



**UN EBOLA RESPONSE MPTF  
PROJECT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - VERSION 1  
Period (Month-Year): July 2015**

<b>Project Number and Title:</b> 00093136 Title: Ebola Children Protection	<b>PROJECT START DATE<sup>1</sup>:</b> 01 December 2014	<b>AMOUNT ALLOCATED by MPTF</b> <i>(please indicate different tranches if applicable)</i> \$2,000,000	<b>RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION</b>  <b>UNICEF-Child Protection</b>
<b>Project ID:</b> 0000000 (Gateway ID)	<b>EXTENSION DATE:</b> 29 May 2015	<b>FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS</b>  \$2,000,000	
<b>Project Focal Point:</b> Name: Mr. Sheldon Yett E-mail:syett@unicef.org	<b>PROJECTED END DATE:</b>  31 December 2015	<b>EXPENDITURES as of [date]</b> \$1,832,485	
<b>Strategic Objective (STEPP)</b> SO3 –Ensure Essential Services  <b>Mission Critical Action</b> MCA 6 – Access to Basic Services			<b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S):</b>  1. Ministry of Gender Children and Social Protection/MoGCSP, 2. Ministry of Health/MoH 3. Ministry of Youth and Sports/MoYSP 4. Helping Hand
<b>Location:</b> Liberia	<b>Sub-National Coverage Areas:</b> Full list of countries and/or districts:  1. Montserrado (All districts) 2. Margibi ( All Districts) 3. Lofa (All Districts) 4. Bong (All Districts) 5. Bomi (All Districts)		

**MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT RESULTS MATRIX**

<sup>1</sup> The date project funds were first transferred.

## OUTPUT INDICATORS



Indicator <sup>2</sup>	Geographic Area	Projected Target (as per results matrix)	Quantitative results for the (one month) reporting period	Cumulative results since project commencement (quantitative)	Delivery Rate (cumulative % of projected total) as of date
<b>Description of the quantifiable indicator as set out in the approved project proposal</b>					
<p>Number of interim care Centers (ICCs) providing care to children on 21 day observation who are separated from their primary care giver</p> <p>Number of Foster Carer households providing alternative care arrangements for children who are either “contacts”( needing 21 day observation period), survivors, or orphans with no one identified to care for them in the community setting</p> <p>Number of families who received one-off cash transfers support for caring for orphaned/abandoned children due to Ebola</p> <p>Number of children receiving mental health and psychosocial support (MPHSS)</p>	<p>Montserratado (All districts) Margibi ( All Districts) Lofa (All Districts) Bong (All Districts) Bomi (All Districts)</p>	<p>Baseline: 1 ICC Target: 3 more ICCs</p> <p>Baseline: 2,000 (Foster Carers) Target: 7500<sup>3</sup> children Affected by EVD receiving the foster grant</p> <p>Baseline: Target: 7500 families receiving foster grant</p> <p>Baseline: 3542 children (MHPSS) Target: 10,000 children receiving MHPSS</p>	<p>0 ICC and 1 transit Center on stand by</p> <p>Five Counties:1193 Bong-70 Bomi-21 Montserratado-752 Margibi-350</p> <p>1275 children received MHPSS</p>	<p>0 ICC and 1 transit Center on stand by</p> <p><b>4391(cumulative)</b></p> <p>Five Counties: 3271 Bong-286 Bomi-179 Montserratado-1579 Margibi-600 Lofa-627</p> <p><u>7069 (3079m,3990f)<sup>4</sup></u></p> <p>Breakdown Bomi 173 (91m,82f) Bong 285(123m,162f) Gbarpolu 69(40m,29f) G.Bassa 280(136m,144f) G.Cape Mount 360 (181m,179f)</p>	<p>50% with the transit center</p> <p>94%</p>

<sup>2</sup> The Indicators should be disaggregated by gender, age and region as and where applicable

<sup>3</sup> The 7500 is targeting children who were affected by the EVD Nationwide

<sup>4</sup> Accumulative number of children registered and received PSS service 7069 (3079m,3990f)

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				<p>G. Gedeh195 (81m,114f) G. Kru92 (46m,46f) Lofa 772 (358m,414f) <b>Margibi</b> <b>2427(900m,1527f)</b> Maryland (0m,0f) Montserrado 1908(884m,1024f) Nimba 390 (183m,207f) River gee 10 (5m,5f) Rivercess 68 (28m,40f) Sinoe40 (23m,17f)</p>	
<p>Number of Social workers and Mental Health Clinicians trained and providing family tracing, foster care placement, follow up of children in care, psychosocial support, community support and distribution of cash allowances and infection control and hygiene items.</p> <p>Number of Ebola survivors trained and employed as child carers, foster parents, working with social mobilization teams.</p>	<p>Montserrado (All districts) Margibi ( All Districts) Lofa (All Districts) Bong (All Districts) Bomi (All Districts)</p>	<p>Baseline: 100 social worker and MPHSS specialists 20 Ebola Survivors</p> <p>Target: 200 Social Workers &amp; Mental Health Clinicians</p>	<p><b>35 social workers trained</b></p> <p><b>35 mental health Clinicians trained</b></p> <p><b>0 Ebola survivors trained</b></p>	<p>120 Social Workers and 65 Mental Health Clinicians 15 Child Welfare officers 5 Data clerks</p> <p>897(474m,423f)<sup>6</sup> Ebola Survivors</p> <p>Bomi 25 (6m,19f) Bong 72 (32m,40f) Gbarpolu 18 (9m,9f) G. Cape mount 29 (11m,18f) Lofa 98 (84m,14f)</p>	<p>120%</p> <p>74%</p>

