

NARRATIVE REPORT FORMAT: ANNUAL REPORT 2017

<p>Project Title: “Convocatoria de la ventana de la Sociedad Civil: Participación de las mujeres en procesos de construcción de paz, recuperación y resolución de conflictos”</p>	<p>PUNO(s): UN Women Colombia</p>
<p>Reporting Period: annual report 2017</p> <p>Report submitted by: UN Women Colombia</p>	<p>Implementing Partner(s):</p> <p>Organización Femenina Popular, OFP; Asociación Campesina del Valle del Río ACVC; Corporación Vamos Mujer; Asociación Municipal de Mujeres (ASOM); Corporación de Mujeres Ecofeministas (COMUNITAR); Asociación JUNPRO; Ruta Pacífica de las Mujeres; Liga Internacional de Mujeres por la paz y la libertad – LIMPAL; Fundación Surcos de Vida ONG; Corporación para el Desarrollo Social, Tecnológico y Económico de Colombia (CORPDESARROLLO); Corporación 8 de marzo. Mujeres y hombres por la igualdad; Red de Mujeres Chaparralunas por la Paz; Corporación de Apoyo a Comunidades Populares, CODACOP; Red Nacional de Mujeres</p> <p>Project Location: Colombia</p>
<p>Project Description:</p> <p>To project aims to contribute to sustainable territorial peace-building, based on the established terms of the Final Agreement with FARC-EP, starting from women’s fundamental rights protection, democracy strengthening and inclusive social development. To this end, the project supports civil society organizations in the following areas: (i) socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in post-conflict situations; ii) increase representation and leadership of women in peacebuilding initiatives.</p>	<p>Total Approved budget: US\$ 2,000,000</p> <p>Project Start Date: 20 February 2018¹</p> <p>Project End Date: 20 February 2020²</p> <p>Total duration (in months): 24</p>
<p>WPHF’s Outcome the Project is contributing to: 6. Peacebuilding & Recovery: The socio-economic recovery of women is promoted in post-conflict situations.</p>	
<p>WPHF’s indicator the Project is reporting on: n/a</p>	

¹ Date when funds were transferred by the MPTF to UN Women. Note that PCAs with implementing partners officially started on March 15th, 2018.

² End date of UN Women PRODOC.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In Colombia, it was decided to operate the WPHF through the UN Post-conflict MPTF for Colombia strengthening WPHF objectives, while also contributing to the post-conflict multi-stakeholders' strategy, fully aligned with Government priorities³. The partnership is also strategic for the UN MPTF for Colombia who is seeking to strengthen the gender perspective of funded projects and raise the percentage of funds dedicated to gender specific interventions for gender equality.

As a part of the governance arrangements, financial resources will be transferred to UN Women who serves as technical secretariat of the Call and administrative agent, in coordination with the UN MPTF technical secretariat.

The WPHF seeks to contribute financially to support civil society organizations in the following areas: (i) socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in post-conflict situations; ii) increase representation and leadership of women in peacebuilding initiatives. Accordingly, the interested organizations were asked to present proposals in the prioritized municipalities and territories in one of the two thematic areas: a) Women protagonists of democracy and development (corresponding to output 1 of the results framework), and b) Women protagonists of co-existence, reconciliation and security (corresponding to output 2 of the results framework).

140 proposals were received and 45 passed the first screening process carried out by UN Women as technical secretariat. The Technical Committee of the UN Post-conflict MPTF for Colombia invited 19 organizations to formulate the full project document.

UN Women accompanied permanently the organizations, including on-site visits and workshops to disseminate and explain the templates and requirements for project formulation, as well as to clarify and answer questions raised by the organizations throughout the process. In addition, UN Women provided advice on project design and presentation through a specific guidelines document for project formulation. The MPTF technical committee met in December 2017 to evaluate the 18 full project documents⁴ and recommended the approval of 14 project proposals (for a total value of US\$ 1,534,264). On January 22nd, 2018, the MPTF Steering Committee approved the 14 recommended proposals⁵. Regarding the approved projects:

- ✓ All selected projects are focusing on municipalities highly affected by the armed conflict included in the list of municipalities prioritized by the Government for peace stabilization.
- ✓ 8 projects are focusing on departments where UN Women counts with a regional presence (Antioquia, Cauca, Chocó, Meta and Nariño) that allows for closer monitoring, support and advice.
- ✓ 9 projects will be implemented by women's organizations and 5 by mixed.
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⁵ In its capacity of administrative agent, UN Women received the funds on February 20th, 2018 and coordinated the formalization of the agreements with every organization (via PCAs). The 14 projects officially started on March 15th, 2018. Annex 2 includes photos of projects' signature between UN Women and implementing partners with the participation of the MPTF Secretariat. In 2018, it is expected that two additional projects will be funded.

