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Introduction

This Fund was established in 2020 as a deliverable of the [High Commissioner's IASC Championship on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse \(PSEA\) and Sexual Harassment](#) (September 2019 to December 2020). A joint initiative of UNHCR and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), the Fund supports the critical work of NGOs in preventing sexual exploitation and abuse by ensuring all affected people know that humanitarian assistance is never conditional on transactions or exchanges of any kind. Moreover, the Fund invests in community-led efforts to ensure that communities and SEA survivors know how and where to safely report allegations of sexual abuse and exploitation.

The launch of the Fund was met with immense interest, with some 1,500 applications from NGOs worldwide after each call for proposals. All eligible applications are reviewed and scored by an interagency steering group of PSEA experts, which in 2021 included representatives

from IOM, UNICEF, Oxfam, Care International, Girls Not Brides, and the Communicating with Disaster Affected Communities (CDAC) Network, as well as ICVA and UNHCR. In 2020, the first round of awards was made to 19 NGOs to help them reinforce PSEA through strengthened community awareness and engagement, whose achievements are summarised [here](#).

In 2021, an additional 15 grants were awarded to projects in all regions. These projects, summarized below, aim to strengthen engagement with key groups such as adolescent girls, language minorities, persons with disabilities, persons of diverse sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI), people in geographically isolated areas and communities where risks of transactional sex are known to be high. All selected projects incorporate dedicated attention to SEA risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and each has received technical support and advice from the interagency steering group in developing their respective initiatives.

Africa

TAMMOUNDE SPERANZA, Cameroon

TAMMOUNDE SPERANZA is launching a project to strengthen engagement on PSEA issues with approximately 400 men and 400 women from the IDP and host communities living in Zamaï et Mozogo, as well as with a wide array of community leaders and humanitarian actors. In collaboration with affected people, the project will develop an awareness-raising radio spot and 300 posters on PSEA prevention and reporting channels; organise 2 training workshops focused on elaborating key messages with 35 humanitarian actors; and coordinate 2 community-based training workshops (with 35 leaders and members of community committees). Ten focus group discussions with 25 women and girls and 10 focus group discussions with 25 community members will also be held.

SAUTI YA MAMA MUKONGOMANI (SMM), DRC

SMM is a coalition of female-led NGOs in the province of North Kivu. SMM has a dedicated “Women’s Rights Activists” (WRA) group, which is a community-based structure composed of women, men, youth and marginalised people from the affected population (including people with albinism, people with disabilities and members of the Pygmy population), which collectively leads awareness-raising and communication initiatives on women’s rights and GBV issues. Working through the diverse and broad-based WRA group, the project aims to engage affected communities through radio and TV programmes carrying key PSEA messages, as well as to highlight prevention and reporting mechanisms through posters and flyers in French and Swahili, along with picture boxes. SMM will also organise training sessions on PSEA policies and standards for its own members and partner organisations working in the region.

Organization for Social Service, Health and Development (OSSHD), Ethiopia

OSSHD will develop community awareness-raising materials in the Tigrinya language targeting IDP women, girls, and persons with disability living in 23 IDP sites in Mekelle city, including posters, banners and leaflets on SEA prevention and response and referral pathways. The NGO will also produce community engagement tools, such as training outlines and facilitators guides. In addition, the project will train and support community-based PSEA focal points from each IDP site, who will organise weekly community dialogue sessions with women, girls and persons with disabilities.

Kachere Progressive Women's Group (KPWG), Malawi

KPWG will raise community awareness in Ndamera and Nyachikadza on SEA risks through the development of billboards, posters and head bands, produced in the Sena dialect of Bantu. Interactive radio messages and jingles will also be produced and integrated in 15 PSEA talk shows and 25 radio programmes. Focus group discussions will be convened to engage specific groups (including persons with disabilities, and hard-to-reach populations) on issues such as the lack of inclusivity in PSEA communication channels and reporting mechanisms. Building on these discussions, the project will also convene stakeholder meetings with other NGOs and traditional and institutional authorities to strengthen reporting channels.

Horn of Africa Peace Network (HAPEN), Somalia

In coordination with the Protection Cluster and partners, HAPEN will engage refugees, IDPs and representatives of camp management in Lower Juba in the design of 4000 leaflets, 500 posters and 300 textiles with information and key messages in Somali. The NGO will also develop a mobile communication unit (car, microphone and loudspeaker), which will cover at least 40 camps by providing awareness to people in their homes, streets and market centres. HAPEN will conduct 3 focus group discussions with key stakeholders and produce a TV drama and 3-month radio talk show to promote awareness and to demonstrate safe reporting channels and existing referral pathways.

Reach Africa Organization (RAO), South Sudan

RAO will develop a diverse range of materials and approaches to engage the entirety of the affected population on PSEA, with a particular focus on women, girls, boys, men, local authorities, women leaders, youth leaders, and religious leaders. Materials will include audio clips, video clips and print copies, such as posters, of PSEA awareness materials: 1 in Arabic, 1 in English and 60 in different languages from the 60 tribes recognised in South Sudan. RAO will also produce 62 radio jingles, which will be broadcasted through community radios. In addition, workshops and focus group discussions will be held.

Disability Relief Services (DRS), Tanzania

DRS will target more than 100,000 refugees, in particular girls, women and people with disabilities, living in camps in Nyarugusu, Nduta and Mtendeli by developing 2 comedian shows and 1 community dialogue for refugee leaders. The project aims to engage 10,000 persons on key issues, which includes identifying the different types of sexual exploitation and abuse, clarifying the available reporting channels and mitigating potential barriers to reporting. A variety of media, and channels will be employed to convey key messages, including social media, 350 caps and T-shirts, 1,000 posters and 2,000 leaflet.

