

Project Titre: Vers un nouvel équilibre en Guinée-Bissau: créer l'espace pour une réelle participation de la femme dans le règlement pacifique des conflits et la gouvernance

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<p><b>Project commencement date<sup>1</sup>:</b> 31.03.2017</p> <p><b>Project duration in months:<sup>2</sup></b> 30.09.2018</p>	
<p><b>Does the project fall under one of the specific PBF priority windows below:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender promotion initiative</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth promotion initiative</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cross-border or regional project</p>	
<p><b>Total PBF approved project budget* (by recipient organization):</b> Interpeace: \$ 534 184 USD</p> <p>: \$</p> <p>: \$</p> <p>: \$</p> <p>Total: 534 184 USD</p> <p><i>*The overall approved budget and the release of the second and any subsequent tranche are conditional and subject to PBSO's approval and subject to availability of funds in the PBF account</i></p> <p><b>How many tranches have been received so far:</b> 1</p>	
<p><b>Report preparation:</b> Project report prepared by: Interpeace Project report approved by: Interpeace Did PBF Secretariat clear the report: yes Any comments from PBF Secretariat on the report: VdPaz has shown excellent will to engage with the 5 new IRF projects to share results and lesson learned, explore synergies and ensure complementarities</p>	

<sup>1</sup> Note: commencement date will be the date of first funds transfer.

<sup>2</sup> Maximum project duration for IRF projects is 18 months, for PRF projects – 36 months.

and help avoid duplication and wasted resources. The PBF-S appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by VdP.

Has the project undertaken any evaluation exercises? Please specify and attach: Preparations for the external evaluation have been launched.

**NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:**

- *Avoid acronyms and UN jargon, use general / common language.*
- *Be as concrete as possible. Avoid theoretical, vague or conceptual discourse.*
- *Ensure the analysis and project progress assessment is gender and age sensitive.*

**PART 1: RESULTS PROGRESS**

**1.1 Overall project progress to date**

Briefly explain the **status of the project** in terms of its implementation cycle, including whether all preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (1500 character limit):

The project is being implemented according to the project plan and has reached its last implementation phase. Fifteen months into the project implementation, all preliminary activities have been completed and most project results achieved.

Phase 1, seeking to strengthen women's capacities in conflict mediation and leadership has nearly been completed. Voz di Paz's Regional Spaces for Dialogue have now been completed by new women mediators who have been fully integrated and whose capacities have been strengthened. Lessons-learned from this engagement are yet to be captured during a national event to take place in the summer of 2018. Phase 2, with the aim of strengthening capacities to facilitate a national dialogue on challenges and added-value to women's participation in political decision-making, has been completed. A pioneer national consultation on the role of women in decision-making has been led, contributing to stimulating national dialogue.

Phase 3, seeking to strengthen women leaders and key actors' capacities in political advocacy and media communication has almost been completed, and has ensured that women and men at the national level better understand their potential to advocate for gender in peacebuilding.

Phase 4, with the objective of accompanying women leaders and key actors in advocacy and implementation of solutions, is underway. Voz di Paz is working closely with those actors to bring the national recommendations to the higher levels of decision-making.

Given the recent/current political/peacebuilding/ transition situation/ needs in the country, has the project been/ does it continue to be **relevant** and well placed to address potential conflict factors/ sources of tensions/ risks to country's sustaining peace progress? Please illustrate. If project is still ongoing, are any adjustments required? (1500 character limit)

The project seeks to contribute to addressing root causes of tensions and key peacebuilding challenges in Guinea-Bissau related to the exclusion of women in governance and local conflict resolution. Despite recent improvements towards political stability, the exclusion of women from governance and conflict resolution, regardless of geographical considerations, continues to hinder Guinea-Bissau's journey towards peace and stability. The underrepresentation of women in the last government formed in April 2018 attests to this.

In this framework, Interpeace and Voz di Paz's project has filled a critical gap by promoting the role and inclusion of women in those areas, in an inclusive and participatory way. The project conflict resolution component, which builds on the Regional Spaces of Dialogue of Voz di Paz – mechanisms operating at the regional level that ensure the mediation of conflicts – particularly addresses local conflict factors. Through its approach and strategic orientations, the project explicitly responds to existing peacebuilding needs and remains relevant in today's political and peacebuilding landscape.

In a few sentences, summarize **what is unique/ innovative/ interesting** about what this project is trying/ has tried to achieve or its approach (rather than listing activity progress) (1500 character limit).

By seeking to improve women's contribution in conflict mediation and governance, the project contributes to addressing two interdependent challenges: the broad exclusion of women from society and the tensions that might arise by their greater inclusion in public and political life. By combining activities aiming at promoting women's role in decision-making and seeking to strengthen their capacities in conflict resolution, the project has a unique self-mitigating nature: it promotes inclusion (women in governance) while building the foundations for an inclusive and peaceful society (women in conflict resolution). This complementarity is in line with the principles of do no harm/conflict sensitivity and peacebuilding practice and constitutes an added-value of the project.