- ✓ 11 out of 14 implementing partners are community-based/local CSOs, and in 6 cases the proposal is a strategic partnership between a community-based and a larger national organization.

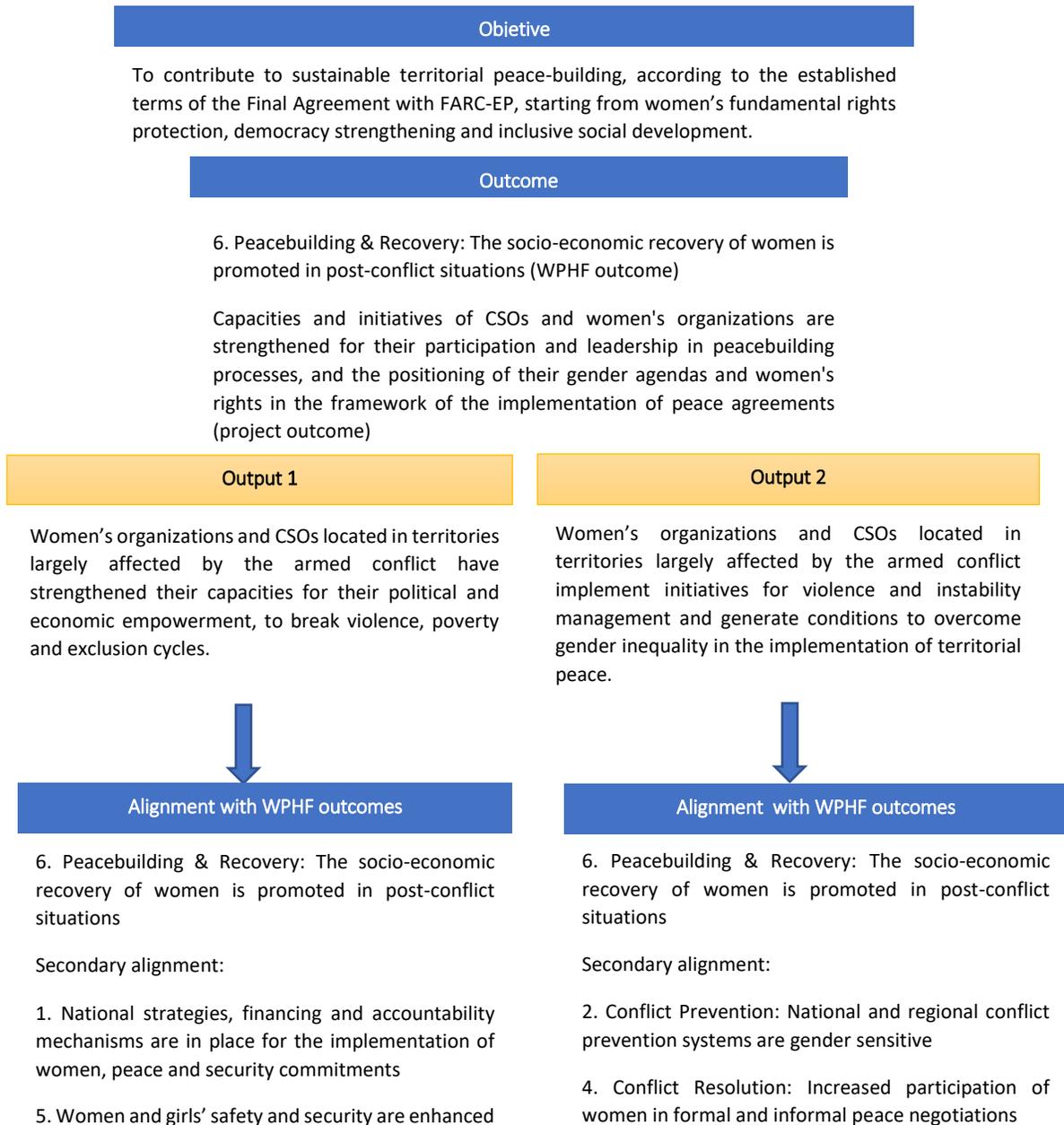
UN Women submitted a proposal to the UN MPTF Technical Secretariat for a capacity building initiative with participating organizations on: a) project implementation, M&E and reporting; b) generation of technical inputs/products on gender and women's rights to have and influence in the public and peace agenda; and c) coordination and knowledge exchange among implementing organizations and public entities during peacebuilding process.

