



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

<p><b>Country</b></p> <p>Nigeria</p>	<p><b>Submitted by PUNO(s) UN Women or NUNO(s)<sup>1</sup></b></p> <p><b>Name of Entity:</b> UN Women, Nigeria <b>Name of Representative:</b> Ms. Comfort Lamptey</p>
<p><b>MPTF Project Number</b></p> <p>00123079</p>	<p><b>Implementing Partners</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambassadors of Dialogue, Climate and Reintegration (DCR Ambassadors)</li> <li>Grassroots Researchers Association (GRA)</li> <li>Initiative for the Development of the Needy, Orphans, Less privilege and Widows [INOL]</li> <li>Green Concern for Development (GREENOCDE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gwoza Women Association (GSWA).</li> <li>Rural Women and Youth Development Initiatives (RUWADY).</li> <li>Learning through Skills Acquisition Initiative (LETSAI)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Muslim Sisters' Organization of Nigeria</li> <li>Women in the New Nigeria &amp; Youth Empowerment Initiative (WINN)</li> <li>Women and Youth Empowerment Initiative (WOYEIN)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Reporting Period</b></p> <p>August 1 – December 31, 2020</p>	<p><b>Project Locations</b></p> <p><i>List the provinces/regions where projects are being implemented</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adamawa State</li> <li>Borno State</li> <li>Yobe State</li> </ol>
<p><b>Funding Call</b> <i>Select all that apply</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regular Funding Cycle <i>Specify Call (Round 1, 2, 3, etc.)</i> _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spotlight WPHF Partnership <i>Specify Call (Round 1, 2, 3, etc.)</i> Round 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 Emergency Response Window</p>	<p><b>WPHF Outcomes<sup>2</sup> to which report contributes for reporting period.</b></p> <p><i>Select all that apply</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Outcome 1: Enabling environment for implementation of WPS commitments.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Outcome 2: Conflict prevention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outcome 3: Humanitarian response</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Outcome 4: Conflict resolution</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outcome 5: Protection</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outcome 6: Peacebuilding and recovery</p>
<p><b>Programme Start Date</b></p> <p>November 13, 2020</p>	<p><b>Total Approved Budget (USD)</b></p> <p>USD 1, 157, 153 (One Million, One Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Three)</p>
<p><b>Programme End Date</b></p> <p>November 12, 2022</p>	<p><b>Amount Transferred (USD)</b></p> <p>USD 1, 157, 153 (One Million, One Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Three)</p>

<sup>1</sup> Non-UN Organization. Applicable to Rapid Response Window for Peace Processes

<sup>2</sup> As per WPHF results framework nested model, WPHF outcome areas are equivalent to the impact level for grantees

## Executive Summary

In Nigeria between August and December 2020, the Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) and Spotlight Initiative partnership achieved major milestones within the inception phase. This has prepared the stage to kick-start actual implementation of project activities by the 7 Implementing Partners (IPs) receiving the grant. The inception phase consisted of the completion of all ground works by UN Women and the WPHF team for the implementation of the project. Key achievements include capacity assessment of IPs, signing of the WPHF project transmittal form; transfer of funds to the UN Women Nigeria Country Office; signing of Partner Contract Agreements (PCA) with all 7 IPs; an orientation workshop with the partners; and transfer of funds from UN Women to the partners.

The IPs were assessed by UN Women on their programmatic and financial capabilities in order to determine the level of risk in engaging them; as well as to identify their capacity development needs. This exercise which had commenced in June, was completed in August 2020. Simultaneously, the project transmittal form was signed by the UN and Government Co-Chairs of the National Steering Committee on the Spotlight Initiative, Nigeria on 13 and 20 August 2020, respectively. In October 2020, the UN Women HQ transferred project funds- totalling USD 1, 157, 153 (One Million, One Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Three) to the UN Women Country Office. This prompted the development of PCAs which were signed between UN Women and the 7 IPs in November 2020. The agreements initiated the process of fund transfer from UN Women to the IPs. However, due to the volume of financial transactions towards the end of the year, 6 of the IPs received funds in their accounts on 31 December 2020, and 1 IP in January subsequently. Implementation of activities by the IPs therefore ensured in January 2021.

