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SUCCESS STORY FROM THE FIELD



"Before, I was not in a position to achieve anything important in my life. Today, I am achieving great things as a woman"

This story is from a beneficiary of a project run by the TFV's implementing partner, AMAB (*Association des mamans anti-Bwaki*), in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). AMAB has been a TFV implementing partner since 2008.

AMAB provides victims in Ituri, eastern DRC, with **psychological rehabilitation and economic support through savings and loan initiatives called "Mutuelles de Solidarité (MUSO)"** that encourages beneficiaries to work in cooperatives to generate income. AMAB also provides medical referrals for specialised medical care (e.g. fistula repairs and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases) at local hospitals and clinics. AMAB also implements various interventions at the community level, such as community dialogues that promote social reconciliation and reducing the stigmatization of victim survivors.

A story from Ms Irène, a TFV-supported beneficiary from Ituri:

"In 2003, I was sexually abused by two unknown men in uniform. I was suffering from psychological disorders and even lost the will to live. Feeling ashamed and humiliated, I conceived and gave birth to a child as a consequence of this rape.

Years after, I was approached by one of AMAB's officers, to whom I confided my story. I later became a project beneficiary and started receiving psychological rehabilitation. I was also able to take part in different income-generating activities, including farming. From these activities, I have enough income to provide basic needs to my family.

When AMAB set up a MUSO group in our community, I quickly joined, and has been a member since 2011.

Thanks to the MUSO, I was able to borrow US\$600 to cultivate a cassava field. After three harvests, I had generated enough income to construct a semi-durable house. My husband also borrowed US\$400 that enabled him to cultivate a sweet-potato field. He also saved the revenue generated from his crop production. Through the MUSO group, my husband and I also borrowed US\$500, which we used to purchase a new motorcycle. We use this as a taxi, and the income enables us to repay the debt.

Today, our household has become an example and is imitated by others. Before, I was not in a position to achieve anything important in my life. Today, I am achieving great things as a woman.

My thanks go to AMAB and to the Trust Fund for Victims for giving their support to the MUSO system and for showing the community how to combat poverty".

ASSISTANCE MANDATE **FIELD** **PROJECTS VISITS**

In February 2017, ICC President Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, TFV Chair Motoo Noguchi, TFV Board member Mama Koite Doumbia, and TFV Executive Director Pieter de Baan visited projects supported under the assistance mandate in DRC and Uganda.



WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE VISITS?

The purpose of the February 2017 visit was for the visiting delegates **to see first-hand some of the TFV's assistance mandate project activities, and to hear the perspectives of individuals and community member regarding how these projects have made a positive impact in their lives.** Under its assistance mandate, the TFV has provided support to victims in Uganda and the DRC for the past nine years.

The first part of the field visit took place from 21 – 23 February 2017 in Bunia and Bogoro, Ituri, eastern DRC. The visiting delegation comprised TFV Board member Mama Koité Doumbia and TFV Executive Director Pieter

de Baan, who visited two projects that provide trauma counselling to victims of sexual based and gender violence, and livelihood activities through the creation of savings and loans groups, commonly known as MUSOs.

The visiting delegation also held meetings with Hon. Dr. Jefferson Abdallah Pene Mbaka, Governor of the Province of Ituri, and Mr. Soro Karna, Head of the UN DRC peace keeping mission (MONUSCO). The delegates discussed the TFV's activities in Ituri under its assistance mandate and reiterated that the DRC assistance programme's success is due in no small part to the collaboration and support of local authorities and UN agencies.

The second part of the field visit took place in Kampala and Gulu, northern Uganda, from 24 – 28 February 2017. The DRC delegation was joined by ICC President Silvia Fernández, TFV Board Chair Motoo Noguchi, and Phillipp Ambach, Chief of the Victims Participation and Reparation Section (VPRS), and visited 3 projects in Gulu area.

President Fernández and TFV Chairman Noguchi also jointly met with President Museveni of the Republic of Uganda and discussed, among other topics, the TFV's assistance projects in the country.

In both DRC and Uganda, TFV Board members, other Court officials, and local community members were able to hear directly from victim survivors regarding the harm that they have suffered, their struggles, their path to recovery, and their hopes for a better future. It was also an opportunity to meet with staff and leadership of the TFV's locally based implementing partners, who shared their

experiences in the field, discussed the challenges that they have faced, and shared important lessons that they have learned so far.