In terms of lessons, the decision to operate the WPHF Call through the UN Post-conflict MPTF for Colombia, while strengthening WPHF objectives, has channeled the funds within a high-level governance mechanism and contributed to the post-conflict multi-stakeholders' strategy, fully aligned with Government priorities. This has increased national ownership, relevance and legitimacy of the entire Call.

Despite the multiple benefits of such implementation arrangement, in practical terms UN Women has identified some lessons learned related to delays in the review/approval process of proposals, decision-making, harmonization of MPTF procedures with UN Women Policy and Operations Manual (POM). In this regard, it should be noted that for both entities, UN Women Colombia and the UN MPTF technical secretariat, it was the first time with such governance arrangement and therefore an intense and extremely useful learning experience.

I. Purpose and new developments

- *Provide the main objectives and expected outcomes of the programme in relation to the GAI's results framework.*



- *Describe any evolution in the peace/security/humanitarian context experienced by the country.*

The situation in Colombia in terms of women's rights and gender equality was primarily influenced by the following major events/phenomena in 2017:

- ✓ The peace agreement signed between the Government of Colombia and the FARC is the first in the world to include a comprehensive gender approach reflected in all points of the agreement. The first year of implementation was characterized by an unprecedented reduction in the rates of victimization as well as the definitive cease-fire. However, the progress made in the implementation was less successful in terms of establishing the normative framework required to provide judicial, political and institutional sustainability to the peace process (as of the end of August 2017, there had been no progress registered in 55% of the 558 components of the Final Agreement according to KROC Institute. This figure rose to 59% in relation to the 122 specific measures for gender equality). UN Women has collaborated with the first and second UN Mission, UNCT and national stakeholders, to support this process by addressing women's rights and their participation in the reintegration process, security guarantees, as well as in the other areas of collaboration with the UN Mission.
- ✓ The first year of the Public Negotiations for the Termination of the Conflict between the Government of Colombia and the National Liberation Army (ELN) evidenced an emerging focus on topics related to gender, thanks to the participation of women as plenipotentiaries in these initial peace talks. This allowed women to position their proposals in the agenda for the dialogue that are aligned with the definition of mechanisms for the participation of civil society and the possibility of forming a Gender Commission.
- ✓ The humanitarian situation in Colombia is affected by violence and displacement perpetrated by FARC dissidents, ELN and different illegal armed groups, as well as by homicides of social/human rights leaders and natural disasters. Moreover, during 2017 Colombia experienced a massive flow of migrants due to the tense political and economic situation in Venezuela. This had humanitarian implications for the provision of social services and assistance.

- *Provide information on how the programme sought to break silos between peace and security/humanitarian and development efforts*

The 14 approved projects are an opportunity to contribute to the consolidation of territorial peace as set by the Final Peace Agreement. They support the state and CSO efforts to strengthen the link between women's rights protection, democratic strengthening and inclusive development towards sustaining peace. This perspective is likewise aligned to a contextual analysis that considers territorial challenges to enhance women's economic empowerment, social capital and full citizenship.

Both thematic areas of the call for applications launched in 2017 were duly oriented to complement the implementation of the final Peace Agreement. The first one "Women take the lead to promote democracy

and development” (corresponding to output 1) is directly related to points 1 (Comprehensive Rural Reform), 2 (Political Participation) and 6 (Implementation and Verification Mechanisms) of the Agreement. The second thematic area (corresponding to output 2) “women lead communal living, reconciliation and security” is addressing points 3 (End of the Conflict), 4 (Solution to the Problem of Illicit Drugs) and 5 (Victims of the Conflict) of the Final Agreement.

II. Results

In Colombia, it was decided to operate the WPHF through the UN Post-conflict MPTF for Colombia preserving WPHF objectives, while also contributing to the post-conflict multi-stakeholders’ strategy fully aligned with Government priorities⁶. The partnership is also strategic for the UN MPTF for Colombia who is seeking to strengthen the gender perspective of funded projects and raise the percentage of funds dedicated to gender specific interventions for gender equality.