Furthermore, through an inception workshop held in December 2020, the 7 IPs were provided with detailed orientation on WPHF and UN Women procedures, accountability systems, and requisite basic technical skills to ensure quality project implementation and management. The IPs have further cascaded these trainings to other staff members in their respective organizations. Moreover, results frameworks and project work plans to guide implementation were completed and approved for the 7 partners.

### 1. Grantees Profile for Reporting Period

Funding CFP	Lead Organization Name	Type of Organization	Coverage/ Level of Organization	Project Title	WPHF Outcome	Project Location (State, Province or Region)	Name of Implementing Partner(s), Type of Organisation, and Level	Project Start and End Date	Total Approved Budget (USD)
Spotlight WPHF partners hip	Ambassadors of Dialogue, Climate and Reintegration (DCR Ambassadors)	Women-led and Women's Rights organisation	National	Strengthening Institutional and Multi-sectoral Capacity to Prevent and Respond to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in Borno	Outcome 5: Protection	Borno State North East Nigeria (Jere, Konduga, Gwoza, Monguno and Maiduguri) Local Government Areas (LGAs)	Every Girl Initiative (EGI)- Youth right/led, National	November 12, 2020 – November 12, 2022	USD142,163.
Spotlight WPHF Partners hip	Grassroots Researchers Association (GRA)	Women Rights Organization	National Organization	Strengthening Social Mobilization and Accountability towards Ending SGBV and VAWG	Outcome 5: Protection	Borno State	Dr. Denis Mukwege Foundation (a Women's rights International NGO based in the Netherlands)	12 November 2020 to 12 November 2022	USD 163,658
Spotlight WPHF Partners hip	Initiative for the Development of the Needy, Orphans, Less privilege and Widows (INOL)	Women-led and Women's Rights organisation	Community-based (local)	Enhance Women and Girls Safety and Human Rights	Outcome 5: Protection	Yobe State, Nigeria		12 November 2020 – 12 October 2022	USD 145,827

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Spotlight WPHF Partnership	Green Concern for Development (GREENCODE)	Other: Human rights	National NGO (covering Nigeria)	Mobilising CSOs for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in Borno state- (MOGEWE Project)	Strengthened CSO advocacy for GBV prevention.	Borno state (Konduga and Gowza LGAs)	i). Gwoza Women Association (GSWA)- Women led community-based organization- operating at LGA level. ii). Rural Women and Youth Development Initiatives (RUWADY)- National NGO and operating at state level. iii). Learning through Skills Acquisition Initiative (LETSAI)- National NGO operating at state level	12 November 2020- 12 July 2021	USD 161, 570
Spotlight WPHF Partnership	Muslim Sisters' Organization of Nigeria , Women lead, State.	Women-led	Sub-National	Scaling up gender-based violence prevention, risk mitigation and referral systems for service delivery and response in Yobe State	Outcome5 Protection	Yobe State (Damaturu, Gujba, Fune, Potiskum, Bade and Nguru)	N/A	12 November 2020 to 12 November 2022	USD 152,172
Spotlight WPHF Partnership	Women In the New Nigeria and Youth Empowerment Initiative (WINN)	Both Women-led and Women's Right	National	Strengthening Resilience in Conflict Affected Communities of North East Nigerian Women and Girls: through Resilience, protection, livelihoods in Conflict Affected Communities in North East Nigeria.	Outcome 5: Protection	Borno State 1. Maiduguri Metropolitan Council (MMC) 2. Gwoza LGA 3. Konduga LGA	N/A	November 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 to November 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	USD 169,653

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Spotlight WPHF Partnership	Women and Youth Empowerment Initiative (WOYEIN)	Both Women-led and Women's Right	National	Strengthening women's participation through leadership development, empowerment and livelihood for reducing the risk of gender-based violence (GBV) in Yobe Northeastern Nigeria	Outcome 5: Protection	Yobe state Damaturu LGA Geidam LGA Gujba LGA Potiskum LGA	African Youth for Peace Development and Empowerment Foundation (AFRYDEV), NGO  HOPE INTERACTIVE, NGO  MAIGOJE Foundation, NGO	12/11/2020 to 12/11/2022	USD 167,006

