



**UN EBOLA RESPONSE MPTF
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Project Number and Title: #15 –Social Rehabilitation and Payment to EVD Survivors and Destitute Families	PROJECT START DATE¹: 12-03-2015	AMOUNT ALLOCATED by MPTF <i>(please indicate different tranches if applicable)</i> \$2,108,010.00	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-July-2017	FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS \$...	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S): Ministry of Social Welfare, Children and Women Affairs, Pink Cross, Sierra Leone Association of Ebola Survivors
Strategic Objective (STEPP) SO3 – Ensure essential service Recovery Strategic Objectives RSO# - Description	PROJECTED END DATE: 31-July-2017	EXPENDITURES as of 31 December 2016 \$ 1,842,920	
Mission Critical Action MCA08 –Recovery and Economy			
Location: Sierra Leone	Sub-National Coverage Areas: Full list of countries and/or districts Kailahun, Kenema, Moyamba, Bombali, Port-Loko, Tonkolili, Kambia and Koinadugu ²		
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OUTPUT INDICATORS

¹ The date project funds were first transferred.

² The additional two districts of Tonkolili and Koinadugu were added to the project coverage areas due to the relative isolation of such communities and minimum support provided by either NGO agencies or Government Institutions.



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Indicator	Geographic Area	Projected Target (as per results matrix)	Quantitative results for the 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	1667	1667	67%
# of survivors received skills development services		2500	2144	2144	85%
# of survivors receiving psychosocial, sanitation and hygiene support		250	0	250	100%
EFFECT INDICATORS (if available for the reporting period)					
# of survivors socially rehabilitated (disaggregated by gender and locations)	districts: Kailahun, Kenema, Moyamba, Bombali, Port-Loko Kambia	2500	2317	2317	92%
# of survivors able to access basic services		500	0	500	100%



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through solidarity package					
# of survivors having recovered a sustainable livelihood		2500	0	2317	92%
# of survivors improving their social re-integration and hygiene status	Selected communities in Aberdeen	250	N/A		100%

The project seeks to support efforts made by the Government of Sierra Leone in expediting the socio-economic rehabilitation of vulnerable EVD survivors who are still struggling to maintain stability and need technical and financial resources to drastically improve their standard of living immediately or through a gradual process that will yield a strengthened economic self-reliance for these vulnerable by applying the 3X6 approach.

Within the review period the project has supported a total of 2,317 vulnerable survivors, 1418 women, 521 men and 385 children in 7 hardly hit districts Kailahun, Kenema, Moyamba, Port Loko, Kambia, Bombali, Tonkolili and Koinadugu. Customizing the experienced gained from the PPERW project, that conducted payments to ERWs this project also has conducted series of digital payments to project beneficiaries living within hard to reach zones taking into consideration relevant factors especially the health status of project beneficiaries. So far a total number of 1,667 vulnerable survivors have benefitted from the project's social safety net scheme and have received periodic stipend payments of up to \$153. To determine which livelihood venture beneficiaries are to invest their savings a market assessment was conducted which was used as a foundation on which specialized livelihood implementing partners provided career counselling and other relevant short-term (within one year) skills training programmes to a total number of 1,485 beneficiaries.



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Below are the summary of the project's achievements and results

- Creation of a mini-database on validated vulnerable survivors that contains individual photos and copy of survivor's discharge certificates for further confirmation
 - Development of simple complaint resolution procedures, Frequently Asked Questions and Standard Operating Procedure - these manuals have been used to inform beneficiaries, Implementing Partners and the public, about all related processes involved during project implementation stages.
 - Successfully completed all UNDP allocated stipend transfers within the review period to 1,667 beneficiaries.
 - Through the willingness of project beneficiaries 1, 485 adult survivors/caregivers have been guided in their selection of sustainable income generating activities through career counselling sessions.
- **Best Practice and Summary Evaluation –** *(Please indicate what are the best practice guidelines adopted and the impact on the implementation process)*

Digital payment has proven to be an effective tool to conduct cash transfers/allocations, even in post crisis/recovery situations, such as the case in Sierra Leone. The following are the fundamental pillars that gradually culminated to successful implementation of this project:

- Development of a comprehensive project database of beneficiaries: The project team conducted series of validation exercises that formed the foundation for the development of mini project database.
 - Since available project resources cannot adequately cater for every survivor, in consultation with the Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and Children Affairs (MSWGCA), the project team developed eligibility criteria, that gives survivors within operational districts, a fair chance to qualify for the benefits which significantly reduced tensions.
 - Establishment of a simple grievance resolution mechanism to receive and respond to payment queries/concerns/enquiries.
 - National Ownership: Because the need was evident, the Government of Sierra Leone through the MSWGCA, took the lead in ensuring that all project activities were implemented smoothly.
- **Lessons learned –** *(Please, share a couple of lessons learned that can be beneficial for future projects)*

For project of such nature it would be advisable to avoid overlapping operational locations

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Highlights: Giving a family a home



After getting the virus from a patient she treated at the hospital, and later losing her husband to the virus, Francess was desperately looking for a safe place to stay, left alone with four kids. With the UNDP/MPTF support, Francess is building a house and is sending her 4 children to school; thanks to a business she started from the Social Rehabilitation and Payment to EVD Survivors and Destitute Families project. Francess would soon be a happy home owner.

Highlights: Keeping dreams alive(safeguarding our future)



Abibatu (right) and Haja (left) first lost their eldest brother, a medical surgeon and when their father and second elder brother visited the sick brother, they too got infected, and the virus took over their home. Having lost their parents and two brothers, the sisters survive to conquer.

With funds from UNDP/MPTF, they both are receiving support to enhance their family life. Haja is running a small business, which supports her education in College. They both hope to open an orphanage for homeless children in their community.



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Highlights: Economic Empowerment to Women in rural areas



Saio Jalloh of Kumala, Nieni Chiefdom is a subsistence farmer, who has gained saving skills, through the project's financial literacy training and she currently enjoys saving her profits through local savings schemes. Saio is challenged though, being five hours away by car, from the nearest commercial bank. She is also the first EVD infected person in her village. With UNDP/MPTF support, Saio is championing the village women's osusu scheme to help other women achieve their dreams.