

ACTIVITY REPORT

Project ID:

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Health

Reporting period: April – June 2019

The project title Socio-Economic Empowerment of Disadvantage (SEED) Youth in Liberia with funding from UNFPA and UNDP has two components: the treatment and detoxification of persons with substance use disorders and the rehabilitation and reintegration aspect. UNFPA, through its main implementing partner the Ministry of Health (MoH) is responsible to provide the treatment and detox services for the project beneficiaries.

An annual work plan was developed taking with specific activities to be implemented per quarter. The first quarter under this project runs from April to June 2019.

Below are the key activities implemented during the above mentioned timeline and the progress made thus far:

[Activity 1: Technical working session between YWCA and MHU to develop comprehensive work plan for the SEED Project: Quarterly and Annual plans](#)

Date of activity: May 8, 2019

Participants/Facilitators: Ministry of Health/Mental Health Unit Staff and YWCA

Where did the activity take place

Ministry of Health/Mental Health Unit in room 240

OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTIVITY:

- ❖ To develop a comprehensive work plan for the SEED project
- ❖ To review, finalize and breakdown the bulk work plan to prioritize and assign timeline for timely implementation.
- ❖ To identify portion of the activity to be transferred for YWCA implementation

ACTIVITY METHODOLOGY:

Meetings: email and phone calls made to gather implementing partners at the Ministry of Health

THE ACTIVITY RESULTS:

The team was able to develop the activity plan out of the bulk plan including timeline and activities for YWCA implementation were transferred with budge attached.

BASIC EVALUATION:

Separation and breakdown of the bulk work plan into activity plan has led to implementation of the SEED project according to priorities.

Activity 2. Development of facility assessment tool (3 drop-in-centers), intake form (project beneficiaries selection form) and health facility screening tools

Date of activity: May 17&18, June 12, 2019; June 5&6, 2019; June 14, 2019

Participants/Facilitators: Twenty (20) participants from the below listed institutions were involved in the development of the above mentioned tools as well as feedback meeting. The institutions included: NO	INSTITUTION	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
1	MOH	7
	YWCA	3
	UNFPA	2
	UNDP	1
	PBO	1
	LRRRC	1
	MYS	3
	MCHT	2

Where did the activity take place: At the Corina Hotel, Sinkor

OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTIVITY:

- ❖ To develop assessment tool that will be used to assess the capacities of 3 drop-in-centers
- ❖ To develop intake form with criteria for selection of project beneficiaries To develop health facility screening tools used to screen selected project beneficiaries
- ❖ **ACTIVITY METHODOLOGY:**

The Ministry of Health and partners held a technical working session comprising of twenty (20) participants for two days at the Corina Hotel in Sinkor to develop an assessment tool including intake form using the World Health Organization Rapid Assessment of Alcohol and Other Substance Use in Conflict-affected and Displaced Populations field Guide. That could be use for facility assessment and the identification of project beneficiaries.

Thereafter, a team of nine (9) persons visited the three (3) drop-in centers, conducted assessment and identified gaps. During the visit, meeting was held with managements, interviews were conducted with the staff of the 3 facilities and as well, the team walked through the facilities to observe gaps presented by the staffs. After the facility assessment, a one day feedback meeting session was held with the same twenty (20) participants to discuss the findings and steps to improve gaps identified.

THE ACTIVITY RESULTS:

Tools were developed by key stakeholders and were used to conduct assessment at the three drop-in centers. The gaps in both human and logistical resources were identified and addressed. The social workers and psychosocial workers started engaging the communities and have been to six communities (West Point, New Kru Town, and 24th Street, Center Street, King Gray and Redlight-Nezeo) for the identification and registration of the project beneficiaries using the project beneficiaries selection form developed. So far, over Nine hundred six (906) potential beneficiaries have been identified and line listed.

BASIC EVALUATION:

Following the assessment and survey, gaps identified in terms of human and material resources for the three (3) drop-in centers (Soniiwein Health Center, Pipeline Health Center and Redemption Hospital) some have been addressed. Renovation work has begun at Redemption and expected to be finished by Saturday, July 13, 2019 while Soniiwein has been completed. For Pipeline Health Center, renovation and refurbishing will commence on Monday, July 15, 2019. The furnishing and setting up of youth friendly centers is planned to begin on Monday after the renovation works at Soniiwein and Redemption.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMMEDIATE FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

After thoroughly assessing the (3) three health facilities selected for the MOH/YWCA - SEED Project Liberia, the following are recommendations from YWCA- Liberia. 1. The Pipeline health facility

The Pipeline Health Facility:

- a. Lacks security in terms for fence and base on that, the facility is vulnerable to crime at any time. Whatever material and equipment that will be bought is not save at such facility. The two security guys are now old and can't no longer protect the facility in terms of any hostility or violent relate situations. Taking the SEED project into consideration and the kind of youth/individual we are going to deal with; we wholeheartedly think that there is a need for a security measures be putting into place before the referral phase of the project.
- b. The issue of electricity is also major challenge at the Pipeline health facility, we are all aware in such modern dispensation of our generation electricity plays a major role in medical facilities.