In June 2017, the UN Post-conflict MPTF for Colombia officially opened a call for proposals for civil society organizations to implement initiatives related to women's participation in peacebuilding, recovery and conflict resolution processes. The call opened with the purpose to strengthen capacities of civil society organizations for their participation and leadership in peacebuilding processes.

As a part of the governance arrangements, financial resources will be transferred to UN Women who serves as technical secretariat of the call and administrative agent, in coordination with the UN MPTF technical secretariat.

The call for proposals seeks to contribute financially to support civil society organizations in the following areas: (i) socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in post-conflict situations; ii) increase representation and leadership of women in peacebuilding initiatives. Accordingly, the interested organizations were asked to present initiatives in the prioritized municipalities and territories in one of the two thematic areas:

- a. **Women protagonists of democracy and development**, whose objective is to strengthen the full citizenship of women as protagonists of development and democracy in the territories most affected by the armed conflict (corresponding to output 1 of the results framework).
- b. **Women protagonists of co-existence, reconciliation and security**, whose objective is to manage social conflict in a constructive and transformative way in the territories most affected by the armed conflict (corresponding to output 2 of the results framework).

Each project proposal should reach a total amount of max US\$ 120,000.

i) **Narrative reporting on results:**

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The call for proposals was open until the 3th of July 2017. **140 proposals** were received and **38 passed the first screening** process carried out by UN Women as technical secretariat. The screening was focused on the fulfillment of the minimum criteria established by the TORs of the call, such as: legal status of the organization, the minimum experience of the organization in the thematic areas of the call, experience of the organization in the targeted area of intervention and experience in the execution of similar sized budgets. Moreover, the organizations had to fulfill formal requirements in submitting the proposal and stick to implementing time and budget requirements of the funding.

The **38 proposals were presented to the technical committee of the MPTF on August 18, 2017**. UN Women participated as technical secretariat in the role of facilitator as well as a member of the technical committee in charge of evaluating the proposals on behalf of the UN System. In addition, the committee was composed of Government Entities (High Presidential Advisory for Post-conflict, National Planning Department, Presidential Agency for Cooperation, High Commissioner for Peace, Presidential Advisory for Gender Equality and Presidential Advisory for Human Rights); Donors of the MPTF and international NGOs. The committee proceeded following the methodology prepared by UN Women and recommended **15 proposals for full project formulation to MPTF**.

Following the committee, the technical secretariat of the MPTF in Colombia requested to review specific selection criteria of the TORs related to target municipalities of projects that some organizations might have misinterpreted. Based on that request, organizations were contacted and asked to provide additional information to recheck their eligibility for selection and fulfillment of criteria. **Seven additional organizations were reconsidered for the selection process**.

To evaluate those seven proposal a **second technical committee of the MPTF took place on September 28, 2017**. As for the first technical committee, following the methodology proposed by UN Women as technical secretariat, **four proposals were selected**. Those four organizations, in addition to the fifteen already selected proposals will be invited to formulate the full project document.

To summarize, considering the two rounds of technical committee, out of 45 preselected proposals, 19 organizations were invited to formulate the full project document.

UN Women, as the technical secretariat of the WPHF, accompanied permanently the organizations in addressing their queries and observations of the process, mainly associated to programmatic, administrative and financial requirements. This exercise included on site visits and workshops with all organizations to disseminate and explain the templates and requirements for project formulation, as well as to clarify and answer questions raised by the organizations throughout the process. In addition, UN Women provided advice on project design and presentation through a specific **guidelines document for project formulation**.

By December 1st, 2017, UN Women received **18 full project documents**⁷. As a technical secretariat, UN Women realized a quick review of all the documents in order to ensure the compliance with mandatory requirements of the templates. In some cases, organizations were requested to integrate/adjust specific information. UN Women also reviewed the self-evaluation of the gender marker of all documents and

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prepared a factsheet including an assessment of the marker and related recommendations for the consideration of the Technical Committee. Projects were also assessed regarding their compliance with socio and environmental standards.

