



<b>Strengthening the capacities of MONUSCO to implement the MARA Provisional Guidance Note through the deployment of a Women Protection Advisor --UNA027</b>	
<b><i>UN ACTION MPTF PROJECT FINAL REPORTING FORM</i></b>	
<b>Country</b>	Democratic Republic of Congo
<b>Project Start Date</b>	(01/03/2012)
<b>Project Completion Date</b>	(31/03/2016)
<b>Project Duration</b>	<p>4 years</p> <p>From 01/03/2012 to 31/03/2016</p> <p>According to the records, there were a total of 3 (three) no cost extensions as follows: May 2012, March 2013 and March 2014.</p> <p>The reason was to allow time for recruitment and deployment of the staff member (WPA) with a one year contract. The S/M was recruited in 2015 and ended his assignment on 31/03/2016</p>
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<b>Project Location(s)</b>	Kinshasa, DRC
<b>Project Budget</b>	254,262 USD
<b>UN Action pillar of activity</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Support to UN system at country level</b>
<b>Report Date</b>	31/03/2020

General guidance: This reporting form is to be used for the **final project report**. Final reports are due **no later than 3 months after the completion date of the project**. Please complete **all** sections of this reporting form including the Logframe. Please also attach all documents requested. Report results **cumulatively**, i.e. results achieved since the beginning of the project. Please submit the report in both PDF and Word formats. Once the report is submitted, UN Action will review the report and follow up as needed<sup>1</sup>.

## 1. Project Context

Guidance: Please provide a short description of any changes in context since the inception of the project.

N/A

## 2. Progress Summary

Guidance: What were the final results achieved by the project at the following levels? Please report against, and reference the Goals, Outcomes, Outputs, Activities and Indicators described in your Logframe.

### a). Project Goal

Guidance: In line with the project's Logframe, describe how the goal of the project was achieved.

**The overall goal of the project to intensify support in countries identified for MARA accelerated implementation was achieved as: the presence of a WPA/Human Rights Officer facilitated coordination of the work of the MARA WG; brought relevant actors together to analyse the information; and, facilitated the analysis of trends and patterns to inform UN responses to sexual violence on the ground.**

### b). Project Outcomes

Guidance: In line with the project's Logframe, describe how the main outcomes of the project were achieved.

**Better data gathering allows better analysis of trends. The close monitoring of trends allows better response (PoC, medical, psycho-social) as well as preventive action if possible. Consolidated and high quality data also allows better advocacy at the highest government levels which will lead to less CRSV within security forces.**

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that information **must** be collected, managed and reported in ways that **respect survivor safety, confidentiality, anonymity, informed consent, and existing information-sharing protocols. The process must conform with established safety and ethical principles, including security and protection from retaliation, and protection of the data itself.** Before submitting descriptive information related to a particular survivor, please ensure that every possible precaution has been taken to minimize the potential risk of placing anyone in danger or inadvertently revealing their identity. It is important to remember that even without including any personally-identifiable information, some combinations of information, such as very specific details about the location or date, are enough to compromise confidentiality in a way that could result in negative repercussions for survivors, such as stigmatization and/or reprisal attacks.

### **c). Project Outputs**

Guidance: In line with the project's Logframe, describe how the main outputs of the project were achieved.

**The MARA working group -led by the WPA/JHRO- met on monthly basis throughout the year 2015. The working group achieved following:**

- **Established common standards for data collection, information storage;**
- **Coordinated and harmonized analysis of CRSV;**
- **Provided regular briefings on CRSV in PoC forums (Monusco and humanitarian);**
- **Provided support to the Presidential advisor on sexual violence and child recruitment;**
- **Provided briefings to FARDC and other government security forces on the MARA and the listing/delisting exercise of parties to the conflict;**
- **Provided support when required to the monitoring and evaluation committee for the implementation of the FARDC action plan;**
- **Provided support to the presidential advisor on sexual violence and child recruitment in the implementation of her annual work plan, when required;**
- **Consolidation of approach and analysis regarding response and the gaps in response.**

### **d). Project Activities**

Guidance: In line with the project's Logframe, describe how the main activities of the project were achieved.

**WPA liaised with UN entities and agencies, Government counterparts and civil society organizations on CRSV issues;**

**WPA carried out and guided field investigations into CRSV;**

**WPA mentored WPA's in the field;**

**WPA carried out capacity building on CRSV;**

**WPA produced monthly analytical reports as well as *ad hoc* updates on the CRSV situation in DRC;**

**WPA contributed to the development of CRSV material**

Guidance: Please explain who has benefited from the project and how (Please specify the number and types of beneficiaries).

**N/A**

## **4. Implementing partner coordination and stakeholder engagement**

Guidance:

a). Please detail key partnerships and interagency collaboration including roles, responsibilities and interactions with each other.

