

**Building Socio-Economic Resilience for Survivors of CRSV in South Sudan**

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Implementors: UNFPA, UNMISS, ITC



Donors: Germany



## OVERVIEW

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

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**1.** Improved access to essential medical, psychosocial and legal services through multi-sectoral collaboration and holistic support. In total, **200 CRSV survivors received integrated medical, psychosocial, and legal assistance**, with **70% reporting satisfaction with the services provided**.



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**2.** Since the ITC conducted a mapping mission and a market assessment to identify conflict-sensitive economic empowerment approaches, **199 survivors of CRSV received economic empowerment support in Bor, Bentiu, Yambio, and Juba**.



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**3.** Alongside implementing partners, fostered a **more supportive environment for CRSV survivors**. At the **state level**, strengthened the referral mechanism through the Ministry of Gender, Child, and Social Welfare. At the **community level**, sensitized cultural, traditional, and religious leaders on issues of CRSV, with 200 leaders involved in these engagements.



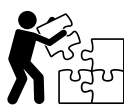
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**4.** A survivor-centred approach was upheld throughout the project by conducting **dialogues with survivors to better understand the challenges** faced by CRSV survivors and their dependents, and to explore areas of assistance based on their expressed needs.

## NUMBERS



**80 self-help groups (SHGs)** were formed or strengthened across Yambio, Bor, and Bentiu. The SHGs were complemented by the creation of **55 Community Action Groups (CAGs)**.



**126 frontline workers were trained and 200 community leaders** have been engaged to support the empowerment of CRSV survivors. In tandem, **185 duty bearers**, including police, judiciary actors, armed forces, and social service authorities, **were trained on CRSV**.



Through technical training provided to **199 CRSV survivors, participants collectively generated an income of 47,902,800 SSP (roughly USD \$368,000)**.



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## MONITORING MISSION {4-14 September 2024}

The UN Action Secretariat conducted a monitoring visit to South Sudan to assess the progress of the project. **The visit confirmed that the project had made a meaningful impact**, despite a challenging operational environment. Survivors shared how counseling and outreach efforts had helped them heal and reintegrate. **Government partners had shown renewed commitment during a high-level dialogue marking 10 years of collaboration**, where survivors advocated for reparations, healthcare, and justice.

**The visit also underscored the importance of economic empowerment**, with survivors expressing strong support for income-generating activities such as farming and soap-making. **Local CSOs had played a vital role in sustaining the project, though rising costs and funding uncertainty had strained their capacity**. Overall, the project had delivered real results, working on closing service gaps and ensuring continued support for both survivors and frontline workers.



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## STORIES FROM THE FIELD

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."***

One woman in Yambio, who received training in soap production and later joined a self-help group (SHG), remarked:

***"I no longer wait for someone to help me. Now I wake up knowing I can feed my children and pay for school."***