Childline Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe

Building on the progress achieved in the prior year, Childline Zimbabwe will target 600 children and 1000 adults living in Tongogara Refugee Camp and surrounding communities by translating the Drama Club Guide they developed in 2020 into additional local languages, including Swahili and Shona, and training 40 drama club guide facilitators to use the drama guide in schools and around the camp. A short radio drama version of the guide will also be developed. In order to increase visibility on SEA reporting mechanisms, branded bins, branded handwashing buckets, chat boxes and a billboard will be produced and distributed throughout the camp. PSEA messages will also be shared through a mobile road show, and a zero-tolerance campaign, targeting humanitarian workers, will also be launched.

Americas

Defence for Children International Costa Rica (DNI), Costa Rica

DNI will develop a range of child-sensitive products and tools to appropriately raise awareness on SEA issues and resources for over 770 refugee children and adolescents, mainly of Nicaraguan origin, residing in the Northern Zone and Great Metropolitan Area of Costa Rica. As part of this effort, DNI will develop and distribute 200 copies of a story book on what constitutes SEA and on existing referral pathways for children. The story book will be published in print, in digital format, and also as an audio book targeting children with disabilities. A similar comic book, also in print, digital and audio formats, will be developed to reach older children (13 to 18), which will contain information on SEA, prevention and reporting mechanisms. The comic book for older children will be developed in consultation with adolescents from the affected population. In collaboration with affected people, DNI will also develop 300 copies of a guide for 600 local actors from host communities. The guide will

outline steps local actors can take to help support and protect children from SEA, provide information on DNI's PSEA Focal Points and explain their role in SEA prevention and response.

Fundación Espacio Creativo, Panama

Fundación Espacio Creativo will develop targeted PSEA awareness-raising materials for migrants, refugees and local populations, in particular for children, youth and women in the provinces of Panamá, Panamá Oeste and Colón. The NGO will produce 5 dance video spots for children and youth, 5 radio spots and 5 series of social media postcards, focused on disseminating key PSEA messages, and organise 3 focus group discussions. In close collaboration with youth and women, it will also produce 2 podcasts.

Asia

Mawk Kon Local Development Organization, Myanmar

Mawk Kon LDO will implement PSEA activities in 15 local communities in the Kart Htike and Mong Lat village tracts in Keng Tung Township. The project aims to engage some 2,500 women, 1,000 adolescents and 1,800 mothers through community consultations, which will be used to develop a variety of information, education and communication (IEC) materials in local languages (Arkha, Lahu and Shan) to raise awareness on PSEA issues, reporting channels and support services. The organisation will also hold PSEA training sessions for 40 staff and community focal points, community leaders, and women and youth leaders. Focus group discussions (FGDs) will be convened with 40 community members of various age, gender and diversity (AGD) profiles on the development of IEC materials and preferred complaints and feedback

channels. Building on these FGDs, Mawk Kon LDO will organise a workshop with interagency actors including NGOs, UN entities, community leaders, community focal and relevant stakeholders on engaging with communities, with a view to developing a complaint and feedback mechanism that meets local and diverse needs.

Centre for Social Change (CSC), Nepal

CSC will work with Nepali artists on a project entitled 'Artivism for PSEA (art + activism)' to produce information, education and communication (IEC) materials to reinforce understanding, awareness and engagement among community members, aid workers and local government on PSEA. The project aims to reach over 100,000 persons through social media featuring flyers,

infographics, illustrations highlighting key SEA concepts, risks and reporting mechanisms. Additionally, two cartoon videos will be produced, after consultation with communities and humanitarian organisations, highlighting PSEA concepts, issues and reporting mechanisms. The organisation will also organise 6 PSEA workshops: 2 will focus on explaining the concepts and principles of PSEA to the artists, whilst the remaining 4 will focus on engaging with aid workers and local organisations.

National Humanitarian Network (NHN), Pakistan

NHN, an alliance of humanitarian national non-governmental organisations, will reach diverse groups to increase awareness on SEA issues and reporting channels by developing 500 posters and pamphlets in local languages Urdu, Punjabi, Pashtu, Sindhi and Balochi. NHN will also conduct capacity-building activities by organising trainings for PSEA focal points in humanitarian organisations, community members and local stakeholders. The network will also hold 5 focus group discussions at the provincial and regional levels, along with 50 community engagement sessions to create a safe discussion space, support the development of community-led initiatives and support community leadership on making communities safer from SEA.

Middle East

Al-Dameer Association for Human Rights, Palestine

Al-Dameer Association will conduct 40 awareness-raising sessions in Gasa, Deiral Balah, Khusa'a and Khan Yunis with 800 women, girls, youth and men, including persons with disabilities. The project also aims to reach some 20,000 people through a social media campaign featuring videos and radio episodes on PSEA issues and reporting channels. Al-Dameer Association will also develop billboards, design and print 500 posters and brochures. Capacity-building courses will be conducted with 20 staff and volunteer personnel of the organisation, as well as with 20 staff members of partner organisations.

International Humanitarian Relief (IHR), Syria

IHR will organise 40 awareness-raising sessions (10 sessions each month) targeting IDPs in Idlib and Aleppo, produce and distribute 5150 notebooks and 5150 pens and 5,000 leaflets. The NGO will convene 20 focus group discussions with various age, gender and diversity (AGD) profiles, including women, men, youth and children. IHR will also coordinate closely with the national PSEA Network throughout the project to identify the best channels for the awareness-raising campaign and in the development of the PSEA prevention videos to be used during the awareness-raising campaign.



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