

**SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PEACEBUILDING FUND  
PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT TEMPLATE**



**PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT**

**COUNTRY:** Ethiopia

**TYPE OF REPORT:** SEMI-ANNUAL, ANNUAL OR FINAL Semi Annual

**DATE OF REPORT:** 15, June 2019

<b>Project Title:</b> INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	
<b>Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway:</b> 00113418	
<b>PBF project modality:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IRF <input type="checkbox"/> PRF	<b>If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Country Trust Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trust Fund <b>Name of Recipient Fund:</b>
<b>List all direct project recipient organizations (starting with Convening Agency), followed type of organization (UN, CSO etc):</b> UNDP, IOM and UN WOMEN	
<b>List additional implementing partners, Governmental and non-Governmental:</b> MINISTRY OF PEACE MINISTRY OF WOMEN , CHILDREN AND YOUTH(MoWCY) OROMIA BUREAU OF WOMEN, CHILDRE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS (BoWCYA) ETHIOPIAN BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (EBA) PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (PDC)	
<b>Project commencement date<sup>1</sup>:</b> 13 December 2018 <b>Project duration in months:<sup>2</sup></b> 18 Months	
<b>Does the project fall under one of the specific PBF priority windows below:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender promotion initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-border or regional project	
<b>Total PBF approved project budget* (by recipient organization):</b> UNDP: \$ 899,049.27 IOM : \$ 1,317,321.71 UNWOMEN : \$ 623,970.50 : \$ Total: 2,840,341.48 <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>	
<b>How many tranches have been received so far:</b> One tranche for each Recipient United Nations Organization	

<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.

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Did PBF Secretariat clear the report: No

Any comments from PBF Secretariat on the report: No

Has the project undertaken any evaluation exercises? Please specify and attach: No

### **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 PBF preparatory activities finalized;
- Project launch event was conducted in the presence of respective dignitaries of the Ethiopian Government the UN ;
- Steering and Technical Committees established and became functional;
- PBF Project Coordinator, four Peace Building Officers who will be responsible for federal and regional activities joined the PBF Team;
- A high-level retreat that deliberated on the new and extended mandates of the Ministry of Peace organized;
- A Roadmap was developed to advance national peace building strategy
- A training for public and private journalists was organized;
- Durable solutions and realistic recommendations as part of a joint action plan was developed and agreed to implement through the PBF project support;
- State of the art Peace Education Manual produced by UNESCO for the purpose of teacher training reviewed and contextualized to the Ethiopian context.
- Customary conflict management institutions of Oromia Region were mapped

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

on track

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).

The project's bottom up and inclusive approach allows partners to engage grassroots level women leaders, university students, IDPs and local government who have been primarily affected by the ongoing unrest and instability. National and regional level stakeholders including the senior leadership, and the media makes the project an outlet to channel resources and technical capacities where these resources are scant. Gender sensitive and participatory peace building and governance components of the project brands particularity of the project.

An innovative aspect of the project is the operationalization of a peace education manual for practitioners through the contextualization and translation of this manual into Amharic, Oromiffa and Somali. This manual was developed by UNESCO to build capacity of teachers in peacebuilding through transformative pedagogy; now it has been revised, engendered and broadened to serve as a training material and practical resource for community leaders, youth, women and other social groups engaged in peace efforts. Adopting the education manual is also a unique approach given its contribution to tap into the specialized technical expertise of the agency in applying an interactive and transformative pedagogy in reaching large community

with tailored peace education. It is well perceived by stakeholders as an added value in saving costs that would have been incurred if a new manual was developed. This approach could be capitalized for similar project

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):

The PBF preparatory activities begun with a project launch event conducted in the presence of respective dignitaries of the Ethiopian Government and the UN. The event was a strategic opportunity where coherence and integration of the project clarified and linked to the Term of Reference of the Steering and Technical Committees. To expedite project implementation, a Project Coordinator, four Peace Building Officers joined the PBF Team.

A high-level retreat aiming at reflecting and clarifying the new mandates of the Ministry of Peace helped to strategically align mandates and institutional arrangements. Specifically, a Roadmap was developed to advance national peace building strategy that will be based on a national conflict assessment, an opening chapter of a national exercise. The outcome of the assessment will inform the design of a possible larger peacebuilding project and to strengthening the national peace architecture.

A training for 36 and private journalists (11 Female, 25 Male) was organized on gender sensitive conflict reporting and peace journalism. Role of media in deconstruction of gender stereotypes, gender sensitive reporting, ethical guidelines and principles were among the topics covered. Durable solutions and realistic recommendations as part of the action plan was developed and agreed to implement through the project support. An independent consultant was hired to review and contextualize Peace Education Manual produced by UNESCO.

