

**Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund**  
**ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2020**

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## Executive Summary

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**Informal session for potential applicants:** On 31 July 2020, UN Women Haiti conducted an online information session on the WPHF-SI call for proposals, for potential applicants. The information session served to build the capacity of potential applicants to better understand the CFP, enabling civil society organizations to develop proposals in line with WPHF-SI CPF objectives and requirements. Participants expressed satisfaction with the information session and communicated that the session had been very useful for their planning.

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**Call for nomination of CSO representatives:** For the establishment of the permanent Civil Society Reference Group (GR-SC), a call for applications was launched on October 14, 2020 and 12 applications received. A selection panel (made up of 3 representatives from civil society and 2 from the UN) analysed the applications according to the established criteria and selected 5 people from the women and human rights organizations. An introductory meeting with the GR-SC took place in December but the GR-SC first full group installation session had yet to be held.

**Preparations for the ad-hoc National Steering Committee meeting:** Following discussions with the secretariat, it was decided that it is best to use the SPOTLIGHT National Steering Committee. The members of this committee are the ministries including Ministry of Women's Affairs and Ministry of Planning. UN RUNO, members of the civil society group. Unfortunately, the steering committee could not hold a meeting in 2020. It was therefore decided to prevent delay by setting up an ad hoc steering committee. Discussions were held during the last quarter of the year 2020 with the Resident Coordinator and the Minister of Women's Affairs with regards to the difficulty in operating the various committees that would have served to the selection. Following the cancellation for security reasons, all the coordination committees were postponed to 2021, with an impact on the selection. It was agreed that the Minister of women's affairs will co-chair the ad hoc national steering committee to reaffirm its leadership on gender equality sector.

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## 1. Grantees Profile for Reporting Period

The implementing partners were not selected in 2020.

Funding CFP	Lead Organization	Type of Organization	Coverage/Level of Organization	Project Title	Outcome	Project Location (State, Province or Region)	Name of Implementing Partner(s), Type of Organization & Level	Project Start and End Date	Total Approved Budget (US\$)
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## 2. Beneficiaries and Reach (By project)

There were no beneficiaries reached in 2020, as the implementing partners had not yet been selected.

### 3. Context/New Developments

In 2020 and despite the moderate direct health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, socioeconomic and humanitarian situation is aggravated in Haiti. UN Women published a Rapid Gender Assessment of the pandemic (2020), which reported 23.8% of women employment reduction (more than on men). For 53.6% of women and 45% of men, access to healthcare remains a major challenge. More than 94% of children are deprived of education services during the pandemic. Water and food remain a major concern. Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases increased from 5% to 40% when only 5.7% of women are aware of the service structures in their areas. This aggravates the intensity of deprivation estimated, by UNDP, at 48.4% in the calculation of the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2020. According to the same report, the poverty rate for women in Haiti is expected to decrease by 11.8% between 2019 and 2021 due to the pandemic and its fallout. Structurally, weak public finances and a poor healthcare system will constrain the government's ability to respond if a second COVID wave occurs in 2021. Such new wave is expected to generate severe contraction of the GDP.

In several geographic departments of Haiti, situations of indiscriminate violence persist until now. It is in the marginalized areas (dominated by a bitter fight between gangs with an extremely high prevalence of GBV) that the COVID-19 pandemic is a disquieting subject; the populations of these communities cannot afford protective products against COVID-19. These products are not given away for free by the government at this time; therefore, these very poor populations have very few materials and products to protect themselves; they live in terrible social promiscuity and, women and girls are particularly the most vulnerable in marginalized areas. People with disabilities, especially women with disabilities, are the most exposed to this imminent danger. Not only do they live in an extremely precarious economic situation, but the means of prevention are not within their reach. Moreover, there is a shortage of disinfectant products and protective masks in stores. In addition to these difficulties, it should also be noted the problem of access to information for people with disabilities, especially deaf people, people with intellectual disabilities, people with psychosocial disabilities, blind and partially sighted people, disabled children and elderly disabled people. In either case, there is a risk of serious violations of the human rights of people with disabilities during this humanitarian crisis.

