

**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: RMC028	Project <sup>1</sup> No: UNA051
Date of Meeting: 11 December 2018	RMC members in attendance at meeting: IOM, UN Women, UNFPA, DPKO, UN Action Secretariat
Part B. Project Summary (To be completed by the Participating UN Organization)	
Date of Submission:  15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Participating UN Organization(s): UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF  Participating UN Organization receiving funds: UNFPA, UNICEF
Focal Point of the Participating UN Organization(s): Name: Kate Rougvie Telephone: 2122974991 Email: krougvie@unfpa.org  Name: Christine Heckman Telephone: Email: checkman@unicef.org  Name: Joanina Karugaba Telephone: E-mail: karugaba@unhcr.org	Project Title: Building evidence-based programming through safe and ethical GBV information management and coordination (GBVIMS)  Project Location(s): South Sudan, Somalia, Syria neighbouring countries (Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan), Central African Republic, Mali, Burundi, , Nigeria, Ukraine, Colombia, Myanmar and Cameroon.  <i>This country list is not exhaustive as the GBVIMS Steering Committee regularly receives requests for technical support from new countries.</i>
UN Action pillar of activity: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support to UN system at country level	Projected Project Duration: 2 years and 7 months (current request covers final 6 months of project from <del>December 2018</del> <i>February - July 2019</i> )
Proposed project, if approved, would result in: <input type="checkbox"/> New Project <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of previous funding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) <i>Additional funding of existing project.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No-cost extension: (from - to)	Total Project Budget:  Amount of MPTF funds requested: Under current request: \$221,533 including support costs (Under entire project to date including current request: \$833,445 including support costs).  Percentage of indirect support costs from MPTF contribution: 7% (\$14,493).

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<sup>1</sup> The term "project" is used for projects, programmes and joint programmes.

<b>Projected Annual Disbursements:</b>	2018 <b>\$34,000</b>	2019 \$187,533	20xx \$
<b>Projected Annual Commitments:</b>	2018 \$34,000	2019 \$187,533	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

**V. Overview**

**Request for additional funds for UN Action Project UNA051: Building evidence-based programming through safe and ethical GBV information management and coordination (GBVIMS)**

The current project agreement between UN Action, and UNFPA and UNICEF as recipient Agencies (UNA051), began in October 2016 and will conclude at the end of May 2019. UN Action funding was procured as a means to complement and reinforce further sources of project funding to ensure the maintenance and continued expansion of the GBVIMS Steering Committee (UNFPA, UNICEF, UNHCR, IRC, IMC)'s global inter-agency work to improve the quality of service delivery,

safety and ethics in GBV reported incident data collection, data analysis, and the translation of data into more effective action to prevent and respond to GBV.

The GBVIMS Steering Committee has seen significant results in the mobilisation of funds at country level to cover many of the costs associated with the high demand for in-person and remote country support. However, some needs identified during the year to date remain unfunded and pressing. In particular, the funding of the two inter-agency 'Surge Team<sup>2</sup>' staff hosted by UNICEF has proven challenging to sustain at 100%, in spite of continued and growing demands from existing and potential GBVIMS rollout countries. The Surge Team is responsible for providing dedicated support to all inter-agency GBVIMS deployments, in tandem with Agency focal points, through continuous remote support and periodic in-country missions, in all areas of GBVIMS work including: the 'classic' GBVIMS, GBVIMS+, quality care through GBV case management capacity building, data analysis, and supporting the rollout of the GBVIMS-MARA Intersections Provisional Guidance Note.

The GBVIMS SC's inter-agency 'Surge Team' is a component of the Technical Team, and currently provides active technical support to 11 inter-agency rollouts<sup>3</sup> in collaboration with other members of the Technical Team contributed by UNHCR, UNFPA, IMC and IRC. In 2018, the GBVIMS SC responded to new requests for support from a number of countries including Cameroon, and Bangladesh, while anticipating responses to requests for support from Yemen and Chad. However, without the continuation of the Surge Team, the provision of this support will not be possible. As of August 2018, UNICEF is in the final stages of securing funding from other donors to continue to contribute the 'Surge Team' to the GBVIMS Technical Team, for a period of 18 months, starting in October 2018. The funding will support 75% of the costs associated with the Surge Team.

