

Peacebuilding Fund Project Progress Report (Updated template October 2022)



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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| Name and Title of Person submitting the report * | Tsega Gebremeskel, Programme Specialist, UN Women |
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- yes
 no
 Not Applicable

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» Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border or regional project? *

- yes no

Please select the geographical region in which the project is implemented

- Asia and the Pacific Central & Southern Africa East Africa
 Europe and Central Asia Global Latin America and the Caribbean
 Middle East and North Africa West Africa

Country of project implementation *

- Benin Burkina Faso Cote D'Ivoire
 Gambia Guinea Guinea-Bissau
 Liberia Mali Mauritania
 Niger Nigeria Senegal
 Sierra Leone Togo Other, Specify

Project Title *

- 00118934: Advancing implementation of UNSCRs on Women Peace and Security (WPS) through strengthening accountability frameworks, innovative financing and Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB)
- 00129168: Delivering Peace Dividends in Liberia: Consolidating National, Regional and Local Reconciliation and Social Cohesion Opportunities
- 00128904: Promoting Inclusive Political Participation and Elimination of Violence Against Women in Politics
- 00125938: Protection and Support of Enabling Environment for Women Human Rights Defenders and LGBTQI Rights Defenders in Liberia
- 00113699: Support to LMPTF-PBF Joint Secretariat: UNDP
- 00125953: Sustainable and inclusive peace in Liberia through promoting women leadership and participation in civic and political life and their strengthened role in conflict resolution
- 00119682: Sustaining peace & reconciliation through strengthening land governance & dispute resolution mechanisms
- 00113990: Sustaining peace and improving social cohesion through the promotion of rural employment opportunities for youth in conflict-prone areas
- 00133452: Promoting Peaceful Electoral Environment and Community Security in Liberia
- 00131553: Strengthening the agency of young women in peacebuilding processes and land tenure in Liberia
- Other, Specify

Project Start Date *

2021-10-07

Project end Date *

2023-12-31

Has this project received an extension? *

- YES, Cost Extension
- YES, No Cost Extension
- YES, Both Cost and No Cost extensions
- NO, No Extensions

Will this project be requesting an extension? *

- YES, Cost Extension
- YES, No Cost Extension
- YES, Both Cost and No Cost extensions
- NO, No Extensions

Is funding disbursed either into a national or regional trust fund *

- yes
- no

Recipients

Is the lead recipient a UN agency or a non UN entity? *

- UN entity
 Non-UN Entity

Please select the lead recipient *

- UNDP: United Nations Development Programme IOM: International Organization for Migration
 UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund
 OHCHR: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
 UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
 UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund
 FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization WFP: World Food Programme
 UNHABITAT: United Nations Human Settlements Programme
 UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
 UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme ILO: International Labour Organization
 WHO: World Health Organization PAHO/WHO
 UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
 UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services
 UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization ITC: International Trade Centre
 UNDPO Other, Specify

Are there other recipients for this project? *

- No other recipients
- Yes, other UN recipients only
- Yes, other non-UN recipients only
- Yes, both UN and non-UN recipients

Please select other UN recipients recipients *

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- UNHABITAT: United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme ILO: International Labour Organization
- WHO: World Health Organization PAHO/WHO
- UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization ITC: International Trade Centre
- UN Department of Peace Operations Other, Specify

Implementing Partners

To how many implementing partners has the project transferred money to date?

8

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each to date

Please select the type of organisation which best describes the type of implementing partner *

- National youth CSO
- National women's CSO
- Other National CSO
- Subnational youth CSO
- Subnational women's CSO
- Other subnational CSO
- Regional CSO
- Regional Organisation
- International NGO
- Governmental entity
- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Center For Media Studies & Peacebuilding

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

33420

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

Training journalists on gender sensitive reporting for women in politics.

