

NGO Projects Supported by the PSEA Outreach Fund in 2020

Africa

Associazione Italiana Amici de Raoul Follereau (AIFO), Mozambique

AIFO will focus on **strengthening community awareness and engagement, particularly for people with disabilities, in the three provinces most affected by Cyclones Idai and Kenneth, one of which is also highly impacted by COVID-19.** AIFO is developing inclusive awareness-raising materials in collaboration with community-based committees (including women's associations, local organizations of persons with disabilities, local humanitarian partners, and disability and health service providers). Materials will be developed in Portuguese, multiple local languages, as well as in sign language, with captioning for all video products. Audio and video messages will be spread through radio and social media, and supported by sign language to reach the hearing impaired.

Childline Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe

Childline Zimbabwe will develop **age-appropriate PSEA-awareness raising approaches for children at risk in the Tongogara refugee camp**, which hosts 14,478 refugees from DRC, Mozambique, Rwanda and Burundi. The project will establish PSEA committees involving community representatives and will train both students and teachers on PSEA issues. Schoolchildren will be positively engaged to participate in creative multi-media exercises, including theatre, poetry, and songs, to develop and circulate key messages on PSEA.

Grassroots Initiative for Gender and Development (GRID), Nigeria

GRID is working with IDP women and girls to raise awareness of existing Community-based Complaints Mechanisms (CBCMs), whilst strengthening safe and confidential entry points to disclose SEA and request assistance, including through health and social welfare centers. The project will address needs identified by GRID's 2019 PSEA assessment, which found increased SEA risks amongst IDP women and girls facing the loss of livelihoods as well as family members, which have been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Structured dialogues will be held with diverse stakeholders, including communities themselves, to ensure all SEA reporting channels AGD-sensitive and accessible, including for people with disabilities.

Réseau des Associations de Promotion des Droits de l'Homme au Kasai (RAPRODHOK), DRC

The **Réseau des Associations de Promotion des Droits de l'Homme au Kasai (RAPRODHOK)** is addressing SEA risks amongst the returnee population by raising community awareness through mixed media outreach tools, whilst empowering the community to utilize PSEA reporting mechanisms, including CBCMs. Given restrictions on large community gatherings linked to COVID-19 prevention, **the NGO conducted a series of smaller, targeted focus group discussions (FGDs) with AGD-specific groups to sustain community consultation, whilst maintaining social distance and minimizing risks of infection.** This methodology will be sustained to ensure ongoing community consultation, whilst maintaining COVID-19 prevention measures.

The Society for the Promotion of Initiatives in Sustainable Development and Welfare (SOPISDEW), Cameroon

As ongoing conflict continues to exacerbate humanitarian crises in North-West and South-West Cameroon, **the Society for the Promotion of Initiatives in Sustainable Development and Welfare SOPISDEW is engaging with the Cameroon Community Media Network of organizations** (which includes 57 radio stations, 13 TV stations, 29 newspapers and magazines, and 10 online news outlets) to expand information and awareness about PSEA and reporting channels in six regions in Cameroon. All activities incorporate robust community consultation.

Universal Intervention and Development Organisation (UNIDOR), South Sudan

Universal Intervention and Development Organisation (UNIDOR) is working to ensure that all key messages on PSEA, as well as the channels through which they are distributed, are developed in partnership with affected people to be AGD sensitive and effective (for instance, with respect to reaching children at risk and persons with disabilities). **The project emphasizes community consultation to analyze new restrictions and impacts posed by COVID-19, and working with affected people to ensure that all awareness-raising materials and approaches are adapted to meet these emerging needs and developments.** UNIDOR will also hold community discussions on how complaints and feedback mechanisms (CFMs) can be made more trusted, accessible and effective.

Windle International Kenya (WIK), Kenya

Windle International Kenya (WIK), an education provider in Dadaab refugee camp, is developing a **comprehensive approach to raising community awareness on PSEA issues and where and how to report SEA allegations**. A video entitled *“No Excuse for Abuse: Preventing SEA”* will be developed, in addition to print-media, radio programs, social media content and flyers to reach a diverse audience in multiple languages (including English, Somali, Arabic, Swahili, and Dinka). The project will tailor messaging and communication channels to reach target groups, including people with disabilities and people from diverse religious communities.

YWCA Rwanda, Rwanda

YWCA Rwanda is developing street-theatre on PSEA themes to engage refugee youth, parents and other community members, based on scripts to reflect life in the camp. This modality is directly targeted to reach refugee children and youth, who were identified as being at particular risk of SEA and other violations. Young refugees, as well as experienced theatre performers, will deliver the street-theatre performances to raise awareness in their communities.

Americas

Caritas Haïti, Haïti

Caritas Haïti is targeting diverse audiences to increase awareness of SEA issues and reporting channels, including local authorities, community leaders, Caritas Parish leaders in ten districts. In particular, the project will develop dedicated and appropriate channels to engage people with disabilities, including through radio spots and megaphone announcements (to reach the blind), along with posters for 201 Caritas parish structures (to reach people who are deaf or hearing impaired).

