# RUNO Half Yearly Reporting TEMPLATE 4.3

  

**[COUNTRY:** Kyrgyzstan**]**

**PROJECT HALF YEARLY PROGRESS UPDATE**

**PERIOD COVERED: JANUARY – JUNE 20**14

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| **Project No & Title:** | PBF/KGZ/A-5: Outcome 2 - Youth for Peaceful Change; Project ID: 00089448 |
| **Recipient Organization(s)[[1]](#footnote-1):**  | UNDP, UNICEF |
| **Implementing Partners (Government, UN agencies, NGOs etc):** | Key counterparts:Ministry of Labour Migration and Youth, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Social Development, Agency for Local Self-Governance and Interethnic relations, State Commission on Religious Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, LSG bodies, Defense Council.       |
| **Location:** | Chui, Naryn, Osh, Jalalabad, Batken Provinces  |
| **Total Approved Budget :[[2]](#footnote-2)** | 605825 |
| **Preliminary data on funds committed : [[3]](#footnote-3)**  | 66160 | **% of funds committed / total approved budget:** | 10.92 % |
| **Expenditure[[4]](#footnote-4):** | 60423 | **% of expenditure / total budget: (Delivery rate)** |  9.97 % |
| **Project Approval Date:** | December 12th, 2013 | **Possible delay in operational closure date (Number of months)** | n/a |
| **Project Start Date:** | 07-Mar-14 |
| **Expected Operational Project Closure Date:** | 30-Jun-16 |
| **Project Outcomes:** | Outcome 1: Vulnerable young women and young men at-risk have better opportunities to acquire civic participation skills to positively engage in society and develop respect for diversity. Expected Outcome 2: Vulnerable young women and young men at-risk express their concerns, participate in decision-making at various levels and have better access to economic opportunities to reduce the likelihood of youth involvement in violent conflict;  |
| **PBF Focus Area[[5]](#footnote-5)**(select one of the Focus Areas listed below) | Priority Area 2: National reconciliation; Democratic governance |

**Qualitative assessment of progress**

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| *For each intended outcome, provide evidence of progress during the reporting period.* *In addition, for each outcome include the outputs achieved.**(1000 characters max.)* | Outcome 1: UNICEF signed a letter of agreement on cooperation in the area of professionalization of youth work with the “Perspectives for youth” project of GIZ. According to the agreement the project can use the youth work curricula of GIZ to train youth specialists from public and municipal institutions and youth leaders on professional youth work.The local NGO “Institute for Youth Development” (IYD) was identified as a UNICEF partner to train youth leaders from civil society to implement integrated youth services in pilot communities based on local youth strategies. IYD will later hand over this programme on professionalization of youth work to regional youth organizations. UNICEF also agreed to partner with the Academy of Management under the President to train 20 youth specialists from public and municipal institutions in the 14 target communities. They will be trained on child and youth rights; new media and public speaking, youth policy, advocacy and lobbying. etc.  |
| *Do you see evidence that the project is having a positive impact on peacebuilding?**(1000 characters max.)* | As the project is in its inception phase, it is too early to observe any positive impact on peacebuilding.At the same time it is important to note that consultations with communities on the project facilitated discussions about the need for a systemic and professional approach to address youth issues. Most project stakeholders in communities and authorities accepted the project approach of strengthening professional youth work and encouraging direct participation of youth in local development planning with enthusiasm. They believe that such youth participation may contribute to better governance and service delivery. Improving youth work and youth participation through this project may therefore be catalytic to enhance the positive role youth can play in society. However, some stakeholders remain skeptical about youth participation (see more under ‘lessons learnt’ section below). |
| *Were there catalytic effects from the project in the period reported, including additional funding commitments or unleashing/ unblocking of any peace relevant processes?**(1000 characters max.)* | It is too early to report on catalytic effects.  |
| *If progress has been slow or inadequate, provide main reasons and what is being done to address them.**(1000 characters max.)* | The project has been in its inception phase from March 2014 (when funds actually were received). The project has generally been on track considering that start-up arrangements and trust building with target communities require time.  |
| *What are the main activities/expected results for the rest of the year?**(1000 characters max.)* | NGO leaders already trained by UNDP will closely work with LSGs to conduct participatory conflict assessments that will further inform activities. Youth role models will be identified to reach out to at-risk youth and activities suiting different age groups and gender will be identified based on the assessment. As far as possible such activities will be integrated into local development plans. A TV company will be contracted by UNFPA and subsequently start producing and broadcasting 3 online TV Forum Theatre performances together with the NGO "Y-PEER". 30 youth leaders from civil society will be trained on professional youth work curricula by UNICEF's NGO partner "Youth Development Institute" while youth affairs specialists from local government institutions will receive a similar training from the Academy of Management under the President. Participants of the professional youth work courses will start implementing practicums and develop local youth services in target communities. |
| *Is there any need to adjust project strategies/ duration/budget etc.?**(1000 characters max.)* | Some project partners are considering to replace Mayevka LSG with Tokmok LSG as one of the target communities. GIZ and other donors seem to already engage in similar activities in Mayevka. |
| *Are there any lessons learned from the project in the period reported?**(1000 characters max.)* | One lesson learnt is that overcoming prevailing attitudes of many adults and youth with regards to promoting professional youth work and youth participation in decision making is absolutely critical but so far proved to be challenging. The current attitude with regards to youth in Kyrgyzstan can be summarized with a statement commonly used in Kyrgyzstan: "Youth are to be seen but not to be heard!” The concept of professional youth work is therefore often questioned and seen as irrelevant to the local context. This demonstrates that social norms and traditions are not conducive to youth participation and representation. As a result young people do not appear to possess a clear hierarchy of values or particular political self-understanding. This leads to a situation where grievances are often expressed violently.Despite the challenges faced (and maybe because of them), piloting professional youth work will be critical to involve ‘youth for peaceful change’.  |
| *What is the project budget expenditure to date (percentage of allocated project budget expensed by the date of the report) – preliminary figures only?**(1000 characters max.)* | Total project budget expenditure to date: USD 60,423Percentage of allocated project budget expensed by the date of the report: 9.97 % |
| *Any other information that the project needs to convey to PBSO (and JSC) at this stage?**(1000 characters max.)* | n/a |

**INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT*:*** *Using the* ***Project Results Framework as per the approved project document****- provide an update on the achievement of key indicators at both the outcome and output level in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation in the qualitative text above.* (250 characters max per entry)

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|  | **Performance Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Current indicator progress** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay****(if any)** | **Adjustment of target (if any)** |
| **Outcome 1**Vulnerable young women and young men at-risk have better opportunities to acquire civic participation skills to positively engage in society and develop respect for diversity | Indicator 1.1% of youth who believe that diversity in society is an asset for the development of the country | To be identified in the inception phase (2014)  | 15% increase in number over baseline by end of project in 2016 | Too early to measure indicator progress |  |  |
| Indicator 1.2% of youth that have participated in community development activities | To be identified in the inception phase (2014) | 15% increase over baseline by end of project in 2016 | Too early to measure indicator progress |  |  |
| Output 1.1Young women and men have improved networking and mechanisms to overcome impediments to increase engagement in peace building and decision making in selected communities | Indicator 1.1.1# of vulnerability analysis completed | None | 1 | Too early to measure indicator progress |  |  |
| Indicator 1.1.2 |   |  |  |  |  |
| Output 1.2 | Indicator 1.2.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indicator 1.2.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Output 1.3 | Indicator 1.3.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indicator 1.3.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Outcome 2**Vulnerable young women & men at-risk express their concerns, participate in decision-making at various levels & have better access to economic opportunities to reduce the likelihood of youth involvement in violent conflict  | Indicator 2.1% increase in constructive participation of youth in decision-making processes at all levels | To be identified in the inception phase (2014) | 15% increase in number over baseline by end of project in 2016 | Too early to measure indicator progress |  |  |
| Indicator 2.2  |  |   |  |  |  |
| Output 2.1Youth in selected districts constructive-ly participates in community peace building, decision-making and advocacy to ensure that their concerns are addressed | Indicator 2.1.1# of role models | To be identified in the inception phase (2014) | at least 20 | Too early to measure indicator progress |  |  |
| Indicator 2.1.2# of youth action plans draftedIndicator 2.1.3# of constructive discussions organizedIndicator 2.1.4# of youth involved in youth exchangesInd. 2.1.5# of youth engaged sport eventsInd. 2.1.6# of LSGs where youth plans institutionalized | To be identified in the inception phase (2014)To be identified in the inception phase (2014)To be identified in the inception phase (2014)To be identified in the inception phase (2014)To be identified in the inception phase (2014) | 10 youth plansat least 20at least 400at least 1,00010 LSGs | Too early to measure indicator progress |  |  |
| Output 2.2 | Indicator 2.2.1 |  |  | s |  |  |
| Indicator 2.2.2  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Output 2.3**Youth have improved and more equal access to economic opportunities** | Indicator 2.3.1**# of young women & men trained/ mentored** | **To be identified in the inception phase (2014)** | **at least 3,000** | Too early to measure indicator progress |  |  |
| Indicator 2.3.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Outcome 3**n/a | Indicator 3.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indicator 3.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Output 3.1 | Indicator 3.1.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Outcome 4** | Indicator 4.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indicator 4.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Output 4.1 | Indicator 4.1.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indicator 4.1.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Output 4.2 | Indicator 4.2.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indicator 4.2.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Output 4.3 | Indicator 4.3.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indicator 4.3.2 |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Please note that where there are multiple agencies, only one consolidated project report should be submitted. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Approved budget is the amount transferred to Recipient Organisations. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Funds committed are defined as the commitments made through legal contracts for services and works according to the financial regulations and procedures of the Recipient Organisations. Provide preliminary data only.

4 Actual payments (contracts, services, works) made on commitments.

5 PBF focus areas are:

*1: Support the implementation of peace agreements and political dialogue (Priority Area 1)*:

(1.1) SSR, (1.2) RoL; (1.3) DDR; (1.4) Political Dialogue;

*2: Promote coexistence and peaceful resolution of conflicts (Priority Area 2)*:

(2.1) National reconciliation; (2.1) Democratic Governance; (2.3) Management of natural resources;

*3:Revitalise the economy and generate immediate peace dividends (Priority Area 3)*;

(3.1) Short-term employment generation; (3.2) Sustainable livelihoods

*4) (Re)-establish essential administrative services (Priority Area 4)*

(4.1) Public administration; (4.2) Public service delivery (including infrastructure). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)