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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 7,700 applications received from NGOs worldwide in the five rounds since it was established. All eligible applications are reviewed and scored by an interagency steering group of PSEA experts, which in 2024 include representatives from IOM, UNICEF, Care International, CHS Alliance and World Vision International, as well as ICVA and UNHCR.

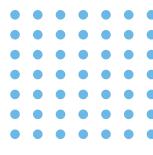
In the first four rounds of the Fund (2020-2023), awards were made to 56 projects to help NGOs reinforce PSEA through strengthened community awareness and engagement. You can read about their achievements here.

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 60 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 2024, an additional 9 grants were awarded to projects in most regions. These projects, summarised 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 have received technical support and advice from the interagency steering group in developing their respective initiatives.

This year, the Fund is receiving the support of the Office of the Special Coordinator on Improving the United Nations Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OSCSEA), helping the PSEA Outreach Fund to reach more people in need.



Africa

Actions Humanitaires pour le Développement Intégral (AHDI), DRC

Targeting a total of 20'450 of IDPs and host community women, men, boys and girls living in Butembo and Lubero (North Kivu), AHDI aims to produce 6 theatre pieces that illustrate SEA and develop three music scores that define key concepts of EAS as well as reporting mechanisms. The theatre pieces and the music scores will be broadcasted through 6 community radios in Kinande and aim to reach 3510 women, 1560 men, 4200 girls and 3000 boys. Furthermore, the NGO wants to produce 2500 leaflets, 150 posters and 6 calicots in French, Swahili and Kinande which cover key concepts of EAS and reporting mechanisms, targeting 2340 women, 1040 men, 2800 girls and 2000 boys. The leaflets will be distributed during the theatre plays and the posters, containing illustrative messages on key PSEA concepts and information on how and where to report, will be posted in public intersections.

Action pour le Respect des Droits de l'Homme et Dignité Humaine (ARDHU), Cameroon

The NGO will develop 500 posters, 670 flyers and 180 image boxes in French, Fufuldé and Arabic containing key PSEA messages which will be disseminated to 12'000 persons living in the Far North region of Cameroon, including nearly 4'000 IDPs and 3'000 refugees. 2 training sessions for 100 humanitarian workers from ARDHU as well as other NGOs and CBOs working in the Far North region will be organised. The focus of these training sessions is to provide the humanitarian workers with key information on PSEA; victim's rights and to present best practices for addressing reports. Furthermore, the NGO will establish 15 points of contact for reporting where community members can report safely and confidentially. Trimestral interactive community workshops with 140 community leaders and 24 awareness-raising sessions with overall 12'000 community members on PSEA, victims' rights and reporting procedures will be organised which aim to open discussions and to create safe spaces where community members can ask questions, share concerns and strengthen their collective understanding of PSEA.

Climate and Health Connect, Kenya

The NGO will develop one audio and one video skit in Somali and Swahili with English subtitles. to raise awareness about PSEA in a format that is easily accessible and engaging for the entire community which will be broadcast through community radios and shown in public places and institutions, thus targeting 40'000 women, 10'000 men, 30'000 girls and 20'000 boys living in Wajir West. In addition, Climate and Health Connect will produce 2'000 flyers and 100 posters in Swahili and Somali, which will be distributed to affected communities through awarenessraising sessions. The NGO will also conduct a 2-day training for 100 humanitarian workers who interact directly with the communities to strengthen their understanding of SEA prevention. response and reporting mechanisms. Finally, Climate and Health Connect will collaborate with the Department of Health and establish a police gender desk, to ensure that the health sector and the police are trained on PSEA and available reporting mechanisms and to include them actively in PSEA efforts.

Americas

Instituto sobre Migración y Refugio LGBTIQ para Centroamérica (IRCA CASABIERTA), Costa Rica

IRCA CASABIERTA will begin the project by conducting an evaluation on the specific SEA risks that LGBTQIA refugees and migrants face, which will inform the IEC materials and activities that will be implemented during the project. To raise awareness on PSEA and available reporting channels, the NGO will create and distribute 2000 brochures and 200 posters in both print and digital formats and develop 5 spots and 5 podcasts, all in English and Spanish for 7'000 LGBTQIA migrants and refugees residing in the Gran Area Metropolitana (GAM) of San José. Finally, the NGO will organize and conduct 3 workshops for 20 staff members and 20 LGBTQIA refugees and migrants to raise awareness on PSEA and to provide information on how to prevent and respond to SEA and where and how to report.