In addition, the inclusive and participatory approach adopted throughout the project allows women and men to significantly contribute to the project in a non-extractive manner. The project methodology privileges freedom of expression while nurturing reflective analysis, therefore empowering participants to becoming agents of their own change. Beyond individual and collective change, the adopted methodology also contributes to trigger structural change through its advocacy activities, which seek to bring the voices and findings of national and locally-rooted communities to the highest decision-making levels. This uniquely contributes to building foundations for longer-term change while ensuring catalytic impact

Considering the project's implementation cycle, please **rate this project's overall progress towards results to date:**

on track with significant peacebuilding results

In a few sentences summarize **major project peacebuilding progress/results** (with evidence), which PBSO can use in public communications to highlight the project (1500 character limit):

**Giving a voice:** The project consultation phase (output 2.1) gave voice to society representatives to share concerns about the exclusion of women from decision-making. Many confessed that it was the first time they were able to speak freely about this topic, therefore contributing to breaking taboos and unearthing societal tensions around this issue which now can be seen and therefore better addressed.

**Stimulating dialogue and debate:** The project sought to create a national dialogue and debate on the role of women in decision-making through field activities where more than 700 were given a voice and shared their perspectives, awareness-raising efforts through 3149 broadcasts of 43 radio spots and programs on national and community channels, 2 TV debates and engagement of 100 university youth.

**Promoting mediation:** Capacities of 200 women have been strengthened, among whom 29 integrated Voz di Paz's Regional Spaces for Dialogue, a network of peace mediators.

**Advocacy:** Advocacy efforts led by VdP and national counterparts has led to an increase in the number of women advocating for women's participation in decision-making. Efforts to promote women's participation in decision-making have concretized in significant advocacy efforts led by Voz di Paz and its national counterparts. During an event sponsored by the PBF attended by more than 1000 women, Voz di Paz effectively advocated for enhanced women's role in governance and conflict resolution.

In a few sentences, explain how the project has made **real human impact**, that is, how did it affect the lives of any people in the country – where possible, use direct quotes that PBSO can use in public communications to highlight the project (1500 character limit):

The participatory and inclusive approach adopted by Interpeace and Voz di Paz throughout the project has been particularly people-centered. The project sought to include, listen to and truly engage people in all its activities, by fostering dialogue and positive engagement. To that end, Voz di Paz and Interpeace used participatory methods aiming at triggering self-reflection among participants and ensuring that the concepts discussed were well understood and owned. This allowed participants to become more mindful about critical issues related to women's enhanced role in governance and peaceful conflict resolution, eventually leading to mid to long-term individual change.

If the project progress assessment is **on-track**, please explain what the key **challenges** (if any) have been and which measures were taken to address them (1500 character limit).

The project's overall progress has been on track with significant peacebuilding results. It has not encountered any major external challenge that has impacted its smooth progression. Difficult communication due to limited connectivity and remoteness of project participants or members of Voz di Paz's Regional Spaces for Dialogue punctually created logistical challenges, which were gradually technically resolved.

The project implementation period was marked by institutional changes within the partner organization, Voz di Paz, which entered a transition phase following the departure of its Director. Additional team members have been recruited to fill vacant positions and consolidate the team with strong research and audiovisual capacities. The position of Director is now occupied by a long-time member of the team. During this transition period, Interpeace has provided critical support and close accompaniment to ensure institutional continuity of Voz di Paz and the consolidation of capacities necessary to complete the project.

If the assessment is **off-track**, please list main reasons/ **challenges** and explain what impact this has had/will have on project duration or strategy and what **measures** have been taken/ will be taken to address the challenges/ rectify project progress (1500 character limit):

n/a

Please attach as a separate document(s) any materials highlighting or providing more evidence for project progress (for example: publications, photos, videos, monitoring reports, evaluation reports etc.). List below what has been attached to the report, including purpose and audience.

- 1- "Fala di Mindjer – the voices of women: Beyond social pressure and institutional barriers: the role of women in decision-making spheres in Guinea-Bissau" is a reference report on the root causes of and opportunities for women's enhanced role in decision-making. It is composed of different sections (key messages and visuals, recommendations, detailed chapters, links to audio-visual material) suited to a broad audience, such as policy-makers and peacebuilding practitioners, international and national organizations, and the wider public.
- 2- Photos capturing the training sessions on Advocacy for Gender and Peacebuilding.
- 3- Interpeace news article published on Interpeace's website:  
<https://www.interpeace.org/2018/03/peacebuilding-through-a-gender-lens/>

4- Summary table of Voz di Paz's Regional Spaces for Dialogue conflict resolution cases (preliminary version).

## 1.2 Result progress by project outcome

*The space in the template allows for up to four project outcomes. If your project has more approved outcomes, contact PBSO for template modification.*

**Outcome 1:** Women participate more actively in the peaceful resolution of local conflicts, and their contribution is recognized by society.

