



Annual Report of the Trust Fund in Support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

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Cover page: Community engagement to raise awareness on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

Port-au-Prince, August 01st, 2019. Community engagement campaign in the streets of the Haitian capital Port-au-Prince against Sexual Exploitation and Abuses (SEA). This outreach project led by the Mima Gentile, UNPOL Conduct Discipline Team (CDT) officer and conducted by 21 UNPOL and FPU officers aimed to sensitize the population about the Zero Tolerance policy of the UN and transmit the information about the existing hotline to report cases of SEA.

Photo Credit: Leonora Baumann, MINUJUSTH

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FOREWORD

I am pleased to introduce the Annual Report of the Trust Fund in Support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (The Trust Fund) which highlights activities conducted in, and a financial overview for, 2022. It provides information on the launch of the first annual cycle for proposals, as well as the impact of Trust Fund projects and lessons learned.

Throughout 2022, the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance (DMSPC) stepped up its engagement with entities across the United Nations system to coordinate assistance and support for victims of sexual exploitation and abuse to fund paths to realizing sustainable economic independence for them.

In 2022, six Trust Fund projects continued in locations affected by political and other insecurity as well as environmental disasters, including earthquakes and floods. Throughout, the Trust Fund Secretariat remained flexible and guided project implementing partners on ways to mitigate the effects of these events.

In the seven years since its establishment, the Trust Fund has financed 17 projects which are completed or being implemented, despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have sought to build on its experience, including by introducing an annual cycle for the receipt of Trust Fund proposals. This provided an opportunity to increase awareness of the Trust Fund and its mandate among humanitarian, development organizations and peacekeeping. This generated submission of many proposals, which pointed to gaps in provision of support and services to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse and the difficulties presented by the absence of an overall funding mechanism for victims' assistance and support globally.

In early 2023, a revitalized Trust Fund Review Committee met in person for the first time since the end of the pandemic. It reviewed proposals shortlisted from all submissions during the out of the annual cycle and approved 12, the implementation of which will be reported in 2024.



The Secretariat is grateful to the 24 Member States which support the Trust Fund and looks forward to continued contributions. The broader outreach accompanying the introduction of the annual cycle revealed the need for additional and sustainable funding to support victims. Accordingly, In March 2023, a new funding appeal was released, and I look forward to strong support.

Our commitment to support victims of sexual exploitation and abuse must remain unwavering.

Catherine Pollard

**Under Secretary-General for
Management Strategy, Policy and
Compliance**

TRUST FUND AND ITS FOCUS

The Trust Fund in Support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, administered by DMSPC, was created by the Secretary-General in 2016 to strengthen support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse. The objective of the Trust Fund is to provide catalytic funds to address gaps in services for victims envisaged in the United Nations Comprehensive Strategy on Assistance and Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by United Nations Staff and Related Personnel (A/RES/62/214, Annex). Trust Fund projects support victims and those at risk of sexual exploitation and abuse or in the most vulnerable situations in their communities. The Fund finances projects implemented by United Nations Secretariat entities, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and non-governmental organizations focused on:



PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

Trust Fund projects provide psychosocial services for women and children, including psychological first aid and counselling and assistance delivered by specialized mental health clinics. Beneficiaries receive support to facilitate their reintegration into their communities, including the peer-to-peer support.



MEDICAL CARE

Trust Fund projects facilitate the receipt by victims of medical care and treatment to address the consequences of sexual exploitation and abuse. Victims receive immediate medical care, and receive sanitary and hygiene materials, and are referred to services such as HIV post-exposure treatment, post-exposure prophylaxis, and reproductive and sexual health care services.



Focus Group Discussion on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in South Sudan
Photo Credit: UNFPA



AWARENESS-RAISING

Trust Fund projects include community outreach elements to raise the local population's awareness of their rights and of the support available. Community-based complaint networks (CBCNs) are critical in encouraging reporting of complaints and coordinating and providing victim assistance and support. CBCNs bring the United Nations, beneficiaries, civil society organizations, and community leaders together so that all have reliable and accurate information about projects, their objectives and how the activities financed address the needs of the victims.



INCOME GENERATION

Trust Fund projects help to provide victims with knowledge and tools which empower them to become economically active and self-sufficient. This helps them reclaim their dignity and rebuild their self-esteem. Through participation in vocational training and training on business and finance management, victims gain skills which enable them to start businesses, or sell products to generate income which supports them and their families. Efforts continue with United Nations and non-United Nations partners to identify pathways to sustainable income generation for beneficiaries, and provision of information to them on general economic and market information in their communities.