Fundación Lunita Lunera, Ecuador

Host community members, migrants and refugees living in the provinces of Sucumbíos and Esmeraldas will be provided with **information about PSEA and reporting mechanisms, with particular attention to young people, women, children and adolescents, people with disabilities and vulnerable sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) groups**. The project will develop videos as well as social media content, radio spots and posters to maximise the reach of PSEA messaging.

Jesuit Service for Migrants and Refugees (SJMR), Brazil

Jesuit Service for Migrants and Refugees (SJMR) will collaborate with groups at particular risk of SEA to develop awareness-raising materials in Spanish, Portuguese, French (Creole) and indigenous languages. In particular, the project prioritises engagement and awareness-raising with refugees, migrants, indigenous groups, sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) diverse populations, and persons involved in survival sex.

Asia

Bangladesh Center for Communication Programs (BCCP), Bangladesh

In coordination with the PSEA Network, this project will strengthen community awareness of PSEA issues and reporting channels in the camp-based population in Cox’s Bazar. **Multi-media materials designed collaboratively with refugees will increase community awareness on core SEA concepts and risks, promote use of the SEA reporting system, and sustain community mobilization in the long term**. Materials will be developed in all relevant languages and tailored to reach refugee children and their caregivers, women and men, community leaders and people with disabilities, amongst others.

Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (CHA), Afghanistan

This project aims to **address the risks of both SEA and COVID-19 in an integrated fashion**. Women’s rights networks and NGOs have been significantly impacted by COVID-19, and are now less functional with limited access to women and girls at risk in remote provinces. **CHA aims to increase awareness on both PSEA and COVID-19 in IDP households headed by women and girls**. CHA will map PSEA service providers and share this information with affected people, distribute PSEA materials along with Ministry of Public Health approved leaflets on COVID-19, and conduct door-to-door awareness-raising on both issues.

Humanitarian Response Consortium (HRC), Philippines

In March 2020, the **Humanitarian Response Consortium (HRC)** finalized its Safeguarding Policy, which emphasizes community empowerment, awareness-raising and zero tolerance for SEA. **Communities affected by COVID-19 will be prioritized for field-testing of awareness-raising materials**, which will be refined on the basis of community feedback to ensure they are appropriate to context and audience. The project is governed by a Technical Working Group (TWG) led by women, which is prepared to convene virtually if movement restrictions arise due to the pandemic.

Europe

Cinergies Co-Op, Greece

Cinergies Co-Op is developing targeted, **multi-media PSEA awareness-raising materials for refugees in the Athens-Attica area**, with particular attention to **women and unaccompanied minors**, especially in localities where survival sex is believed to be prevalent. Refugees will be directly involved in developing key messages, translating materials into relevant languages (Arabic, Farsi, French, Lingala, Greek and English) and ensuring that community engagement approaches are culturally sensitive. Six short videos will be developed, each addressing one of the IASC Core Principles on PSEA, along with an additional full-length video on PSEA. Quick Response (QR) code stickers will be placed in service providers and other gathering points with free Wi-Fi internet service, which will direct people to an online PSEA information platform when scanned by mobile phone.

Middle East and North Africa

ATAA Humanitarian Relief Association, Syria

The **ATAA Humanitarian Relief Association** is a member of the national PSEA Taskforce, and is leading a project based on an extensive PSEA needs assessment with 200 households. **ATAA is collaboratively developing PSEA messages and awareness-raising tools together with affected communities**. To sustain direct community engagement whilst maintaining COVID-19 prevention measures, ATAA will provide masks, gloves and hand sanitizers in all future community consultations.

Attanweer Development Foundation, Yemen

The **Attanweer Development Foundation** is developing awareness-raising age-specific videos for IDP children and adults on SEA risks, issues and reporting channels, with particular attention to geographically isolated and marginalized groups. Training will be provided for local NGOs and CSOs on these same themes. All materials will be developed in consultation with the Protection Cluster, GBV Sub-cluster and affected communities. The project **focuses on mitigating the significant SEA risks arising from six years of armed conflict**, which have devastated livelihoods and left approximately 80% of the population in need of humanitarian assistance.

Salam LADC, Lebanon

The estimated 350,000 Syrians living in the Bekaa valley depend heavily on humanitarian assistance to meet daily needs. While referral pathways are in place, **Salam LADC** and partners have identified gaps in information and awareness with respect PSEA. To address these gaps, the project will develop **PSEA awareness-raising programmes targeting refugee women and adolescent girls, refugees with disabilities, and refugee children between the ages of 6 and 14**. Salam LDC will also develop a campaign on PSEA principles targeting affected communities (on the theme of empowerment to prevent PSEA) as well as humanitarian workers (on the responsibility to protect and uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct).

Lotus Flower, Iraq

The NGO **Lotus Flower** will develop a **multi-media PSEA awareness-raising campaign for IDPs, whilst also strengthening reporting channels in IDP camps**. The project prioritizes engagement with IDP women and girls at heightened risk of SEA, including those contending with stigma as survivors of GBV committed by ISIS. The project also emphasizes positive engagement with men and boys as agents of change in addressing harmful attitudes and norms that perpetuate SEA and make it harder for survivors to speak out.