

UN Action's Project in South Sudan



Name: 'Building Socio-Economic Resilience for Survivors of CRSV in South Sudan'

Duration: December 2023 to December 2024

Overview

This project aims to build the socio-economic resilience of survivors of conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) in Yambio, Juba and Bentiu, South Sudan. Using a survivor-centred approach, it seeks to improve access to essential medical, psychosocial and legal services through multi-sectoral collaboration and holistic support, and help build survivor's resilience and reintegration through economic empowerment, financial inclusion, advocacy and policy reforms, and community engagement and awareness.

Implementors



Project Highlights

1. Improved access to essential medical, psychosocial and legal services through multi-sectoral collaboration and holistic support. In Yambio, 195 survivors of CRSV have continued to receive psychological support and 50 survivors have received dignity kits.
2. Since the ITC conducted a mapping mission and a market assessment to identify conflict-sensitive economic empowerment approaches, 200 survivors of CRSV are receiving economic empowerment support in Bor, Bentiu, Yambio, and Juba. Small-scale businesses have already launched, selling oil, sugar, salt, and the establishment of communal farms growing produce to sell at the market.
3. Alongside implementing partners, fostered a more supportive environment for CRSV survivors. At the state level, strengthening the referral mechanism through the Ministry of Gender, Child, and Social Welfare. At the community level, sensitising cultural, traditional, and religious leaders on issues of CRSV, with 30 leaders having been involved in these engagements.
4. Upholding a survivor-centred approach throughout the project, by carrying-out dialogues with survivors to continue understanding challenges faced by the CRSV survivors and their dependents, as well as explore areas of assistance based on their expressed needs.



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Upcoming Activities

- Expanding engagement efforts with traditional and religious leaders, through a state-level Conference for the Traditional Council of Chiefs will take place in four different locations alongside the distribution of change-makers kits for community leaders.
- Further providing capacity building trainings for frontline workers at One-Stop Centres, self-help groups, civil society and implementing UN entities.
- Continue rolling out roll out of training for economic activities.

Stories

ITC interviewed women and girls from Bor County in Jonglei State who suffered sexual violence. During the interviews, a 13 year-old survivor highlighted the crucial need to support survivors' socio-economic empowerment:

“ It's critical to give victims of sexual abuse sufficient support. There should be no excuse for failing to do so. (...) Despite my suffering, we are ready to get back out and support myself. ”