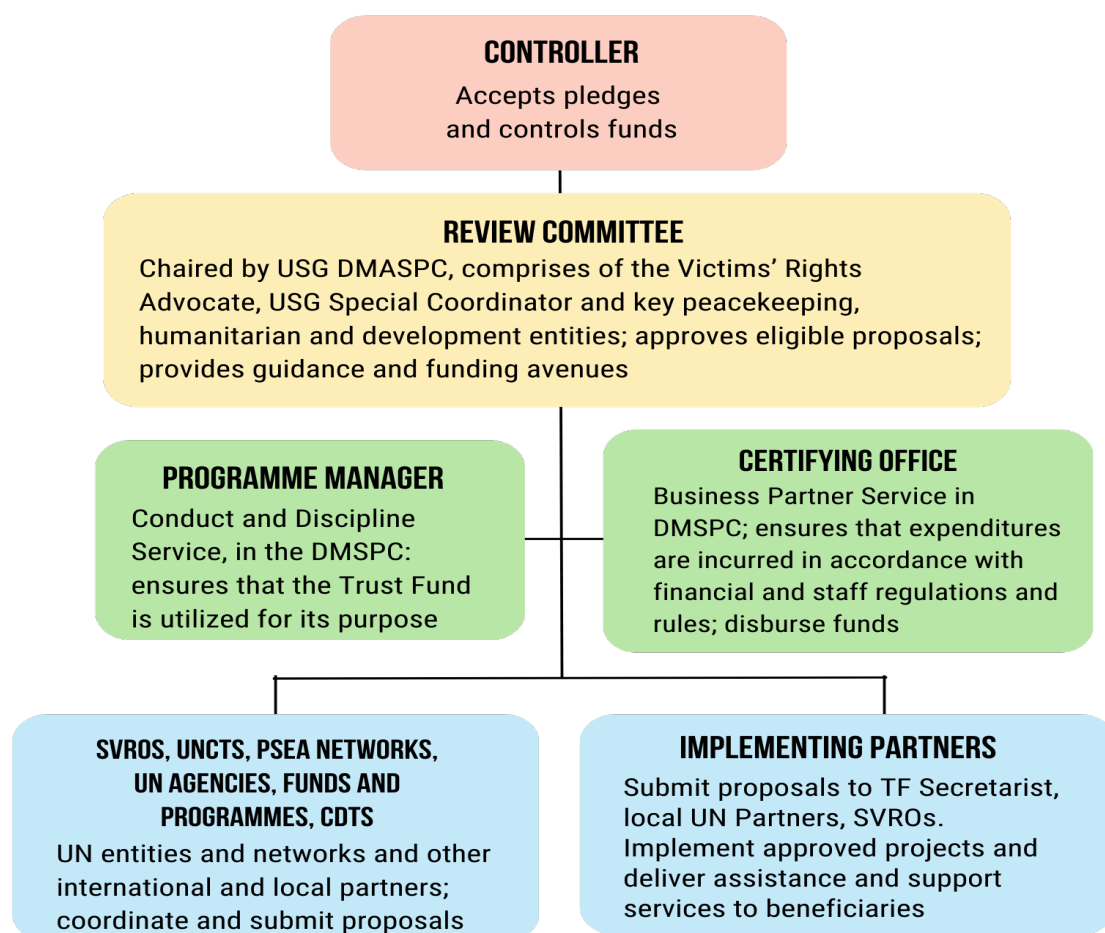


Community outreach activity in the Central African Republic
Photo Credit: MINUSCA CDT

GOVERNANCE OF THE TRUST FUND

Administration: The Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance (DMSPC) is the Trust Fund Implementing Office (IO), with the Trust Fund Programme Manager being the Conduct and Discipline Service (CDS) located in the Administrative Law Division of the Office of Human Resources. CDS serves as the Secretariat of the Trust Fund and its Review Committee. CDS monitors the status of projects and their performance indicators, ensures that disbursed funds are used in line with project proposals and reviews final expenditures for each project in line with established procedures. The Trust Fund Certifying Officer is the DMSPC Executive Office.

The Trust Fund Review Committee¹ approves eligible proposals in accordance with the Trust Fund Terms of Reference and existing regulatory and programme management frameworks. The Trust Fund Implementing Office consults with the Victims' Rights Advocate on proposals prior to the meeting of the Review Committee. Members of the Review Committee are from Secretariat Offices, Departments and UN agencies funds and programmes. The Victims' Rights Advocate is a member of the Review Committee and a key source of information and guidance on Trust Fund scope and projects.



