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Introduction

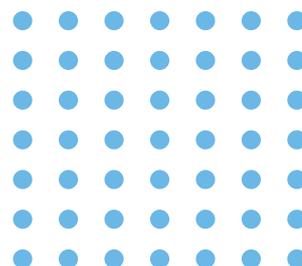
The [PSEA Outreach Fund](#) was established in 2020 as a deliverable of the High Commissioner's [IASC Championship](#) on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and Sexual Harassment (September 2019 to December 2020). A joint initiative of UNHCR and the International Council of Voluntary 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, 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.



Africa

Action Mopti, Mali

Action Mopti will conduct 30 awareness-raising sessions with 2,000 IDPs living in the areas of Djenné, Mopti and Bandiagara and one session with 30 humanitarian workers. The NGO will develop 20 image boxes, 400 leaflets and 400 posters in Bambara, Fula and Dogon to inform about PSEA principles and available reporting mechanisms. Action Mopti will produce and broadcast 16 radio roundtables and 3 audios to disseminate awareness-raising messages 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 will also set up 10 protection committees, each of which will be composed of 6 women and 4 men, which aim to train IDPs 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, the protection committees will then be linked to other stakeholders, including NGOs and local authorities.

Girl Child Africa Foundation (GCAF), South Sudan

The women-led organization GCAF is launching a project through a community mobilisation approach aimed at strengthening awareness on PSEA of affected communities living in Nasir County, including 350 women, 150 men, 100 boys and 200 girls, as well as of members of the host community, community leaders and humanitarian workers. In close collaboration with affected communities, the NGO will develop 100 booklets and 100 flyers in both Nuer and English on PSEA core concepts and SEA complaint and feedback mechanisms which will be distributed during 3 awareness-raising campaigns to affected communities. In addition, GCAF will conduct 5 radio talk shows to enable a wider coverage of the PSEA messaging developed. Lastly, the NGO will conduct 3 community engagement dialogues

with 30 community leaders, including church leaders, women and IDP-led groups, youth and local authority, and organise 10 training sessions for community leaders on PSEA, protection risks, mitigation measures and referral pathways.

Americas

Espacio Migrante A.C., Mexico

Targeting 200 members of the migrant, refugee and IDP communities living in and passing through Tijuana, Espacio Migrante will organise 9 informative workshops to raise awareness on PSEA. 4 will focus on children, one on migrant, refugee and IDP women, one on members of the LGBTQIA+ community and one workshop will be held with humanitarian staff of Espacio Migrante as well as from 5 other organizations working in Tijuana. The NGO will design and disseminate infographics in Spanish, English, Haitian Creole, and French which will 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 will include 100 leaflets, 40 posters and 4 videos. Espacio Migrante will also conduct a training on PSEA and reporting mechanisms with 20 humanitarian workers.

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, focuses on the development of 3 PSEA animation videos which will target 100,000 refugee women and children from Ukraine, including from a Romani background, living in Poland. Disseminated through social media and other digital communication channels, the first video will address children up to 12 years old, the second video will target young and adult refugee women while the third video is aimed at refugee women and children of Romani origin. The three videos will be produced in Polish, Ukrainian, English, and Romani, and allow for captioning in the 4 languages. By applying a "train the trainer" methodology to this project, the NGO will also train members of the PSEA Network on the use and adaptation of the video materials.

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. will develop 25 short and accessible video clips and print 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 will produce 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 and through other channels including radio, print media and the national PSEA Network will support the dissemination of these resources at the national level. Finally, A.N.S.R. will develop a video clip using Romanian Sign language to illustrate the NGO's safeguarding policy and reporting channels.

MENA

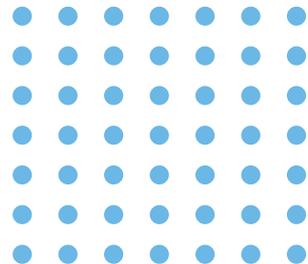
Gashbun Organization for Guidance and Psychosocial Counselling (G.O.G.P.C.), Iraq

In the Dohuk governorate, Gashbun Organization will organise awareness group sessions and campaigns in public places to increase awareness on PSEA of 50 men and 175 women from refugee, IDP and host communities and 20 community leaders. The NGO will develop posters and leaflets in English, Arabic and Kurdish on PSEA and available reporting channels. A documentary film in Arabic will also be produced to further strengthen awareness raising on PSEA. In addition, the NGO will conduct 9 PSEA trainings for 175 humanitarian workers from local NGOs and community-based organizations on core PSEA concepts, reporting mechanisms and referral pathways and coordinate with 10 local NGOs to establish a local PSEA taskforce.

MENA

For All Foundation (FAF), Yemen

FAF will implement its planned PSEA activities in the districts of Tuban and Al Madaribah Wa Al Arah (governorate of Lahij). The NGO will develop 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 and awareness-raising sessions will explain core PSEA concepts, highlight key messages and provide information on available reporting channels and support services. After developing training modules and materials, the NGO will also organize 50 interactive community workshops and training sessions which aim to inform and provide guidance about PSEA and available support services and reporting mechanisms to 120 women and 80 men.





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