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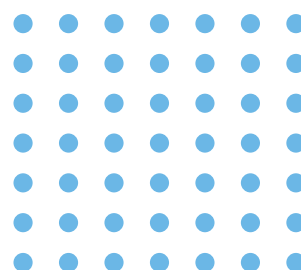
Introduction

The [PSEA Outreach 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.

Since its launch, the Fund has been met with immense interest, with over 5,000 applications received from NGOs worldwide in the four rounds since it was established. All eligible applications are reviewed and scored by an interagency steering group of PSEA experts, which in 2023 include representatives from IOM, UNICEF, Care International, CHS Alliance and World Vision International, as well as ICVA and UNHCR.

In the first three rounds of the Fund (2020-2022), awards were made to 49 projects to help NGOs reinforce PSEA through strengthened community awareness and engagement. You can read about their achievements [here](#). Over 60 types of material have been developed so far, including, among others, print, audio, video, community discussion guides, workshops and trainings, available in over 50 languages and tailored to reach over 20 different Age, Gender, Diversity (AGD) profiles. All materials are available to all freely and in editable formats. [The full database can be accessed here.](#)

In 2023, an additional 7 grants were awarded to projects in most regions. These projects, summarised below, aimed 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 have received technical support and advice from the interagency steering group in developing their respective initiatives.



Africa

Action Mopti, Mali

Action Mopti conducted 30 awareness-raising sessions with 3,900 IDPs living in the areas of Djenné, Mopti and Bandiagara. The NGO developed 24 image boxes, 400 leaflets, and 400 posters in French to inform about PSEA principles and available reporting mechanisms. Action Mopti produced and broadcasted 14 radio roundtables and 5 audios to disseminate awareness-raising messages in Bambara, Fula, Dogon, French, and Songhay on PSEA, explaining core PSEA concepts, the rights of affected communities, obligations of humanitarian workers and provide information on how and where to report. Action Mopti also set up 10 protection committees, each composed of 6 IDP women and 4 IDP men, and trained them on safe programming, PSEA risk mitigation, and the functioning of community feedback mechanisms, so as to strengthen their participation and engagement in humanitarian projects implemented in IDP camps. Through the creation of discussion spaces, these protection committees linked to other stakeholders, including NGOs and local authorities.



Action Mopti organised 30 awareness-raising sessions on PSEA for IDPs living in Djenné, Mopti and Bandiagara, Mali.

Girl Child Africa Foundation (GCAF), South Sudan

The women-led organization GCAF launched a project through a community mobilisation approach aimed at strengthening awareness on PSEA of affected communities living in Nasir County (Upper Nile State), by targeting 350 women, 150 men, 100 boys, and 200 girls, as well as members of the host community, community leaders and humanitarian workers. In close collaboration with affected communities,

the NGO developed 100 booklets and 100 flyers in Nuer and English on PSEA core concepts and SEA complaint and feedback mechanisms which were distributed during 3 awareness-raising campaigns to 800 members of affected communities. In addition, GCAF conducted 5 radio talk shows which enabled a wider coverage of the PSEA messaging developed. Lastly, the NGO also conducted 3 community engagement dialogues with 30 community leaders and organised 10 training sessions for 30 community leaders on PSEA, protection risks, mitigation measures, and referral pathways.

Americas

Espacio Migrante A.C., Mexico

Targeting 183 members of the migrant, refugee, and IDP communities living in and passing through Tijuana, Espacio Migrante organised 10 informative workshops to raise awareness on PSEA. As certain workshops aimed to focus on specific vulnerabilities of certain groups, the NGO organised 6 workshops focused on children, one on migrant, refugee, and IDP women, one on members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and two workshops were held with humanitarian staff. Espacio Migrante designed and disseminated infographics in Spanish, English, Haitian Creole, and French which provide information on prevention, SEA risks, how and where to report, and the institutions that can provide support and mental health services. Published both physically and virtually through social media channels, the materials produced include 100 leaflets, 40 posters, and 1 video, which was developed in Spanish, French, English, and Haitian Creole. Espacio Migrante also conducted a training on PSEA and reporting mechanisms with 20 humanitarian workers.



