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Dear Ms. Clark,

On 10 October, Mr. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Syria, sent a request for funding from the Rapid Response window of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). I have the pleasure to inform you that the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) project entitled "*Enhance Psychosocial support to victims of Violence*" has been approved. The total amount of funding granted toward life-saving activities within the project is US\$321,000. This amount includes any indirect programme support costs, which should not exceed 7% of the direct project amount.

In order to proceed with the disbursement of the grant, I would be grateful if your office would counter-sign below this letter and return it to the CERF Secretariat ([cerf@un.org](mailto:cerf@un.org)) to ensure prompt disbursement of funds to the bank account referred to in the Letter of Understanding (LoU) concluded by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on 6 June 2011.

By signing below, UNDP accepts these funds and accountability for the use of these funds as described in the project application and under the terms set out in the above-mentioned LoU.

Yours sincerely,



Valerie Amos  
Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs  
and Emergency Relief Coordinator

Ms. Helen Clark  
Administrator  
United Nations Development Programme  
New York

Agency Designated Representative Signature:



Date:

16/11/2011

<i>To be completed by the CERF Secretariat.</i>				Type of submission	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised
CERF No.	11-UDP-012	Date	10 Oct 2011 (revised 9 Nov 2011)	Sector	Protection
<b>III. AGENCY PROJECT PROPOSALS (2 pages each)</b>					
1. Requesting agency:			United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)		
2. Project title:			Enhance Psychosocial support to victims of Violence		
3. CAP/Flash Appeal project code: <i>Note: Where more than one CAP/FA project code applies to a single CERF project proposal, please also specify in this field the amount of CERF funding requested against each project code.</i>			(Mandatory to provide where an appeal exists)		
4. Cluster/sector/cross-cutting issue:			Protection/Human Rights/Gender		
5. Geographic areas of implementation targeted with CERF funding:			Rural Damascus, Hama, Homs and Dayr Az Zor		
6. Implementation start date of CERF funded activities (Rapid Response projects only)					
a. Will implementation of the CERF funded activities start prior to disbursement of funds (YES or NO)? <b>No</b>					
b. If <b>YES</b> please provide start date (date/month/year): <i>Please note that for Rapid Response projects the implementation deadline is six months from the date of disbursement or, where specified, from the start date provided above (which must not exceed more than six weeks prior to the disbursement date). If an earlier start date is to be specified please ensure that justification is included in the project proposals.</i>					
7. Total number of individuals targeted with CERF funding (provide a breakdown by sex and age).			a. Female		1000
			b. Male		1000
			c. Total individuals (female and male):		2,000
			d. Of total, children <u>under</u> 5		500
Funding (USD)	8a. Total project budget:		US 428,000		
	8b. Total project funding received so far:		US\$ 0		
	9. Total amount of CERF funding requested: Please provide the total amount and include an estimation of the planned breakdown of funds by type of partner: <i>Note: The total requested from the CERF should not be 100% of the total budget for this project, as CERF funding should be complemented by other funding sources.</i>		a. UN agencies/IOM:		US\$ 301,000
			b. NGOs (please list individually):		US\$ 20,000
			c. Government:		US\$
e. Total:			<b>US\$ 321,000</b>		

10. Briefly describe the overall project, including information on how CERF funding will be used to support life-saving/core humanitarian activities.<sup>1</sup> Describe the profile of beneficiaries and how gender equality is mainstreamed in project design and implementation (ensuring that the needs of women, girls, boys, and men are met equally). Include relevant assessment data.

## Background

Seven months after the beginning of the unrest in Syria, the situation in some governorates remains critical, the siege along with the security situation affected the population directly and resulted in an arising need for assistance. Local NGOs have access to the affected population and through them, UNDP can work directly on the affected groups. Like in many cases, women and young children are vulnerable to various forms of violence during periods of unrest. Losing the male head of the family, whether through death or imprisonment, led to an increase in the number of female headed households, which are more vulnerable and subject to threats. Furthermore, many children have lost both parents and are unable to be cared for by their immediate or extended families. There is a clear gap in responding to the humanitarian and psycho-social needs of affected families/children, in addition to weakened capacity of NGOs working at the community level to provide necessary assistance.

