



**UN EBOLA RESPONSE MPTF
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT - VERSION 1**

Project Number and Title: #15 Social Rehabilitation and Payments to EVD Survivors and Destitute Families	PROJECT START DATE¹: 01-03-2015	AMOUNT ALLOCATED by MPTF <i>(please indicate different tranches if applicable)</i> \$2,160,551.00	RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Project ID: 00094514			UN WOMEN
Project Focal Point: Name: Sudipto Mukerjee; Ghulam Sherani E-mail: sudipto.mukerjee@undp.org ; Ghulam.sherani@undp.org	EXTENSION DATE: 31-12-2016	FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS Allocation: 1,335,886.00 USD Expenditure: 1,229,895.00 USD Balance:105,992.00 USD Delivery: 92%	
Strategic Objective (STEPP) SO3 – Ensure essential services	PROJECTED END DATE:	EXPENDITURES as of 31 August 2016	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S): Ministry of Social Welfare, Children and Women Affairs, Pink Cross, Sierra Leone Association of Survivors
Mission Critical Action MCA08 – Recovery and Economy	31-12-2016	1,229,895.00 USD	
Location: Sierra Leone	Sub-National Coverage Areas: Kailahun, Kenema, Moyamba, Bombali, Port-Loko, Tonkolili and Koinadugu ²		

¹ The date project funds were first transferred.

² The project board decided to include the two districts of Tonkolili and Koinadugu due to highest level of vulnerability of Survivors and relative isolation of such communities and minimum support provided by either NGO agencies or Government Institutions.

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QUATERLY PROGRESS REPORT RESULTS MATRIX

OUTPUT INDICATORS					
Indicator	Geographic Area	Projected Target (as per results matrix)	Quantitative results for the (three 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 survivors and destitute families receiving solidarity kits	5 local councils: Kailahun, Kenema, Moyamba, Port-Loko Bombali,	500		500	100%
# of survivors covered by the social safety net arrangements		2500	1348	1348 ³	54%
# of survivors received skills development services		2500	0	650 ⁴	26%
# of survivors receiving psychosocial, sanitation and hygiene support		250	0	250 ⁵	100%
EFFECT INDICATORS (if available for the reporting period)					

³Estimated amount of current survivor figures who received the first out of four cash stipends (1348). Pending report from MNO partner in the second week of September.

⁴ Current figure for UNWOMEN beneficiaries who received livelihood support

⁵ Target linked to solidarity kit activity by UNWOMEN



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# of survivors rehabilitated (disaggregated by gender and locations)	districts: Kailahun, Kenema, Moyamba, Bombali, Port-Loko, Kambia	2500	0	650	26%
# Of survivors able to access basic services through solidarity package		500	N/A	500	100%
# of survivors and destitute families having recovered a sustainable livelihood		2500	1348	1998 (1348+650)	80%
# of survivors improving their social re-integration and hygiene status	Selected communities in Aberdeen	250	N/A	250	100%

NARRATIVE

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

The objective of the project is to prevent conflict and commence building resilience by addressing vulnerabilities and social marginalization affecting Ebola survivors and destitute families. The project will achieve this objective through two outputs: (i) providing solidarity package and (ii) socio-economic rehabilitation of survivors and destitute families with particular focus on women and children.



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(1) Discharge packages to survivors and destitute families:

Solidarity packages to survivors and destitute families

This activity completed and reported in the past.

Safety Net Scheme

Within the current reporting period of June-August, UNDP verified a total of 1519 survivors eligible for the UNDP support project. It is expected that the deficit figure of 281 survivors will be reduced in the month of September with both UNDP implementing partners and Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs (MSWGCA) working closely per district to identify eligible candidates for inclusion. The most vulnerable survivors are selected through a defined criteria agreed among MSWGCA, Sierra Leone Association of Ebola Survivors (SLAES) and UNDP and approved by the project board.

Through collaboration with UNWOMEN, UNDP was able to cross check the beneficiary list of both agencies to avoid duplication of efforts (both livelihood and financial support). UNDP shared the contractual agreement between itself and the MNO operator to UNWOMEN for guidance on the agencies own efforts for delivering the cash support to the 650 female beneficiaries under its remit. UNDP is discussing with UNWOMEN to coordinate the tranche payments, for uniformity of the cash process. This aims to prevent misunderstanding between the two cohorts of beneficiaries (gender aggregated and non-gender aggregated).

UNDP finalized a contract with a Mobile Network Operator (MNO), AFRICELL, for the implementation of the safety net scheme. A modality of four tranches was agreed upon by UNDP and the MNO for the purposes of timely distribution of the stipends with the first cash stipend arranged for the last week of August and subsequent tranches on a monthly basis, up until December 2016. Arrangements for the final and fourth tranche is based on a bulk start-up amount which will contribute towards the sustainable socio-economic support for self-reliance.