Komite Pwoteksyon Timoun Site Letenel (KPTSL), Haiti

KPTSL will paint 5 murals and develop 3'5000 flyers, 10 soundtracks and 3 banners in French and Creole, which raise awareness on PSEA among more than 20'000 IDP families, composed of 1400 women, 1850 men, 16400 girls and 800 boys, living in 7 IDP accommodation sites in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area, by disseminating PSEA communication messages. In addition, the NGO will also develop and implement 7 theatre forums, which aim to increase awareness on PSEA and on available reporting channels of IDP women, men, girls and boys. Lastly, KPTSL will organize 10 training sessions with 250 humanitarian actors and local community leaders, so as to support ongoing PSEA mechanisms and interventions on PSEA and to increase the humanitarian actors and community leaders understanding of PSEA.

Asia

Disabled Child Foundation (DCF), Bangladesh

This OPD will develop 3000 flyers and posters, produce 4 videos and various digital content formats in English and Bangla, which target 1'000 women, 500 men, 1'000 girls and 500 boys, of which 2'000 are women and girls with disabilities. These materials will include information on what constitutes SEA, reporting mechanisms, and the rights of individuals, especially persons with disabilities. In addition, DCF will adapt 3 existing booklets, flyers or posters to suit persons with disabilities, which may include braille, audio versions and easy-to-read formats. 6 workshops and focus groups discussions with targeted communities, including 20 adolescent girls and 20 women with disabilities, will facilitate discussions about SEA, gather feedback on existing and to be developed materials, and build local capacity to address SEA issues. At the same time, the OPD will organize a Training of Trainers (ToT) for 20 aid workers on PSEA principles, effective communication strategies, especially for and with persons with disabilities, and the use of the new outreach materials. This will include sessions on how to handle SEA complaints and support survivors. Finally, DCF will evaluate its PSEA project by organising a lessons-learnt workshop with 50 participants as well as 4 FGDs, which serve as evaluation sessions.

Women in Struggle for Empowerment Society (WISE), Pakistan

WISE, a women-led NGO, will organize 40 awareness sessions targeting 680 women and girls living in Districts of Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana Sahib and Faisalabad. The NGO will produce 2'000 flyers and brochures and 1'000 writing pads in English and Urdu that cover awareness, prevention, protection, and reporting procedures. These IEC materials will address the broader gaps identified by the PSEA Network by enhancing community awareness and improving the effectiveness of SEA reporting and prevention mechanisms. Furthermore, WISE will develop a manual detailing complaint and feedback mechanisms (CFMs) and referral pathways for community focal persons and organize 2 twoday training session with 40 community focal persons to enhance their understanding and implementation of the reporting mechanisms. Lastly, the NGO will upgrade their safeguarding/ PSEA policy and staff code of conduct to ensure that all staff are fully informed and equipped to uphold safeguarding standards. In addition, new guidelines will be developed for social mobilizers, focal persons, and field staff.

Middle East and Northern Africa

Salam Humanitarian Foundation (SHF), Turkey

Targeting a total of 5'000 IDPs, persons with disabilities (including individuals with Down syndrome and blind persons), minority groups and hard-to-reach and marginalized groups living in Northwestern Syria, in particular in Idleb and Rural Aleppo, SHF will first organise 10 training sessions with 100 service providers and community members from displaced and host communities on PSEA, rights and reporting channels, with a focus on inclusivity for persons with disabilities. The NGO will also organise 100 awareness raising sessions, by deploying mobile outreach teams to remote and underserved areas to engage directly with 2'000 women and girls, 1'000 persons from minority groups and 800 persons from marginalised communities, providing information on SEA; rights and reporting channels. The mobile teams will include trained

staff who can communicate effectively with individuals with disabilities. Furthermore, SHF will install 30 audio devices and place 1'500 braille stickers and 1'000 braille flyers in Arabic and Kurdish in service centers, which will provide information on PSEA, including definitions, rights and key messages, and available reporting mechanisms in an inclusive way.

SOS Foundation for Development, Yemen

SOS Foundation will produce an awarenessraising video in Arabic, which is culturally appropriate and locally relevant for affected communities living in the Aden Governorate, and which will explain what SEA is, the obligations of aid actors to prevent and address SEA, and the rights of community members to receive protection and assistance free from exploitation and abuse. The video will be showcased through 10 screenings, targeting 200 women, 150 men, 75 girls and 75 boys. Furthermore, the NGO will create 500 informative posters and 500 brochures in Arabic to provide clear, concise information on SEA and how to report incidents safely. These posters and brochures will be strategically placed and distributed in community centers, schools, health clinics, and other public spaces. Through 10 community engagement sessions with 300 members of affected communities, including IDPs, migrants, host communities, and community leaders, the NGO aims to ensure that the communities are informed about PSEA and available reporting channels and aware about the materials that are developed under the PSEA project. An awareness guide for civil society organizations will also be developed and distributed in 300 copies, which aims to provide information on how to raise awareness about SEA, engage with the community, and support survivors. This guide will include best practices, case studies, and practical tools for effective community outreach. A workshop with 20 humanitarian actors will be organised to review the awareness guide for CSOs and to train the participants on how to put the quide into practice.





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