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 high-level retreat organized for the Ministry of Peace was regarded as instrumental and effective way of informing the re-establishment of the Ministry as peacebuilding organ of the country. Participants from the Ministry confirmed that it was the first time that space was created for the new Ministry to reflect on its objectives and mission. During the retreat senior and middle level leadership interacted and get clarity on mandates of the Ministry which ranges from ensuring peace, stability and promotion of social cohesion to managing diversity. Further, the discussion helped them to see challenges to deliver their mandates and strategies and further suggested that similar events should be organized in regions so as to align the peace building and national security efforts at all levels.

The training on responsive conflict reporting and peace journalism was successfully delivered expected to enhance capacity of journalists to shape narratives and reporting on issues which impact the lives of persons in conflict situations. Participants of the training confirmed the exposure as exceptional as it stirred discussion on gender responsive conflict reporting and peace journalism among journalists from public and private media houses. A journalist from Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation for

instance, reported to have organized a radio talk on conflict sensitive reporting in Ethiopia. Other journalists have also expressed their plan to do the same in a gender sensitive manner

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 establishment of the Ministry of Peace as new government entity coupled with the huge restructuring and reshuffling process in other executive branches of government were the main challenges of the project. The shuffling of staff in Ministry of Peace, the long negotiation process with Ethiopian Broadcasting Authority and Oromia Bureaus of Women and Children Affairs have been hindering consistent communication for the project. Creating partnership and entering in to agreement was also a lengthy process, creating procedural delays. To overcome these challenges, continuous technical support and assignment of an official focal point at the Ministry were implemented.

The limited number of Civil Society Organizations working in peacebuilding and conflict prevention is another challenge. Currently, with the ongoing reform in the country, the Charities and Societies law is amended. Thus, more non-state actors are expected to flourish with more conducive environment to work in the area.

Continued conflicts in various parts of the country means that security situation is not conducive to engage regional stakeholders and accelerate implementation. The project areas were in turmoil until recently which limited the access to ensure ownership with the localities. A round of discussion with the Ministry of Peace and regional counterparts was conducted to that effect. Given security improvements, the regional launching and activities will be implemented in the quarter three.

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):

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.

- Twitter link for Gender Responsive Conflict Reporting and Peace Journalism training <https://twitter.com/unwomenafrica/status/1126031109098299392?s=19> for the general public
- Workshop Report of Gender Responsive Conflict Reporting and Peace Journalism training for internal use and to input project reporting
- Article on the project launch UNDP website on the project launch for the general public and the donor community <https://www.et.undp.org/content/ethiopia/en/home/presscenter/articles/2019/01/03/inclusive-governance-and-conflict-management-support-project-lau.html>
- Report of the high-level Strategic Retreat of the Ministry of Peace the high officials of the ministry and to input project reporting
- Photos

## 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:** The GoE develops/adopts a national peacebuilding strategy through an inclusive and evidence-based process

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

**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)?

In this reporting period, major preparation and capacity building activities aimed at facilitating the development of national peacebuilding infrastructure and strategy were implemented with the leadership of the Ministry of Peace. As one of its priority, joint actions to develop the national peacebuilding strategy and peace infrastructure and capacity gap assessment were identified, discussed and agreed. In addition, an advert to conduct a comprehensive national conflict assessment was out to set the stage for the development of the peacebuilding infrastructure. Two focal points at Director General level (Heads of Conflict Early Warning and Peace Culture Directorates) and four middle-level technical staff of the Ministry of Peace have been assigned to work with a team of four national consultants (one lead and three researchers). The assessment will be closely followed by national and regional dialogues and consultations that will validate the findings and recommendations and lead to the formulation of a Roadmap for the development and operationalization of the National Peace Architecture.

Specific to the capacity- building interventions, a total of 36 journalists (11 Female and 25 Male) from both government and private media houses were trained on gender responsive conflict reporting and peace journalism. Medias which were formerly banned but currently operating were also reached through this training. The trained journalists are expected to contribute to the gender responsive narratives which impacts the lives of persons in conflict situation and internally displaced persons.

To ensure the participation of women in high-level dialogues on peace and security, representatives from civil society organizations were supported to participate in a Regional Meeting on Women Peace and Security Analysis of East Africa's Experiences in advancing Gender Equality in conflict and fragility countries in the region.

Preliminary consultations were held with Ministry of Peace to identify relevant federal and regional officials for a training on peacebuilding and durable solutions. Different national and regional stakeholders working on peacebuilding and durable solution were also approached to organize the first high-level consultative meeting which aimed at sharing regional experiences and linking to national peacebuilding policy development efforts. Plans are being finalized for stakeholder mapping at the

regional government and local administration level. This will be followed by a training of trainers on conflict and durable solutions.

