



PEACEBUILDING FUND
[GUATEMALA]

PROJECT HALF YEARLY PROGRESS UPDATE

AS OF JANUARY – JUNE 2013

Project No & Title:	PBF/GTM/B-2 Strengthening of national capacities to support the victims of crimes 00084039		
Recipient Organization(s)¹:	UNICEF / UNFPA / UN Women		
Implementing Partners (Government, UN agencies, NGOs etc)	General Prosecutor's Office (<i>Ministerio Público</i>); National Civilian Police; National Attorney's Office (<i>Procuraduría General de la Nación</i>); civil society organizations		
Location:	Guatemala City, mainly		
Total Approved Budget²	US\$980,000.00		
Funds Committed³	US\$18,076.00	% of funds committed / total approved budget:	1.84%
Expenditure⁴:	US\$76,025.65	% of expenditure / total budget: (Delivery rate)	7.75%
Project Approval Date:	Aug. 28, 2012	Possible delay in operational closure date (Number of months)	2
Project Start Date:	Oct. 1, 2012		
Expected Operational Project Closure Date:	Sept. 30, 2014		
PBF Outcome Area⁵	The project contributes to facilitate the access of victims of crime, especially women, children, and adolescents, to integral attention services improving information and communication challenges. Making use of institutional plans, civil society organizations' networks of derivation, and UN agencies expertise in matters of victim support, the project will increase access to victimological attention, security measures, and criminal prosecution services. This is a crucial element in the consolidation of peace in the country given that it provides stronger channels for state response to the effects of violence and crime, an objective contribution to fulfilling the Peace Accords and other policy documents, and that enhances the understanding that the state is growing stronger to deal with matters of insecurity that critically affect the population.		

¹ Please note that where there are multiple agencies, only one consolidated project report should be submitted.

² Approved budget should be the amount transferred to Recipient Organisations

³ Funds committed are defined as the commitments made through legal contracts for services and works according to the financial regulations and procedures of the Recipient Organisations.

² Actual payments (contracts, services, and works) made on commitments.

⁵ Reference to be made to outcomes of the Priority Plan or PBF Performance Management Plan (PMP)

	<p>Program responds to PBF Priority Area 1: Activities designed to respond to imminent threats to the peace process, support for the implementation of peace agreements and political dialogue, in particular in relation to strengthening of national institutions and processes set up under those agreements; and within it specifically to PBF Outcome 2: Judiciary system is strengthened through equipping, staffing and training of Office of the Magistrate and courts to establish credibility, professionalism, independence, and efficiency in the judiciary system and inclusive law reform in order to institute rule of law.</p> <p>Key project activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementation of information and communication mechanisms on victims' rights, with a particular emphasis on women, children and adolescents, and culturally pertinent. 2. Expansion of the geographic coverage of the mechanisms for integral attention to victims, especially women and children, including monitoring and evaluation systems. 3. Implementation of the integral attention model specific for victims of human trafficking offenses, especially women, children and adolescents. 4. Institutionalization of formative (education), and support processes directed to the General Prosecutor's Office staff to guarantee integral attention to victims of crimes.
<p>Qualitative assessment of achievements and challenges</p>	<p>During the first semester of 2013, different activities have been developed to strengthen the abilities of the General Prosecutor's Office, focused to the integral attention of the victims and the accompaniment in the criminal proceedings, especially during the debate stage in those cases of violence against women.</p> <p>The main achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To ensure an integral answer for the victims of violence, different "support to supporters" processes have been developed with 90 psychologists in charge of the Victims Attention Offices and nine officers from the Unit of Kidnapping of the Prosecution of Organized Crime. These actions include the provision of tools for self-support as well as the psychosocial monitoring and accompaniment to staff dealing with violent crimes, to preserve and maintain an emphatic service attitude towards survivors. - An outstanding achievement in the semester is the institutional will to strengthen the coordination and alliances with the institutionality of Indigenous Towns with regards to safety and justice, such as the Office for the Defense of Indigenous Women and the Presidential Commission against Racial Discrimination, in order to guarantee the victimological attention with ethnic-cultural pertinence. - The processes to strengthen the inter-institutional collaboration amongst the General Prosecutor's Office and the Office for the Defense of Indigenous Women for the provision of victimological attention with ethno-cultural focus have been initiated for those cases of violence against indigenous women with the participation of 52 officers from both institutions of 12 of the 22 departments in the country. - Processes for the formation of 27 psychologists in charge of the Victims Attention Offices have been carried out to strengthen the accompaniment of the victims during the debate stage. - Two results are expected to be achieved by the end of the year: a) the "support the supporters" processes initiated with the Offices of the Integral Attention to Victims within the General Prosecutor's Office, which shall support in the construction of the Guide of Self-Care for the personnel working with the victims; and b) the approval of a Master Program with <i>Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala</i> with a unified curriculum of

victimological studies.