The presidential advisor on CRSV and the FARDC were key partners for the WPA. Relationship entailed:

- Providing support to the Presidential advisor on sexual violence and child recruitment;
- Providing briefings to FARDC and other government security forces on the MARA and the listing/delisting exercise of parties to the conflict;
- Providing support when required to the monitoring and evaluation committee for the implementation of the FARDC action plan;

b). Please detail how the project engaged governmental organizations, UN agencies, NGOs and other key stakeholders. Which coordination mechanisms did the project establish or use? What was the impact of the collaborations on the results of the project?

The MARA working group achieved following:

- Established common standards for data collection, information storage;
- Coordinated and harmonized analysis of CRSV;
- Consolidation of approach and analysis regarding response and the gaps in response.

c) Please describe which multi-sectoral, comprehensive plans or strategies that address conflict-related sexual violence the project contributed to. This can include Protection of Civilians (POC) Strategies, United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAF), GBV Strategies, Joint Communiqués on CRSV etc.

N/A

## 5. Capacity building

Guidance:

Please detail how the project strengthened the capacity of national institutions and local NGOs, CSOs, community based organizations etc. to deal with conflict-related sexual violence.

N/A

## 6. Challenges

Guidance: Describe the main challenges and constraints encountered during the project implementation and what was done to address them.

- Lack of donor support during the reporting period has led to UN partners losing their partners in the field collecting data and organising response;
- The FARDC (national army) lacked initiative in the implementation of their action plan against CRSV;
- Discussions with the government on data as well as compensation were sometimes difficult mainly because of the political context;
- Financing of the WPA contract has been a continuous and reoccurring problem, leading to contractual insecurity for the WPA.

## 7. Lessons Learned

Guidance: Outline any lessons-learned and good practices that emerged, and describe how they will be used to inform future programming.

**The presence of dedicated staff on CRSV allowed to support (through investigation and monitoring) advocacy efforts and has thereby kept the issue high on the agenda of the government and the military justice system. It also allowed consolidating the MARA WG in DRC.**

**The regularity of the MARA WG meetings led to a committed team of working group partners who interacted in a creative and constructive way. This led to a common approach, understanding and joint advocacy on different levels.**

**The expertise in investigation into CRSV and the availability of the WPA led to swift investigations into a mass rape that occurred in September 2015 in South Kivu for which elements of the FARDC (national army) were allegedly responsible. WPA managed to produce a report shortly after the events. The report was used as an advocacy tool at national and provincial level. The authorities arrested the perpetrators and carried out an investigation shortly after. .**

## 8. Innovations

Guidance: Describe any innovative approaches and pilots designed and implemented in the project.

N/A

## 9. Sustainability Plan

Guidance:

- a. What are the implementing organizations plans to sustain the project results beyond the life of the project?
- b. Do you anticipate any challenges in regard to project sustainability?

N/A

## 10. Communication Strategy, Communication Materials, Tools and Media

Guidance:

- a. Please describe the project's communication strategy and describe what was done to promote the visibility of UN Action.
- b. Please *describe here, and attach* with this report, **all** communication materials, tools and other communications-related products developed. Kindly also reference and provide links to media coverage of the project. Please also attach photos if available. \*For photos, please note, who the photo should be credited to, and confirm informed consent was obtained from the person(s) in the photo.

N/A

## 11. Products, Resources and Tools developed

Guidance:

- a. Please **describe** all context-appropriate, catalytic tools and resources that were developed to fill cross-sector gaps in knowledge, practices, advocacy and technical expertise for improved survivor-centered response.

N/A

- b. Describe how you think they could be shared beyond the scope of this project and benefit organizations working in similar contexts.

N/A

- c. Please **attach all** products developed with this report.

N/A

## 12. Voices and Stories

Guidance: Please include direct quotes, statements and stories from project implementers, GBV survivors, project participants and other beneficiaries that may help you illustrate your project's story.

N/A

## 13. Budgetary and Spending Report

Guidance: Were there any changes to the budget or unanticipated spending? If so please explain.

N/A

## 14 Contribution to UN Action's Results Framework

Guidance: Please provide a summary of how the project contributed to UN Action's Global Results Framework. Please be specific, and reference the corresponding indicator codes in UN Action's Results Framework<sup>2</sup>.

**In February 2013 the project proposal was re-circulated for an increase in the support cost from 3 to 7% .**

## 15. Monitoring and Evaluation

Guidance: Please describe how routine monitoring was conducted. Please describe the methodology utilized for a final evaluation, and the results of the evaluation.

N/A

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<sup>2</sup> The UN Action Results Framework is attached for your reference.

## **16. Support and follow up from UN Action**

Guidance: Please share any support and follow up needed from UN Action

N/A

## **17. Other Feedback**

Guidance: UN Action welcomes any other feedback that might improve the Fund.

N/A