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- International NGO
- Governmental entity
- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Organization For Women and Children

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

42500

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

Providing legal aid to women experiencing Violence Against Women in Election/ Politics (VAWiE-P) (1.2.6) and strengthening institutional capacity of police, judiciary for VAWiE -P response (1.2.7)

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- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Medica Liberia with POWER Liberia

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

60000

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

Advocacy and engagement with political parties/women's leagues (1.1.2); train domestic elections observations groups on Violence Against Women in Election (VAWiE) (1.2.4); legal and policy advocacy for reform/implementation of laws (30% candidate quota, VAWiE-P, etc.) (1.2.5)

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What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Liberia Initiative for Empowerment

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

40000

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

Engaging youth in peacebuilding and political participation (1.1.4); Build women's leadership culture and advocate for inclusion in governance (1.1.7); Develop & disseminate gender-sensitive civic and voter education (1.3.8 - starting 2023)

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What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Naymote Partners For Democratic Development

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

57906

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

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What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

National Elections Commission

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

19670

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

Conduct a regular quarterly dialogue through the IPCC structure on VAWiE-P, women's participation (1.1.1) Support political parties to implement the existing legal and policy provisions within their internal structures and externally (1.2.2)

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What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Messengers of Peace Liberia

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

40000

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

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What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

30000

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

Conducting district and county-level gender dialogues on Violence Against Women in Election- Politics and promoting women's increased leadership (1.1.6)

Does the project have an active steering committee? *

- yes
- no

Please provide a brief description of any engagement that the project has had with the government over the last 6 months? Please indicate what level of government the project has been engaging with? *

Please limit your response to 275 words

The Joint Steering Committee, to be co-chaired by the Resident Coordinator and Minister of Finance and Development Planning was not held. However, the Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) meetings were held twice since project start-up, on the 24th February and 31st of August 2022. There is a planned Project Management Board meeting for December 2002 which will include UN Women and UNDP Representatives the Ministries of Gender, Justice, and the National Elections Commission.

Financial Reporting

» Delivery by Recipient

Please enter the total amounts in US dollars allocated to each recipient organization

Please enter the original budget amount, amount transferred to date and estimated expenditure by recipient.

*Please make sure you enter the correct amount. All values should be entered in **US Dollars***

| Recipients | Total Project Budget (in US \$) <i>Please enter the total budget as is in the project document in US Dollars</i> | Transfers to date (in US \$) <i>Please enter the total amount transferred to each recipient to date in US Dollars</i> | Expenditure to date (in US \$) <i>Please enter the approximate amount spent to date in US dollars</i> | Implementation rate as a percentage of total budget <i>(calculated automatically)</i> |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women | 1150000 * | 805000 * | 435596.85 * | 37.88 % |
| UNDP: United Nations Development Programme | 850000 * | 595000 * | 144724.85 * | 17.03 % |
| TOTAL | 2000000 | 1400000 | 580321.7 | 29.02% |

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **29.02%**. Can you confirm that this is correct? *

Correct
 Incorrect

Indicate what **percentage (%)** of the budget contributes to gender equality or women's empowerment (GEWE)? *

86.55

The dollar amount of the budget contributing to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) based on percentage entered above and total project budget is **US \$ 1731000**. Can you confirm that this is correct? *

Correct Incorrect

Amount expended to date on efforts contributing to gender equality or women's empowerment is **US \$ 502268.43**. Is this correct? *

Correct Incorrect

ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE. The templates for the budget are available [here](#) *

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Project Markers

Please select the Gender Marker Associated with this project *

- Score 1 for projects that contribute in some way to gender equality, but not significantly (less than 30% of the total budget for GEWE)
- Score 2 for projects that have gender equality as a significant objective and allocate between 30 and 79% of the total project budget to GEWE
- Score 3 for projects that have gender equality as a principal objective and allocate at least 80% of the total project budget to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE)

Please select the Risk Marker Associated with this project *

- Risk marker 0 = low risk to achieving outcomes
- Risk marker 1 = medium risk to achieving outcomes
- Risk marker 2 = high risk to achieving outcomes

Please select the PBF Focus Area associated with this project *

- (1.1) Security Sector Reform
- (1.2) Rule of Law
- (1.3) Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration
- (1.4) Political Dialogue
- (2.1) National reconciliation
- (2.2) Democratic Governance
- (2.3) Conflict prevention/management
- (3.1) Employment
- (3.2) Equitable access to social services
- (4.1) Strengthening of essential national state capacity
- (4.2) Extension of state authority/Local Administration
- (4.3) Governance of peacebuilding resources (including PBF Secretariats)