## 2. Beneficiaries and Reach (By Project)

Lead Organization Name <i>The list in this table should match Section I above</i>	Target Groups <i>Select all that apply</i>	Age Groups by Sex	Direct Beneficiaries		Indirect Beneficiaries	
			Total for Year	Cumulative	Total for Year	Cumulative
<i>Organization/ Project 1</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> IDPs	Girls (0-17)	0	0		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Refugees	Women (18+)	0	0		
	<input type="checkbox"/> People living with disabilities (PWD)	Boys (0-17)	0	0		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Survivors/victims of SGBV	Men (18+)	0	0		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): Institutions and Multi-Sectors	Total	0	0	0	0

The requested information is not applicable at the moment as the Implementing Partners had not started interventions during the reporting period that will directly or indirectly reach target beneficiaries.

### 3. Context/New Developments

Nigeria's North-East region, particularly Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) States, have been besieged by over a decade long insurgency that is perpetuated by Non State Armed Groups. The conflict has created negative consequences on human populations including but not limited to; forced displacement of millions of people, destruction of properties worth billions of Naira, loss of lives and rising incidences of human rights violations, that disproportionately affect women and girls. The insurgency has caused many of them to flee their original abode and seek refuge in safer spaces including in internally displaced persons (IDPs) camps and within host communities. The high influx of IDPs into urban areas has intensified the existing security and humanitarian crisis which has exacerbated hunger, increased poverty, and widened inequality gaps. The challenge of having access to potable drinking water, food, healthcare, psychosocial support, and education, among others is glaring and women and girls are experiencing various forms of abuses including sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) and harmful practices. Reports from the Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) indicate that GBV incidence and prevalence in the BAY states is relatively higher now compared to the inception of the insurgency about ten years ago. Women and girls have to contend with increased forms of intersecting human rights violations and abuses with little or no remedies. Most communities and institutions do not have in place effective mechanisms for SGBV prevention and/or response.

Although efforts are being made by international institutions, government, and humanitarian organisations to salvage the situation, cases of human rights violations and violence against women and girls still linger, and SGBV features prominently on the list. A significant number of civil society organisations are currently implementing programs/projects to support GBV prevention and the reintegration of survivors into the society. However, more still needs to be done to address, agency and inter-agency limited capacity to effectively coordinate interventions for prevention/response to SGBV/VAWG. Also, focus has been on response to SGBV rather than prevention through ensuring gender equality outcomes. While continuous provision of timely response to SGBV in all its dimensions is recommended, a leap into prevention is poised to make greater impact in communities by ending violence against women and girls. Strengthening prevention will decrease the occurrence of SGBV/VAWG in public and in private spaces. Increasing intervention approaches that seek to prevent SGBV will also flatten the existing curve of SGBV/VAWG prevalence in Northeast Nigeria. This WPHF project is implemented within a context of ending violence against women and girls, as well as within a situation of high demands for prevention approaches to help decrease the occurrence of SGBV and VAWG in the BAY States.

While the adverse effect of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to devastate the livelihoods of the population in general and conflict-affected persons in particular, the number of vulnerable women and girls facing GBV remains on the rise. Violent attacks by Boko Haram insurgents (including sexual violence against women and girls) have also increased. Moreover, with the second wave of the virus, new infections are also increasing. The relaxation of some of the measures which had been put in place to slow the spread of COVID-19, coupled with complacency among the population, have worsened the vulnerability of individuals and families, especially conflict-affected women and girls living in congested IDP camps with limited water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities. Engulfed in the ongoing BH crisis, they are among the worst affected by the new dynamics of sexual violence, which have compounded their protection risks. The pandemic could reverse gains made over the years on EAWG and deepen gender inequalities.

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

An elaboration of outcomes achieved by the grantees is not applicable during the reporting period because they received funds by 31 December 2020 and therefore could not implement any activities in 2020.