### **Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track with significant peacebuilding results**

**Progress summary:** *Describe main progress under this Outcome made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration), including major output progress (not all individual activities). If the project is starting to make/ has made a difference at the outcome level, provide specific evidence for the progress (quantitative and qualitative) and explain how it impacts the broader political and peacebuilding context. Where possible, provide specific examples of change the project has supported/ contributed to as well as, where available and relevant, quotes from partners or beneficiaries about the project and their experience. (3000 character limit)?*

During the reporting period, significant progress has been made to achieve Outcome 1. Undertaken activities have facilitated women's enhanced engagement in the resolution of local conflicts (output 1.1) and generated changes at various levels. The project, through capacity strengthening (activity 1.1.2) and accompaniment (activity 1.1.3), has generated positive impact on 200 women and their capacities to resolve conflicts and support mediation efforts in their communities and institutions, in the eight regions of Guinea-Bissau. It strengthened their knowledge on the concept and different types of conflicts and trained them on ways to mediate them. It therefore contributed to changing their individual capacities to support conflict mediation at a collective level.

Acknowledging that the 200 women beneficiaries have been selected and integrated into the project for their influential role in society (given their social, cultural or professional position) and legitimacy and credibility, it is expected that these women will trigger and nurture changes beyond their own self and inspire other community members to adopt a mediating culture.

In addition, it should be noted that 29 out of the 200 women have been integrated into Voz di Paz's Regional Spaces for Dialogue (RSD), which act as a network of Voz di Paz in the eight regions of Guinea-Bissau in charge of mediating and documenting conflicts. The newly integrated female RSD members are entitled to play a dynamic and proactive role in the resolution of conflict in their respective geographical areas. Activities leading to the documentation of women's contribution to the resolution of local conflicts (output 1.2) have been launched and are expected to be completed in the month of July 2018. The preparation of a national gathering of the RSD, which will shed light the specific role and best practices around women's contribution in local conflict resolution, will take place in parallel.

The aforementioned changes and evidence of results achieved illustrate how women's enhanced participation in the peaceful resolution of local conflicts can support the reduction of dynamics of exclusion that hinder social cohesion and peaceful coexistence. They also demonstrate how women's influence and added-value in society can be recognized and become a source of resilience for their communities.

**Outcome 2:** The population and political actors better understand the obstacles and added-value of women's participation in decision-making.

**Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track with significant peacebuilding results**

**Progress summary:** (see guiding questions under Outcome 1)

The perspectives of women and men on the challenges, added-value and solutions to women's enhanced participation in political decision-making have been well documented (output 2.1) through an extensive participatory research process (activity 2.1.1 and 2.1.2), validated by political actors and representatives of the population during a 2-day event (activity 2.1.3), and disseminated through a pioneer report and film documentary (activity 2.1.4).

This documentation process allowed to gather first-hand information and convey the voices and perspectives of the people of Guinea-Bissau to a wide audience in a way that is accessible and shareable. The process also ensured that all socio-professional categories and cultural ethnicities were represented, allowing for results to reflect a representative share of the Bissau-Guinean society.

Participants and stakeholders engaged throughout the process demonstrated a real interest in contributing to the project and generate a better and more nuanced understanding on the role of women in decision-making. This was attested by positive turnout and large feminine participation in all activities.

Particular attention has been paid to the dissemination of the written and audiovisual documentation collected throughout the participatory research process. Dissemination activities, debates and awareness raising efforts have proved particularly relevant to trigger further and deeper reflection on the role of women in decision-making, and reach additional audiences, such as youth in universities. Activities such as film screenings, report and cartoons distribution and radio and TV engagement created conditions for increased debates and dialogue around this issue.

Better understanding the role of women in political decision-making in a way that is participatory and inclusive allows for concepts to be better owned by people, increasing their knowledge and engagement towards greater gender equity. Building a conscious and objective understanding of this theme also allows to break taboos and dismantle misunderstandings that hinder trust and honest discussions. Outcome 2 therefore contributed to consolidate of a culture of objectivity and dialogue where women play a greater role, in line with the principle of "leaving no one behind".

**Outcome 3:** Women and men leaders, politicians and Security and Defense Forces (SDF) recognize the importance of women's participation and allow for a strengthened role of women in decision-making.

**Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track**

**Progress summary:** (see guiding questions under Outcome 1)

Progress is on-going to reinforce the capacities of women and men leaders to advocate more efficiently (output 3.1). More than 200 women and men have attended capacity-building trainings facilitated by Voz di Paz, during which they were introduced to key concepts of advocacy for gender and peacebuilding. Many participants have reported having acquired new skills and a solid understanding of the notions of gender for peacebuilding and advocacy (88% of trained women have



reported having increased their level of understanding and mastery of advocacy for gender).

Additional capacity-building workshops in Bissau will be organized throughout the month of June 2018 for civil society, politically-engaged and Defense and Security Forces women, as well as journalists in a view to better integrate gender-sensitive advocacy efforts in participants' areas of work.

Interpeace and Voz di Paz are also currently accompanying women and men whose capacities in gender for advocacy have been strengthened and are providing guidance and remote or in-person support in the implementation of advocacy activities in Guinea-Bissau's regions (output 3.2).

Progress is thus on-going and some milestones have been achieved to facilitate a more active and coherent engagement of women and men leaders, politicians and members of the Security and Defense Forces (outcome 3). Supporting influential leaders and politicians to become better advocates of gender and peacebuilding is indeed an important step towards women's enhanced participation in political decision-making, as it allows gender equity to become a national priority and be added to political leaders' agendas.

