

PEACEBUILDING FUND
IRF project Budget or Duration Revision with No Overall Cost Implication¹

¹ Please use this form **ONLY** to request (i) an extension of project implementation time with no cost increase and no substantive scope outcome change or (ii) a budget reallocation within the existing project budget with an effect of more than 15% on any budget category and no substantive outcome change.

Project Title: Building the evidence base to facilitate responsive gender policy and programs for equality and lasting peace in Kyrgyzstan	Recipient UN Organization(s): UN Women, UNFPA, IOM
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MPTF Office Project Number: 00088206	Project Location: Kyrgyz Republic - Chui, Issyk-Kul, Naryn, Osh, Batken, Jalalabad, Talas provinces
Project Description: The Gender in Society Perceptions Study will identify critical threats to gender equality and potential conflict triggers in order to establish a credible, reliable evidence base for informed, targeted policymaking and programming for equitable gender outcomes.	Total Project Cost: \$700,001 Peacebuilding Fund: \$630,001 Government contribution: N/A Other: \$70,000 from UN Women Project Start Date: 1 April 2015 Initial Project End Date: 30 June 2016 Revised End Date (if applicable): 30 September 2016
Gender Marker Score: 3	
Project Outcomes: Effectiveness of gender equality promotion and inclusive peacebuilding policies and programs by government institutions, international agencies including members of the UNCT, and civil society is strengthened for lasting peace and women's empowerment.	
PBF Focus Area which best summarizes the focus of the project: Priority area 2 – Promote coexistence and peaceful resolution of conflicts, conflict prevention/management. Focus area 2.2 Democratic governance	

(for IRF-funded projects)*	
<p>Recipient UN Organization(s)</p> <p>Mr. Gerald Gunther UN Women, Representative 14 January 2016</p>  <p>Ms. Bermet Moldobaeva IOM, Head of Office 14 January 2016</p>  <p><i>(Usually SRSG for mission settings and RC for non-mission settings. If it is a joint project, all the Heads of UN Entities/Agencies receiving funds should sign)</i></p>	<p>Representative of National Authorities</p> <p>Mr. Bazarbaev Kudairbegen Bazarbaevich Minister of Social Development of the Kyrgyz Republic 14 January 2016</p>  <p>Mr. Ostonatbek Sharipovich Chairman of the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic 14 January 2016</p> 
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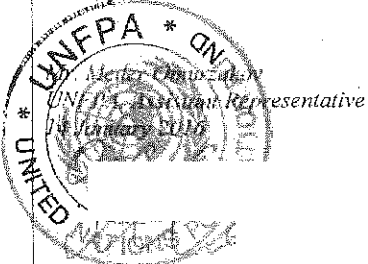


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Nature of change and justification:

Following our previous discussion with the PBF Secretariat about the opportunity for the No-Cost-Extension for PBF funded projects, we hereby request a three month no-cost extension for the “*Building the Evidence Base to Facilitate Responsive Gender Policy and Programming for Equality and Lasting Peace in Kyrgyzstan*” joint project by UN Women, UNFPA and IOM. Our request is to extend the project until 30 September 2016. Currently the project is due to close on 30 June 2016.

This project is lead by UN Women and under the IRF modality. While the project was scheduled to commence on January 1, 2015 and complete on June 30, 2016, with a timeframe of 18 months, the project approval was given in March 2016, some 2 months after the expected start date.. Despite the change of the starting month of the project, the project document was still signed with an end-date of June 30, 2016, for a overall timeframe of 16 months. Funding was only received at the end of March 2015, and thus the project could not actually start until April 01, 2015. Thus given the revision of the project dates and timeframe during the approval process, the actual duration of the project became 15 months. We request a no-cost extension for an additional 3 months to implement the research for an 18-month period as was originally envisioned.

In addition, the delay in our receipt funding until March, 2015 has affected project implementation, making it more complicated. For example, data collection could not start in summer as originally planned, but instead commenced only in late autumn. Project implementation proved more challenging than expected due to limited capacity and availability of national experts and researchers with the skills to conduct a high quality KAP study, especially on gender issues. The fact that our research began in autumn, during the academic year when professors and experts are generally unavailable, compounded this issue.

Third, the nature of the study has few international precedents, which made for limited international expertise, both in-house in the UN and in the consultancy market. The UN Women Country Office overcame these challenges by directly attending to many of these tasks and identifying alternative solutions. Given the extra time needed for this problem-solving, the design phase of the study and development of study materials - such as the desk review report, methodology and qualitative and quantitative instruments – took longer than initially planned.

Organizing the Stakeholder Working Group made up of some 40 state and non-state entities was also more cumbersome than expected. Yet with the help of Ministry of Social Development, this challenge was overcome. Having now both identified and helped build strong national and international capacity to technically guide the study, we are convinced that the project can be closed within the originally planned timeframe of 18 months from receipt of funds. Therefore, please kindly support our request for a three month no-cost extension of the project through 30 September 2016.

II. Budget impact

There is no budget revision proposed.

Table 1: Project Activity Budget

Outcome/ Output number	Output name	RUNO (s) / Output budget	Any remarks
Outcome 1: Effectiveness of gender equality promotion and inclusive peacebuilding efforts by government institutions, international agencies including the UNCT, and partner NGOs is strengthened.			
Output 1.1	Identification of threats to gender equality and peace	UN Women USD 340,797	
Output 1.2	National institution capacity building	UNFPA USD 248,401	
Output 1.3	Gender-sensitive research capacity building among universities and researchers	IOM USD 40,803 UN Women USD 70,000	
Total		USD 700,001	

Table 2: Project budget by UN categories by RUNO²

PBF PROJECT BUDGET – RUNO 1 (add other tables if more than 1 RUNO)					
CATEGORIES	Original Budget UN Women	Original Budget UNFPA	Original Budget IOM	Proposed increase/decrease	Proposed new budget
1. Staff and other personnel			23,634	0	23,634
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials				0	0
3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture (including Depreciation)	1,800			0	1,800
4. Contractual services	24,100	15,000	14,500	0	53,600
5. Travel	5,400	10,000		0	15,400
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	277,425	200,000		0	477,425
7. General Operating and other Direct Costs	9,777	7,150		0	16,927
Sub-Total Project Costs	318,502	232,150	38,134	0	588,786
8. Indirect Support Costs*	22,295	16,251	2,669	0	41,215
TOTAL	340,797	248,401	40,803	0	630,001

* The rate shall not exceed 7% of the total of categories 1-7, as specified in the PBF MOU and should follow the rules and guidelines of each recipient organization. Note that Agency-incurred direct project implementation costs should be charged to the relevant budget line, according to the Agency's regulations, rules and procedures.

² As this is a no-cost extension request, sub-total and total budget must remain the same as in the approved, original project document