1. The Review Committee members are the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance (Chair), the Victims' Rights Advocate, OCHA, UNICEF, UNDP, UN-WOMEN, UNFPA, IOM, WHO, Development Coordination Office and the Department of Peace Operations.

IMPROVING AND STREAMLINING PROCESSES



A focused annual cycle for submission of project proposals was launched in September 2022 with a view to realizing a smoother, time-sensitive, and efficient process for receipts and review of proposals and facilitating better planning of projects, timelines and use of resources.

Clear guidelines on the approval steps and timeline on length of each step of the cycle were developed and communicated to stakeholders, through dedicated sessions, and the public, through the Trust Fund website.

A number of outreach activities were organized to encourage United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and non-governmental organizations to apply for Trust Fund financing, provide guidance on submission of proposals and the process of selection. Briefings with field offices, Prevention Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Networks, Inter-Agency Standing Committee PSEA focal points, PSEA Coordinators, and others occurred prior to the start of the cycle directed at generating a wide range of projects from development, humanitarian, and peace-keeping contexts.

As a result, 426 submissions were received, and after review of the proposals by the Trust Fund Secretariat and the Victims' Rights Advocate, 12 were short-listed. These were approved by the Review Committee in April 2023. The new projects, to be implemented in the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, Haiti, Iran, Myanmar, Somalia, and South Sudan. In some cases, more than one project proposal was approved per country to be implemented in different regions and address different service gaps. All projects will be reported on in 2024.

A beneficiary from the Trust Fund project in South Sudan
Photo Credit: Yasna Uberoi, CDS

TRUST FUND PROJECTS

During 2022, the Trust Fund implemented the following projects²:



2. It is to be noted that project budgets and timelines are subject to change given the evolving situations where projects are being implemented and based on the identified needs e.g., security situation in a country can lead to additional funds being disbursed.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

Project Name: Strengthen victims' rights to assistance and support: provision of comprehensive services for victims of sexual exploitation and abuse

Implementing Partner: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Project Budget: 275,961 USD

Funds Disbursed: 114,054 USD

Status: Ongoing

The project was initiated in 2022 by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to provide holistic support for victims of sexual exploitation and abuse and women and girls at risk in four humanitarian hubs (North-East, Central-East, South-East and Kasai) with a high number of recorded SEA allegations following the continued humanitarian presence and Ebola outbreaks. The project focuses on providing quality services which respond to the rights and needs of SEA victims and children born as a result of SEA, emergency and primary medical care, safe ante- and post-natal care and mental health and psychosocial and reintegration support.



A local woman in the DRC
Photo Credit: Abel Kavanagh, MONUSCO



Project Objectives³:

- Provide 150 project beneficiaries with mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and medical support.
- Provide 150 project beneficiaries with sanitary and hygiene kits.
- Train 80 community stakeholders on psychological first aid.
- Increase knowledge and understanding of 100 local authorities and leaders of SEA risks and how to detect and support victims of SEA.
- Provide 111 children with school kits.

Over the course of 2022, the following activities were implemented:

- 73 victims and four children received medical care.
- 87 beneficiaries participated in at least one session to provide psychosocial support. Psychosocial support sessions included psychological first aid, mental health assessments, counselling, follow-up visits and referrals for specialized MHPSS services.
- Three victims were referred to partners for socio-economic reintegration support (as this project does not include income-generating activities).
- Trainings were held in Bukavu, Beni and Bunia for psychosocial staff working within organizations in the gender-based violence (GBV) sub-cluster and the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) network and implementing partners providing MHPSS services to SEA victims and GBV victims. The training reached 59 participants (39 females, 20 males).
- Health facilities in Beni were provided with health supplies, including emergency reproductive health kits.
- Provided 23 project beneficiaries with sanitary and hygiene kits.



(Top & Below) Community engagement activity to raise awareness on the risks associated with sexual exploitation and abuse by UN personnel
Photo Credit: Michael Ali, MONUSCO

3. Numbers of project beneficiaries mentioned under project objective sections are based on the approved project proposal. Those numbers might change (decrease/increase) during the implementation phase of a project. Final number of project beneficiaries supported are reported once a project is completed.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

Project Name: Support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Implementing Partner: Samani Ya Mazingira (SYAM)

Project Budget: 323,973 USD

Funds Disbursed: 323,973 USD

Status: Ongoing

MONUSCO, with support from Samani Ya Mazingira (SYAM) as implementing partner, launched the project in September 2022. It supports 382 beneficiaries, including 130 former beneficiaries who received vocational training as part of a previous Trust Fund project in the DRC.