- c. The issue of bathroom is also a major problem. The bathroom at the facility is not functioning properly and needs serious renovation.

The Soniwein Health facility

The Soniwein health Facility is one of the deplorable facilities amongst the three selected facilities for the referral of disadvantaged youth on the MOH/ YWCA – Liberia SEED Project.

- a. The Soniwein Health Facility also need electricity.
- b. The entire facility needs to be painted
- c. There is a need for proper medical waste disposal
- d. The front entrance gate needs to be fix and painted.
- e. There is/are no security at the facility
- f. The back fence of the health facility has fallen and that has caused the facility to be vulnerable to criminals, knowing very well that the Soniwein community is a very high-risk criminal zone.
- g. There is no microscope at the facility laboratory.

The facility that was giving by the Soniwein Health Administrator need to be renovated for use by the health workers for the SEED project.

Redemption Hospital:

The redemption hospital has 2 separate offices for both Mental Health and substance Use Disorders and another office for Social workers.

- a. The zinc over the Social Workers office need to be changed
- b. The mental health office need door need to be changed and add iron gate due to the frequency of breaking in offices and steeling items



Group work during the development of assessment tool and in-take form is seen above



MOH and UNFPA making remarks during the development of the assessment tool



In discussion with Drop-in Centres administrations Pipeline left, Redemption middle & Souniwen right is above



Photos of the screening rooms at the three drop-in centers facilities (Souniwen on the left, Redemption on the Right and Pipeline right)

Below is the Findings from the three drop-in centers assessment

Human Resource at these facilities

HR	Redemption Hospital	Pipeline HC	Soniwien Clinic
Trained Service Providers		52	44
MHC	6	3	2
SW	2	2	3
mhGAP	1	0	2
Addiction Prof	1	0	0

Services available at these facilities

Services available	Redemption Hospital	Pipeline HC	Soniwien Clinic
Integrated services	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mental Health Services	Yes	Yes	Yes
Substance Use Services	Partially	No	Partially
Psychosocial Counselling	Yes	Yes	Yes
Medication	Yes	Yes	Yes
Referral	Yes	Yes	Yes

Facilities or amenities available

Facilities or amenities available	Redemption Hospital	Pipeline HC	Soniwien Clinic
Electricity	Yes	No	No
Running Water	Yes	No	NO
Waiting or youth friendly Space	Yes	No	Yes
Screening Room	Yes	Yes	Yes (very small)
Available generator	Yes	Yes	Yes (damage)
Ventilation	No	Yes	No

Fence/bar-wire	Yes	Yes	Yes
Security Guards	Yes	Yes	Yes

Challenges

Challenges	Redemption Hospital	Pipeline HC	Soniwien Clinic
Limited supply/stock-out	Yes	Yes	Yes
Weak security system	Intact	Yes	Yes
Short stay	No	Space Available	No
Inconsistent Electricity	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pipe borne water	Yes	No	No
Screening room	Yes	Yes	Yes (very Small)
Hand Pump	No	Yes	Yes (not for drinking)
table, bed, shelf, disposable bins, linen, Colbert, desk	No	No	No
fuel	Yes	No	No
Facility fenced	Yes	No	Yes (back damage) and bar-wire
security Guard	Yes	1 (elderly man)	2 person at night only
Waiting space	Yes (No ventilation, current)	Yes	Yes (needs renovation)
Transportation to do referral and follow-up	No	No	No
training and communication cards	No	No	No
Leakage of roof	Yes	No	Yes
CPV damage	Yes	NA	NA
Desk damage	Yes	Yes	NA

Summary Report on the selection of project beneficiaries Exercise from June 27- July 6, 2019

Targeted Areas	Number of beneficiaries recorded (forms)
Paynesville Red-Light	231 Filled Out forms
Paynesville – King Gray	193 Filled Out Forms
Paynesville – Mount Barclay	82 filled out forms
New Kru Town	87 Filled out Forms
West Point	120 Filled Out Forms
Central Monrovia	193 Filled Out Forms
Total:	906 project beneficiaries (Forms)

Note:

Among the communities targeted for selection of project beneficiaries, Paynesville has been under serious ghetto raiding by the LDEA. The due to the ghetto raiding, there turn out of disadvantaged youth for the selection process has low.