Main challenges:

- Advancements of this project depends on the documents submitted to the Government for its approval and it has faced several difficulties in the implementation procedures.
- Notwithstanding, at the moment in which the project implementation is approved by the national authorities, it will be possible to advance implementation, since there are great progresses in the acquisition plans as well as in the necessary administrative processes.

INDICATOR ASSESSMENT: Using the *Programme Results Framework from the Project Document* - provide an update on the achievement of indicators at both the outcome and output level in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, clear explanation should be given explaining why, as well as plans on how and when this data will be collected.

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baselines	Planned Indicator Targets	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance (if any)	Risks
Outcome 1⁶ To strengthen the Access to the services provided by the Public Prosecutor's Office by improving the information channels towards the victims, as well as the integral attention, particularly to women, boys and girls, through	Indicator					
Output 1.1 Implementation of information and communication mechanisms with cultural pertinence on	Indicator 1.1.1 A monitoring system on the attention on the victims and consultation regarding the advancements in cases in force	There is no institutionalized monitoring system of the attention to the victims and consultations regarding the advancement of cases	Created and institutionalized a monitoring system of cases on victims attention	The monitoring system is not created	This component could be executed due to the governmental procedures for its approval.	The risk is that it may not be approved or that the procedures exceed the deadline for the project; therefore, it is recommended to evaluate the executor agency of this component.

⁶ Either country relevant (from the Priority Plan or Project Document) or PMP specific.

<p>the rights of the victims with particular emphasis on women, boys, girls and adolescents</p>	<p>Indicator 1.1.2 An strategy of information and dissemination of the rights of the victims, with cultural pertinence</p>	<p>Scarce information and divulgation of the victims with cultural pertinence</p>	<p>Developed a strategy on information and communication towards the victims, in the places where the model of attention to the victim is implemented</p>	<p>It is under elaboration process</p>	<p>This strategy shall be finished by the end of the project</p>	
<p>Output 1.2 Geographic extension of the mechanisms of integral attention to the victims, particularly to women, boys and girls, including appropriate monitoring and evaluation systems of the services</p>	<p>Indicator 1.2.1 Number of protocol policies and instructions generated and implemented as a product of the project</p>	<p>There are two institutional instruments for the attention to victims (Guide for the psychological interventions during the debate in the criminal proceedings for violence against women, and general instructions on the provision of services to victims)</p>	<p>Created two new instruments (i. protocol of investigations of violence and violent death of women, ii. revision and publication of a compendium that gathers the instructions on the attention to victims)</p>		<p>This component could be executed due to the governmental procedures for its approval.</p>	<p>The risk is that it may not be approved or that the procedures exceed the deadline for the project; therefore, it is recommended to evaluate the implementing agency of this component.</p>
			<p>Implemented four new instruments on attention to the victim in the Public Prosecutor's Office at national level (i. protocol of interviews to children and adolescents victim of sexual violence; ii. a protocol of attention to the collateral victims; iii. A guide for the psychological interventions during the debate in criminal proceedings for violence against women; iv. instructions on the matter of victims)</p>		<p>This component could not have been executed due to the governmental procedures for its approval.</p>	<p>The risk is that it may not be approved or that the procedures exceed the deadline for the project; therefore, it is recommended to evaluate the implementing agency of this component.</p>

<p>Output 1.3 Implementation of a model of integral attention for the attention to the victims of sexual crimes, violence against women and trafficking in persons, particularly of women, boys, girls and adolescents</p>	<p>Indicator 1.3.1 Number of places to apply the model of integral attention to victims of sexual crimes, violence against women and trafficking in persons established and in force</p>	<p>There are two places applying the model of integral attention</p>	<p>Supported the implementation of the model of integral attention in other three places</p>	<p>The implementation of the attention and integration model is under process in a new place</p>	<p>No progress has been made with the implementation of the other two places due to difficulties with certain governmental procedures for its approval</p>	<p>The risk is that it may not be approved or that the procedures exceed the deadline for the project; therefore, it is recommended to evaluate the executor agency of this component.</p>
<p>Output 1.4 Institutionalization of staff training and support proceedings of the Public Prosecutor's Office to ensure the integral attention to the victims</p>	<p>Indicator 1.4.1 Creation of a training system with a unified curricula on attention to the victims</p>	<p>Existence of a formative module on victimology</p>	<p>Created an academic unified curricula on attention to victims at three levels</p>	<p>It is under elaboration process</p>	<p>It shall be ready at the end of the project</p>	