

**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: N/A submitted via email	Project¹ No: UNA039
Date of Meeting: N/A submitted for approval via email	RMC members in attendance at meeting: WHO, UN Women, DPKO, OHCHR.R, UNHCR were all emailed
Part B. Project Summary (To be completed by the Participating UN Organization)	
Date of Submission: Circulated to RMC 12 February 2016	Participating UN Organization(s): UNHCR/ UN Action
	Participating UN Organization receiving funds: UNHCR
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	Project Location(s): Beirut, Mount Lebanon
UN Action pillar of activity: <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support to UN system at country level	Projected Project Duration: 1 January – 31 December 2016 12 months
Proposed project, if approved, would result in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Project <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of previous funding	Total Project Budget: \$56,500 Amount of MPTF funds requested: \$56,500

¹ The term “project” is used for projects, programmes and joint programmes.

<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) <input type="checkbox"/> No-cost extension: (from – to)	Percentage of indirect support costs from MPTF contribution: 7%		
Projected Annual Disbursements:	\$	\$	\$
Projected Annual Commitments:	\$	\$	\$

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

LGBTI refugees are among the most vulnerable refugees in Beirut/Mount Lebanon area and are particularly at risk of sexual and gender based violence (SGBV). Many were subjected to sexual violence

in their countries of origin or in Lebanon and/or have been physically assaulted or subjected to emotional violence due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. LGBTIs are at risk of arrest in Lebanon since same sex relationships are criminalized under the penal code. In addition, LGBTI are often subjected to an extreme form of social exclusion: many are stigmatized by their own family and the refugee community, in addition to being discriminated by Lebanese community, including LGBTI Lebanese.

LGBTI refugees struggle to cover their basic needs as they are subjected to extreme discrimination on the job market (for being Syrian and LGBTI) and often end up paying higher rents than other refugees (because landlord discriminate against LGBTI). Single gay men in particular feel also discriminated by humanitarian organizations as most of the basic assistance is directed towards families or single female. A number of LGBTI have already started resorting to survival sex as they had no other way to cover their basic needs.

While LGBTI refugees' population is mostly composed of gay refugees, there are also a number of lesbian and transgender refugees. Majority are between 20 and 50 years old and most of them are single although some are married, divorced, widowed and a few have children. Most of them are Syrians.

During consultations with LGBTI refugees, they have indicated that the major gap in the current response is the lack of regular cash to cover rent and other basic needs for the most vulnerable LGBTIs. Another gap is the lack of awareness of humanitarian staff in working with LGBTI individuals.

Since the beginning of the response to the Syria crisis UNHCR has supported activities and programmes aiming at preventing and responding SGBV against LGBTI refugees. The proposed intervention aims at continuing and expanding these activities in a sustainable manner. Local services providers will be capacitated to provide support to LGBTI survivors of violence and training will also focus on addressing attitudinal barriers towards them. This will expand accessibility to a wider range of psychosocial and case management services for LGBTI and create long term capacities to address their needs. Additionally, UNHCR and partners will support the establishment of support networks among LGBTI refugees which will enable them to provide mutual psychosocial and emotional support.

1. LGBTI survivors have access to social support and benefit from specialized services

UNHCR will provide individual social support (case management) through 2 partners (Makhzoumi Foundation and INTERSOS) to LGBTIs subjected or at risk of SGBV. This includes the direct provision by social workers of psychosocial support, referrals to specialized services such as health and legal and emergency basic assistance to support refugees at immediate risk of harm (for instance support for relocation in case refugees are at risk of SGBV within their current shelter).

LGBTI refugee outreach volunteers will complement the work of the social workers by acting as a bridge between UNHCR, its partners and LGBTI refugee community. They will provide information on available services, refer LGBTIs in need of support to the social workers, and assist partners in organizing psycho-social support activities for LGBTI refugees.

Vulnerable LGBTI refugees will also benefit from an internship project of two months. The interns learn new skills and receive an incentive to cover food and transportation. The internship project has been in the past essential to rebuild self-esteem of LGBTIs who had been subjected to SGBV as well as promote their self-reliance.

The internship project was thus established in Mount Lebanon to link SGBV survivors with the job market. Interns are placed in various workplaces based on their skills and wishes. All workplaces are assessed to ensure a safe environment for SGBV survivors. The internship lasts for 2 months during which interns also receive a

transportation and food allowance. Short term benefits of the project is an increased sense of psycho-social well-being, as trainee is able to learn in a safe environment while developing social networks and ultimately regaining her/his self-confidence. In 2015 few LGBTI have been included in this project. Considering its successful impact and the positive feedback received, the current intervention will serve to complement the ongoing programme and ensure more opportunities are created for LGBTI refugees.

Throughout the year and to ensure sustainability, UNHCR and partners will work to create network and referral mechanisms between service providers and employers to ensure the continuity of the programme.

UNHCR's partner will also support a local community based organization specialized in working with LGBTI through the presence of a social worker.

