



GUATEMALA

PROJECT HALF YEARLY PROGRESS UPDATE

PERIOD COVERED: JANUARY – JUNE 2014

Project No & Title:	PBF 84039 Strengthening National Capacities for Victim Assistance		
Recipient Organization(s)¹:	UN Women, UNICEF, UNFPA y UNDP		
Implementing Partners (Government, UN agencies, NGOs etc)	Public Prosecutor’s Office		
Location:	Guatemala		
Total Approved Budget²	UN Women: \$ 235,400.00 UNICEF/UNDP: \$ 519,900.00 UNFPA: \$ 224,700.00 TOTAL: \$ 980,000.00		
Funds Committed³	UN Women: - UNICEF/UNDP: \$ 180,000.00 UNFPA: \$ 10,000.00	% of funds committed / total approved budget:	UN Women: - UNICEF/UNDP: 35% UNFPA: 5 %
Expenditure⁴:	UN Women: \$ 153,000.00	% of expenditure / total budget: (Delivery rate)	UN Women: 65% UNICEF/UNDP: 30% UNFPA: 45 %

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

² Approved budget is 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, works) made on commitments.

5 PBF focus areas are:

1: Support the implementation of peace agreements and political dialogue (Priority Area 1):

(1.1) SSR, (1.2) RoL; (1.3) DDR; (1.4) Political Dialogue;

2: Promote coexistence and peaceful resolution of conflicts (Priority Area 2):

(2.1) National reconciliation; (2.1) Democratic Governance; (2.3) Management of natural resources;

3: Revitalise the economy and generate immediate peace dividends (Priority Area 3);

(3.1) Short-term employment generation; (3.2) Sustainable livelihoods

4) (Re)-establish essential administrative services (Priority Area 4)

(4.1) Public administration; (4.2) Public service delivery (including infrastructure).

5) PBF management and administration

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	UNICEF/UNDP: \$ 140,000.00 UNFPA: \$ 100,000.00		
Project Approval Date:	September 14, 2012	Possible delay in operational closure date (Number of months)	
Project Start Date:	September 14, 2014		
Expected Operational Project Closure Date:			
Project Outcomes:	The judicial system is strengthened through the provision of equipment, personnel and training to the Magistrate's Office and courts, to establish credibility, professionalism, independence and efficiency and an inclusive legal reform to institutionalize the rule of law.		
PBF Focus Area⁵			

Qualitative assessment of progress

<p><i>For each intended outcome, provide evidence of progress during the reporting period.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, for each outcome include the outputs achieved. (500 words max.)</i></p>	<p>Outcome 1: A two page leaflet exists with information on victim's rights; five centers for integral attention for victims possess equipment for the permanent transmission of information, and a two minute radio spot is being produced on victims' rights in Spanish and 8 Maya languages (Quiché, Kaqchiquel, Mam, Q'qchi, Ixil, Tzutuhil, Poqomchi and Q'anjobal) along with a five-minute video in three Mayan languages (Quiché, Poqomchi and Achi). A video of stories to sensitize children and adolescents on the debate is in the final stage of production; this will be produced in five Mayan languages.</p> <p>The development of an information and communications strategy is underway to promote the rights of victims, a strategy that was implemented in 9 MAI and 56 victim attention centres.</p>
	<p>Outcome 2: 9 MAI and 44 offices for Victim Assistance are being supported with technical and acoustic equipment and nine "Gesell" cameras which form part of the MAI; monitoring of the cameras use has begun.</p> <p>The realization of regional referral network meetings coordinated by the PPO has enabled for the collection and discussion of inputs for public policy relating to integral attention and assistance for victims of sexual violence, abuse and trafficking of children, women. Validation of the inputs is expected to occur in the third quarter with the presentation scheduled for October 2014. The challenge for the project is to monitor policy implementation.</p>
	<p>Outcome 3: The following processes were initiated: elaboration and follow-up of the appraisal for integral attention offered to victims in the Public Prosecutor's Office for Women and Children Victims at the national level; the appraisal and proposal for strengthening PPO intervention in the "Alba Keneth" warning system; the appraisal and proposal for strengthening PPO intervention in crimes against children and adolescents.</p> <p>The Prosecutor's Office of Human Trafficking is accompanying victims with socioeconomic and psychological care, to comply with established legal guidelines for attention to victims of trafficking to ensure their recovery, reduce the chances of re-victimization and promote social re-integration. This is a new entity in the Office, which is developing the instruments of attention, and it is intended that the staff</p>

