

Enhancing peace and security through a reduction in Sexual and Gender Based Violence among war-affected communities in the conflict affected districts of Northern Uganda

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Overall Goal

Contribute to human security and promote conditions for recovery and development.

The immediate goal is to create a strong basis for interventions to address SGBV, to contribute to the creation of a protective environment that Supports the realization of the rights of girls, boys and women in war-affected districts to protection from sexual violence, sexual exploitation, and other gender-based forms of violence.

Project outcome

Girls, boys and women in war affected or post conflict districts live in a protective environment that supports the realization of their rights to protection from sexual violence and / or sexual exploitation

Specific objectives:

- Promoting women's participation in peace and security matters including SGBV
- Enhancing capacities for better prevention and response to SGBV
- **Ensure effective and efficient implementation of SGBV Project**

A ***cross-cutting objective*** is to mainstream HIV/ AIDS prevention and response into all SGBV prevention initiatives.

National Implementing partner:

Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development

Other Partners

Key line government ministries include: Justice; Internal Affairs; Health; Education; Disaster preparedness and Refugees, Local Government, Lands, Water and Environment, Agriculture among others.

UN Agencies, NGOs, Civil Society Organizations, District Local Governments; and bilateral donors

Project strategy (briefed):

The SGBV Project shall be implemented in accordance with the UN Inter-agency cluster approach. In line with the UN IASC Guidelines for GBV interventions in Humanitarian settings, this project recognises a clear need for a multi sectoral response to SGBV and its impact on increasing prevalence of HIV/AIDS.

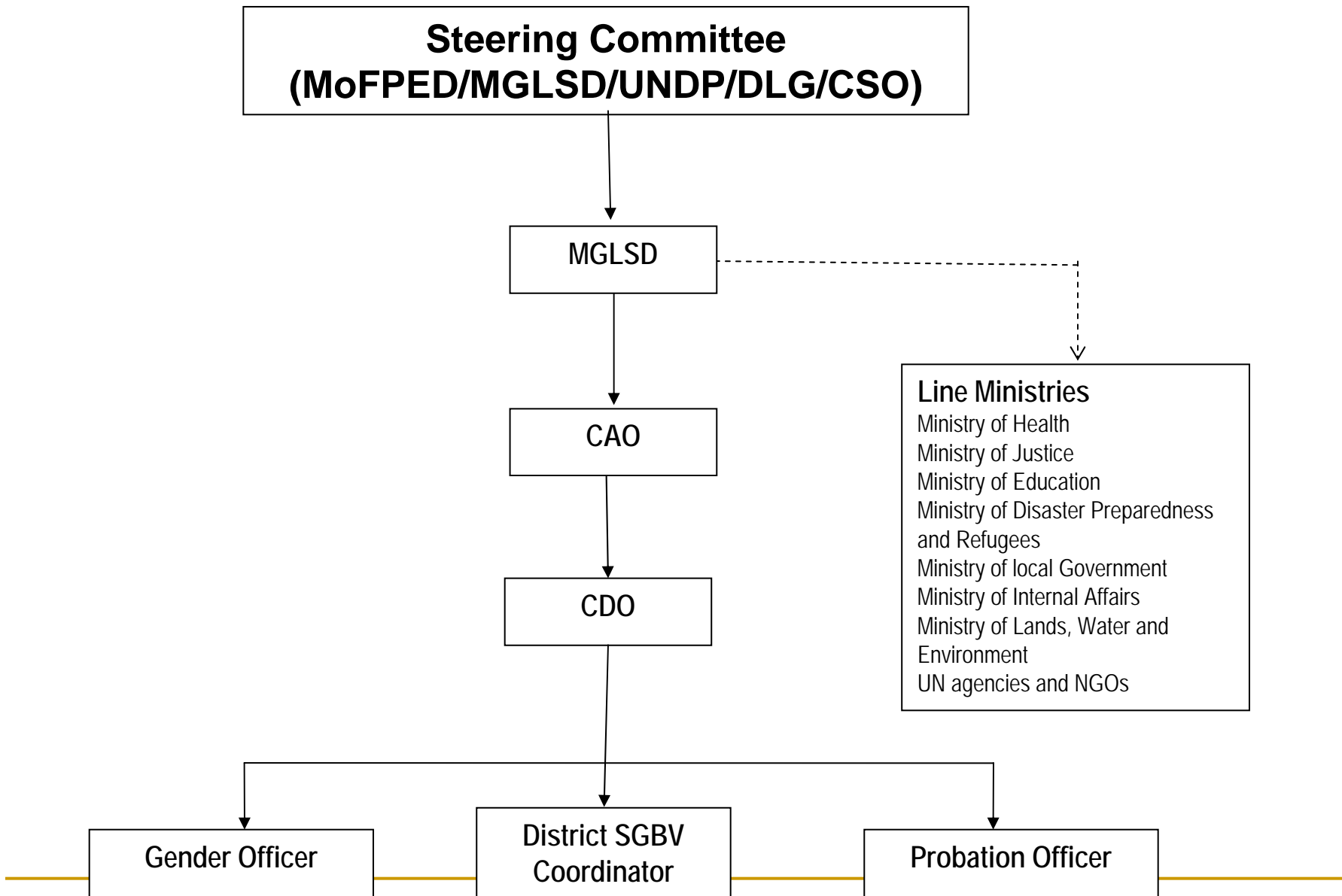
Further in line with the IASC guidelines, the project adopts a two-pronged strategy aiming at both prevention of, and response to, SGBV.

