THE ELSIE INITIATIVE FUND FOR UNIFORMED WOMEN IN PEACE OPERATIONS
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<td>Presentation by the Elsie Initiative Fund (EIF) - Deborah Warren-Smith, EIF Manager</td>
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<td>Presentation by the Elsie Initiative for Field Missions' Facilities and infrastructure (EIFM) - Geeta Belas, EIFM Project Manager</td>
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<td>9:20-10:00</td>
<td>Q&amp;A session with UN Peace Operations</td>
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The EIF aims to support and incentivize efforts to increase the meaningful participation of uniformed women in United Nations peace operations

- Established with support from Member States, Canada, the UN system and peacekeeping experts

- Aligned with UN DPO’s Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy 2018-2028 (UGPS)

- Funding modalities to T/PCCs and UN organizations: Barrier Assessment, Flexible Project Funding, Gender-Strong Unit (GSU) Premium
EIF Donors

- Target $40M
- Total $ raised $32M
- Approved $18M
- $8-10M for 3rd Programming Round

Donors from: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Republic of Korea, The Netherlands, United Kingdom.
Overview of EIF-Funded Projects

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Who can apply?
- UN Participating Organization (UN Peace Operations)

Objective: Improve working/living conditions for women peacekeepers in UN peace operations (EIF Outcome 4)
- designed to implement and test innovations
- examples: gender-sensitive policies and mechanisms within UN Peace Operations; female-fit equipment; psycho-social support for women peacekeepers; gender-sensitive infrastructure; etc.

Key considerations:
- 2-year timeframe
- Total amount available in 3rd PR to all UN PKO is US $1.5M
- Project amount: Between US$ 100K and US$ 1.5M
Impact and Strategic Relevance
Likely to result in the deployment of a significant volume of uniformed women including in strategic and leadership roles

Engagement – must demonstrate how women, particularly uniformed women play integral roles throughout the project cycle.

Sustainability - post EIF project funding / duration

Innovation - pilot new solutions or approached

Cost Effectiveness – strong financial management and accountability

Strong project management and monitoring
Improved working/living conditions for women peacekeepers in UN peace operations

- UNIFIL: Accommodation, ablution facilities, and welfare area for Ghanaian women peacekeepers
- Increase in women's participation - 16% to 19% in 2022

Inauguration of the UNIFIL's construction project (Sept 2022)
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<th>Fri 31 July</th>
<th>Close of Business</th>
<th>Completed Letters of Interest (LOI) to be sent to the EIF Secretariat: <a href="mailto:Elsie.mptf@unwomen.org">Elsie.mptf@unwomen.org</a></th>
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<td>Selected T/PCCs and PUNOs invited to submit detailed proposal</td>
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ELSIE INITIATIVE FOR FIELD MISSIONS (DOS)
EIF Information Session

Geeta Belas, Chief Elsie Initiative for Field Missions
Engineering Support Section,
Sourcing Support Service,
Logistics Division, OSCM, DOS

15 June 2023
Content:

1. Phase One: Background
2. Highlights of design related recommendations
3. Phase Two: Implementation of recommendations
4. Where to get more information
Elsie Initiative for Field Missions: Phase One

Background

Main deliverable from Phase One of the Elsie Initiative for Field Missions was:
• Design related recommendations for facilities and infrastructure
• Disseminated to all field missions via Code Cable in January 2021
• 200-person conceptual camp design for military and police endorsed by Office of Military Affairs and Police Division.
Elsie Initiative for Field Missions: Phase One

Highlights of Design related recommendations

- **ACTIVE RECREATION**
  - AREA FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS
    - (Physical wellbeing, social interaction)

- **PASSIVE RECREATION**
  - SMALLER OUTDOOR QUIET SPACES INSIDE CLUSTERS
    - (Mental wellbeing, social interaction)
  - RECREATION OUTDOOR SPACE
    - (Physical wellbeing, social interaction)

- **Living Accommodation Area**
  - LIVING ACCOMMODATION CLUSTERS
    - (Mental, physical wellbeing, privacy, social interaction)

- **Zoning**

  200 person conceptual camp layout
Elsie Initiative for Field Missions: Phase One

Highlights of Design related recommendations

1. Mental Wellbeing
   - Improvement of lighting and natural light to enhance the interior environment
   - Solid doors in showers to increase the feeling of security
   - Access to natural environments
   - Cluster approach – sense of belonging

2. Physical Wellbeing
   - Flexible design and coordinate furniture with space
   - Increase the scale of ablutions for women
   - Providing accessible and well-connected recreational spaces
   - Improved relation between zones inside camp

3. Privacy
   - Possibility of visual barrier for women clusters
   - Add a private space to change clothes (changing booth)
   - A balance between interaction and solitude

4. Social Interaction
   - Layouts that provide a space for social interaction
   - Comfortable meeting places, indoors and outdoors
   - Cluster approach = “pocket parks”

Creating an enabling environment
Elsie Initiative for Field Missions: Phase One

Highlights of Design related recommendations

1. Mental Wellbeing
   - Three user – friendly colors for beautification of interior walls
   - More storage space for personal belongings
   - Mobile interior partitions in shared accommodations
   - Lights with motion detection on main Pathways

2. Physical Wellbeing
   - Maximum distance/time, to be set between shared ablutions and accommodation/working spaces
   - Portable Toilets for long duration patrols
   - Water closet cubicles and shower area to be increased
   - Hooks for clothes, storage for hygiene products and maintenance products

3. Privacy
   - Sound proofing in partitions and exterior walls
   - Avoid accommodations’ doors facing each other
   - Sanitary disposal bins in water closets for women’s and unisex ablutions

4. Social Interaction
   - Option of masonry/self-constructed facilities for sports activities
   - Gender separated TV rooms shall be considered
   - Designated space for internet access (multiple access points)

Creating an enabling environment
Elsie Initiative for Field Missions: Phase Two

Implementation of recommendations:

- **UNISFA**
  - Indian BATT – Doukra
- **MINUSCA**
  - Rwandan FPU - Bangassou
- **MONUSCO**
  - Bangladeshi FPU - Kinshasa
- **MINUSMA**
  - Guinean BATT – Kidal
  - Senegalese QRF - Bouar
  - Malawian BATT – Beni

Creating an enabling environment
Thank you!

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