Furthermore, the GBVIMS SC has received increasing requests for medium-term (6-12 months) deployments of field-based GBVIMS capacity building specialists in order to foster consistent knowledge transfer to local partners and field-level institutionalisation of the GBVIMS through longer-term hands-on support. However, GBV Specialist profiles do not consistently include IM skills, meaning that when requests are made to stand-by partners or to existing pools/roster for a 'GBVIMS specialist', it is challenging to identify candidates in a timely manner. This is symptomatic of the fact that GBV specialists with the necessary information management skillsets are lacking globally. In order to overcome this challenge, the GBVIMS Steering Committee will carry out a global advanced training on the GBVIMS in order to build a stronger cadre of specialists at the global level. This training will cover a number of areas including safety and ethics in GBV information management; the GBVIMS basic tools; GBVIMS – MARA Intersections; Data Analysis; an introduction to GBVIMS+; amongst other areas. In order to foster understanding and coordination around the GBVIMS-MARA Intersections, five Women Protection Advisors will be invited to participate in the training.

Moreover, requests for support to facilitate the strengthening of capacity around GBVIMS-MARA intersections/providing data on Sexual Violence in Conflict for the Secretary General's Annual Report have been received by Iraq, Central African Republic, Somalia, and Myanmar. In particular, Somalia is in need of financial support to complete the final stages of consultations required to proceed with a rollout of the GBVIMS-MARA intersections. As a result of the challenging context of South Central Zone in particular (under the national coordination of UNFPA and the 'zonal'

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<sup>2</sup> The appellation "Surge Team" applies to the two, inter-agency staff dedicated to the provision of in-person and remote support to all country rollouts, regardless of host/coordinating Agency/ies. This is to highlight their capacity to rapidly mobilise to respond to GBVIMS and Case Management-related needs in countries of intervention, for short periods of normally 1-3 weeks.

<sup>3</sup> Central African Republic, Cameroon, Bangladesh, Iraq, Jordan, Mali, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan

coordination of UNHCR), funding is required to facilitate joint UNHCR-UNFPA led workshops on the GBVIMS-MARA intersections<sup>4</sup> in numerous hard-to-reach areas of this Zone, as one common meeting is not possible due to security and logistical constraints. In Iraq, consultations with GBVIMS user organisations are already underway and a support mission is planned for Q1 2019 to facilitate the establishment of a GBVIMS-MARA data sharing Addendum to the national ISP. In the C.A.R, a support mission is planned in Q1 to build capacity around the recently established GBVIMS-MARA data sharing Addendum to the ISP. In Myanmar, discussions on the same are in the initial stages and will require technical support from the GBVIMS TT.

Lastly, the International Medical Corps' Technical Team member will provide increasing support to GBVIMS rollouts with the addition of new countries such as Libya. As such, the GBVIMS SC requests support in the form of a partial contribution to this work, to the amount of 15% of 12 months of consultancy costs.

In order to address these gaps, UNICEF and UNFPA, with the support of all GBVIMS Steering Committee members, would like to request a cost addition to the current UN Action GBVIMS global funding. This would include:

1. Co-funding of two UNICEF-hosted GBVIMS and Case Management Technical Specialist staff, beginning December 2018 and ending in May 2019. This represents 25% of 18 months of their salary (as UNICEF GBVIMS has mobilised the remaining 75% of 18 months from OFDA), which equates to a total of 6 months charged at 100%. The Surge staff will then carry out support missions to CAR<sup>5</sup>, Niger, Iraq, Mali and Libya as well as supporting a global GBVIMS ToT prior to project end in May 2019.
2. Minimal mission costs contribution to complement country-level funding for planned missions.
3. Partial contribution (15%) to the coverage of International Medical Corps GBV Advisor in order to secure part-time support to GBVIMS rollouts, with a focus on specific Middle East rollouts.
4. Complementary funding for a global GBVIMS Training of Trainers workshop including sessions on GBVIMS-MARA intersections capacity strengthening.

As regards the sustainability of this additional funding to the ongoing project, the GBVIMS is not seeking a time extension to the funding period already agreed, which is through May 2019. A number of activities included in the existing project, and the additional proposed activities within that period, are designed to work toward building sustainable capacity of GBVIMS user and Coordination organisations. For example, the Global ToT seeks to establish a number of certified GBVIMS trainers who can more independently provide support to the country to which they are deployed, thus rendering countries better positioned to provide technical support to user organisations in-country. Furthermore, the variety of learning modalities provided by the global Technical Team - such as webinars, podcasts, and guidance notes - are also designed to enable country-level Coordinators to provide in-country support more sustainably by improving access to learning outside of Technical Team in-country support missions. Additionally, during 2018, UNFPA as Coordinating Agency in 12 rollout countries, has