#### **Outcome 4:**

**Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select one**

*Progress summary: (see guiding questions under Outcome 1)*

### **1.3 Cross-cutting issues**

<p><b><u>National ownership:</u></b> How has the national government demonstrated ownership/ commitment to the project results and activities? Give specific examples. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>Sponsored by the Ministry for Women, Family and Social Cohesion, the project has sought to include government representatives at the local, regional and national levels in all activities to ensure buy-in and trigger ownership over the project results. So far, the presence and public statements of eminent personalities and ministry representatives at key project activities has well demonstrated the government's interest in integrating project results in relevant programmes. Representative of the Ministry for Women, Family and Social Cohesion, speaking at the public launch of the report (output 2.1), has openly committed to incorporate findings into the Ministry's workplan. Voz di Paz has socialized results with PBF project managers and encouraged the inclusion of results in the implementation of all PBF. Despite regular engagement and demonstrated commitment to integrate project results into national policies and projects, it can be noted that political instability resulting in the frequent replacement of ministry representatives has not offered favorable conditions to maintain a close collaboration with the national government. The April 2018 government formation and ministries reshuffling, which consequently eliminated the Ministry for Women, Family and Social Cohesion</p>
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<p><b>Monitoring:</b> Is the project M&amp;E plan on track? What monitoring methods and sources of evidence are being/ have been used? Please attach any monitoring-related reports for the reporting period. (1500 character limit)?</p>	<p>sponsoring the project, further attests to this situation.</p> <p>The project has been monitored according to the M&amp;E plan and following internal monitoring methods. Regular team meetings facilitated by Interpeace’s Programme Officer (PO) have been held with the local partner, seeking to better understand 1) the state of advancement of activities, 2) the completion of project results and key peacebuilding results, 3) the advancement and/or completion of project indicators, and 4) challenges met and mitigation strategies to reach expected results.</p> <p>In addition, specific tools have been developed for the local partner to better monitor activities and indicators’ progress. Close accompaniment by the PO has also sought to ensure greater ownership of monitoring by the local partner. In that view, monitoring tables have been developed and shared with all team members seeking to nurture horizontal collaboration and shared responsibility on project monitoring, with oversight from Interpeace. All monitoring documents and tools were developed in Portuguese language to facilitate comprehension by the partner team.</p>
<p><b>Evaluation:</b> Provide an update on the preparations for the external evaluation for the project, especially if within last 6 months of implementation or final report. Confirm available budget for evaluation. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>Preparations for the external evaluation have been launched. As agreed by the PBSO, the evaluation will start in August 2018 and is expected to be completed in October 2018, following the on-site presence of the international consultant in Bissau. While this engagement goes beyond the official project end date (31.09.2018), all contractual arrangements will be finalized beforehand to meet the project completion deadline.</p> <p>Interpeace is finalizing Terms of Reference (TOR) for the evaluation and would seek to hire an experienced international consultant and a national evaluator who would provide specific support during the international evaluator’s on-site presence. The TOR integrate specific learning questions, which have been jointly developed by Interpeace and its local partner, in a view to emphasize learning around impact and peacebuilding results. The TOR will be shared with PBF-Secretariat for Guinea-Bissau for input before final publication. In addition, potential Portuguese-speaking peacebuilding evaluation experts have been identified, to facilitate the recruitment process.</p> <p>At the internal level, Interpeace and its partner have started to organize relevant files (hard and soft copies) and prepare specific folders to facilitate the evaluation.</p> <p>An amount of 20,000 USD has been budgeted for the project evaluation, which will include the evaluators’ fees and travel to Bissau.</p>
<p><b>Catalytic effects (financial):</b> Did the project lead to any specific non-PBF</p>	<p>So far, the project led to two specific funding commitments. The first one concerns funding by the</p>

<p>funding commitments? If yes, from whom and how much? If not, have any specific attempts been made to attract additional financial contributions to the project and beyond? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>European Union (EU). Since 2016 and in parallel to the project implementation, Voz di Paz and Interpeace have been in discussions with the EU and its delegation in Bissau to explore potential collaboration. A 24-month project of 494,754 EUR has been approved and will initiate in September 2018, where Voz di Paz (as main applicant) and Interpeace (as a co-applicant) will seek to strengthen mechanisms and capacities for enhanced citizenry in the justice sector in Guinea-Bissau.</p> <p>The second funding commitment concerns UNICEF/UNDP for the implementation of a PBF-funded project. The current PBF project has also contributed to enhance the visibility of Interpeace and Voz di Paz’s work as the main credible and capable peacebuilding NGO in Guinea-Bissau. As a result, synergies were explored with other PBF-recipient projects, including the project on restorative justice implemented by UNICEF/UNDP and the project on political participation of women implemented by UNIOGBIS. UNICEF/UNDP have solicited Voz di Paz and Interpeace’s expertise and contract signature are underway to implement all project activities related to awareness raising, qualitative research, capacity building and advocacy for traditional justice actors.</p> <p>Other opportunities are still being explored in a view to build on achieved results and better promote the political participation of women in Guinea-Bissau.</p>
<p><b>Catalytic effects (non-financial):</b> Did the project create favourable conditions for additional peacebuilding activities by Government/ other donors? If yes, please specify. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>So far, the project results have been broadly shared with government, donors and international actors operating in the field of women’s empowerment and gender equality. While numerous initiatives for women empowerment have been launched by donors and the government (ex. the quota law for parliament, women’s forum) they often approach the question from a purely “women’s equality” perspective without taking a whole-of-society peacebuilding approach. The results of the participatory research of this project (report and film) have provided clear evidence in which way the promotion women’s participation can generate important societal tensions not only between women and men but also between women. The project has therefore created favourable conditions for ongoing or planned government and donor initiatives to take into account the “do no harm”, “conflict sensitivity” and “peacebuilding” lens on gender dynamics specific to Guinea-Bissau and adjust their initiatives accordingly, if necessary with additional activities within existing projects/ plans.</p>
<p><b>Exit strategy/ sustainability:</b> What steps have been taken to prepare for end of project and help ensure sustainability of the project results beyond PBF support</p>	<p>Interpeace and Voz di Paz have taken anticipated steps to help ensure the sustainability of the project results beyond PBF support. Specific efforts have been undertaken to disseminate and raise awareness about project results, in a</p>