	<p>be integrated into the PPO to provide continuity to this new area, which should develop to provide such attention, with special emphasis on children and adolescents.</p> <p>In parallel, the Actuarial Unit model and tables is being created which will determine criteria for the analysis and estimation of damages desirable for a dignified recovery for victims of crime, with particular emphasis on human trafficking.</p> <hr/> <p>Outcome 4: The project has facilitated development of an induction workshop for staff new to the Prosecutor's Office of Women and Attention to Victims, with standardized victimology care content. Five workshops with a duration of three weeks were supported, which are being institutionalized through the PPO Training Unit.</p> <p>The project is promoting self-help processes for staff, which provide them with the tools to maintain personal equilibrium and accordingly provide improved support to victims.</p>
<p><i>Do you see evidence that the project is having a positive impact on peacebuilding? (250 words max.)</i></p>	<p>Strengthening PPO capacities to provide attention to victims substantially contributes to breaking-down impunity and correspondingly strengthens access to justice, preventing re-victimization particularly for women, children and adolescents through the development of actions related to investigation and prosecution. The gains being achieved have short, medium and long term impacts in terms of strengthening the rule of law and the construction and preservation of peace.</p>
<p><i>Were there catalytic effects from the project in the period reported, including additional funding commitments or unleashing/ unblocking of any peace relevant processes? (250 words max.)</i></p>	<p>The sample results attained for the final internal project evaluation show that the coordinated intervention has built capacities; however, these results are still fragile and are concentrated in offices prioritized at the central level. The PPO therefore considers it necessary to request a temporary project extension to December 2014, to consolidate the products being developed and secure their approval. A second phase is also considered necessary in order to institutionalize and strengthen processes directed at "victimology attention" (literal translation).</p> <p>Furthermore, the development of a joint strategy between the Judicial Organism and the PPO is being promoted, to expand access to specialized justice in four prioritized departments.</p> <p>The desire to strengthen processes initiated by the project implies significant will to build and uphold peace processes.</p>

<p><i>If progress has been slow or inadequate, provide main reasons and what is being done to address them. (250 words max.)</i></p>	<p>Due to a change of authorities in the PPO, some activities were detained in order to provide feedback to the new authorities on the achievements made and future activities planned within the project.</p>
<p><i>What are the main activities/expected results for the rest of the year? (250 words max.)</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><i>Is there any need to adjust project strategies/ duration/budget etc.? (500 words max.)</i></p>	<p>The project is nearing completion and an internal evaluation has demonstrated the need to continue the processes initiated, particularly given their fragility and the fact that they have not yet been fully institutionalized.</p> <p>It looks necessary the request of a second phase by the need to consolidate the achievements in the interior of Guatemala. The possibility of requesting a no-cost extension is being considered.</p>
<p><i>Are there any lessons learned from the project in the period reported? (500 words max.)</i></p>	<p>The biggest challenge remains reaching prosecution offices in the interior of the country to provide specialized training in criminal investigation, combined with the provision of equipment and materials, which will strengthen capacities to collect evidence through upgraded scientific methods, and in turn enhance the substantiation of judicial processes presented before the relevant courts.</p> <p>The lifetime of the project may be a bit short to ensure the implementation and use of the tools generated by the project.</p> <p>Sampling results from the final internal project evaluation confirm the need to ensure psychosocial support for the prioritized prosecution offices which serve high-profile cases, such as femicide, sexual violence, organized crime.</p> <p>The identification and prosecution of human trafficking cases have increased, and the need to expand the territorial coverage of the specialized unit to combat the phenomenon has been established. The institution seeks the continuation of the project in order to accompany the institutionalization of the Unit and its strengthening and expansion into the interior of the country.</p>

	<p>Strengthening offices for victim assistance and courts for violence against women.</p> <p>Starting a communication strategy for the rights of victims, which is expected to give greater dissemination of these rights and to provide a comprehensive attention to many women and children.</p>
<p><i>What is the percentage of the project budget expended to date and by outcome?⁶</i> <i>(250 words max.)</i></p>	<p>60% of the project resources have been executed and 40% have been committed</p>
<p><i>Any other information that the project needs to convey to PBSO (and JSC) at this stage?</i> <i>(250 words max.)</i></p>	<p>The PPO considers it necessary to request the PBF for a second project stage in order to enhance the good practices engendered by the project, particularly in light of the need to strengthen prosecution offices in the interior of the country.</p>

⁶ Please note that financial information provided is preliminary pending submission of annual financial report to the Administrative Agent.

INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT: *Using the Project Results Framework - 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, state this and provide any explanation in the qualitative text above.*

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Access to services provided by the PPO strengthened, improving information and communication channels for victims, as well as integral attention, particularly women and girls.	1.1 A system for monitoring attention to victims and case consultations in progress.	0	1	System of monitoring under creation	n/a	n/a
	1.2 A strategy for action and diffusion around the rights of victims with cultural pertinence.	0	1	Under creation	n/a	n/a
	2.1 Number of policies, protocols and instructions generated and implemented as products.	2	6	2	n/a	n/a
	3.1 Number of places where the model for integral attention aimed at	2	3	Five, and two more in process.	n/a	The goal was adjusted: the creation of 5 is being promoted,

	victims of sexual offences, violence against women and trafficking is implemented and functioning.					and support for the 100% functioning of 4 more. 9 in total.
	4.1 A training system created with standardized curriculum on issues of attention to victims.	A training course in victimology exists.	1	In process	n/a	n/a