Following the contractual agreement between the AFRICELL and UNDP, in consultation with the Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and Children Affairs UNDP organised a sequential project launching and awareness meeting in each of the 7 project priority districts. During which beneficiaries were provided with sim cards through which digital cash transfer payments will be made throughout the course of the project. This convergence of stakeholders and beneficiaries created an ideal platform for initial interaction amongst stakeholders (local authorities, Paramount Chiefs, Implementing partners, MNO, MSWGCA, and SLAES) and beneficiaries to better understand project objectives, roles of stakeholders and the potential benefits that the successful implementation of project activities might yield for the community and individual beneficiaries. Currently it is estimated that 1348 survivors have received their first tranche of payment with more details of such transactions pending the compilation of final cash transfer reports by third week of September by the Mobile Network Operator, to be made available in the next quarterly report.

Based on the recommendation of MSWGCA and SLEAS and approval of the project board the geographical target of the project was extended to an additional 2 districts (Tonkolili and Koinadugu) bringing the total target locations to 7. An additional 171 beneficiaries were found as eligible for inclusion within these two new districts. Assessment of the livelihood preferences for 1519 beneficiaries was successfully completed in all 7 districts.

Table (1) : New Beneficiaries

Classifications	Quantity Tonkolili	Quantity Koinadugu
Men	51	20
Women	70	15
Children (under 15years)	13	2
Validated Total	134	37
Relocated/Unverified	28	13

In addition to the changes made to the national coverage of the project, the project board also suggested and approved the adjustments to the specific target group, with the emittance of the 'destitute families' category. This decision was made due to the availability of beneficiary lists from the ministry and thus the ability to rapidly increase the total target beneficiaries to 1800.



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(ii) Socio-economic rehabilitation

UNDP has completed the evaluation of potential partners for the implementation of the livelihood component of the project. In total 3 IP's were contracted as UNDP partners with each permitted to undertake multiple districts of operation. Livelihood assessment and subsequent livelihood streaming of survivors will start in September with up to 1,519 survivors registered for individual livelihood skills training in the areas of agriculture, animal husbandry, petty trading, and financial literacy. A total of 1,519 survivors and or their guardians (in the case of children) are earmarked to begin their financial literacy training, organised by each of the respective partners. The outcome of which will be reported in the next quarterly report.

UN Women already completed the socio-economic rehabilitation component of their project, providing various livelihood options to EVD survivors and destitute families in Kailahun, Kenema, Kambia, Bombali and Port Loko(districts). Six hundred and fifty women benefitted from various livelihood start up kits, psychosocial support and entrepreneurship trainings. After more than eight months of implementation of the aforementioned support, the women in addition to reestablishing livelihood activities have formed themselves in savings and loans groups particularly in Kenema and Bombali districts.

To compliment the socio-economic rehabilitation outcome of the project, a National Market Assessment was completed with findings disseminated to each Implementing Partner. This working document will enable each partner to provide vocational or livelihood skills in each of the districts per the local and national overarching priorities and themes.

Monitoring and Evaluation

UN Women had worked for the women survivors and destitute families in providing training and livelihood support in the areas of choice to restore their socio-economic status which was devastated by the EVD outbreak. Under this period of reporting the MPTF Officer led the monitoring of livelihood and social rehabilitation project that is targeting EVD survivors and destitute women in 5 districts of the country. The feedback of these monitoring exercises indicate that the project is greatly impacting the lives of women targeted. The efficiency, impact, relevance, replicability and sustainability were a reported high and on track by the monitoring exercise. Majority of the beneficiaries have been observed to have been socially rehabilitated and on the positive track to maintain the restoration of livelihoods.

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)*

1)Project Coverage

Geographic target has now increased from a 5 district coverage to 7 district coverage. This alteration was suggested and endorsed by the project board conjunction with the Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs (MSWGCA) with the decision to include the additional two northern districts due to their isolation and lack of development.

2)Project Targets

UNDP alongside the Ministry of Social Welfare (MSWGCA) made adjustments to the specific target groups. Based on the recommendation and approval of project board both UNDP and the MSWGCA agreed that the project would focus solely on survivors and omit destitute families from the preferred target group. This decision was made due to the availability of beneficiary lists from the ministry and thus the ability to rapidly increase the total target beneficiaries to 1800.

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

No. of Beneficiaries: 2500	
Women	1347
Girls	191

Environmental Markers
NA



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Men	475		
Boys	156		
Total	2169		
Additional Information (<i>Optional</i>)			