<p>for this project? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>view to help sustaining the relevance and use of all findings and materials produced beyond the project life by a wide range of actors such as university students and professors, community radios, political leaders from the regions and in the capital, and opinion leaders at the national level. To this end, written materials (qualitative report and cartoons) and audio-visual materials (radio programs and videos) have been broadly disseminated and made available online for future reference.</p> <p>In addition, capacity building activities and subsequent monitoring and accompaniment by Voz di Paz and its Regional Spaces for Dialogue have sought to not only reinforce capacities of beneficiaries, but also ensure that the learned content would be applied when relevant and needed, beyond the project cycle.</p> <p>Building on lessons-learned and best practices from the project, Interpeace and Voz di Paz will present a joint application to the Gender and Youth Promotion Initiative of the PBF for 2018. The new project will seek to promote women leadership and participation in political life and in the Security and Defense Forces.</p>
<p><b>Risk taking:</b> Describe how the project has responded to risks that threatened the achievement of results. Identify any new risks that have emerged since the last report. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>Despite the postponement of legislative elections initially scheduled for May 2018 to November 2018, therefore falling outside of the project timeframe, Interpeace and Voz di Paz continue to remain abreast of political developments happening during the pre-electoral period where political manipulation risks still exist. To date, no such risks have emerged that could have threatened the achievement of the project results.</p> <p>Since January 2018, projects by national and international organizations in the field of women's participation in political decision-making have emerged. Despite risks of duplication, overlap or conflation brought by these initiatives, specific efforts were invested in demonstrating the unique added-value of Voz di Paz and complementarity with these emerging initiatives to project beneficiaries.</p>
<p><b>Gender equality:</b> In the reporting period, which activities have taken place with a specific focus on addressing issues of gender equality or women's empowerment? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>During the reporting period, activities of capacity building (activities 1.1.2 and 3.1.1) and accompaniment (activities 1.1.3 and 3.1.3) in the field of conflict mediation and advocacy for gender and peacebuilding have contributed to enhance women and men's knowledge on gender and advocacy strategies. These activities provided concrete and short to mid-term tools to apply newly-acquired concepts and practical cases into real life. This contributed to addressing misunderstandings and promote a common understanding on the meaning and implications of gender equality.</p> <p>In addition, activities of dissemination (activity 2.2.2) and public debate (activity 2.2.4) have enabled to build greater awareness about project results, in particular about the role</p>

	<p>of women in decision making at the political, social and cultural levels. These activities proved essential in contributing to building a common understanding of perceptions around women’s empowerment. In that framework, radio spots and programs disseminated at the national level on 2 private and 33 community radios (activity 2.2.4) were conducive in disseminating results and breaking taboos about gender equality. Finally, advocacy activities (activity 3.2.2) allowed to bring messages from the grassroots as captured during the national consultation (activity 2.1.2) to the attention of decision-makers and opinion leaders, in a view to better integrate project results and promote women’s empowerment at political and policy levels.</p>
<p><b>Other:</b> Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? <i>(1500 character limit)</i></p>	

**1.3 INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT:** Using the *Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments*- provide an update on the achievement of key indicators at both the outcome and output level in the table below (if your project has more indicators than provided in the table, select the most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight). Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (300 characters max per entry)

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
<b>Outcome 1</b> Women participate more actively in the peaceful resolution of local conflicts, and their contribution is recognized by society	Indicator 1.1 % of conflicts resolved by the Regional Spaces for Dialogue (RDS) with an active contribution from female members	To be established with data available from 2012	60%	Out of the 132 conflicts resolved, 30 have seen women play an active role, corresponding to 23% of conflicts resolved.	Reasons for variance with initial target include: low reporting rate by women RSD, limited integration by male RSD, limited recognition of women's role in mediation.	
	Indicator 1.2 % of male members of RSDs who recognize the important role of women in the resolution of conflicts	To be established	90%	n/a	The role of women in conflict resolution will be broadly discussed during the National Gathering of Regional Spaces for Dialogue, where all 97 members will participate (activity 1.2.1), to take place in June 2018.	
<b>Output 1.1</b> Women	Indicator 1.3					
	Indicator 1.1.1 % of the RSD	23,5%	48%	46%	Three women that had been shortlisted and offered to become Regional Space	