The **MPTF technical committee met on December 19th to evaluate the full project documents** and make the final recommendations of the projects to be funded. The Committee recommended the approval of 14 project proposals (for a total value of US\$ 1,534,264, see annex 1). On January 22nd 2018, the **MPTF Steering Committee approved the 14 recommended proposals**⁸. The Steering Committee was co-chaired by the High Commissioner for Post-Conflict of the Colombian Government and the United Nations Resident Coordinator. Regarding the approved projects:

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Besides the progress in the selection process, UN Women is has worked on other initiatives including:

a) Given that some selected proposals aim to have an influence on the formulation and implementation of the local plans with a territorial focus (PDETs), UN Women coordinated with the MPTF technical secretariat and the governmental agency in charge (Agency for Territorial Renovation - ART) to provide organizations with useful information, once the projects are approved. Note that the PDETs are a key component for the implementation of the peace agreements at local level.

b) UN Women a proposal to the UN MPTF Technical Secretariat for a **capacity building initiative** with participating organizations on a) project formulation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting; b) the generation of technical inputs and products on gender, women's rights and peacebuilding to have and influence in the public and peace agenda; and c) the creation of spaces of coordination and knowledge exchange among implementing organizations and public entities during the peacebuilding process.

- *Challenges, lessons learned & best practices:*

- ✓ The decision to operate the WPHF Call through the UN Post-conflict MPTF for Colombia, while strengthening WPHF objectives, has channeled the funds within a high-level governance mechanism and contributed to the post-conflict multi-stakeholders' strategy, fully aligned with Government priorities. This has increased national ownership, relevance and legitimacy of the entire Call.

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- ✓ Despite the multiple benefits of such innovative implementation arrangements of the WPHF in the country, in practical terms UN Women has identified lessons learned related to delays in the review/approval process of proposals, decision-making, harmonization of MPTF procedures with UN Women Policy and Operations Manual (POM) for projects formulation and implementation (e.g. templates, budget), etc.. In this regard, it should be noted that for both entities, UN Women Colombia and the UN MPTF technical secretariat, it was the first time with such governance arrangement and therefore an intense and extremely useful learning experience.
- ✓ UN Women counts with a solid experience in management/oversight of competitive funding mechanisms for civil society organizations and has accumulated key lessons learned which are guiding the role of the agency as a technical secretariat of this Call, to ensure transparency, efficiency and effectiveness towards gender equality results. In this regard, UN Women territorial focus is key for the implementation of funded projects and guarantees a more efficient and effective support to CSOs. Indeed, UN Women territorial presence help strengthen projects' interventions and accelerate transformative changes (early gains) at the local level.
- ✓ The process of screening and approval of the 14 projects has allowed an approach to the territorial initiatives of women, to the local dynamics in which they are inserted, to the agendas that they are promoting and the demands that they have been generating in relation to the gender approach, the rights of women and youth and peacebuilding at the local level.
- ✓ Considering that many implementing CSOs are small and community-based, it is key to provide technical and strategic support, including thematic, administrative and organizational capacity building, which will allow women and their organizations to be consolidated as social and political actors of change in their territories, and will strengthen their legitimacy and their levels of relationship and dialogue, and capacities of partnerships.

To this end, UN Women as technical secretariat, prepared a proposal to strengthen women's organizations and Colombian civil society supported by the call, as a contribution to the optimal implementation of their proposals and the consolidation of their local and regional agendas.

ii) Indicator Based Performance Assessment:

	<u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
<p>Alignment with UN Colombia Strategic Note 2017-19: OUTCOME 1.2 Gender responsive measures (mechanisms, processes and services) promote women's leadership and participation in politics OUTCOME 3.1 Women and girls who experience violence are empowered to use available, accessible and quality essential services and recover from violence OUTCOME 4.2 Peace talks, recovery, conflict resolution and peace building planning processes and transitional justice processes include provisions on women's rights, participation and protection</p> <p>Alignment with UN MPTF for post-conflict outcomes: Resultado 5: Iniciado el proceso de rehabilitación económica y de infraestructura de los territorios más afectados por el conflicto armado a través de intervenciones integrales que generen de mercados transparentes y accesibles y la vez cohesión social y territorial, que creen un equilibrio en la participación activa de la ciudadanía en el desarrollo y que reduzcan el riesgo que poblaciones específicas –por ejemplo, jóvenes sin trabajo, o desmovilizados-, se (re)-vinculen a dinámicas de violencia. Resultado 7: Manejadas de forma constructiva y transformadora la conflictividad social y la situación humanitaria en los territorios a través de intervenciones proactivas que prevengan inestabilidad y violencia y generen confianza en que la paz servirá para abordar demandas sociales históricas de las comunidades.</p>			
<p>Outcome 1⁹ 6. Peacebuilding & Recovery: The socio-economic recovery of women is promoted in post-conflict situations (WPHF outcome)</p> <p>Capacities and initiatives of CSOs and women's organizations are strengthened for their participation and leadership in peacebuilding processes, and the positioning of their gender agendas and women's rights in the framework of the implementation of peace agreements (project outcome)</p> <p>Indicator: Number of CSOs and women's organizations supported through the WPHF.</p> <p>Baseline: 0</p> <p>Planned Target: 16</p>	<p><i>n/a (no implementation in 2017)</i></p>		<p>Cooperation agreements (PCAs) duly formalized and implemented.</p> <p>Perception surveys conducted to a sample of participating women</p>