The project will work with close partnership with other UN agencies on related issues in Northern Uganda e.g. UNIFEM, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNOHCHR, UNAIDS, UN OCHA, WHO, and provides good opportunities for achieving effective inter-agency collaboration on SGBV, and envisioned through the adopted UN cluster leadership approach

Strategic Principles

- The Project places national development plans at the centre
 - Strengthen national capacities
 - Embedded with the UNDAF
 - Working in partnership with other UN agencies
 - Close linkage between service delivery and advocacy and aim to influence policies
 - Strategic partnership between men, boys, women, and girls to address SGBV jointly
 - To promote inclusion of women in all aspects of peace and security.
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Implementation Structure



Objectives and Key Activities

Objective 1: *Promoting women's participation in peace and security matters including SGBV prevention.*

a) Empower women to participate in violence prevention, peace processes and conflict resolution.

- Training of women
- Establish peace clubs
- Advocacy and lobby for policy influence
- Support mobilization of grassroots

b) Empowering men as partners to opposing SGBV and promoting women's participation in peace and security.

- Educating men on women's human rights.
- Establishing men's advocacy groups.
- Mobilization and sensitization campaign on alcohol and drug abuse.

c) Support vulnerable women's groups with vocational skills training.

- Identify vulnerable women's groups.
- Identify their information needs and address it.
- Skills training to women.

Objective 2: *Enhancing capacities for better prevention and response to SGBV.*

Key Activities

a) Review of available activities and programmes to combat SGBV.

- Collecting available SGBV activity plans from stakeholders
- Review the activity lines and identify gaps
- Recommend intervention areas

b) Capacity assessments of key sectors, e.g. district and local government authorities; security agencies; justice, law and order sector – both formal and informal; communities (camp leaders, cultural leaders, women help groups, etc); health sector (both physical and mental); the education sector in preventing and responding to SGBV.

- Identify key sectors in SGBV prevention and response.
 - Assessment of existing capacities for prevention and response within the identified sectors, and existing support for capacity building of these sectors from other funders.
 - Identify capacity development / support potentials in the district.
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c) Enhance the capacity of the DDMC and the office of the district Community Development Officer to coordinate SGBV interventions within the district and mainstream SGBV into district planning.

- Post technical assistance on SGBV to the districts (SGBV Officers).
- Procure/Handover of equipment and furniture to the districts for use to ease project implementation
- Lobby local government to include SGBV activities on their annual budget.

d) Support activities promoting community involvement in the creation of a conducive environment for protection against SGBV.

- Support community awareness and sensitization on SGBV and the need to address cultural practices which exacerbate SGBV.
- Engage religious and cultural leaders and build their capacities to play pivotal roles in addressing attitudinal changes to SGBV.
- Develop strategies for strengthening the capacity of local communities to respond to SGBV.
- Formation of peer groups on preventing SGBV in the communities and in schools
- Establishing focal point persons in schools and designing specific SGBV activities in schools e.g. art and drawing, debates, music, dance and dramas.
- ~~Information campaign during the 16 days of activism on violence against women.~~
- Sensitize the community about the reporting and referral mechanism in place.

e) Increase access to justice and protection for SGBV survivors.

- Training of para-legals within the affected pilot-communities for ongoing sensitization of communities on the legal implications of SGBV, and support SGBV survivors in correct referrals for redress.
 - Local radio talk shows on access to justice for SGBV survivors.
 - Training of LC Courts on legal response to SGBV.
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Objective 3: *Ensure effective and efficient implementation of SGBV Project.*

Key Activities

- a) Establishing project operational and implementing structures.**
 - b) Determining modalities on equipment usage.**
 - c) Personnel recruitment process.**
 - d) Payment of project staff salaries.**
 - e) Ongoing technical backstopping.**
 - f) Financial Audit.**
 - g) SGBV project evaluation.**
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