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engage themselves more actively in the resolution of local conflict	members who are women				for Dialogue members declined assuming their role of mediator for personal reasons. Voz di Paz is currently looking for other potential candidates, using criteria of legitimacy and credibility.	
	Indicator 1.1.2 # of female RSD members in Bissau trained in leadership and management of conflict (mediation)	16	48	45. All new members have been trained and integrated in the Regional Spaces for Dialogue.	Three women that had been shortlisted and offered to become Regional Space for Dialogue members declined assuming their role of mediator for personal reasons. Voz di Paz is currently looking for other potential candidates, using criteria of legitimacy and credibility.	
Output 1.2 The contribution of women to the resolution of local conflicts is documented	Indicator 1.2.1 # of cases/reports on the important role of women in the resolution of conflicts, documented by the National Gathering of RSDs	0	10	n/a	The role of women in conflict resolution will be broadly discussed during the National Gathering of Regional Spaces for Dialogue, where all 97 members will participate (activity 1.2.1), to take place in June 2018.	
	Indicator 1.2.2 # of radio programs/spots	0	10 programs/spots, totaling 700	n/a	The role of women in conflict resolution will be broadly discussed during the National Gathering of Regional Spaces	

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	documenting the evolution of these women's role in conflict management		broadcasts		for Dialogue, where all 97 members will participate (activity 1.2.1), to take place in June 2018.	
Output 1.3	Indicator 1.3.1					
	Indicator 1.3.2					
<b>Outcome 2</b> The population and political actors better understand the obstacles and added-value of women's participation in political decision-making	Indicator 2.1 % of people randomly interviewed on the street who have listened to the radio/television programs or have read the documentation (report, brochure, film) and have changed their understanding of the challenges and potential in the political participat	n/a	30%, disaggregated by gender and by age	n/a	Considering that the audience of its written and audiovisual documentation is quite specific (policy-makers, peacebuilding practitioners, researchers, international and national NGOs), it is envisaging to carry out efforts in these environments.	



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	Indicator 2.2 # of key actors (government, political parties, SDF, opinion leaders, etc.) who show that they take into account the results of the consultation for greater participation of women	0	10	15. Key actors from all political parties and opinion leaders from civil society have demonstrated, on camera or through radio, their engagement to promote women's enhanced role in politics, after being exposed to the results from Interpeace and Voz di Paz's report.	n/a	n/a
	Indicator 2.3					
Output 2.1 The perspectives of men and women on the	Indicator 2.1.1 # of participants at the consultation	0	600 disaggregated by gender (at least 50% women), age (at least 30%	591 participants in the consultations, including 58% of women and 26% of youth (less than 35 years old), from	Some participants invited to the consultations declined at the last minute and due to time and logistical constraints, they could not be replaced. While the ethnic diversity of participants was selection criteria and has been ensured, it	591

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
challenges and the value of the participation of women in political decision-making and the ways of strengthening it has been documented	Indicator 2.1.2	0	young people), place (8 regions + Bissau), ethnic group (all the major groups)	all regions of Guinea-Bissau and the autonomous Sector of Bissau.	has not been recorded in participants' lists.	
	Indicator 2.1.3 # of reports and documentary films	0	1 report, 1 documentary film	1 report and 2 video materials (including 1 documentary film) have been produced.	n/a	n/a
Output 2.2 The population and political actors debate over the challenges and added-value of women's participation	Indicator 2.2.1 Indicator 2.2.2 # of radio and TV programs, debates and broadcastings	0	Radio: 3 spots, 4 debates, 40 programs; TV: 1 debate, 1 film	3 radio spots have been broadcast 3141 times; 40 programs have been broadcast on radio 196 times; 4 debates have been held on radio and 2 on TV; 1 documentary film has been broadcast 3 times on the	n/a	n/a

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
in political decision-making, and action plans to strengthen it.	Indicator 2.2.2	0	150, disaggregated by sex and age (at least 50% of women and 30% of youth)	National Guinea-Bissau TV channel.		
	Indicator 2.2.3 # of participants in the debates around the film, at the radio and television, when the report is launched			187 participants (including 66% of women and 54% of youth), participated at the debate following the report launch as well as other debate activities in universities.	n/a	n/a
Output 2.3	Indicator 2.3.1					
Outcome 3 Women and men leaders, politicians and Security and Defense Forces (SDF) recognize the importance	Indicator 2.3.2					
	Indicator 3.1 # and quality of acts from political actors who seek to contribute to a greater participation of women in political decision-making	n/a	4 acts of quality, for instance: changes in political parties' programs, governmental roadmaps	n/a	Voz di Paz works closely with the Women's Political Platform who is advocating for the Quota Law proposal to be submitted to the parliament. Several meetings have been organized in which Voz di Paz has played an instrumental role in advising about peacebuilding approaches.	n/a