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<sup>4</sup> *The holding of consultation workshops with GBVIMS Data Gathering Organisations (DGO) is designed to build DGO capacity on the intersections between the GBVIMS and the MARA, and to empower DGOs to make informed decisions on data sharing to the MARA. It is not guaranteed, by virtue of holding the workshops, that all DGOs will choose to contribute data to the MARA, and the GBVIMS SC recognises that in light of the extremely insecure environment in South Central zone, considerations around the safety of survivors and frontline service providers must take precedence, and could potentially impede data sharing. However, without consultations, data sharing is not possible in any case.*

<sup>5</sup> *While the requested funding will contribute to the salary of the 'Surge' team thus facilitating their response to the needs of the Central African Republic, costs associated with their travel and mission activities in CAR must be mobilised by country-level actors.*

undertaken significant capacity development efforts during 2018 through alternative funding sources in order to establish more sustained capacity amongst its in-country Coordination personnel - reaching a total of 20 different Country Offices and around 40 people. Moreover, this complementary coverage of the UNICEF inter-agency Technical Specialists for 6 months will enable them to continue supporting rollouts for a total of 18 months, or a year beyond the end of the current project. Lastly, it is important to note that the GBVIMS initiative has evolved significantly in scope and continues to experience high demand - for example, the 'next generation' of the GBVIMS - Primero/GBVIMS+ - represents a technological advancement in the form of an online software application including both case management and incident monitoring capabilities which also allows users to go paperless through the use of mobile devices, amongst other new features. During the course of 2018, the GBVIMS SC has received requests for support to the deployment of this software from countries including Bangladesh, Libya, Yemen, Myanmar, and Nigeria

## **VI. Proposal's compliance with UN Action's Strategic Framework**

### a. What pillar does the proposal fall under?

This proposal falls under UN Action's Knowledge Building pillar: "Accelerate roll out of the incident monitoring and reporting tool (the GBVIMS) at country level to improve the flow of information on reported cases of sexual violence." Additionally, this proposal supports the Country Level Action pillar by contributing "strategic and technical support to joint UN system efforts to prevent and respond to sexual violence in conflict, including efforts to build capacity and train advisers on conflict-related sexual violence." Finally, the aggregated data generated by the GBVIMS can be used to achieve the goals of raising public awareness and generating political will to address sexual violence that fall under the "Advocating for Action" pillar.

### b. Explain how the proposal enhances UN system coordination and joint programming.

The project will be conducted in coordination with UN Action network entities, partners (researchers on CRSV), and relevant inter-agency country teams. As a relatively long-standing initiative that counts three (3) UN Action entities amongst its core team members (UNFPA, UNHCR, and UNICEF), this project serves as a model for inter-UN-entity collaboration and coordination, and build on past best practices of collaboration among UNA Network.

The project is expected to contribute to improved coordination by:

- Enhancing the UN system's understanding of reported incidents of CRSV;
- Helping to standardize the way UN actors and partner NGOs define and report on specific forms of CRSV;
- Facilitating interagency/multi-sectoral data-sharing and analysis of wider trends in conflict-affected contexts;
- Supporting evidence-based CRSV programme interventions at the field level;
- Promoting "one UN" voice and approach to collection and management of service-level CRSV data.

### c. Explain how the UN, governmental organizations, NGOs, and other key stakeholders will be engaged throughout implementation of the proposal.

At HQ level, this project is jointly managed by the inter-agency GBVIMS Steering Committee (UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, the International Rescue Committee and International Medical Corps). In roll-out countries, the existing GBV coordination structures are actively engaged in the project implementation. UNFPA, UNHCR, and UNICEF are committed to continued engagement with this project.

### d. Explain how the proposal would strengthen the capacity of national institutions to deal with war-related sexual violence.

The project builds the capacity of a variety of service providers, including both national non-governmental organisations, and government institutions (where appropriate) to provide quality response services to survivors of war-related sexual violence, including the improvement of

safety and ethics in the collection, storage, analysis and sharing of sensitive data on war-related sexual violence. By supporting national entities to deploy and maintain the GBVIMS, data on sexual violence in contexts affected by conflict are able to translate service provision data into action designed to strengthen and improve the way in which life-saving response services are provided to survivors of conflict-related sexual violence.

