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Project No & Title:	PBF/IRF-39 Empowering Youth to Promote Reconciliation and Diversity				
Recipient UN Organization :	UNICEF	Priority Sector:	Youth, peace building, reconciliation and livelihood		
National Authority:	Ministry of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Education				
Location:	Osh, Djalala-Abad and Chui provinces in Kyrgyzstan				
Project Cost:	910,003 USD				
SC Approval Date:		Starting Date:	15. July 2011	Completion Date:	15. July 2012
PBF Outcome and Priority area	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td> <p>Priority Area 3: Revitalize the economy and immediate peace dividends</p> <p>Outcome 1:</p> <p><u>Youth and adolescents appreciate diversity, restrain from violence and help reduce tensions in their communities</u></p> </td> </tr> </table>				<p>Priority Area 3: Revitalize the economy and immediate peace dividends</p> <p>Outcome 1:</p> <p><u>Youth and adolescents appreciate diversity, restrain from violence and help reduce tensions in their communities</u></p>
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Project Description:	<p>The project builds on structures developed under the first IRF and aims to address a number of key issues related to youth, which if not addressed could lead to renewed violence, especially in the run up to the elections. The project will particularly focus on at risk youth both in and out of school, using different entry points to identify and address their needs.</p> <p>In order to identify measures to target and engage young people that are involved in illegal sports clubs etc, a rapid assessment will be conducted to determine their background and where they are from. The youth summer camp will focus on the elections in October by engaging youth in identifying concrete measures that will prevent their peers from being manipulated into participating in election related violence. The measures identified in the camp will then be implemented through the youth centres already established in the south as part of the first IRF project, and through existing youth networks in the north.</p> <p>By using the results of the rapid assessment and based on existing youth networks in the north, locations will be identified for establishment of youth centres in hot spots in the north. UNICEF will use the framework developed as part of the first IRF project to establish the centres in close collaboration with NGO partners and the Ministry of Youth. This will also form the platform for a peace and tolerance volunteer network that will be established in both the south and the north to promote peace and tolerance in communities and engage at risk youth to come to centres. It also opens up for dialogue between the north and the south and will be used for establishing a north-south forum.</p> <p>The assessment will also help develop a capacity building training programme for social workers and social pedagogues in schools, as well as youth centre facilitators. Social</p>				

	<p>pedagogues have recently been introduced in every school in Kyrgyzstan and act as focal points for tracking drop out and at-risk children and bringing them back into the formal education system. As they were recruited without any preparation to work in this specialty, they need to be given tools on how to work with such children and youth in partnership with school administrations, parents committees and local authority social workers.</p> <p>In order to mitigate possible violent actions of youth in the upcoming elections, an awareness campaign will be launched to provide information on democratic values and rights, citizenship, tolerance and peaceful behavior, in closely linked to the peace campaign conducted within the media project developed by UNICEF/UNHCR/UNDP. Drama theaters have proved to be one of the most effective ways of spreading messages of human rights, tolerance, non-violence and culture of peace values. Through artistic expression and creative processes (drama, “theatre-forums”, etc.) youth will be encouraged to demonstrate to their peers how to interact with young people from other ethnic groups in a multi-cultural environment.</p>
Immediate Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigate possible violent actions of youth pre-and post-elections. • Empower youth to promote tolerance and diversity in their communities • Engage at risk youth in activities that will better their life situation
Project Status as of September, 2011	
Funds disbursed:	51,101 USD
Delivery rate:	5.61%
Outputs delivered:	<p>The activities carried out since the funding was secured in July were mostly in the planning phase. Meetings were held with potential implementing partners both in the north and the south and preliminary work on contracts with implementing partners were undertaken. However, one youth camp was conducted in Osh with focus on prevention of pre-election violence, as well as preparations for the rapid assessment that will determine the background of the at-risk youth, identify how to reach them in their communities, and identify locations for youth centers in the north.</p> <p><u>Output delivery:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local NGO, Foundation for Tolerance International (FTI) was selected to conduct the rapid assessment and two youth camps before the elections. FTI was selected based on their previous experience working with youth and peace building. • The first youth peace camp took place in Osh, with 45 youth participants (32 Kyrgyz and 13 Uzbek) from Osh and Jalalabad provinces. The participants were from 14-28 years old with almost equal gender representation. The participants were predominantly selected among youth activists in the communities around the youth centres created under the first IRF. • The camp was designed and conducted as a comprehensive capacity development exercise by FTI. The participants were brought through a three-day Peace and Conflict

	<p>Analysis (PCA) consultation workshops. They were equipped with basic concepts and skills of conflict analysis which was immediately applied to the context of their locations. The youth identified and prioritized key tensions that may lead to open conflict and made in-depth analysis into the root causes of the issues. They were guided to examine key capacities and obstacles for peace in their communities when developing response measures. The agenda of the workshop was substantially focusing on the issues related to electoral process. This three-day exercise was followed with another three days of workshop on fund-raising skills. With the conflict prevention lens and the findings from the PCA findings in mind the participants learnt and practiced fund-raising skills. As a result participants submitted over 10 proposals for community projects to FTI. These projects include initiatives on addressing potential electoral conflicts and existing tensions among youth of different ethnicity.</p>
<p>Achievements and challenges</p>	<p><u>Outcome achievements</u> (with reference to the strategic result and relevant indicator of PMP):</p> <p>Explain briefly (4 to 5 short statements max.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is in its start-up phase and it is therefore too early to report on major achievements towards the overall outcome. However, the first youth camp and the development of community projects by the youth in the camp will contribute to the overall outcome of youth and adolescents appreciate diversity, restrain from violence and help reduce tension in their communities. • One more youth camp will be organized before the elections at the end of October and several more community project proposals will be developed. There will also be a selection process of projects and the implementation of these will start before the elections and continue into next year. Information and awareness activities to prevent election violence will be conducted in and around the youth centres in the south. Contracts will also be signed with partners for establishment of youth centres in the north, as well as with partners for implementation of skills activities in the centres. • With a limited timeframe from when the funding was secure until the start of the elections campaign, the challenges have been to ensure participation of key stakeholders such as the MoY in awareness rising of democratic values and peaceful elections, as most ministries are engaged in election activities. The focus of the awareness rising will therefore be in and around the youth centres, working with the local representatives on the MoY.