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
of women's participation and allow for a strengthened role of women in decision-making	Indicator 3.2 If elections take place during the project period; increase (in %) of the number of women who participated in the project, who present their candidacies on electoral lists for the first time, and % of these women who are elected Indicator 3.3	To be established based on research.	20 % of increase in electoral candidacies, 10 % of increase in the elections	n/a	Legislative elections scheduled for May 2018 have been postponed to November 2018. Therefore, no advancement can be monitored with this indicator.	n/a
Output 3.1 Women and men leaders' capacities in communications are strengthened and allow	Indicator 3.1.1 # of trainings for women leaders on gender and peacebuilding Indicator 3.1.2 % of women who participate in the	0 To be established with the pre-	12 80%	10 trainings were held where more than 200 participants took part. 86% of women trained in gender and peacebuilding	Two trainings are yet to be held in Bissau with two groups, including a group of women from the Defense and Security Forces, and a group composed of civil society and political women. n/a	n/a n/a

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
them to advocate more effectively.	trainings on gender and peacebuilding who master key messages around the thematic of gender and peacebuilding	training questionnaire		have reported having increased their understanding and ownership over key messages around gender and peacebuilding.		
Output 3.2 Female and male leaders, politicians and SDF engage themselves actively in a more coordinated and coherent way in advocacy	Indicator 3.2.1 # rapprochement sessions between women from different political parties and between them and their activist support base	0	4	3 sessions have been organized by women leaders in the regions of Quinará and Bafatá, bringing together women and men in a dialogue about their respective engagements towards greater women participation. Voz di Paz has documented these efforts.	A forth session of rapprochement between women from different political parties has already been scheduled for July 2018 in Biombo, organized by a women political leader. Voz di Paz will document this session as an example of advocacy efforts.	n/a

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	Indicator 3.2.2 # of joint advocacy actions between women from different political parties and their activist support base	To be established through consultation with female politicians	4 actions	n/a	An internal reflexion on the effectiveness of advocacy efforts for women's political participation has been carried out, considering obstacles and success factors. On that base, a revised advocacy strategy has been developed and will be implemented in June 2018.	n/a
Output 3.3	Indicator 3.3.1					
	Indicator 3.3.2					
Outcome 4	Indicator 4.1					
	Indicator 4.2					
	Indicator 4.3					
Output 4.1	Indicator 4.1.1					
	Indicator 4.1.2					
Output 4.2	Indicator 4.2.1					
	Indicator 4.2.2					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Output 4.3	Indicator 4.3.1					
	Indicator 4.3.2					

## PART 2: INDICATIVE PROJECT FINANCIAL PROGRESS

### 2.1 Comments on the overall state of financial expenditures

Please rate whether project financial expenditures are on track, delayed, or off track, vis-à-vis project plans and by recipient organization: *on track*.

How many project budget tranches have been received to date and what is the overall level of expenditure against the total budget and against the tranche(s) received so far (500 characters limit): 2 budget tranches have been received, of USD 267,092 and USD 213,674 respectively. The overall Level of expenditures (up to May 2018) against the budget is of USD 411,177, or 77% of the total budget.

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When do you expect to seek the next tranche, if any tranches are outstanding: We have received 90% of the budget with the 2 tranches indicated above. So far we have spent 67% of the second tranche, and are expected to reach 75% of this second tranche in June 2018. We therefore expect to ask for the next tranche (10%) in July 2018.

If expenditure is delayed or off track, please provide a brief explanation (500 characters limit):

Please state what \$ amount was planned (in the project document) to be allocated to activities focussed on gender equality or women's empowerment and how much has been actually allocated to date: N/a

Please fill out and attach Annex A on project financial progress **with detail on expenditures/ commitments to date using the original project budget table in Excel**, even though the \$ amounts are indicative only.



## Annex D - PBF project budget

Note: If this is a budget revision, insert extra columns to show budget changes.

Table 1 - PBF project budget by Outcome, output and activity

Outcome/ Output number	Outcome/ output/ activity formulation:	Budget by recipient organization in USD - Voz Di Paz & Interpeace	Percent of budget for each output reserved for direct action on gender equality (if any):	Level of expenditure/ commitments in USD (to provide at time of project progress reporting):	Any remarks (e.g. on types of inputs provided or budget justification, for example if high TA or travel costs)
<b>OUTCOME 1: Women participate more actively in the peaceful resolution of local conflicts, and their contribution is recognized by society</b>					
<b>Output 1.1:</b>	Women engage themselves more actively in the resolution of local conflict	61,920		41,789	
Activity 1.1.1:	Identification of at least 32 legitimate women leaders, including of the Defense and Security Forces in the 10 localities of the Regional Spaces Dialogue (RSD) to integrate them into the RSD				
Activity 1.1.2:	Training of new female RSD members as well as women from political parties and Security and Defense Forces in leadership and conflict management through mediation and facilitation of dialogue. A total of 240 women (12 trainings) are trained by Voz di Paz with the support of the RSD in the 8 regions and in Bissau				

	<p>Accompaniment of these women by Voz di Paz in the activities of conflict mediation in the regions and in Bissau (coaching, advice, exchange of experience, team work, etc.). Since 2007, DRE members have provided a framework in which local conflict stakeholders (eg land tenure, domestic violence, local authority acts, religious cohabitation, insecurity) feel comfortable in openly discussing and developing a community, durable solution. The DRE documents each conflict (2011-2012: 170 conflicts resolved).</p>				
<p><b>Output 1.2:</b></p>	<p>Accompaniment of these women by Voz di Paz in the activities of conflict mediation in the regions and in Bissau (coaching, advice, exchange of experience, team work, etc.).</p>	<p>62,400</p>		<p>49,867</p>	
<p>Activity 1.2.1:</p>	<p>National Workshop for 100 RSD members to (a) evaluate the changing role of women in conflict resolution in the 10 RSD and elsewhere; and (b) exchange experiences on women's participation in conflict management even more effective.</p>				