What is critical in this proposal is the attention given to populations that are particularly vulnerable; particularly those that are supported by NGOs for basic subsistence and children who are parentless or cared for by organizations. At a time when donations are low, these NGOs are particularly in need of support to continue their services to vulnerable children and families and are especially vulnerable in times of crisis and unrest.

In an attempt to address this current crisis, particularly affecting women and children, with the support of the CERF, UNDP will target family/child protection in four affected Governorates, namely, Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama and Dayr Az Zor. The first priority is would be to support health providers with relevant supplies and ensure that a range of appropriate psychosocial support interventions are in place and accessible to both men and women, in addition to improving the access of victims of gender based violence to secure and appropriate reporting, follow up and protection.

- The project aims at enhancing the prevention, protection and response to affected communities for both men and women, and Child Protection through the following outputs and activities with special attention being given to the protection of women/children. Project will work on the following areas: supporting NGOs in providing relief and assistance to vulnerable children and families in highly affected areas, including strengthening community mechanisms for awareness and response as well as protection. Support to GBV personnel;
- Support to community mechanisms for awareness and response capacity to protection issues;
- Support to NGOs providing relief and assistance to vulnerable children and families in highly affected areas including psychosocial support for affected men and women;
- Support health providers with relevant supplies.

The CERF funding will support gender based violence, with special attention being given to the protection of women and girls as well as providing support to vulnerable families/children.

11. Description of the CERF component of the project (2 pages). Please describe the project as per the three headers provided below.

### (a) Objective(s)

The project's main objective is to enhance the prevention, protection and response to vulnerable groups with special attention being given to the protection of women/girls and vulnerable children.

### (b) Activities

- (a) Strengthen GBV/ service provider personnel within NGOs in the affected areas to guide implementation of a GBV programme and address the needs of the target groups.
  - a. Support the NGOs in the provision of health care and services and provide relevant supplies. Health kits to be distributed include towels, soap, personal hygiene items, underwear, socks, comb, napkins, scarf, etc) Health supplies will be distributed as per need specified by NGOs;
  - b. Support the NGOs in the provision of psychological support to affected families and ensure that psychological interventions are in place and accessible;
  - c. Support the NGOs in the provision of necessary maintenance resulting from the unrest and associated violence;
  - d. Support the NGOs in the provision of vocational and educational training to target groups;
- (b) Build the capacity of affected population through focusing on the immediate aftermath with a focus on gender, marginalized groups, elderly and persons with disabilities.
  - a. Provide ToT for NGO staff and support the NGOs to conduct GBV awareness raising sessions for beneficiaries;

<sup>1</sup> The CERF Life-Saving Criteria, which specify sectoral activities that the CERF can fund, are available at <http://cerf.un.org>.

- b. Provide ToT for NGO staff and support the NGOs to conduct training for local communities on women's rights under the Syrian law and psychosocial needs of GBV victims;
- c. Support the NGOs in improving access of survivors of gender based violence to secure and appropriate reporting, follow up protection including reporting to reliable legal systems.

(c) Support to NGOs providing relief and assistance to vulnerable children and families in affected areas.

- a. Support the NGOs in the provision of health care and services and provide relevant supplies;
- b. Support the NGOs in the provision of psychological support to affected men, women and children (particularly new orphans, special needs children) and ensure that psychological interventions are in place and accessible;
- c. Support the NGOs in the provision of necessary maintenance resulting from the unrest and associated violence;
- d. Provide direct support to NGOs receiving children who lost their parents during the crisis;
- e. Support NGOs in providing social rehabilitation activities for families and children in affected areas.

**(c) Expected Outcomes and Indicators (please use SMART<sup>2</sup> indicators)**

Outcome: Better prevention, protection and response to GBV achieved

Indicators:

- 1) Number of NGOs servicing women in need trained and capacitated (Baseline: 0 – Target: 8);
- 2) Nine (9) NGOs trained and capacitated on dealing with children in affected areas.

12. **Implementation Plan:** Please include information on the mechanisms for implementation, grants to cooperating partners, the duration for implementing CERF-funded activities, monitoring and reporting provisions.

UNDP will implement this project through collaborating directly with its network of NGOs located in the targeted areas. UNDP will sign a grant agreement with recipient NGOs detailing activities and funding, as the activities will be implemented as a "pass-through". This will enhance the access of UNDP to beneficiaries and will provide the necessary outreach to achieve the objectives detailed in this proposal. The duration of implementation will be six months. The activities will not start before the receipt of the CERF requested budget.

