Promotion of Women, Children and Family to facilitate the work of the Swiss Expert. That person would help with access to local grassroots organizations, facilitate the consultative process of developing the National Strategy and act as the liaison between the different Ministries. In addition, this post would help to build the capacity of national staff and ensure national ownership through transfer of knowledge and integration of technical advice into national policies and strategies. The national staff while based within the Ministry will maintain direct engagement with UN Country Team and in particular with UNDP. Under the direct supervision of UNDP, the national staff will attend coordination meetings, seek advice and support from existing technical expertise, actively seek to create synergies with existing programmatic frameworks to ensure that support provided to the Ministry for the Promotion of Women is inline and coherent with the overall objective of the UN operations support in Mali.

As a result, consultations with the technical staff of the Ministry were initiated in 2015, and in 2016 the UN Action Coordinator undertook another mission to Mali to meet with all actors and refine the proposal to contract a national staff and deploy that person to the Ministry. It was then decided that the national resource person would be located within the Permanent Secretariat of the National Gender Policy (NGP 2009-2018) as the institution in charge of leading, coordinating and monitoring the implementation of initiatives, measures and action plans related to gender and violence against women in accordance with the provisions of the NGP in Mali. Indeed, one of the important outputs of the NGP is the fight against sexual violence toward women and girls. In Mali, UN Action, through its member agencies, will be engaged in a close cooperation supporting the achievement of significant progress toward gender equality, prevention and protection of women and girls in all forms of violence against gender, including sexual violence conflict.

As part of the development and implementation of the Strategy on GVB, including sexual violence in conflict, UN Action plans to support the Permanent Secretariat of National Gender Policy of the Minister for the Promotion of Women, Children and Family in the institutionalisation of Gender and Women's human rights in the national policies and development programs.

The objectives of UN Action support is to enhance the national capacities of the Permanent Secretariat of the National Gender Policy at the technical and institutional level, through a structured coordination with key ministries, elected institutions and the civil society in order to address issues of inequality toward gender based violence, in the context of conflict. Also, it will allow to consolidate the leadership of the Ministry for the Promotion of Women to coordinate all efforts for the development of methods, means and mechanisms of reinforcement and implementation of the strategy on GBV, including sexual violence in conflict.

To that end, the Minister of Women, Children and Family intends to recruit with the technical

and financial support of UN Action, a national staff to collaborate with the international consultant in her/ his mission and ensure under her supervision the necessary support for the conception of the national strategy, the national action plan and regional operational plans and its budgeting.

At the end of the consultation, the country has a Strategy on Gender Based Violence, including sexual violence in conflict, an action plan and a regional operational plan.

II. Proposal's compliance with UN Action's Strategic Framework

- a. What pillar does the proposal fall under?
 - This proposal falls under pillar 1: country level support, specifically strategic support to UN country teams to help them design comprehensive strategies to combat CRSV.
- b. Explain how the proposal enhances UN system coordination and joint programming.
 - The deployment of the National Staff will enhance coordination and joint programming within UN Country Team/Mission through the collaboration with an international expert deployed by the Swiss government and based at UNICEF; the UNCT will endeavour to support the work of the national resource person and assist in capacity building. At the same time, the national resource person will participate in and benefit from the existing interagency arrangements, including the Global Focal Point (GFP) partners meetings and the coordination meeting headed by MINUSMA, this will enable building linkages with broader UN operations in Mali.
- c. Explain how the UN, governmental organizations, NGOs, and other key stakeholders will be engaged throughout implementation of the proposal.
 - Throughout the proposal implementation, the National Staff will reach out to the different actors and partners involved in the development of a National Strategy, e.g. different Ministries, NGOs, UNCT, etc. for consultations purposes about the content of the Strategy and action plan.
- d. Explain how the proposal would strengthen the capacity of national institutions to deal with conflict-related sexual violence.
 - The proposal will allow the Ministry for the Promotion of Women to build its capacity and build up the capacity of other Ministries and institutions that will be involved in the preparation of the National Strategy; by allowing national institutions to take ownership of the project, this proposal will ensure sustainability of the Strategy.

III. Success criteria and means of evaluating results

- a. Explain how the Participating UN Organisation(s) submitting the proposal has the institutional capacity to successfully achieve the proposed objectives.

UNDP is managing contracts for national staff working for the agency or assigned to different national institutions; as such, UNDP will advertise the post, organize the recruitment, select the most suitable candidate and ensure the deployment of the selected person. UNDP will remain engaged in all steps of the recruitment process and deployment.

Describe the overall management structure of this project:

- The contract of national staff will be established by UNDP, on behalf of UN Action, and according to its procedures. The consultation will be conducted under the leadership of the Ministry of Promotion for Women, Children and Families, and supervision.
- Technical supervision is the responsibility of the Permanent Secretariat of the National Gender Policy, within the Ministry for the Promotion of Women; the national staff will be in direct contact with the International Expert deployed by the Swiss government to assist the development of the Strategy and who will be based at UNICEF. The UNCT, the GBV Sub-Cluster partners and MINUSMA Senior WPA will be involved in national and international consultation.

- b. Explain how the proposal will be monitored and evaluated:

- In addition to the internal monitoring and evaluation structures within UNDP i.e. the national staff will have a dual reporting line to the Head of the Governance Cluster in UNDP Bamako and to the International Expert hosted by UNICEF; the UN Action Secretariat will be kept abreast of the work of the national staff member through UNICEF.

Part C. Initial Review of Proposal <i>(To be completed by the UN Action Secretariat)</i>	
(a) Is the project explicitly linked to the UN Action Strategic Framework?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Is the project effective, coherent, and cost-efficient?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Does it avoid duplication and significant overlap with the activities of other UN system entities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Does it build on existing capacities, strengths and experience?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Does it promote consultation, participation and partnerships and agree with the existing country coordination mechanism?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Is the Project Proposal Submission Form fully completed?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Is the Budget in compliance with the standard format?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(h) Is the indirect support cost within the approved rate?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Part D: Decision of the Resource Management Committee
(to be completed by the RMC Chairperson)

5. Decision of the Resource Management Committee

Approved for a total budget of US\$_____

Approved with modification/condition

Deferred/returned with comments for further consideration

Rejected

Comments/Justification:

Chairperson of the Resource Management Committee

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Name (Printed)

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Signature **Date**

Part E: Administrative Agent Review
(To be completed by the UNDP MPTF Office)

6. Action taken by the Executive Coordinator, Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, UNDP

Project consistent with provisions of the RMC Memorandum of Understanding and the Standard Administrative Arrangements with donors.

Jennifer Topping
Executive Coordinator
Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, UNDP

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Signature **Date**

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FUND SIGNATURE PAGE

(Note: Please attach to the Project Proposal Submission Form)

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PROGRAMME² BUDGET FORM

PROGRAMME BUDGET	
CATEGORY	AMOUNT US \$
1. Staff and other personnel costs	51,185
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	
3. Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture including Depreciation	4,000
4. Contractual Services	
5. Travel	
6. Transfers and Grants Counterparts	
7. General Operating and Other Direct Costs	11,674
Subtotal (Total Programme Costs)	66,859
Indirect Support Costs (cannot exceed 7%)	4,680.13
TOTAL	71,539.13

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