<sup>5</sup> Total number of of Ebola Survivors trained and employed in the five counties

<sup>6</sup> Total number of Ebola Survivors nationwide.

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				Margibi 184 (84m,100f) Montserrado420 (222m,198f Nimba 51 (26m,25f)	
Number of counties with strengthen CP and MPHSS coordination, Existence of CP and MPHSS networks coordination structures at the national and county level	Montserrado (All districts) Margibi ( All Districts) Lofa (All Districts) Bong (All Districts) Bomi (All Districts)	Baseline: 1 national 1 county 0 CWCs  Target; 1 national 5 Counties 50 CWCs	1 National Child Protection Network/CPN held  4 PSS Coordination Meetings held  2 Child Protection IMS meeting Held  14 Local Child Protection Network/CPN meetings  1 National CPN 1 National PSS meeting	8 National CPN held  28 PSS Coordination meetings held	100%  100%
Number of counties with decentralized child protection Network coordination meeting;					
Functioning Child Welfare Committee in the most affected communities to identify, support and refer the most vulnerable children.			2 additional Functional CWCs in Bomi	50 CWCs functional  Bomi-18 Bong-7 Margib-2 Montserrado-23	96%
<b>EFFECT INDICATORS (if available for the reporting period)</b>					
<b>Strategic Objective 3 MCA6: Increased</b>	Montserrado -Margibi	7500	1166 <sup>7</sup>	7069 <sup>8</sup>	94%

<sup>7</sup> Number of children identified who receives PSS packages in the five counties for the month

<sup>8</sup> This number reflects the children registered as EVD and those who received PSS services accumulative for all counties..

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children's access to basic services	-Lofa -Bong -Bomi				
<b>Strategic Objective 3</b> <b>MCA7:</b> Increased capacity of the social welfare system to handle cases of children affected by EVD through increased number of workers	Montserrado -Margibi -Lofa -Bong -Bomi	185	<b>35 social workers trained</b>  <b>35 mental health Clinicians trained</b>	Total: 215  Breakdown: 120 Social Workers 65 mental health Clinicians 15 Child Welfare officer and 15 data clerks	116%
<b>Strategic Objective 4</b> <b>MCA11:</b> Functioning community based child protection networks in the most affected communities identify, support and refer the most vulnerable children affected by EVD	Montserrado -Margibi -Lofa -Bong -Bomi	200	<b>2 additional ones in Bomi</b>	<b>50</b> Functional CWCs in the four counties with a membership of 11 persons per CWC ( 528 CWC members)  Junior National Volunteers active in all 5 counties  833 survivors active as child protection agents in 5 counties	

**NARRATIVE**

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

UNICEF is utilizing the funds from MCA6 through the project 'Supporting the Well-being and Protection of Ebola Affected Children in Liberia' to serve 7500 affected children<sup>9</sup>. Currently, the number of EVD affected children in the Ministry of Gender Children and Social protection (MoGCSP database) is **5794 plus additional 1,275 bringing** the cumulative figure to **7069**. Through this project during the month, UNICEF has supported the MoGCSP to train **35 Social Workers and 35 Mental Health Clinicians** on case management, play therapy, alternative care guidelines and the appropriate use of the tools (Forms for documentation). The trained social workers and mental health clinicians have provided services for child

<sup>9</sup> The current number of EVD affected children registered by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection is 4,915. This number continues to be updated as new data comes in from the county-level social workers who are registering children who have lost one or both parents or primary caregivers due to EVD, child survivors of EVD and other EVD-affected children.



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survivors of EVD and children who have lost parents or primary caregivers due to EVD. These services, available pre-EVD outbreak to all vulnerable children, are being expanded to serve this larger population again.

UNICEF, through its partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, has supported the Ministry to recruit, train and deploy 300<sup>10</sup> national youth volunteers as contact tracers to identify and refer children affected by EVD, provide psychological first aid, community and social mobilization as well as messaging for EVD prevention. In addition, 800 plus survivors have been recruited in partnership with NGOs for a period of six months to support a number of activities supporting EVD affected communities, depending on their skills and capacities. The range of activities include providing care for EVD affected children in interim care centers, community mobilization activities, and outreach support to strengthen child protection structures at the community level.

