



United States Department of State *Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration* 2019 Global Funding and Projects

The State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) aims to be a catalyst to elevate the issue of Gender Based Violence (GBV) in conflict-affected settings – and, ultimately to improve dialogue, evidence, response, innovation, coordination, and leadership. In 2013, PRM and USAID/OFDA launched a joint signature initiative, *Safe from the Start* (SftS), which is an endeavor to better address the needs of women and girls and others at risk of GBV by changing the way the humanitarian community responds to GBV in emergencies. This is also PRM's commitment to the [Call to Action on Gender-based Violence in Emergencies](#). In addition, PRM allocates specific funding to support *global innovation* in the field of GBV. Both initiatives complement regional, country-specific GBV programming and interventions. The following are the new, global projects that were funded by PRM in FY 2019:

SAFE FROM THE START PROJECTS

Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere, Inc.:

Voices and Partnerships Against Violence

CARE's project aims to increase effectiveness of GBV-related programs, policies, and systems in humanitarian contexts by enhancing the influence of local women's organizations in GBV-related leadership, coordination, and accountability mechanisms at local, regional, and global levels. CARE's objectives include enhancing the participation of local women-led organizations through strategic partnerships, mutual learning and capacity strengthening, to improve accountability from the humanitarian community in GBV programming, as well as helping to position local women-led organizations as important actors in GBV programming in emergencies and to hold humanitarian actors and governments accountable through enhanced participation in relevant coordination and advocacy initiatives at national and global levels.

International Committee of the Red Cross:

2019 Special Appeal on Sexual Violence

This contribution is in support of the 2019 Special Appeal on the *ICRC's Response to Sexual Violence*. It is a multi-year commitment to build on the achievements and successes from previous years and helps sustain the momentum around addressing this issue within ICRC. The ICRC seeks to systematically address the issue of sexual violence by providing and/or facilitating access to health care and other essential services for victims/survivors and proactively implementing activities to mitigate risks to victims/survivors and communities in order to prevent sexual violence from occurring. They may do this in a number of ways including reinforcing the safety of shelters, facilitating the economic security of violence-affected people, and broadening understanding of international humanitarian law. The [Special Appeal](#) gives field-based examples of their work in all 14 operations.

International Medical Corps:

Meeting Commitments through Improved GBV Capacity: The MGBViE Learning Program

This contribution builds on the achievements of the multi-phase 'Managing Gender-based Violence in Emergencies' (MGBViE) global learning program, designed to build capacity among emerging GBV specialists through virtual and in-person educational opportunities and by offering professional support and mentorship for GBV specialists deployed to field sites. Year 2 will target an additional 50 emerging GBV specialists. Indirectly, this project should benefit the wider humanitarian community through increased capacity of GBV specialists and institutional

support to the GBV area of responsibility. This, in turn, should contribute to more effective and appropriate GBV prevention and response interventions that benefit affected populations in humanitarian settings.

International Organization for Migration:

Promoting Reduction of and Improved Operational Response to Gender-Based Violence (GBV) through Camp Management and Site Planning

Since 2015, IOM has been implementing GBV prevention and mitigation activities under the *Safe from the Start* initiative supported by PRM. In Phase V, the Global Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) team will provide dedicated support in at least 3 countries to enable the localization of tools and guidance contained in the Global CCCM Training package, and expand the Women's participation Project, with a focus on improving collaboration and communication with existing support structures, including GBV specialized agencies and women's groups. IOM aims to consolidate GBV mainstreaming initiatives in Shelter, NFIs, and Site Planning activities, strengthen the *Good Programming* guidance, and foster stronger localization, coordination and action to address identified priority gaps. IOM also will pursue the institutionalization of actions to address GBV in crises within IOM, deploying multilayered strategies encompassing technical support, rapid response and capacity building initiatives at country, regional and global levels. In addition, IOM will increase assistance to in-country Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) networks, and continue engaging in the Inter-agency Standing Committee-UN platforms and dialogue on PSEA.

International Rescue Committee:

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Building Local - Thinking Global: Support national level technical capacity in GBV in Emergencies

The IRC's project aims to work in partnership with grassroots women's rights organizations and networks as leaders on GBV prevention and response in emergencies. This multi-year learning project includes six NGO networks, which collectively represent more than 720 organizations and individuals from across the Horn, East and Southern Africa, the Middle East and East and South Asia, and is supporting their role as a resource for national and grassroots organizations. The project also provides financial assistance so that grassroots organizations can take direct action in refugee recipient countries and other emergency contexts. NGO networks engage in partner-informed learning and exchange workshops that focus on partners' needs and priorities to increase organizations' capacity to deliver effective programming.

UN Children's Fund:

Institutionalizing GBV programming in humanitarian action:

Building capacity, measuring effectiveness, and promoting good practice

In its fifth year of *Safe from the Start* funding, UNICEF aims to further advance field-based operationalization of the GBV Guidelines; leverage strategic partnerships for advancing this area of work; strengthen the overall evidence base on GBV risk mitigation effectiveness; and improve quality of GBViE programming within UNICEF and beyond. Since the beginning of this *Safe from the Start* partnership, with the support of PRM and other donors, UNICEF has strengthened its own GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response programming. In addition to scaling up GBV-specialized programming and integrating the GBV Guidelines recommendations into all of its programmatic sectors and clusters, UNICEF has made progress on institutionalizing GBV risk mitigation within the agency's systems and processes (M&E, results-based management frameworks, partnership agreements, etc.) that support programmatic delivery.