Through informative workshops, Espacio Migrante informed migrant, IDP and refugee communities living in and passing through Tijuana, Mexico, about SEA risks, prevention and available reporting mechanisms and health services.

Europe

Due to the high SEA risk in the refugee response in Eastern Europe and the known gaps in awareness on PSEA, the PSEA Outreach Fund continues its investment in outreach and communication projects in the region. This year, two projects in different contexts are supported to raise awareness, targeting different groups and languages in response to community needs. They will both be taking complementary approaches with potential usability across the region.

Fundacja Samodzielność od Kuchni (SOK Foundation), Poland

SOK Foundation's PSEA project, supported by the national PSEA Network, developed 3 PSEA awareness-raising animation videos that targeted and reached more than 35'000 refugee women and children from Ukraine, including those from a Romani background, living in Poland. Disseminated through social media and other digital communication channels, the first video addresses children up to 12 years old, the second video targets young and adult refugee women while the third video places the focus on refugee women and children of Romani origin. Available in multiple languages, including Polish, Ukrainian, English, and Romani, and allowing for captioning in these 4 languages, the videos aim to educate women and children on the topic of PSEA, the importance of their rights to report SEA as well as inform about available reporting channels.



Focus Group Discussions with Ukrainian refugee children organised by SOK Poland.

Romanian National Association of the Deaf (A.N.S.R.), Romania

To raise awareness of 6,000 persons with hearing impairments, including deaf, deaf-mute, and hard of hearing, from Ukrainian refugee communities living in Romania as well as from Romanian host communities, A.N.S.R. developed 14 short and accessible video clips and printed 2,000 brochures and 50 posters in both Romanian and Ukrainian Sign Languages. These materials aim to explain PSEA and safeguarding terminology, including the types of harm and sexual misconduct to individuals with hearing impairments. Additionally, the NGO produced 500 brochures in Romanian, English, and Ukrainian for humanitarian workers and volunteers which outline the appropriate rules and norms of communication that need to be applied when engaging with persons with hearing impairments. A communication campaign on social media supported the dissemination of these resources

MENA

Gashbun Organization for Guidance and Psychosocial Counselling (G.O.G.P.C.), Iraq

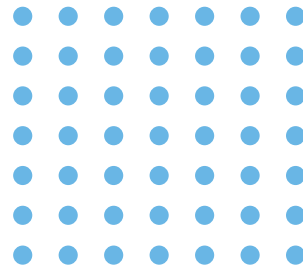
In the Dohuk governorate, Gashbun Organization organised awareness group sessions and campaigns in public places to increase awareness on PSEA of more than 2'000 persons from refugee, IDP and host communities and 20 community leaders. The NGO developed posters and leaflets in English, Arabic and Kurdish on PSEA and available reporting channels. A documentary film in Arabic was also produced to further strengthen awareness raising on PSEA. In addition, the NGO conducted 9 PSEA trainings for 175/65 humanitarian workers from local NGOs and community-based organizations on core PSEA concepts, reporting mechanisms and referral pathways and coordinated with 10/12 local NGOs to establish a local PSEA taskforce.

For All Foundation (FAF), Yemen

FAF implemented its planned PSEA activities in the districts of Tuban and Al Madaribah Wa Al Arah (governorate of Lahij). The NGO developed PSEA materials in Arabic, including 1,200 brochures, 1,200 posters, and 200 information booklets for 1,200 members of affected communities, including refugees, internally displaced persons, and persons with disabilities. The printed materials that were disbursed during 50 awareness-raising sessions aimed to explain core PSEA concepts, highlight key messages, and provide information on available reporting channels and support services. Finally, the NGO organized 50 interactive community workshops and training sessions targeting 200 staff and volunteers, which aimed to inform and provide guidance about PSEA and available support services and reporting mechanisms.



FAF developed PSEA materials to explain core concepts and reporting mechanisms, which were distributed during awareness-raising sessions held in the governorate of Lahij, Yemen.





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