UNESCO's peace education manual is also under review to reflect current context of Ethiopia and extend the peacebuilding methodology to community members, women and other stakeholders. The manual will be translated into three local languages with the objective of facilitating peacebuilding for the larger community.

**Outcome 2:** Regional and community-level mechanisms peacefully resolve conflicts contributing to and resulting from displacement and thus reduce violence in 2 conflict-prone clusters

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

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

To launch of the regional level intervention of the project, consultations which solicited the agreements and collaboration of Peace and Security Bureaus of Oromia, Sothern National Nationalities and Peoples' Region and Somali regions was conducted. The planned launching was conducted in this reporting period, due to the security turmoil happening in the regions.

Another consultation with the Somali region Durable Solutions Working Group was also conducted to facilitate the flow of durable solutions information from federal to regions.

Recruitment of peacebuilding experts was also completed for the Training of Trainers on conflict management and internal displacement planned for regional and local administrators. The planning for customary conflict management institutions mapping workshop is undergoing in consultation with the Security and Administration Bureau of Oromia Region.

Customary conflict management institutions were mapped through the consultative workshop conducted with 15 regional, zonal and woreda level officials of Oromia Region. Identifying mechanisms to strengthen the customary institutions was the agreed action point for upcoming regional activities.

Priorities of next Quarter

The finalization of conflict assessment, translation of peace education manual, A training of trainers on this manual for 100 teachers, teacher educators, traditional religious leaders, youth club leaders, women leaders and other stakeholder, stakeholders' mapping for national and regional conferences and trainings on conflict management, peacebuilding, durable solutions, national peace architecture will be the project priorities in the next quarter.

**Outcome 3:**

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

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

### **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>Ministry of Peace is the main government partner that the project has guaranteed its support and dedication for. This was manifested by the high-level agreed action points and focal persons assigned to provide leadership and guidance for the comprehensive conflict assessment, national peace building strategy and other regional level interventions planned by the project. The ownership and commitments Ethiopian Broadcasting Agency and Oromia Bureaus of Women and Children Affairs were also secured through the Letter of Agreement signed with the institutions.</p>
<p><b><u>Monitoring:</u></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>So far, the subsequent technical committee meetings have been used to facilitate the launch and review of project integrated workplan, Term of Reference of governance structures- project board/steering committee and technical committee and staffs. These meetings were also used to monitor progresses and seek solutions for the challenges faced by the project.</p>
<p><b><u>Evaluation:</u></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>Not yet</p>
<p><b><u>Catalytic effects (financial):</u></b> Did the project lead to any specific non-PBF 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>Attempts have been made to garner funding for durable solutions in the two project areas. A full spin off durable solutions proposal has been developed, with the support of PBF implementing agencies. the initial design of a Durable Solutions Initiative for Ethiopia, modelled on the good practice of Somalia and we are currently in discussions with several donors to fund this initiative, including the Swiss and Dutch governments. A short document on the Durable Solution Initiative will be available shortly, once it has been finalized with the Government and other partners.</p>
<p><b><u>Catalytic effects (non-financial):</u></b> Did the project create favourable conditions for additional peacebuilding activities by Government/ other donors? If yes, please</p>	<p>Ministry of Peace was supported to become a member of National Durable Solutions Working Group in the country one .</p>

specify. (1500 character limit)	
<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 for this project? (1500 character limit)	As the project just started implementation off its actual implementation we have not yet fully established the mechanisms for sustainability/ exit strategy but have started to work with the Ministry of Peace and National Disaster and Risk Management Commission to find partners to support the durable solution section of the project.
<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)	
<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>The training on gender responsive conflict reporting and peace journalism and the participation of representatives of civil society organization(Life and Peace Institute) in a Regional meeting on Women Peace and Security Analysis of East Africa's Experiences in advancing Gender Equality in conflict and fragility countries in the region.</p> <p>A new chapter was also added in the UNESCO peace education manual mainstreaming women and peace and security issues in the coming peace education planned under the project.</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? (1500 character limit)	

**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)*

	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline</b>	<b>End of project Indicator Target</b>	<b>Current indicator progress</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</b>	<b>Adjustment of target (if any)</b>
<b>Outcome 1</b> The GoE develops/adapts a national peacebuilding strategy through an inclusive and evidence-based process	Indicator 1.1 The national peacebuilding strategy approved	0	1 national peace building strategy			
	Indicator 1.2 The process of strategy development conducted in an inclusive and participatory manner, involving participants of various societies, groups	0	At least two all-inclusive consultative meetings held with comments from different groups addressed or reflected in the strategy			
	Indicator 1.3 Participation of inclusive group of stakeholders at all level in the development of	no		Several consultative meeting held with Ministry of Peace with regards to in designing and		