#### **4b. Outputs and Activities Completed**

There are no output results for Project Grantees. However, the following outputs were achieved by UN Women during the project inception phase:

1. Risk levels for engagement of IPs have been determined and their capacity development needs identified, through an assessment undertaken by UN Women.
2. The project has been approved by the Government of Nigeria and the UN, through signing a project transmittal form. This was done by the UN and Government Co-Chairpersons of the National Steering Committee on the Spotlight Initiative, Nigeria on 13 and 20 August 2020, respectively.
3. The UN Women Nigeria Country office has received the funds for distribution to the IPs and management of project activities. The grant totals USD 1, 157, 153 (One Million, One Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty. Three)
4. Partner Contract Agreements have been signed between UN Women and the 7 partners implementing the WPHF Spotlight project.
5. First advances have been transferred from UN Women to the 7 WPHF Project Grantees.
6. The 7 WPHF IPs are now knowledgeable about WPHF and UN Women procedures, accountability systems, and requisite basic technical skills to ensure quality project implementation and management, as a result of an orientation workshop organized by UN Women and the WPHF Secretariat in December 2020.

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

No stories documented at this stage



## 6. Knowledge Products and Communications/Visibility

Communication material prepared for the orientation workshop in December 2020.



Roll-up and Backdrop banners printed by UN Women for the training of Implementing Partners on 7-9 December 2020



**Facilitator and participants at the training workshop (2020 UN Women)**



**Group photo of participants at the training workshop for IPs (2020, UN Women)**



**Madam Magajiya Mohammed contributing at the training (2020, UN Women)**



**Implementing partners demonstrating the equality sign (2020, UN Women)**

## 7. Capacity Building of CSOs<sup>3</sup>

### Overview

The capacity of the 7 implementing partners is enhanced to support implementation of gender-responsive programmes and proper management/accountability for donor funds, following a three-day training (7-9 December 2020) of 21 project and finance officers (10 females; 11 males). The objective of the training was to provide orientation to the project grantees on WPHF and UN Women procedures and accountability systems; as well as the requisite basic technical trainings that would ensure quality project implementation and management. Key topics covered include gender equality, gender-based violence (GBV), monitoring and evaluation; communications, writing results focused narrative reports and human-interest stories, completing the WPHF reporting template, community engagement, accountability to affected populations, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, financial management and reporting, procurement and asset management. The trainers/facilitators explored various methods including power point presentations, role play, practical individual/group work, experience sharing and team building exercises. The presentations included photographs, illustrations and charts to enhance understanding. The training evaluation report revealed that 100% of the participants either 'strongly agree' or 'agree' that the topics covered were relevant to them, and that the knowledge will be used in their work. However, only 50% of the participants 'strongly agree' that the time allotted to the training is sufficient. This feedback is taken into consideration, and it is also a call for additional/follow-up capacity-building interventions.

### Participants

The 9 CSOs benefitting from the training include:

WPHF – Spotlight Partnership: Ambassadors of Dialogue, Climate and Reintegration (DCR); Grassroots Researchers Association (GRA); Initiative for the Development of the Needy, Orphans, Less privilege and Widows (INOL); Muslim Sisters' Organization (MSO); Women in New Nigeria and Youth Empowerment Initiative (WINN); Women and Youth Empowerment Initiative (WOYEIN); Gender Equality, Peace and Development Centre (GEPaDC); MOGEWE Consortium (comprising Green Concern for Development (GREENCODE), COVID ERW: Gwoza Women Association, Rural Women and Youth Development Initiatives, Learning through Skills Acquisition Initiative). IYALI Community Development Association;

Opening remarks were given by Ms. Ghita El Khyari, Head of The WPHF Secretariat; and Mr. Lansana Wonneh, UN Women Deputy Country Representative. Facilitators/Presenters included UN Women staff: Lilian Unaegbu, Deodata Mukazayire, Dan Nengel, Oluwatosin Chukwuma, Thea Restovin, Maimuna Aboki; and NORCAP Deployees to UN Women and WFP- Salamatu Kemokai and Syed Hassan respectively. Other Support staff were Maryam Abubakar, Blessing Iyala and Joseph Ameh from the UN Women Sub-office in Maiduguri.