Monitoring will be done through monthly reports submitted by the local NGOs. The report will include a narrative and a financial part and will explain in details the activities implemented along with identifications of risks, issues and lessons learnt. Taking into consideration the critical security situation of the affected areas, monitoring visits will be conducted subject to security situation and when possible to local NGOs functioning in the affected areas. A final report will be submitted upon finalization of activities and one month after closure of operations.

Although this is a project usually carried out by UNFPA, the decision for UNDP to apply for this funding was endorsed by the UNCT, especially given the linkages fostered by UNDP with NGOs through its NGO Platform Project. However, UNDP will make sure to coordinate activities very closely with UNFPA generally, and specifically with the UNFPA project that is providing psychological support to the victims of violence.

The project activities are in direct response to the current crisis and are not part of the regular UNDP work in the country, which usually does not support such activities. The usual support for UNDP is for capacity development of NGOs through its on-going NGO Platform project and does not deal with direct assistance to victims of crises. In addition, and although UNDP did not access any earlier CERF financing in response to the crises, the project will only cover the most urgent new needs and priorities identified since the last submission of \$1 million.

<sup>2</sup> SMART indicators are: specific, to avoid differing interpretations; measurable, to allow monitoring and evaluation; appropriate to the problem statement; realistic and able to achieve; time-bound indicating a specific period of time during which the results will be achieved. Indicators must be designed to enable you to identify the different impacts (intended and unintended) your project has on women, girls, boys, and men.

13. CERF Project Budget				
Please use the template below without modifying the section headings. <u>Wherever possible and relevant</u> please provide a detailed breakdown of items (unit, quantity, unit costs) and costs for each budget line for the CERF component of the project. <u>Where breakdown of unit, quantity and unit cost is unavailable or unnecessary, please provide total amount of the item along with sufficient description of cost content.</u> Please add additional rows, as needed. For further guidance on budget format please refer to the CERF application budget guidelines annexed to this document and available at <a href="http://cerf.un.org">http://cerf.un.org</a> .				
Budget Lines	Cost Breakdown			
	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total (USD)
<b>A. Supplies/commodities/equipment/transport</b> (please itemize expendable operational inputs (e.g. quantity of food, medical supplies etc and asset purchases))				
Health and hygiene kits	Kit	2000	30	60,000
Health Equipments (Wheel Chairs, mobile beds, etc)	Bed, chair, piece	140	500	70,000
Maintenance/ house supplies				54,000
<b>Sub-Total A:</b>				<b>184,000</b>
<b>B. Personnel (staff, consultants, travel)</b> (please itemize travel costs, salaries and entitlements of UN staff and consultants)				
National consultants (counselors, physicians, trainers, etc.)	Consultant	6	2,000	12,000
Travel cost and DSA	Staff/trip	2/6	1000	12,000
Staff cost (Recruitment of 2 staff by NGOs to support the implementation of activities)	Staff/month	2/6	1,000	12,000
<b>Sub-Total B:</b>				<b>36,000</b>
<b>C. Training of counterparts</b>				
Training NGOs GBV – logistical cost – 75 trainee	Training	3	5000	15,000
Training NGOs women's rights - logistical cost – 75 trainee	Training	3	5000	15,000
Training psychosocial support - logistical cost – 75 trainee	Training	3	5000	15,000
<b>Sub-Total C:</b>				<b>45,000</b>
<b>D. Contracts</b> (please list and provide general cost breakdown or description of inputs or outputs per implementing partner)				
NGO specialized services ( Red Crescent – Hefz Al-Nimeh – Al-Mabarra- NGO Platform) 5% of disbursed funds through each NGO to cover administrative and operational costs of NGOs				20,000
<b>Sub-Total D:</b>				<b>20,000</b>
<b>E. Other direct costs</b>				
Monitoring and Evaluation Visits				15,000
<b>Sub-Total E:</b>				<b>15,000</b>
Subtotal project requirements amount				300,000
<b>Indirect program support costs (PSC)</b> (not to exceed 7% of subtotal project costs)				
PSC rate				7%
PSC amount				21,000
<b>Total CERF project cost</b>				<b>321,000</b>