Activity 1.2.2:	Production of 10 radio spots / programs (1 / ERD) documenting the changing role of women in conflict management. Broadcasts of radio spots will be done through 33 community radio stations and 2 national radio stations (2 broadcasts / spot / radio / week).				
<b>TOTAL \$ FOR OUTCOME 1:</b>		<b>124,320</b>			
<b>OUTCOME 2:</b>		<b>91,656</b>			
Output 2.1:	The perspectives of men and women on the challenges and the value of the participation of women in political decision-making and the ways of strengthening it has been documented	99,375	90,705		
Activity 2.1.1:	Stakeholder mapping in each locality consulted				
Activity 2.1.2:	Consultations in all 8 regions and in Bissau through the 10 Regional Dialogue Spaces (RSD) on the challenges and potential of women's participation in political decision-making and ways to strengthen it.				
Activity 2.1.3:	Organization of a national conference (2 days) of restitution and validation of the results of consultations with 50 representatives of national consultation participants and political actors (at least 60% of whom are women).				

Output 2.2:	The population and political actors debate over the challenges and added-value of women's participation in political decision-making, and action plans to strengthen it	97,435		80,615	
Activity 2.2.1:	Projection of the documentary film in Bissau (2) and in 8 regions through the 10 RSD (depending on the means available). At least 100 people in total, including local and national authorities, participate.				
Activity 2.2.2:	Dissemination of 500 copies of the report to political actors through a public launch in Bissau and bilateral meetings in Bissau and in the 10 localities of the RSD (300 copies in Bissau, 200 in the regions).				
Activity 2.2.3:	Production and dissemination of 1000 brochures in cartoons on the results of the consultations (700 copies in the regions, 300 in Bissau). Women leaders, political parties and Security Defence Forces as well as local and national authorities will be targeted.				
<b>TOTAL \$ FOR OUTCOME 2:</b>		<b>196,810</b>		<b>171,320</b>	

**OUTCOME 3: Women and men leaders, politicians and Security and Defense Forces (SDF) recognize the importance of women's participation and allow for a strengthened role of women in decision-making.**

<b>Output 3.1:</b>	Women and men leaders' capacities in communications are strengthened and allow them to advocate more effectively.	78,955		69,666	
Activity 3.1.1:	Trainings of 240 women and men leaders on advocacy and leadership on gender and peacebuilding to improve advocacy capacity for women's participation in political decision-making (20 people / training).				
Activity 3.1.2:	Training of 40 journalists on the use of radio for a advocacy for women's participation in political decision-making (2 training of 20 people, 40% women).				
Activity 3.1.3:	Accompaniment of the women and men leaders who participated training in their advocacy or political participation in the 10 localities of the RSD and in Bissau.				
<b>Output 3.2:</b>	Female and male leaders, politicians and SDF engage themselves actively in a more coordinated and coherent way in advocacy				
Activity 3.2.1:	Creation of an advocacy group made up of women and men influence on the issue of women's participation in political decision-making.	69,155		51,635	

Activity 3.2.2:	Advocacy campaign, awareness raising, monitoring and consultation political actors (government, National Assembly, political parties), FDS and civil society (church, traditional leaders) through direct meetings, especially in Bissau, but also in the regions.				
<b>TOTAL \$ FOR OUTCOME 3:</b>			148,110		121,301
Project personnel costs if not included in activities above					
Project operational costs if not included in activities above					
Project M&E budget		300000			
<b>SUB-TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET:</b>			499,240		384,277
Indirect support costs (7%):			34,947		26,899
<b>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET:</b>			534,187		411,177

**Table 2 - PBF project budget by UN cost category**

**Note: If this is a budget revision, insert extra columns to show budget changes.**

CATEGORIES	Amount Recipient Interpeace			Total tranche 1	Total tranche 2	Total tranche 3	PROJECT TOTAL
	Tranche 1 (50%)	Tranche 2 (40%)	Tranche 3 (10%)				
1. Staff and other personnel	178,519	77,350		178,519	77,350		255,869
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	14,108	1,035		14,108	1,035		15,143
3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture (including Depreciation)	843	816		843	816		1,659
4. Contractual services	18,539	26,139		18,539	26,139		44,678
5. Travel	18,707	7,779		18,707	7,779		26,486
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	-	-		-	-		-
7. General Operating and other Direct Costs	30,532	9,910		30,532	9,910		40,442
<b>Sub-Total Project Costs</b>	<b>261,247</b>	<b>123,030</b>		<b>261,247</b>	<b>123,030</b>		<b>384,277</b>
8. Indirect Support Costs (must be 7%)	18,287	8,612		18,287	8,612		26,899
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>279,535</b>	<b>131,642</b>		<b>279,535</b>	<b>131,642</b>		<b>411,177</b>