Project Objectives:

- Organize vocational training in sewing, pastry making for 160 victims of sexual exploitation and abuse and women in vulnerable situations.
- Provide school fees and materials for 92 children born from SEA and other children in vulnerable situations at risk of sexual exploitation and abuse.
- Train 130 former beneficiaries (who received vocational training from the previous Trust Fund projects implemented in the DRC) in business skills (entrepreneurship, business plan, financial management, management, and strategies to increase their income) and connect them with networks of existing business actors to support their efforts towards autonomy.
- Organize awareness campaigns on preventing SEA for CBCMs.

Throughout 2022, the following activities were implemented:

- 91 beneficiaries were trained in sewing.
- 69 beneficiaries were trained in pastry.
- 117 children supported with school fees.
- Conducted 15 community outreach sessions on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.





I am 23 years old, single, with a four-year-old child born of SEA. The economic empowerment strategy implemented by SYAM has not only opened doors for us to improve our fabric-cutting and sewing skills, but also helped us increase our income. We are all very happy with this workshop. I received the materials worth forty dollars (40) to last month to sew with our coach. In three weeks, I have already reached 29.3 American dollars of profit, and I still have two bolts of the eight bolts of fabric I got, that I have to sew and produce skirts and shirts. By the end of this month, I hope to reach \$40 in profit. Previously I had no activities and taking care of my child and meeting my needs was difficult because we had nothing at home. This is already a good starting point for me; this project gives me hope.

Beneficiary L, DRC



(Top) Training on business plan in Kavumu, Democratic Republic of the Congo
 (Below) Training on business plan in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo
 Photo Credit: Samani Ya Mazingira (SYAM)

Haiti

Project Name: Victim assistance and support for children of SEA and their mothers

Implementing Partner: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Project Budget: 249,738 USD

Funds Disbursed: 249,738 USD

Status: Completed

In March 2021, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with the Associazione Volontari per il Servizio Internazionale (AVSI) initiated Haiti's first Trust Fund project. Despite political instability, unstable security situations and trauma experienced by beneficiaries in Haiti following the earthquake in the south of the country in August 2021, the project activities were carried out, and the project was completed in September 2022.

Project Objectives:

- Provide educational support to 34 children (17 girls and 17 boys) born of sexual exploitation or abuse.
- Provide socio-economic, psychological, and medical assistance to 28 victims of sexual exploitation and abuse.
- Provide legal assistance to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse, including to pursue paternity/child support claims.
- Increase community awareness of prevention and response to sexual exploitation and abuse.



Local women in Haiti
Photo Credit: Logan Abassi, MINUSTAH



Community engagement to raise awareness on sexual exploitation and abuse
 Photo Credit: Leonora Baumann, MINUJUSTH

Over the course of the project, the following activities were implemented:

- 36 children (18 girls and 18 boys) born of sexual exploitation and abuse, and 30 victims received educational support and socio-economic assistance (school fees, uniforms; school equipment, food, lunch boxes; psychosocial support; medical care – such as prescription spectacles - and housing). Support included:
 - » Monthly payments (August 2021 – August 2022) for school fees, and meals/lunch boxes and medical care (case-by-case) were provided to 36 children.
 - » The school registration fees for 2022/23 school year and costs of uniforms and school supplies were covered for 37 children.
 - » 16 beneficiaries received flat-rate contributions for rental of space for their businesses/housing.
 - » 33 children were provided with medical care.
- 36 children (18 girls and 18 boys) born of sexual exploitation and abuse, and 28 victims received psychosocial support and medical care
- One beneficiary received pro bono legal support.
- In response to the earthquake in the South and Grand Anse, 26 beneficiaries (14 children and 12 mothers) were supported, with twelve individuals receiving exceptional stipends for income-generating activities and housing.
- Outreach communication sessions were conducted with project beneficiaries. Audio spots and short films in Creole were developed. The radio messages were transmitted by local radios.
- 22 psychological sessions for project beneficiaries, including children were conducted.

With this project, my child's schooling has been paid without any difficulty. The support also provided food for my child during the whole school year. After the earthquake of 14 August 2021, the people in charge of the project gave us support that allowed us to survive and to undertake income-generating activities. In general, I can say that with support the schooling of my child was assured during the year 2021-2022.