During the reporting period, there has been no major changes in the current very fragile socio-political context in Haiti. Kidnapping has become a very concerned issue for the government, the international community and the civil society. It affects all social groups among the population. The country has continued to follow the distance and the masks wearing rules as prevention measures regarding the covid situation. However, this did not directly affect the project itself as it was planned to be implemented in such context where plans were made to have small groups in meetings and to use social media mostly for awareness campaigns. The political environment remains very unpredictable as riots, gangs armed manifestation could rise any time.

#### 4a. (Outcomes) Achieved (Narrative)

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**Call for nomination of CSO representatives:** When the Spotlight country program development process began, an interim civil society reference group was set up in July 2019 pending the implementation of the permanent Reference Group. Among these members, this group counted with representatives of local civil society organizations defending the rights of people living with disabilities, LGBTI, youth, the women's movement, rural areas, unions, men working in the fight against violence. This reference group provided relevant inputs at all phases of country program development up to its submission to the Spotlight Initiative Secretariat. For the establishment of the permanent Civil Society Reference Group (GR-SC), a call for applications was launched on October 14, 2020 and 12 applications received. A selection panel (made up of 3 representatives from civil society and 2 from the UN) analysed the applications according to the established criteria and selected 5 people from the women and human rights organizations. An introductory meeting with the GR-SC took place in December but the GR-SC first full group installation session had yet to be held. The group will launch a second call early next quarter to increase the membership of the GR-SC.

**Preparations for the ad-hoc National Steering Committee meeting:** During the reporting period, discussions took place on the best mechanisms to finalize the selection. It was recommended to capitalize on the actors and bodies of the Spotlight Initiative because it is a partnership between the Women's Fund for Peace and Humanitarian Action and the Spotlight Initiative. Following a meeting with the Resident Coordinator and the Minister for Women's Affairs and Women's Rights (MCFDF), it was decided to submit the list for review to a steering ad hoc selection committee. This ad hoc committee will be composed of 10 members and will be distributed as follows: 1 MCFDF representative; 1 MPCE representative; 1 Representative of the RC: Lead for the UN; 1 EU representative; 1 Representative of each of these 4 agencies (UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNWOMEN); 2 representatives among the members of the civil society reference group. A first meeting is planned to be held online early in 2021 following confirmation of the date and times by the Officer to be designated by the Minister for the Status of Women.

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#### 4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

No outputs or activity results were achieved in 2020, since the implementing partners had not yet been selected.

#### 5. Specific Story (1/2 page maximum)

Since implementing partners were not selected in 2020, there is no story yet.

#### 6. Knowledge Products and Communications/Visibility

The CFP was widely disseminated through the UN Women Haiti network and partners.

These efforts contributed to promoting WPHF and SI visibility in Haiti.

#### 7. Capacity Building of CSOs<sup>2</sup>

To build the capacity of potential CSO applicants in project proposal drafting for the CFP under the WPHF-SI partnership, UN Women Haiti organized an online information session on 31 July 2021 with around 20 CSOs registered for the event. The information session built the capacity of CSOs to develop proposals in line with WPHF-SI CPF objectives and requirements. Participants expressed satisfaction with the information session and communicated that this session had been very useful for their planning.

