

Title: UN Joint programme to prevent and Respond to Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Liberia - Phase II

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Overview:

Women and girls in Liberia bore the brunt of almost two decades of civil war, during which time their human rights, especially sexual rights were grossly violated. However, during the pre-conflict era of the country, the issue of gender based violence was latent, never propagated, as in its post-conflict era, despite its transmission based on cultures and traditions (study on pre and post conflict violence). Also, from the customary and traditional legal perspectives, the rights of women were meddled, in that they were given in marriage as ‘properties’ of men, this practice still continues in some cultures.

The planning approach for the second phase of the joint programme was to use a participative process that requires a little more time and energy upfront, but results in a product that will be Government owned, more useful and more widely supported. The approach was to engage representatives of all the key stakeholder groups Government, UN, INGO’s and NGO’s to discuss, plan, advocate for activities and resources, and develop the second phase plan based on long term benefits and identification of outputs that are worth sustaining at the end of the project.

The approach to sustainability for this second phase planning was, some programme outputs will live a useful life during the programme (awareness in schools, communities), some will live on after the programme ends (e.g. the trained staff in the Judiciary, Police, BIN etc., the structures created like the criminal Court E, the additional rooms for ensuring confidentiality, community

structures like the women's groups) some will be taken on by others including the Government (staff appointed, joint monitoring, data management etc.).

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