Beneficiary M, Haiti



Community engagement to raise awareness on sexual exploitation and abuse
Photo Credit: Leonora Baumann, MINUJUSTH

Through the help of this project, my child goes to school, and I can give him food and clothes. After the earthquake of 14 August 2021, I was given special support that was very useful. This support allows me to lay the foundation of a house to live with my child, without forgetting the support for the reinforcement of the IGAs which helps me daily.

Beneficiary R, Haiti

Liberia

Project Name: Vocational and Entrepreneurial Skills Development In Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) in Liberia

Implementing Partner: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Project Budget: 297,433 USD

Funds Disbursed: 297,433 USD

Status: Ongoing



The Trust Fund project in Liberia
Photo Credit: Stevenson Seidi, UNESCO

In late 2022, a second Trust Fund project in support of victims of sexual exploitation and abuse was launched, with UNESCO as the implementing partner. The project seeks to empower up to 200 individuals, including those who benefited from the first Trust Fund project focused on literacy and numeracy, to acquire marketable skills that could enable them to provide for themselves and their families.

Project Objectives:

- Train 200 victims of SEA and community members in tailoring and design, pastry making and catering, soap making and dyeing, and cosmetology.
- Provide psychosocial support to project beneficiaries.
- Organise a two-month internship for at least 50% of the project beneficiaries. Participation in the internship will be voluntary and any interested beneficiary will be provided with an internship opportunity.
- Train 200 project beneficiaries in business management.

Over the course of 2022, the following activities were implemented:

- Inception meetings were convened with local authorities and community leaders.
- 220 project beneficiaries were enrolled in six-month vocational trainings, which are still ongoing.

South Sudan

Project Name: Enhancing support for victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by providing timely, quality and victim-centred services in Rubkona of Unity State, Malakal Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites of Upper Nile State and Pibor of Jonglei State of South Sudan

Implementing Partner: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Project Budget: 337,872 USD

Funds Disbursed: 337,872 USD

Status: Ongoing

The 12-month project which seeks to provide direct, specialized services for victims of SEA and those in vulnerable situations in Rubkona, Malakal PoC and Pibor is implemented by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Project beneficiaries are provided with psychosocial support, legal counselling, material support, and training in income-generating activities.

Project Objectives:

- Provide 60 SEA victims and members of the communities affected or at risk of SEA with access to psychosocial, legal services and medical support.
- Provide 60 victims of SEA and members of the communities affected or at risk of SEA with materials such as clothing, sanitary and hygiene products, and transport allowing them to meet immediate and varying needs.
- Repair three existing women's and girls' friendly spaces (WGFSS) structures,
- Provide vocational training to 60 victims of SEA and members of the communities affected or at risk of SEA in hairdressing, knitting, beading, bread making etc.

- Provide project beneficiaries with income-generation activities and starter-kits for enterprises in such as hairdressing, knitting and beading, bread making. Assist with the creation of small business by providing coffee and other workstations.
- Train three CBCN groups on prevention of the SEA and reporting.



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I am a self-reliant woman: I own my tea place, pay rent for the shop, school fees for my children, and support my family.

In my community, flooding and community violence have made women and girls more vulnerable to violence and exploitation.

”

Anonymous
Beneficiary of the UN Trust Fund in Support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in South Sudan

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Over the course of 2022, the following activities were implemented:

- 170 beneficiaries received psychosocial and medical support.
- Project beneficiaries in Bentiu, Malakal and Pibor received legal support.
- 377 project beneficiaries attended income-generation training in the WGFs in Bentiu, Malakal and Pibor.
- 377 victims of SEA and women and girls at risks of SEA received start-up kits to support income-generating activities, as well as other needs.
- 92 CBCM networks were established and supported through training and provision of materials including torches, visibility materials and gumboots.
- 25 partner staff attended training on the United Nations Victim Assistance Protocol.
- 86 stakeholders attended SEA prevention, and reporting mechanism training.
- 43,506 individuals reached through different awareness-raising messages through various mechanisms on SEA's prevention and reporting mechanism.