## **VII. 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.

Under the oversight and supervision of the GBVIMS Steering Committee, made up of senior GBV technical specialists from each member organization, the operational arm of the GBVIMS – or the ‘GBVIMS Technical Team’ made of GBV information management specialists, is positioned to implement the project and is composed of:

- 1 GBVIMS Coordinator (hired/hosted by UNHCR),
- 2 GBVIMS Inter-agency Technical Specialists (hired/hosted by UNICEF),
- 1 UNFPA GBV Information Management Specialist (hired/hosted by UNFPA – dedicating a proportion of her time to GBVIMS rollout support),
- 1 UNFPA/UNACTION CRSV/GBV Programme Analyst
- 1 IRC GBVIMS Specialist,
- 1 IMC GBV Technical Advisor (partially dedicated to the GBVIMS)

The Technical Team and Steering Committee are coordinated by a full-time dedicated Inter-Agency GBVIMS Coordinator at global level, hosted by UNFPA.

- b. Describe the overall management structure of this project.

The GBVIMS will continue to be managed by the inter-agency GBVIMS Steering Committee, comprised of UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, IRC and IMC, with oversight of the project ensured by the Inter-agency GBVIMS Coordinator at UNFPA. The Inter-agency GBVIMS Coordinator reports directly to UNFPA’s GBV Specialist – Humanitarian and Fragile Context Branch - but will be accountable to the inter-agency GBVIMS Steering Committee and will act in an inter-agency capacity to implement this project. Funds managed by other GBVIMS Steering Committee’s agencies will be overseen by their GBV Specialists/Advisors at the global level.

Countries (i.e. partners and GBV service providers and organizations) receiving support for roll-out are requested to set aside funding to support country based staff work on the GBVIMS, and to help facilitate travel and DSA of key participants of GBVIMS implementation. This is another measure to increase ownership and responsibilities by country programmes.

- c. Explain how the proposal will be monitored and evaluated.

Tools for monitoring outputs at deployment level include an integrated case management-information management comprehensive assessment tool designed to identify pre-deployment capacity development needs and to assess progress. Training level monitoring and evaluation

tools include pre-training assessments, pre- and post-tests, and satisfaction feedback surveys. The project is reviewed annually on the basis of a number of key global indicators (to be reviewed during the 2018 Annual Retreat in December 2018). The project is also in the process of finalising a 10 Year Report on the progress of the GBVIMS which will support the global monitoring and evaluation of the project.

<b>Part C: Initial Review of Proposal</b> <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"/>
<b>Part D: Decision of the Resource Management Committee</b> <i>(to be completed by the RMC Chairperson)</i>	
<b>5. Decision of the Resource Management Committee</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved for a total budget of US\$ _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved with modification/condition for a total of \$ 221,533 <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred/returned with comments for further consideration <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	
Comments/Justification:	

<b>Part E: Administrative Agent Review</b> <i>(To be completed by the UNDP MPTF Office)</i>
<b>6. Action taken by the Executive Coordinator, Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, UNDP</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 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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Date

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**FUND SIGNATURE PAGE**

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

<b>Participating UN Organization(s):</b> UNFPA, UNICEF, UNHCR	<b>Focal Point of Participating UN Organization receiving funds:</b> Name: Kate Rougvie (UNFPA), Christine Heckman (UNICEF)
<b>Project Number:</b> UNA051	<b>Project Duration:</b> 2 years and 7 months (current request covers final 6 months of project)  <b>Estimated Start Date:</b> Of current request: 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
<b>Project Title:</b> Building evidence-based programming through safe and ethical GBV information management and coordination (GBVIMS)	<b>Project Location(s):</b> South Sudan, Somalia, Syria neighbouring countries (Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan), , Central African Republic, Mali, Burundi, , Nigeria, Ukraine, Colombia, Myanmar and Cameroon.  <i>This country list is not exhaustive as the GBVIMS Steering Committee regularly receives requests for technical support from new countries.</i>
<b>Total Project Cost:</b> US \$ Under current request: \$221,533 including support costs (Under entire project to date including current request: \$833,445 including support costs).  MPTF: US \$221,533  Other: US \$  <b>GRAND TOTAL: US \$221,533</b>	
<b>Total Amount Approved: US \$221,533</b>	

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PROGRAMME<sup>6</sup> BUDGET FORM**

PROGRAMME BUDGET			
CATEGORY	UNFPA	UNICEF	TOTAL AMOUNT US \$
<b>1. Staff and other personnel costs</b>		102000	102000
<b>2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials</b>	85,000		85,000
<b>3. Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture including Depreciation</b>			
<b>4. Contractual Services</b>			
<b>5. Travel</b>	8000		8000
<b>6. Transfers and Grants Counterparts</b>		12040	12040
<b>7. General Operating and Other Direct Costs</b>			
<b>Total Programme Costs</b>	93,000	114,040	207,040
<b>Indirect Support Costs (cannot exceed 7%)</b>	6510	7983	14,493
<b>TOTAL (US \$)</b>	99,510	122,023	221,533

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