⁹ Note: Outcomes, outputs, indicators and targets should be **as outlined in the Project Document** so that you report on your **actual achievements against planned targets**.

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
<p>Indicator: Percentage of women who acknowledge progress in their participation and leadership levels in peace building scenarios.</p> <p>Baseline: 0</p> <p>Planned Target: 70%</p>			(survey results matrix and report)
<p>Output 1.1 Women's organizations and CSOs located in territories largely affected by the armed conflict have strengthened their capacities for their political and economic empowerment, to break violence, poverty and exclusion cycles.</p> <p>Indicator 1.1a Number of women's and CS organizations participating in local and national scenarios for democratic planning and territorial development.</p> <p>Baseline: 0</p> <p>Planned Target: at least 4</p> <p>Indicator 1.1b Number of functioning economic empowerment initiatives, specially led by women.</p> <p>Baseline: 0</p> <p>Planned Target: at least 2</p>	<i>n/a (no implementation in 2017)</i>		<p>PCAs progress reports</p> <p>Minutes and photo report of lobby and advocacy sessions</p> <p>Business plans</p> <p>PCAs progress reports</p>

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
<p>Output 1.2 Women's organizations and CSOs located in territories largely affected by the armed conflict implement initiatives for violence and instability management and generate conditions to overcome gender inequality in the implementation of territorial peace.</p> <p>Indicator 1.2a Number of social initiatives for cultural transformation to address inequity and gender discrimination factors.</p> <p>Baseline: 0</p> <p>Planned Target: at least 3</p> <p>Indicator 1.2b Number of social initiatives for conflict prevention and crisis management to mitigate potential community conflict impacts.</p> <p>Baseline: 0</p> <p>Planned Target: at least 3</p>	<p><i>n/a (no implementation in 2017)</i></p>		<p>PCAs progress reports</p> <p>Attendance lists.</p> <p>Photo report.</p> <p>PCAs progress reports</p> <p>Attendance lists.</p> <p>Photo report.</p>

III. Assessments, Evaluations and Knowledge

n/a

IV. Programmatic Revisions

n/a

V. Resources (Optional)

On December 19th 2017, the MPTF Technical Committee recommended the approval of 14 project proposals (for a total value of US\$ 1,534,264, see table below and annex 1). On January 22nd, 2018, the MPTF Steering Committee the 14 recommended proposals.

Within the 14 approved projects, UN Women identified contributions defined by some organizations to leverage the resources allocated directly by the Fund. Hereby is a distribution per counterpart:

Implementing partner	Approved Budget	Partner contribution USD	Other contributions USD	Source
Asociación Campesina del Valle del Río ACVC	\$ 118.672		\$ 1.333	Hecks - Eper
Asociación JUNPRO	\$ 118.872	\$ 6.195		Own
Asociación Municipal de Mujeres (ASOM)	\$ 119.154			
Corporación 8 de marzo. Mujeres y hombres por la igualdad	\$ 119.100			
Corporación de Apoyo a Comunidades Populares (CODACOP)	\$ 110.781			
Corporación de Mujeres Ecofeministas (COMUNITAR)	\$ 118.627			
Corporación para el Desarrollo Social, Tecnológico y Económico de Colombia (CORPDESARROLLO)	\$ 100.041			
Corporación Vamos Mujer	\$ 91.970			
Fundación Surcos de Vida ONG - Regional Nariño	\$ 110.000	\$ 10.097		own
Liga Internacional de Mujeres por la Paz y la Libertad - LIMPAL	\$ 115.000			
Organización Femenina Popular (OFP)	\$ 65.423			
Red de Mujeres Chaparralunas por la Paz	\$ 110.180			
Red Nacional de Mujeres	\$ 117.338			
Ruta Pacífica de las Mujeres	\$ 119.106			
	\$ 1.534.264	\$ 16.292	\$ 1.333	