Sustainable stoves as a part of the Trust Fund project in South Sudan
Photo Credit: Yasna Uberoi, CDS

The Central African Republic

Project Name: Realization of the rights of victims in the Central African Republic through provision of support and assistance

Implementing Partner: NGUERE TI BATANGO YE SO A NGÔRO E (NBY)

Project Budget: 251,168 USD

Funds Disbursed: 125,584 USD

Status: Ongoing

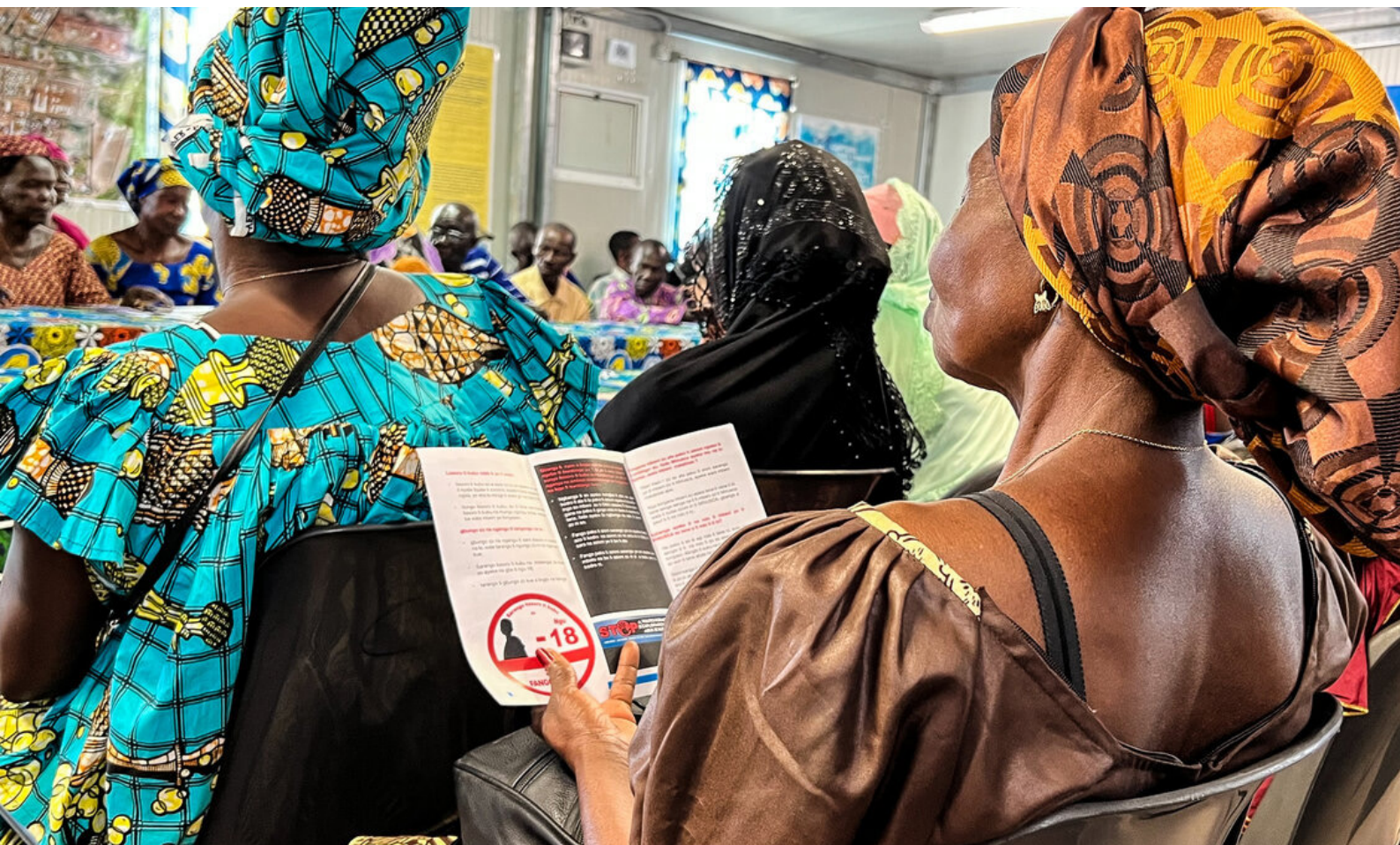
In 2022, the Review Committee approved a new project to support victims of SEA and children born as a result of sexual exploitation and abuse in the Central African Republic. MINUSCA, with support of NGUERE TI BATANGO YE SO A NGÔRO E (NBY), is implementing the project in three areas: Alindao, Mobaye and Pombolo.

Project Objectives:

- Train 120 victims of sexual exploitation and abuse and at risk of SEA in Alindao and 100 victims of SEA and those at risk of sexual exploitation and abuse in Mobaye and Pombolo in soap-making, pastry production, sewing, hairdressing, agriculture, and animal husbandry.
- Provide educational support to 34 children born of sexual exploitation or abuse.
- Reconstruct a school in Pombolo.
- Increase the capacity of the Local Community Prevention and Response Network (LCPRN) members on prevention and response to sexual exploitation and abuse.