The delegates reported that the visit was an “eye opener” that allowed them to fully appreciate the work and experience of the Trust Fund’s assistance mandate in the field. The delegation expressed that they were encouraged by the significant impact that the TFV-supported projects have had on victims and communities.

The delegation also took note of the magnitude of the harm suffered and the large number of victims that still require assistance. They agreed that the assistance projects needed to continue and that additional resources should be raised to support these and other TFV assistance mandate projects.

ICC PRESIDENT – SILVIA FERNANDEZ



*“Even many years after the events, victims still need to deal with traumatic episodes resulting from the various horrific forms of harm suffered from violence. **I wanted to hear the views of victims that have benefitted from these projects and to express my support for them as well as my support for the Trust Fund and its local partners. Their work is fundamental for the mission of the ICC.**”*

TFV BOARD CHAIR - MOTOO NOGUCHI



*“**We must not let victims remain in the past, trapped in suffering. Make them part of the future.** The resilience of victims and their ability to overcome unimaginable harm should be the foundation for a just & peaceful society, built on shared trust and confidence in the future.”*

TFV BOARD MEMBER - MAMA KOITE DOUMBIA



*“My personal assessment from this visit is that the intervention of the Trust Fund through its assistance mandate has been of vital importance to the most vulnerable victims, including children and women, and that it must be continued with the support of our funding partners. **The visit shows the Trust Fund’s unique imprint and track record of delivering reparative value to victims and their communities**”*



KATANGA REPARATIONS

ICC TRIAL CHAMBER II AWARDS VICTIMS INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE

On 7 March 2014, Mr Katanga was found guilty as an accessory on one count of a crime against humanity (murder) and four counts of war crimes (murder, attacking a civilian population, destruction of property and pillaging) for the attack on the village of Bogoro, in the Ituri district of the DRC on 24 February 2003. On 23 May 2014, Mr Katanga was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment.

On 24 March 2017, Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court issued an **order for reparations against Mr Katanga, awarding individual and collective reparations to the victims of crimes for which he was convicted.**

Trial Chamber II found that **297 victims of Mr Katanga's crimes were eligible for reparations.**

Trial Chamber assessed the extent of the physical, material and psychological harm suffered by the victims and set the amount of Mr Katanga's liability for the reparations awards at USD \$1,000,000.

With respect to the individual reparations award, the Trial Chamber awarded 297 victims with a **symbolic compensation of USD \$250 for each victim** (\$74,250 total).

The Trial Chamber also **awarded the 297 victims collective service-based reparations in the form of: 1) housing aid; 2) income-generating activities; 3) educational programmes; and 4) psychological rehabilitation.**

The Trial Chamber instructed the Trust Fund to submit a draft implementation plan, with proposed project ideas in relation to the awarded reparations, by 27 June 2017. Due to Mr Katanga's indigence, The Trial Chamber also requested that the TFV Board of Directors consider complementing the payment of the symbolic individual and collective reparations awards.



COTE D'IVOIRE

COUNTRY ASSESSMENT

In January and February 2017, the TFV conducted a preliminary assessment to explore the possibility of starting an assistance programme in Côte d'Ivoire.

The assessment aims to understand the situation of the victims of crimes under the ICC's jurisdiction, with a view to establish the relevance and feasibility of interventions to assist victims and their families who have suffered physical, psychological and/or material harm as result of these crimes. ***The assessment answers these main questions: "What are the consequence of the crimes on the victims, their families and communities? Should the TFV intervene to address the harms of the victims? How should the TFV intervene?"***

During the field visit, the assessment team visited the capital, Abidjan, and 11 localities in the centre, the west and the southern parts of the country. The team met with victims and community members, community leaders, civil society including victims associations, media,

national and local authorities, as well as representatives of the international community.

The assessment collected information about the pattern and different types of victimisation, the categories of harm suffered by victims and communities, the victims' expectations for rehabilitation and reparation, as well as reparative initiatives by the government, civil society and the international community, including any gaps in these initiatives. The assessment also identified potential risks and opportunities of a TFV assistance programme in Côte d'Ivoire.

The assessment team has developed a report and recommendations on the potential scope and form of a TFV assistance programme in Côte d'Ivoire. At its May 2017 annual meeting, the TFV Board of Directors will consider the appropriateness and feasibility of the TFV providing physical, psychological rehabilitation or material support for the benefit of victims and their families in Côte d'Ivoire.



DONOR PROFILE

The TFV is grateful for the tremendous support and contributions received from the government of Sweden through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) since 2011. The unrestricted funds allow us to continue providing assistance to victims in situation countries under the jurisdiction of the ICC.