After Liberia was declared Ebola free for 40 plus days, the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) resurfaced on the 29 of June 2015 which has so far led to 2 deaths and 6 total infections in Margibi and Montserrado counties. UNICEF has supported the MoGCSP and MoH to provide PSS support to families and communities affected, particularly families under precautionary observation. As well, the Social Workers and Mental Health Clinicians with these Ministries have provided support through the profiling of EVD affected children, the provision of case management and family tracing for vulnerable children, and MH assessment for persons in need. Social mobilization activities to fight the EVD continue in all counties with concentration on the two affected counties. Relevant services for children including specialized care in the Interim Care Center and transit home have been prepared and are on standby should in case there is need for such services for children. UNICEF continues to monitor the quality of standards and services being provided to the vulnerable groups and households.

EVD contact children are still being subjected to stigma, discrimination and rejection by the communities. These children need constant follow up and psychosocial support geared towards building resilience. Alternative care families caring for EVD affected children require not only follow up and PSS themselves, but also financial support to enable them to handle the increased burden of care.

Against this backdrop, UNICEF's child protection response focuses primarily on the direct provision of services to EVD affected children, and capacity building and support for the professionals involved in this provision of services. The interventions (described in achievements below) are expected to build resilience among the EVD affected children and families to cope and thrive long term.

### **Key Achievements**

#### **Alternative care, Case management and PSS support to Children affected by the EVD**

- ✓ Supported the Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Protection and the ministry of health-PSS to increase the capacity and technical skills of 35 Social Workers and 35 mental health clinicians through a set of one week training and two weeks training on basic child rights and protection skills, basic social work skills and provision of psychosocial care support with emphasis on play therapy. The trainings were provided and facilitated by IsreAID

<sup>10</sup> The initial planned number of 350 contact tracers was not required as, from other sectors in UNICEF and other partners, many contact tracers were mobilized and recruited. Further, the number of cases was less than anticipated. Although the number of cases has come down, this important work at community level continues.



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and international INGO with Expertise on PSS and Mother Pattern College for Social Work. Feedback from the Social Workers and Mental Health clinicians and experience from field monitoring visit shows that some of the trainees or participants are able to demonstrate the appropriate use of the tools designs for work, have been able to apply some basic social works skills like communicating with children, engaging children to gather information as well as organizing some play activities with children.

- ✓ 120 Social Workers, 50 Mental Health Clinicians, and 15 child welfare officers continue to work in the counties of Liberia and through their work we have documented and registered 7069 (3079m,3990f) as children who have been affected by the EVD and received one or more forms of PSS services and case management. Out of this number 5565(2356m, 3209f) are from the five counties of focus.
- ✓ Out of the above listed number from the five counties 3213 (1519m, 1694f) has been registered as orphans and out of this number 3213 (100%) have benefitted from one-time emergency cash assistance in the five counties of focus. Registration continues nationwide. All of these children are in family based care.
- ✓ 799 (428m,371 f) adult survivors in the five county of focus has been recruited to act as child referral agents in their communities- identifying and referring EVD affected and other vulnerable children in need of services to the MoGCSP social workers. The accumulative total for adult survivors employed by UNICEF through partners nationwide to date is 897 (474m, 423f).The survivor network has so far counted over 1,400 survivors, of which 13% are children.<sup>11</sup>
- ✓ Revitalized and continuing to provide support to the National Child Protection Information Management System that is currently storing the data of all children in need of child protection services, especially children affected by the EVD.

**Adolescent girls**

- ✓ 150 adolescent girls and boys in Grand Gedeh launched an awareness and sensitization campaign against sexual exploitation and abuse Zwedru city. It is expected that this exercise will be roll out in Bomi as well.

*(please use this section to highlight your key achievements for the month, using bullet points if preferred)*

**Delays or Deviations**

UNICEF Child Protection has not experienced major deviations from programming during the past month.

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

No. of Beneficiaries-July 2015		Environmental Markers
Women	371	
Girls	3390	

<sup>11</sup> See attached graphs on the Survivor's Network statistics for survivors.



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<b>Men</b>	<b>428</b>	
<b>Boys</b>	<b>3079</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7268</b>	

*Please explain what strategies are being used to reach out to the most vulnerable sections of the population (women, children, etc) and how it is making a difference.*

UNICEF continues to work with the MoGCSP and other NGOs to enhance the capacity of the social welfare system to properly manage cases of children affected by EVD along with other vulnerable persons in the community. These services provide psychosocial support, case management and alternative care services to those most in need. The system works to ensure that contact children without parental care are provided with appropriate care during the 21 day observation period and link them to coordinated services to ensure that basic needs are met, that they are reunified with families, that families are supported, and livelihoods are restored. We will continue to promote adolescent and child ambassador structures among slum communities, engaging children to conduct awareness, sensitization, monitoring and reporting of child protection concerns. We are continually working to strengthen the referral system to ensure that the most vulnerable receive services, which presently includes child survivors of Ebola who are faced with medical problems and need access to the relevant medical services. UNICEF also works closely with the MoGCSP GBV unit and the Police to effectively respond to cases of sexual gender based violence and link them to the justice and protection system.

**Additional Information** *(Optional)*