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UN High Commissioner for Refugees:

A renewed PRM and UNHCR partnership to prevent, mitigate and respond to sexual and gender-based violence in humanitarian emergencies

Safe from the Start has been instrumental for UNHCR to boost progress on institutionalizing and further operationalizing its work on GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response. The progressive development of the initiative in UNHCR reflects and also further aims at an advancement in institutional approach and capacity. The outcomes and impacts of the *Safe from the Start* include strong results from the roving deployment scheme, increased action on risk mitigation, and UNHCR's first comprehensive Policy on the Prevention, Mitigation, and Response to GBV. In its sixth year of *Safe from the Start* funding, UNHCR aims to focus on several priority areas, including: roll out of its GBV policy, including *conducting a baseline assessment and developing and testing a monitoring framework for the policy*; continue to deploy its roving GBV Senior Protection Officers to bring concrete support to the field in terms of expertise, capacity development, leadership and coordination from the onset of emergencies; *continue to deliver specialized GBV training through a Training of Trainers for its GBV Learning Program*; strengthening case management and information management capacity and quality; and documentation and dissemination of promising and good practices in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and coordination of GBV multi-sectoral projects in the livelihoods sector.

World Health Organization:

Institutionalizing and Strengthening the Capacity to Address Gender-Based Violence in the Health Cluster and in WHO's Emergency Work

WHO's project aims to strengthen the capacity of the health sector to address GBV in refugee, displacement and conflict settings. Over the past two years, funding through *Safe from the Start* has allowed WHO to make significant gains in enhancing institutional accountability to address the needs of GBV survivors across the health response in emergencies. This has included shifts within the organization to anchor GBV interventions specifically into WHO's emergency response and to allocate technical and human resources to address GBV. It has also included work with UN agencies and other partners to build capacity of the Health Clusters/Sectors to address GBV and ensure that health programs are using WHO's standards and technical guidance. WHO has trained over 1,000 health providers to provide care to survivors of GBV in Afghanistan, Bangladesh (Cox's Bazar), Burkina Faso, DRC, Iraq, Jordan, Nigeria, Sudan, and Syria. This project will continue to build internal awareness within WHO around the health response to GBV, provide ongoing technical support at regional, global and country-levels, strengthen the capacity of Health Cluster partners and health providers to coordinate and deliver GBV services, and promote learning within the health sector on effective responses to GBV.

INNOVATION PROJECTS

The Global Women's Institute at the George Washington University:

Empowered Aid: Transforming gender and power dynamics in the distribution of humanitarian aid

GWI's project aims to make the distribution of life-saving goods safer for women and girls by reducing risks for sexual exploitation and abuse within the modalities used by humanitarian

actors and their partners. The project is a multi-component, multi-year, research study that aims to generate evidence that will assist the humanitarian community in improving aid delivery systems to reduce power disparities that put women at risk for sexual exploitation. GWI, along with partner NGOs, will use participatory action research to test and document innovative approaches to aid distributions to discover if such improvements result in increased safety for women and girls.

International Rescue Committee:

Listen Up! Amplifying the voice of women in prevention and response to sexual exploitation and abuse in humanitarian settings

IRC's project aims to achieve a transformation in women's leadership in humanitarian action, including through efforts to reduce SEA and sexual harassment. The first objective aims to leverage change at the global policy level; the second and third objectives focus attention on one refugee pilot context to explore how to effectively transform institutions and galvanize effective interagency action to address sexual harassment, exploitation, and abuse. An overarching goal of this project is to specifically address the barriers, many of which are gendered, that survivors of GBV, sexual harassment, and SEA face to accessing services and support.

International Rescue Committee:

Preventing and Responding to Early Marriage in Crisis

PRM has supported IRC's three-year initiative on providing adolescent girl GBV programming, with a focus on early marriage, which provides field-based staff with concrete guidance, tools, and training materials to support quality program delivery. Through IRC's program model and resource package called *Girl Shine*, IRC has delivered promising results in relation to increases in girls social support networks, knowledge and information on services, an increase in confidence and decision-making skills, and a shift in gender and social norm attitudes and beliefs among adolescent girls. IRC's work is informed by their own consultations and research and will field test their guidance, then follow up with implementing practitioners and staff.

Norwegian Refugee Council:

Strengthening GBV response through the Regional Emergency GBV Adviser mechanism

PRM is supporting the Regional Emergency GBV Advisers (REGA) mechanism, which works to address the full cycle of emergencies: preparedness and GBV risk reduction, mitigation and response, and recovery and transition. NORCAP's standby partner mechanism, administers the REGA team and GBV support to the system as a whole. NORCAP develops partnerships with UN organizations, regional institutions and national stakeholders, and work with them to jointly identify capacity needs, develop projects within and across agency and sector-mandates and provide expertise to strengthen their capacity to prevent, prepare for, respond to and affected populations before, during and after crisis. The REGA project aims to ensure a well-functioning global crisis management system and contributes directly to the implementation of the GBV Area of Responsibility Strategy and work plan.

If you want to learn more about PRM initiatives and programming, please contact: PRM-MCEGender&Youth@state.gov:

PRM FY 2019 FUNDING

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| • SAFE FROM THE START | \$18.3 million |
| • GBV INNOVATION and LEARNING | \$4 million |
| TOTAL SAFE FROM THE START AND GBV INNOVATION FUNDING: | \$22.3 million |

GRAND TOTAL, INCLUDING REGIONAL GBV PROGRAM FUNDING: nearly \$49 million