The Trust Fund project in the Central African Republic
Photo Credit : Magdalena Wos, CDS



Community engagement to raise awareness on sexual exploitation and abuse
Photo Credit: MINUSCA CDT

Over the course of 2022, the following activities were implemented:

- Selection of a partner supporting the implementation of the project has been finalised.
- The Mission, including the local CDT Office, and the implementing partner, conducted introductory meetings with local authorities, community leaders, members of community networks on sexual exploitation and abuse.

Project beneficiary selection criteria were finalized, and project beneficiaries were identified.

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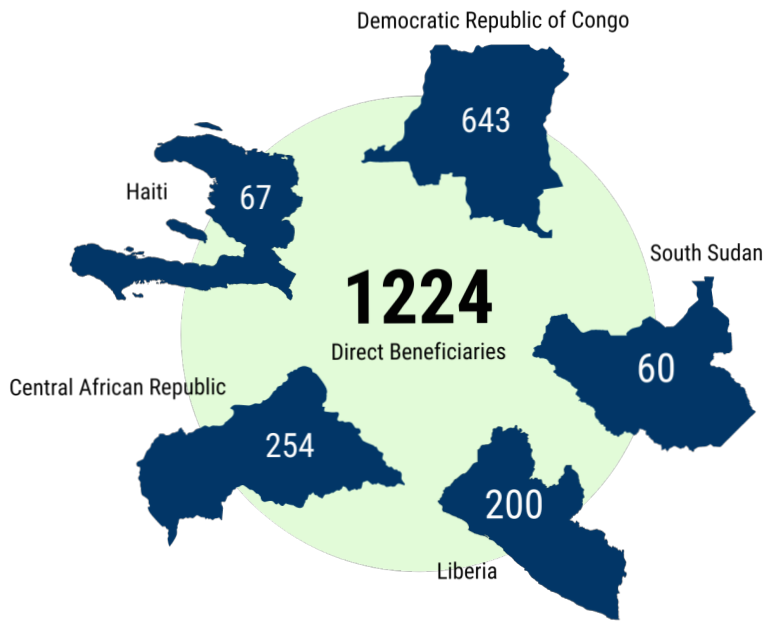
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PROJECTS

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1,224
DIRECT
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Since its establishment in 2016, the Trust Fund has supported around...

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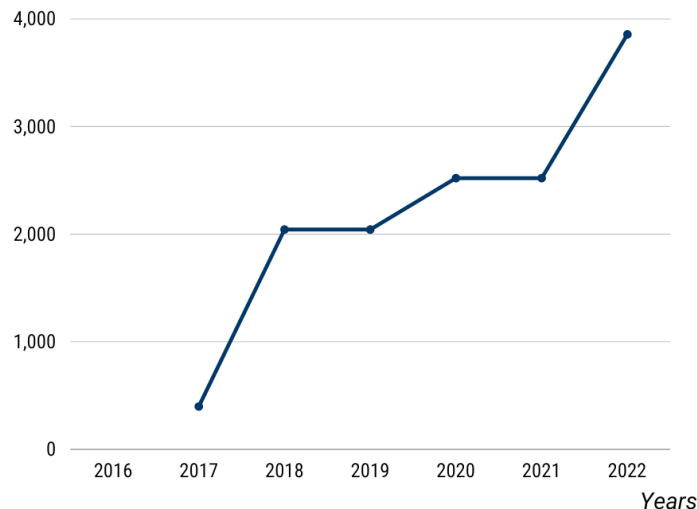
including up to

300
CHILDREN

through

17
PROJECTS

accumulated
of direct beneficiaries



FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Summary of all funds between 2017 and May 2023

\$4,045,088

Contributions received
since 2016

\$824,773

Payments withheld from
personnel as a result of
substantiated allegations⁴

\$4,862,620

Total

\$2,763,447

Funds disbursed/committed between 2017 and May 2023 for projects (the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Liberia, South Sudan, the Central African Republic) and funds committed for ongoing projects

\$2,106,414

Projected balance

4. The withheld payment total amount is as of May 2023.

List of the 24 Member States which provided contributions to the Trust Fund and payments withheld from personnel as a result of substantiated allegations. It is to be noted that these are all contributions received and much has been disbursed or committed as per the table below:

	Albania 2,000		Luxembourg 50,000
	Australia 150,954		Nigeria 100,000
	Bangladesh 100,000		Norway 387,698
	Bhutan 10,000		Pakistan 10,000
	Canada 232,132		Philippines 15,000
	Cyprus 17,900		Portugal 82,671
	Ecuador 1,000		Slovakia 35,352
	Finland 60,045		Sri Lanka 10,000
	Germany 120,000		Switzerland 52,000
	India 100,000		Uganda 10,000
	Italy 578,816		United Kingdom 1,099,520
	Japan 200,000		United States 620,000

TOTAL: 4,045,088
WITHHELD
PAYMENTS: **824,773**

OVERALL TOTAL
4,869,861

FUNDING

The Trust Fund portfolio since its establishment includes voluntary contributions from 24 Member States (contributors are listed in the Financial Information section on page 21) in the amount of over USD 4.8 million, including approximately USD 820,000 representing payments withheld following substantiated allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations personnel.

Contributions to the Trust Fund can be made by governments, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions, or individuals.



The Trust Fund project in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Photo Credit: Samani Ya Mazingira (SYAM)

Following the successful launch of the first annual proposal cycle and approval of **12 new projects** by the Review Committee, **USD 2.3 million** will be needed to implement newly approved proposals only.

In response to the above, and preparation for the next proposal cycle (2023/2024), in March 2023 the Secretariat appealed for voluntary financial contributions to the Trust Fund and **seeks to raise USD 3 million by March 2024.**

To contribute to the Trust Fund, visit <https://www.un.org/preventing-sexualexploitation-and-abuse/content/donate-trust-fund> or contact us on **trustfundsea@un.org**

LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

The introduction of the annual cycle for submission of proposals introduced in 2022 was a significant change.

During 2022 it was noted that:

- The outreach sessions for UN and NGO partners generated a high volume of proposals from peacekeeping, development, and humanitarian actors.
- The many submissions received highlighted the need for further resources for the Trust Fund Secretariat.
- Outreach led to the receipt of submissions from all regions, and the selection of proposals included locations, such as Guatemala and Myanmar, where no Trust Fund project had been implemented before.
- The clear timeline of the new submission cycle allowed for greater clarity in the status of a proposal, including where it is in the cycle timeline. However, delays occurred as consultations with those submitting proposals were needed and the number of stakeholders involved in the approval process. Timelines for submission and review will be readjusted accordingly.
- Significant efforts were made, and time spent to guide and support applicants to ensure the short-listed proposals include the information needed to evaluate a proposal.
- Flexibility is required in the management and implementation of projects, with most being implemented in insecure and conflict-affected contexts and those subject to natural disasters. Monitoring of the impact of projects is also crucial.

WAY FORWARD AND STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Trust Fund in Support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse aims to assist victims of United Nations personnel across the entire UN system through specific projects for the most critical needs and gaps in services. Implementation of the Trust Fund will continue to evolve, but it is essential that steady and sustainable pool of funds are received so projects are sustainable so the rights and dignity of victims can be realized.

DMSPC will launch a second annual call for project submissions by the end of 2023. Priorities for the Trust Fund include:

- Finalization agreements of 12 new projects in the following locations: South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Guatemala, Haiti, Iran, and Somalia.
- Focus on providing support to direct victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by UN personnel and any children born out of sexual exploitation and abuse.
- Strengthen monitoring of the Trust Fund projects and continue to track the impact of projects.
- Support system-wide efforts to coordinate funding for assistance to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse.
- Consider support for expanded vocational training areas based on needs and availability in order to go beyond the more traditional sewing, bread-making, hair dressing areas.
- Continue collaboration with the Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate and Senior Victims' Rights Officers on mapping gaps in services and specialized projects and in improving and implementing methodologies to seek feedback from beneficiaries.
- Collaborate with communications teams in the Department of Peace Operations and the Department of Global Communications to strengthen awareness-raising on Trust Fund projects and impacts on beneficiaries. Disseminate information on the impact of the Trust Fund and voices of beneficiaries through the Trust Fund website, social media campaigns and various United Nations and Member States' events.
- Explore funding avenues with the Controller and financial experts, in addition to Member State contributions.
- With the increased number of projects funded by the Trust Fund, the Trust Fund Secretariat implemented a number of steps as part of monitoring and evaluation, including but not limited to quarterly reporting from implementing partners, logframe allowing to monitor the performance of each project. As part of the oversight function, more regular visits to the project locations and guidance on the implementation of the projects are needed.



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