SWEDEN/ SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

One of the eight thematic priorities in the Swedish government's aid policy framework is Peaceful and Inclusive Societies. Swedish development objectives have increasingly focused on conflict and post-conflict contexts since 2008. The current government administration has further strengthened this focus on conflict prevention.

Through Sida, the Government of Sweden has been the highest contributor to the TFV to date with over EUR 6 million in total contributed at the end of 2016.

The partnership between Sida and the TFV dates back to 2011 when Sida contributed SEK 10 million. With this unrestricted funds, the TFV has been able to implement projects providing physical and psychological rehabilitation and material support to victims in both northern Uganda and eastern DRC. Demonstrating its commitment to creating reparative value for victims, Sida entered into a three-year agreement (2012-2015) with the TFV for a total amount of SEK 36 million. Both parties agreed to continue this partnership, and in November 2016, Sida committed to another three-year contribution (2016 – 2018) of a maximum amount of SEK 30 million or approximately EUR 3 million.

"In 2015, we visited TFV projects in Uganda and DRC. From our field visit, we learned so much about how the TFV follows the work of its implementing partners and supports them. It was a great experience to meet some of the amazing people in the TFV's networks!

It was also exciting to learn more about the long-term development, given that some of these partners have been working for quite some time with the TFV.

We got a better understanding of the constantly changing and very challenging circumstances in which the TFV works.

Sida is proud to support peace-building and reconciliation projects, such as those of the TFV. This is an important complement to the Swedish commitment to the implementation of the Rome Statute.

We recognise the need for the TFV to continue its assistance mandate work and the importance of financial stability in this regard.

Sida remains committed to supporting the TFV and, with the renewal of the second three-year contribution until 2018, we hope that this will help the TFV achieve its goals and have an even greater impact on the lives of victims, their families, and their communities".

STATES PARTIES' CONTRIBUTIONS

The TFV is grateful for the tremendous support received annually which allow us to provide physical and psychological rehabilitations including material support to victim survivors, their families, and affected communities in situation countries under the jurisdiction of the ICC. **Because of your support, TFV is able to make significant advances in transforming lives and recognition for victims.**

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM STATES PARTIES FROM JANUARY UNTIL APRIL IN 2017

Donor Country	Amount in thousands of EUR
Andorra	9.9
Finland	200.0
United Kingdom	176.4

TOP 10 TFV DONORS

No	Donor Country	Total contributions (€) from 2004 – April 2017
1	Sweden	6,266,300
2	United Kingdom	3,948,500
3	Germany	3,214,800
4	Finland	2,547,900
5	Netherlands	2,418,400
6	Norway	1,188,900
7	France	1,150,000
8	Australia	1,150,000
9	Ireland	825,000
10	Japan	696,700

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM STATES PARTIES IN 2016

Donor Country	Amount in thousands of EUR
Andorra	9.9
Australia	199.6
Czech	10.9
Belgium	25.0
Estonia	20.0
Ireland	75.0
Japan	46.9
Liechtenstein	9.1
Luxembourg	55.0
Republic of Korea	44.2
Spain	30.0
Sweden	1,016
Switzerland	80.0
United Kingdom	78.9

CALL FOR DONATIONS

It is our mission to respond to the harm resulting from the crimes under the jurisdiction of the ICC by ensuring the rights of victims and their families through the provision of reparations and assistance. We can only achieve this with your support. **With your donations, the TFV can continue providing much needed assistance to the most vulnerable victims and survivors of conflicts.**



WE NEED YOU

Over the past 9 years, more than 104,000 individuals have benefitted directly from TFV-supported assistance in the DRC and Uganda, and more than 350,000 family and community members have indirectly benefitted. These are people who have suffered unimaginable harm as a result of conflicts in their countries. For instance, the TFV has been able to provide: reconstructive plastic surgery to rehabilitate facial, head, and burn injuries; corrective surgery to remove foreign objects (bullets and/or shrapnel); and trauma-based counselling to cope with psychological harm.

It is due to your support that these victims are able to begin the process of healing and become positive contributing members of their communities.

In view of the demanding year ahead, the TFV aims to expand its assistance mandate activities into five situation countries, as well as increase the TFV's reparations reserve, given that four cases are now in the reparations phase.

The TFV calls upon individuals and States Parties to consider making these goals possible with a generous and much appreciated donation.

Thank you for your continued support of the TFV and the victim survivors we help. Your contribution allows victim survivors to lead a dignified life and envision a better future. We are so grateful for your continued support.

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