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PROJECT DOCUMENT

Title RESILIENCE BUILDING FOR GBV SURVIVORS



Introduction

In the Northwest Region of Cameroon, the outbreak of the Anglophone crisis has led to a shocking increase in gender-based violence (GBV). Disturbingly, as many as one in every three women has experienced violence, coercion, or abuse, often perpetrated by individuals they know, including husbands and male family members. GBV not only reflects and reinforces gender inequalities but also undermines the health, dignity, security, and



autonomy of its victims. To address this urgent issue, this project aims to enhance the social, economic, and legal protection of GBV survivors while fostering their resilience.

Objectives: The project's primary goal is to build the resilience of GBV survivors in the Northwest Region of Cameroon through a multi-faceted approach. The specific objectives include:

1. **Comprehensive Social Support:** Provide survivors with psychosocial support and counseling services to address the deep psychological scars caused by GBV. Sensitization and awareness campaigns will be conducted to challenge social norms that perpetuate violence against women and promote a culture of gender equality and respect.
2. **Economic Empowerment:** Enhance the economic stability and self-reliance of GBV survivors by offering livelihood support opportunities. This includes skills training, vocational education, and access to microfinance services to enable them to generate sustainable incomes and reduce their vulnerability to future abuse.
3. **Legal Protection:** Strengthen the legal framework and increase survivors' access to justice by providing legal aid services and promoting awareness of existing laws and resources. Collaboration with Municipal Councils, Regional Councils, private structures, and Economic Support Services will be sought to expand legal support services and ensure project sustainability.

Approach: The project will employ a multifaceted approach to achieve its objectives:

1. **Lobbying and Exchange Forum:** Engage with key stakeholders, including government authorities, community leaders, and civil society organizations, to advocate for policies and practices that protect GBV survivors and promote gender equality. Facilitate regular exchange forums to share best practices and foster collaboration among stakeholders.
2. **Training and Capacity Building:** Conduct specialized training programs to enhance the skills and knowledge of service providers, community leaders, and relevant stakeholders. This includes capacity building on trauma-informed care, gender-responsive programming, and legal rights to ensure comprehensive and effective support for GBV survivors.
3. **Provision of Support:** Establish safe spaces and support centers where GBV survivors can access comprehensive services, including counseling, medical care, legal aid, and economic empowerment programs. Ensure that the support services are survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally sensitive.
4. **Sensitization and Awareness Raising:** Conduct community-based awareness campaigns to challenge harmful gender norms, promote gender equality, and prevent GBV. Utilize various communication channels, such as radio, community meetings, and educational materials, to reach a wide audience and foster a supportive environment for GBV survivors.

Expected Impact: By enhancing social, economic, and legal protection for GBV survivors, this project aims to achieve several significant outcomes:

1. Improved well-being and resilience of GBV survivors through comprehensive support services and psychosocial care.
2. Enhanced economic stability and self-reliance of survivors through livelihood support programs, reducing their vulnerability to future abuse.
3. Increased access to justice and legal protection for survivors through legal aid services and awareness of existing laws and resources.
4. Shifted social norms and attitudes towards gender equality, reducing the prevalence of GBV and creating a supportive environment for survivors.

Psychosocial Support and Counseling Services:

| Number | Activity | Impact |
|--------|--|-----------------------------------|
| I.A.1 | Establish and operate counseling centers for GBV survivors | Increased access to support |
| I.A.2 | Recruit and train qualified counselors to provide psychosocial support | Enhanced quality of counseling |
| I.A.3 | Conduct individual and group counseling sessions | Improved psychological well-being |
| I.B.1 | Develop informational materials on GBV | Increased awareness |
| I.B.2 | Organize community awareness events, workshops, and seminars | Changed social norms |
| I.B.3 | Collaborate with local media outlets for awareness campaigns | Enhanced public awareness |
| I.C.1 | Establish safe spaces for survivors | Increased safety and support |
| I.C.2 | Provide a conducive environment for interaction and support | Improved support network |
| I.C.3 | Offer recreational activities and skills-building workshops | Enhanced healing and empowerment |

Economic Empowerment

| Number | Activity | Impact |
|--------|--|--|
| II.A.1 | Identify marketable skills and vocational training programs | Increased employability of survivors |
| II.A.2 | Develop training curricula and materials tailored to the needs of GBV survivors | Improved relevance and effectiveness |
| II.A.3 | Deliver training sessions to enhance survivors' skills and increase employability | Enhanced skills and job readiness |
| II.B.1 | Facilitate partnerships with microfinance institutions | Improved access to financial services |
| II.B.2 | Assist survivors in accessing microloans or grants for starting small businesses | Increased opportunities for entrepreneurship |
| II.B.3 | Provide financial literacy training to ensure effective financial management | Enhanced financial knowledge and skills |
| II.C.1 | Conduct market assessments to identify income-generating opportunities | Increased understanding of market dynamics |
| II.C.2 | Develop entrepreneurship training programs for survivors | Enhanced entrepreneurship skills |
| II.C.3 | Establish mentorship programs to provide ongoing guidance and support to survivors | Continued support and guidance |

Legal Protection

| Number | Activity | Impact |
|--------|---|---|
| A.1 | Advocate for the adoption and enforcement of comprehensive laws and policies addressing GBV. | Increased legal protection for GBV survivors |
| A.2 | Collaborate with relevant stakeholders to review and amend existing legislation to better protect survivors' rights. | Enhanced legal framework for survivor protection |
| A.3 | Engage with legal experts and organizations to provide technical assistance in legal reform efforts. | Improved legal expertise and support |
| B.1 | Establish legal aid clinics or partnerships with existing legal service providers to offer free or affordable legal support to survivors. | Increased accessibility to legal support |
| B.2 | Train lawyers and paralegals on GBV-related legal issues and survivor-centered approaches. | Enhanced legal expertise in GBV matters |
| B.3 | Provide legal representation and support to survivors in navigating the justice system, including filing complaints and seeking protection orders. | Improved legal outcomes for survivors |
| C.1 | Develop information materials on legal rights, resources, and available support services for survivors. | Increased awareness of legal rights and resources |
| C.2 | Conduct awareness campaigns to educate survivors and the broader community on legal protections and avenues for seeking justice. | Heightened awareness on legal protections and avenues for justice |
| C.3 | Collaborate with Municipal Councils, Regional Councils, private structures, and Economic Support Services to expand legal support services and resources. | Expanded network and resources for legal support |

Cost Estimates

| ACTIVITIES | BENEFICIARIES | U CALCULATION | AMOUNT |
|---|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Translation | 50 | \$10 | \$500 |
| Capacity Building Kit | 50 | \$25 | \$1,250 |
| Conduct market assessment for 50 businesses for participants | 25 | \$50 | \$1,250 |
| Develop a mentorship program for survivors | 50 | \$100 | \$5,000 |
| industrial placement of 3 survivors/ industrial establishment | 33 | \$150 | \$5,000 |
| Train 5 lawyers and paralegals on GBV case management | 5 | \$500 | \$2,500 |
| provide legal representation and support to 2 survivors | 25 | \$1,000 | \$25,000 |
| provide each survivor start up capital to set up and run income generating activities | 33 | \$1,785 | \$59,500 |
| Grands Total | | \$3,620 | \$100,000 |