2. Strengthen support to existing LGBTI youth group

The project will aim to support an established LGBTI youth group, which organizes basic psycho-social activities (handcraft, language courses, and awareness sessions) for other LGBTIs of all nationalities. In order to include LGBTIs living outside of Beirut in the program, additional support is needed to cover transportation and support new activities, depending on needs.

3. Capacity building of national and international partners

UNHCR and its partners will provide capacity building for humanitarian staff to improve their skills while working with LGBTI refugees. Additionally a training manual will be developed on working with LGBTI refugees. This manual will include standard sessions for frontline workers as well as for specialized staff – social workers, lawyers, psychologists

Total number of direct beneficiaries:

- Case management for vulnerable LGBTIs: 60
- Specialized service provision (including material assistance) for vulnerable LGBTIs: 40
- Internship programme: 20
- LGBTI youth group: 30
- Humanitarian organizations: 10

Given the sensitivity of the topic, visibility will kept minimal to avoid exposure to any protection risks for the refugees.

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

a. What pillar does the proposal fall under?

The current proposal falls under the two following pillars:

Knowledge building through the creation of a pool of resources and staff trained and equipped to work with LGBTI survivors in line with survivor-centred approach

Support to UN system at country level to raise awareness about specific protection concerns and risks for LGBTI and ensure survivors have unhindered access to a range of specialized services, including psychosocial and medical assistance.

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

UNHCR in Lebanon chairs the SGBV Task Force at national and field level in collaboration with UNICEF and UNFPA. Approximately 15 to 20 organizations are members of this coordination forum. The SGBV Task Force will be used as a forum to raise awareness and discuss protection concerns and barriers to access to services for survivors in general and LGBTI survivors and mobilize resources to fill potential gaps. Achievements, gaps and challenges will be systematically shared with the SGBV Task Force in Beirut and working groups in five governorates across Lebanon.

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

The proposal will be implemented through partnership with one national and one international NGO. Key stakeholders, such as other UN agencies – UNICEF and UNFPA – and SGBV specialized actors will be regularly updated about progresses and challenges during the monthly SGBV working group meetings. In addition the NGO partners, in collaboration with UNHCR will develop a specific referral pathway to facilitate referrals and collaboration among organizations operating in Mount Lebanon and in other regions. SGBV specialized actors will also be involved in capacity building initiatives.

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

N/A

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.

UNHCR has implemented specific activities to address and respond to protection risks of LGBTI refugees since the beginning of the response to the Syria crisis. The activities suggested under the current proposal are a continuation and expansion of activities on-going since 2014. All actions are in line with and informed by UNHCR's Need to Know Guidance "Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Intersex persons in forced displacement" as well as with UNHCR's Action against SGBV.

UNHCR has ensured training of protection staff, with particular attention to staff present in reception centers, who are the first point of contact with refugees. Should there be disclosure during interview at the reception center, UNHCR staff are aware of referral pathways and proceed with referral based on informed consent.

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

UNHCR's office in Mt. Lebanon will take the lead in the implementation of the project, with technical support from SGBV experts in the country office.

Two NGO partners – one international and one national – will implement activities foreseen in this proposal in partnership and close collaboration with UNHCR. Case workers will provide services for LGBTI survivors of SGBV and will benefit from technical supervision from senior case workers/programme managers.

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

Monitoring is based on the reports and observations by the partners and on regular direct observation and on-going assessment by UNHCR (e.g. on the spot visits to project sites, or scheduled monitoring visits) and the comparison of achievements and related financial expenditures with objectives. Monitoring activities are carried out at various levels (settlement, household) by partners and agencies implementing subprojects, UNHCR Branch Office, Sub Office and Field Offices. At a minimum, UNHCR monitors its partners on a quarterly basis with the verification of their financial reports and monitoring of their performance based on progress/achievement of agreed targets. In addition, each partner has a specific schedule for monitoring by UNHCR teams. UNHCR reviews and provides its feedback on the monthly reports. UNHCR also conducts on the spot visits. Focus groups discussions with Youth groups and LGBTI organizations.

Part E: Administrative Agent Review
(To be completed by the UNDP MPTF Office)

6. Action taken by the Executive Coordinator, Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, UNDP

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)

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ANNEX A.8

PROGRAMME BUDGET	
CATEGORY	AMOUNT US \$
1. Staff and other personnel costs	-
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	-
3. Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture including Depreciation	-
4. Contractual Services	-
5. Travel	-
6. Transfers and Grants Counterparts	52,804
7. General Operating and Other Direct Costs	-
Total Programme Costs	52,804
Indirect Support Costs (cannot exceed 7%)	3,696
TOTAL	56,500

A breakdown of how the funds will be utilised is below:

Activities	Budget USD
Case management and Refugee Outreach Volunteers (ROVs)	17,100
Specialized assistance and support	12,000
Internship program	9,000
Complement activities for existing LGBTI youth group	3,504
Capacity building and support to local CBO	11,200
Sub-total direct costs	52,804
7% indirect costs	3,696
Total	56,500