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	peace building strategy			implementing the approaches towards developing National Peacebuilding Strategy		
Output 1.1 Capacity of key government actors strengthened	Indicator 1.1.1 1 joint assessment conducted	0	1 joint assessment			
	Indicator 1.1.2 Training material prepared and translated into local languages	0	2 Training materials prepared, and 1 UNESCO peace education manual translated			
Output 1.2 Support to the process of developing a peace building	Indicator 1.2.1 Inclusive national Task force established	0	1 National task force			
	Indicator 1.2.2 Number of consultations and	0	3 high level consultations (1 national, 1			

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strategy availed	participants (disaggregated by sex and age)		Somali-Oromia and 1 Oromia-SNNPR focused meetings. Each agency			
Output 1.3 Policy guidance for peacebuilding policy development is available	Indicator 1.3.1 Number of reports on comprehensive information regarding most feasible durable solutions options and conditions		2			
	Indicator 1.3.2 Number of research papers commissioned	0	3			
Output 1.4 Inclusive consultation on peace building strategy	Indicator 1.4.1 Number of Journalists trained on gender sensitive reporting in politics and peace	0	70	36 Journalists (11 Female, 25 Male) drawn from private and public broadcast media has been trained		

	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline</b>	<b>End of project Indicator Target</b>	<b>Current indicator progress</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</b>	<b>Adjustment of target (if any)</b>
development organized	processes (disaggregated by sex)			on topic of Gender Responsive Conflict Reporting and Peace Journalism		
	Indicator 1.4.2 Women peace forum established-national women forum to convene AWLF					
<b>Outcome 2</b> Increased security and social cohesion in conflict prone clusters	Indicator 2.1 IDPs and members of host communities show an increase in perception of security and social cohesion in their areas An increase by 35%		an increase by 35%			
	Indicator 2.2 Relevant		an increase by 35%			

	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline</b>	<b>End of project Indicator Target</b>	<b>Current indicator progress</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</b>	<b>Adjustment of target (if any)</b>
	Stakeholders (IDPs, members of host communities, women groups etc) report an increase in trust and satisfaction with the responsiveness of government management of displacement and conflict resulting it					
	Indicator 2.3 Increased level of community participation on multiethnic and religious-based healing initiatives					
Output 2.1 Regional and Interregional mechanism strengthened	Indicator 2.1.1 Number of regional conflict management coordination	0	3			

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	mechanism established					
	Indicator 2.1.2 Number of dialogue sessions conducted with the participation of all key stakeholders including women representatives	250	3 sessions with 1500 people			
Output 2.2 Mechanisms to address IDPs community conflict strengthened	Indicator 2.2.1 Number of people successfully trained on statutory peace building	0	500 through attended ToT			
	Indicator 2.2.2 Number of community-based local initiatives supported		10			
Output 2.3 Women	Indicator 2.3.1 Number of women successfully					

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empowerment at community level	trained on gender peace and security (Disaggregated by age)					
supported for more effective conflict management	Indicator 2.3.2 Number of gatekeepers sensitized on importance of women participation (disaggregated by age)					
Output 2.4	Indicator 2.4.1					
	Indicator 2.4.2					
<b>Outcome 3</b>	Indicator 3.1					
	Indicator 3.2					
	Indicator 3.3					
Output 3.1	Indicator 3.1.1					

	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline</b>	<b>End of project Indicator Target</b>	<b>Current indicator progress</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</b>	<b>Adjustment of target (if any)</b>
	Indicator 3.1.2					
Output 3.2	Indicator 3.2.1					
	Indicator 3.2.2					
Output 3.3	Indicator 3.3.1					
	Indicator 3.3.2					
Output 3.4	Indicator 3.4.1					
	Indicator 3.4.2					
<b>Outcome 4</b>	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					

	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline</b>	<b>End of project Indicator Target</b>	<b>Current indicator progress</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</b>	<b>Adjustment of target (if any)</b>
	Indicator 4.2.2					
Output 4.3	Indicator 4.3.1					
	Indicator 4.3.2					
Output 4.4	Indicator 4.4.1					
	Indicator 4.4.2					

## 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: *delayed*

How many project budget tranches have been received to date and when do you expect to request the next tranche if applicable: 1st tranche is received. The tranche is expected to be requested in November 2019.

What is the overall level of expenditure/ commitment against the total budget and against the tranche(s) received so far: USD 75,408.75

If expenditure is delayed or off track, please provide a brief explanation (500 characters limit): Expenditure was delayed due to the lengthy negotiation processes and operational standards to effect direct payments and advances to consultants and government partners respectively. Most of the commitments made in this reporting period though will be reflected as expense in the coming reporting time.

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: UN Women 93.75%

Please fill out and attach the project document Excel budget Annex showing current project financial progress (**expenditures/ commitments to date**), using the original project budget table in Excel, even though the \$ amounts are indicative only.