#### 8. Risks and Mitigation

Risk Area	Risk Level	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
<i>Contextual, Programmatic, Institutional</i>	<i>4=Very High 3=High 2=Medium 1=Low</i>	<i>5=Very High 4=Likely 3=Possible 2=Unlikely 1=Rare</i>	<i>5=Extreme 4=Major 3=Moderate 2=Minor 1=Insignificant</i>	
Insecurity and conflict occurring in multiple areas, with multiple	4	4	4	Balancing the need to reach the most vulnerable populations, and leave no one behind, proposed projects in areas where

<sup>2</sup> Capacity building sessions can be undertaken by the Management Entity or by CSOs themselves (targeting other CSOs or groups).

anti-government forces in operation (issues with violent gangs operations).				implementation can be ensured – and with a thorough risk and mitigation plan in place – will be prioritized. UN Women/Implementing Partners will work with national and local partners who have safe and easy access to populations.
Geographic areas identified for programming become inaccessible due to extension of, or upsurge in, conflict, or the spread of COVID-19.	3	3	4	Based on updated security assessment, projects will be selected in those areas likely to remain accessible. Implementation could shift to secure, pre-identified areas, should they become inaccessible or adapt the format of activities to be implemented safely.
Delays in the selection of proposals for the grant due to the delay in the establishment of a joint WPHF and SI NSC.	3	3	4	The NSC establishment has been delayed due to the ongoing contextual factors such as insecurity related to gangs' activities that impact planning and calendars, and busy agendas of members for availability. The Resident Coordinator's Office is leading discussions with government stakeholders to expedite the process of consultations for NSC establishment.

### 9. Delays and Adaptations/Revisions

There were some delays in starting the process of establishing the National Steering Committee for the WPHF and the partnership between the WPHF and Spotlight, as UN Women Haiti explored opportunities to have a joint NSC with the Spotlight Initiative until the end of 2020. Discussions and consultations on NSC continue to take place. Having a merged NSC will help to avoid multiple similar processes with the same stakeholders, promote synergies between WPHF and Spotlight, and avoid funding duplication. The NSC establishment and meeting will take place in 2021. In case not in place by the time to evaluate the proposals and proceed to the final selections, an ad hoc committee will be established to facilitate the evaluation and selection process.

### 10. Lessons Learned

Identify/Describe Challenge	What are the factors/reasons contributing to this challenge?	How was the challenge addressed? What was done differently, or what will be done to address the challenge?	Lesson Learned
Establishment of the National Steering Committee delayed due to unforeseen factors.	Ongoing contextual factors related to the political situation, change of government members and busy agendas of members for availability.	The Resident Coordinator's Office is leading the discussions with government ministries, at the time of reporting.	Very early involvement of all government ministries is essential to engaging their commitment to any new Haiti projects.

### **11. Innovations and Best Practices**

As implementation of the selected projects has not been finalized yet, the UN Women Haiti office will provide detailed information about best practices only in the next reporting period.

### **12. Auditing and Financial Management**

No auditing has been conducted because the grantees had not yet been selected.

### **13. Next Steps and Priority Actions**

- UN Women Haiti will set up an ad hoc and evaluation steering committee for the WPHF-SI and organize the first meeting for the selection of proposals. The ad hoc committee will be necessary as the NSC has yet to be in place.
- UN Women Haiti will support contracting of the selected grantees (revision of ProDocs, capacity assessment, signing of the agreement, transfer of funds).
- UN Women Haiti will provide ongoing support to grantees, through capacity building and technical support.
- UN Women Haiti will support M&E for the projects through regular calls with grantees, and monitoring visits (security situation permitting).
- UN Women Haiti will support WPHF-SI visibility through regular social media posts and development of stories and other communications products.
- The UN Women Haiti WPHF-SI designated staff will hold regular bilateral calls with the WPHF Secretariat (every three months) to share updates on key results/challenges and communication materials (images/impact stories/grantee quotes).

## ANNEX A: Results Framework

The grantees have not yet been selected.

Expected Results	Indicator	Baseline	Planned Target	Results/Progress (against each indicator)	Reason for Variance from Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
<b>CSO/Organization:</b>						
Impact (WPHF Outcome Area)	Impact Indicators provided by WPHF	-	-	-	-	-
Outcomes	Indicator 1	-	-	-	-	-
	Indicator 2	-	-	-	-	-
	Etc.					
Outputs		-	-	-	-	-