## 8. Risks and Mitigation

<b>Risk Area</b> <i>Contextual, Programmatic, Institutional</i>	<b>Risk Level</b> 4=Very High 3=High 2=Medium 1=Low	<b>Likelihood</b> 5=Very High 4=Likely 3=Possible 2=Unlikely 1=Rare	<b>Impact</b> 5=Extreme 4=Major 3=Moderate 2=Minor 1=Insignificant	<b>Mitigation</b> <i>Mitigating measures undertaken during the reporting period (please include new risks, if any)</i>
Violence/instability/Covid-19 pandemic prevents project activities from taking place, especially inaccessibility to some project areas reversed in renewed conflict or the COVID-19 emergency measures.	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	UN Women applies some level of flexibility for IPs to change project locations within the same State or LGA where initial target communities become a completely impossible for implementation due to heightened insecurity

<sup>3</sup> Capacity building sessions can be undertaken by the Management Entity or by some of the CSOs themselves for other CSOs or groups.

Personal safety of staff to conduct monitoring activities in volatile security communities	3	3	4	Staff will use armoured vehicles where required and can also do some form of remote monitoring
IPs may be new to UN Women and WPHF systems and may be liable to mistakes	3	4	3	Orientation on UN Women and WPHF systems and continued coaching

## 9. Delays and Adaptations/Revisions

Delays in the transfer of funds to UN Women Nigeria and subsequent release of first tranche of funds to IPs. PCAs and FACE forms were reviewed severally for accuracy of contents. Some activities were re-scheduled in order to accommodate better planning and implementation.

## 10. Lessons Learned<sup>4</sup>

<b>Identify Challenge/Describe</b> <i>Challenges can be programmatic or operational affecting the project implementation, or of an organization or community.</i>	<b>What are the factors/reasons contributing to this challenge?</b>	<b>How was the challenge addressed? What was done differently, or what will be done to address the challenge?</b>	<b>Lesson Learned</b> <i>As a result of the challenge what did you (and partners) learn from the situation that has helped to inform the project, or improve how the project is implemented or for future interventions?</i>
Getting IPs from Yobe State to travel to Maiduguri to participate in the training was a huge challenge.	Increasing insecurity on the Maiduguri-Damaturu road (which normally takes less than 3hours) has made it non-permissible by UNDSS for travels	Participants took a longer route via Abuja which took two days, and was more expensive	We have learnt that increasing level of insecurity could grossly affect combined trainings if not adequately mitigated. We will make arrangement for stakeholders who can participate in subsequent trainings via zoom platform where possible.

## 11. Innovations and Best Practices<sup>5</sup>

**Best Practices:** *What best practices occurred during the reporting period? Highlight with a specific example (country, CSO, etc.)*

Bringing together both the WPHF Spotlight Initiative and COVID-19 ERW implementing partners through training sessions, peer learning and coaching sessions has facilitated networking, synergy building and complementarity. The IPs have been supported to collaboratively respond efficiently to humanitarian needs, increase their own readiness and resilience as well as those of communities they serve. Their knowledge has been also enhanced on WPHF and UN Women procedures and accountability systems; as well as the requisite basic technical understanding that would ensure quality project implementation and management.

<sup>4</sup> A lesson learned is a systematic reflection of challenges (or successes) that have occurred during the reporting period which has resulted in a change, adaption or improvement as a result of the challenge, or a planned change or adaptation in the future.

<sup>5</sup> A best practice is strategy, approach, technique, or process that has proven to work well and deemed to be effective or appropriate for addressing a problem based on experience, evaluation or in comparison to other practices, and is therefore recommended as a model. It is also a practice that has been tested and validated and has potential to be replicated and there is value in sharing with others working in similar contexts, sectors, or with similar target groups.

**12. Auditing and Financial Management**

*Mention if any grantees were audited during the reporting period and provide a brief summary of results. Attach the audit report as an Annex (for internal use only).*

N/A

**13. Next Steps and Priority Actions**

Monitor implementation of project activities by IPs and ensure they report in time

## ANNEX A: Results Framework

Expected Results <sup>6</sup>	Indicators <sup>7</sup>	Baseline	Planned Target (when applicable)	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator <sup>8</sup> )	Reason for Variance against planned target (if any)	Source of Verification

Projects began in December 2020 and therefore results frameworks are not applicable at this stage.

<sup>6</sup> Report on the outcomes and outputs for each CSO organization individually.

<sup>7</sup> Use the indicators from the project document, ensuring that the disaggregation of the indicator is also included. For example, Number of people that have participated in information campaigns (by sex)

<sup>8</sup> Report on the progress made against each indicator, highlighting the indicator value for the reporting period and any cumulative results.