ACTIVITY:

Activity 3. Refresher training for Social Workers and Health Workers

Date of activity: July 8-12, 2019

Participants/Facilitators: List of participants is attached

Where did the activity take place: YWCA Conference Hall
List of participants and facilitators is attached

OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTIVITY:

- ❖ To enhance the quality of substance use disorder treatment, Increase clinicians and social workers competency and provide quality of care in the MOH-UNFPA project
- ❖ Strengthen the capacity to provide a more comprehensive service.

ACTIVITY METHODOLOGY:

Five days intensive refresher training was done for 30 participants. (15 Health Workers & 15 Social Workers) to upgrade the knowledge and skills in providing services for disadvantage youth;

The Ministry of Health through the mental health Unit communicated through Monsterrado County Health Team to provide health workers with emphasis on those with Mental Health and Addiction knowledge.

The both trainings were simontinously held in the two conference halls at the YWCA from July 8-12, 2019 beginning at 08:00am to 5:00pm daily.

Process of facilitation included lectures from training models which were share to participants, interactive discussion, PowerPoint presentations, writing on flipcharts, question and answers, group work, roll plays, and doing of assignments as well as training models

ACTIVITY RESULTS:

The trained fifteen (15) social workers and the fifteen (15) mental health clinicians including the health workers are now knowledgeable in addiction services and now capacitated and prepared to provide evidence-based Substance Use Disorders (SUD) treatment, management and do follow-ups with those disadvantage youth coming for services at the three drop-in centers.

BASIC EVALUATION:

The Social Workers and Health Workers from the selected drop-in centers knowledge have been greatly improved and prepare to provide services for persons with Substance use disorders and Disadvantaged Youth in Monsterrado County.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMMEDIATE FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

Ministry of Health/Mental Health Unit and the YWCA recommend the immediate provision of drugs to enable services

Refresher Training Photos seen below





Activity 4: Support to project staff.

Administrative support to YWCA have been transferred. Ongoing support supervision for both social workers and mental health clinicians ongoing. Social workers and health workers incentives have not been paid because the amount provided for in the budget needs to be reconciled with the number of persons to be paid and the months they need to be paid for. Once that is cleared, all health and social workers will be paid for the months worked.

Activity 5: Development and printing of resource materials for training/IECBCC.

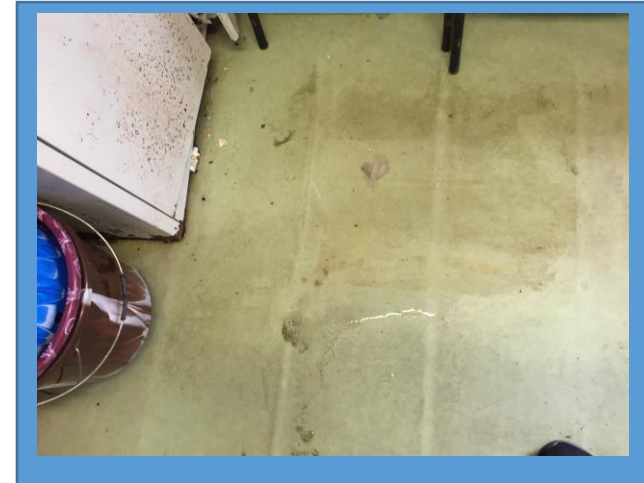
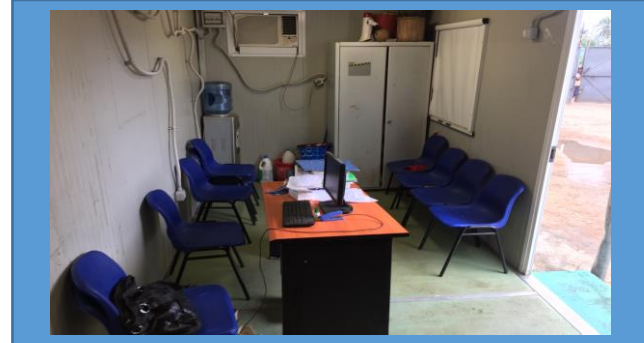
Mental Health Unit (MHU) has initiated discussions with the National Health Promotion Division of the MoH for activities surrounding the development of the IECBCC materials. A tentative date has been set for the working sessions needing finalization to develop the IEC/BCC materials.

Photo Gallery

Pipeline Health Center Assessment Photos



Redemption Hospital Assessment Photos



Soniwein Health Center Assessment Photos



Photos Gallery