Is the project part of one or more PBF priority windows? *

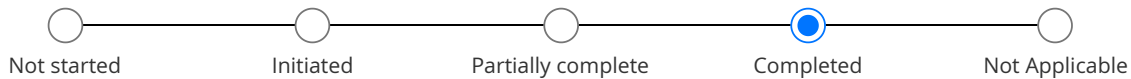
Select all that apply

- Gender promotion initiative
- Youth promotion initiative
- Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions
- Cross-border or regional project
- None

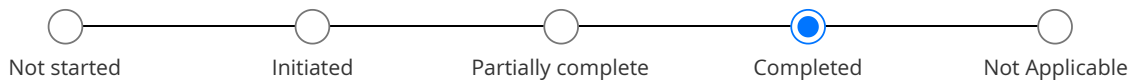
PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

Please rate the implementation status of the following preliminary/preparatory activities

Contracting of Partners *



Staff Recruitment *



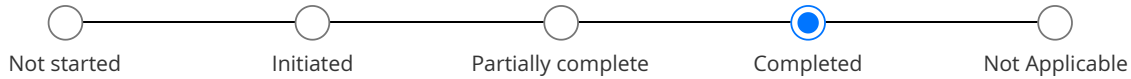
Collection of baselines

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Identification of beneficiaries

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Provide any additional descriptive information relating to the *status of the project* in terms of implementation cycle, including whether preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (i.e. contracting of partners, staff recruitment, etc.)

Please limit your response to 250 words

Program implementation is on track with preliminary and preparatory programme activities completed, including selecting of implementing partners and recruitment of all project staff. The baseline and perception survey are underway, and the draft report is expected in November 2022. There was a slight delay due to lengthy recruitment process and the need for substantive inputs into the data collection tools for the Promoting Inclusive Political Participation project, Liberia Electoral Support Project, and National Elections Commission perception survey. This is amidst the limited capacity of the local implementers; in its extension, the Project also indirectly supports broader local capacities

Summarize the main structural, institutional or societal level change the project has contributed to. This is not anecdotal evidence or a list of individual outputs, but a description of progress made toward the main purpose of the project

Please limit your response to 550 words

A major achievement was the passage of the 30% mandatory party gender quota in the New Elections Law by the Senate and the House of Representatives. This can be attributed to the high-level lobbying and advocacy by UN Women and UNDP and the technical assistance provided to the Women's Legislative Caucus of Liberia and collaboration with civil society partners that engaged lawmakers and mobilized women and youth in support of the gender quota, which PBF has supported. The bill is yet to be signed by the President of Liberia, George Manneh Weah. To ensure the implementation of this law, partners on the 'Promoting Inclusive Political Participation and Elimination of Violence Against Women in Politics' project will continue their engagement to support women in political parties to advocate with political party leaders to meet and exceed the 30% gender quota in candidate list and party leadership and adhere to the Violence Against Women in Election/Politics (VAWiE-P) Protocol for political parties. The VAWiE-P Protocol, championed by the National Election Commission, is signed by 28/33 parties, and work is ongoing to get the remaining five parties to sign onto the Protocol.

Due to the lack of comprehensive understanding of the VAWiE-P situation across the country, which results in difficulties in conducting activities for preventing VAWiE-P, it was necessary to establish a national platform that can consolidate activities of referring cases, conducting data collection and risk assessment, and providing effective responses. To initiate the facilitation and ensure its national ownership, UNDP facilitated a series of roundtables of interested national actors to introduce the idea of establishing a national platform of VAWiE-P in preparation for the 2023 elections. This new approach helped to mitigate challenges related to distrust amongst the government institutions and civil society, as well as sense of 'ownership' around the VAWiE issue. It can be modelled around a similar process taking place in Libya and organised by the electoral management body in collaboration with UNDP.

These efforts are contributing to institutional responses to mitigate VAWiE and create an enabling environment for safe participation in politics.

PART II: RESULT PROGRESS BY PROJECT OUTCOME

NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

- Avoid acronyms and UN jargon, use general /common language.
- Report on what has been achieved in the reporting period, not what the project aims to do.
- Be as concrete as possible. Avoid theoretical, vague or conceptual discourse.
- Ensure the analysis and project progress assessment is gender and age sensitive.
- In the results table, please be concise, you will have 3000 characters, including blank spaces to provide your responses

Describe overall progress under each Outcome made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration). Do not list 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.

- "On track" refers to the timely completion of outputs as indicated in the workplan.
- "On track with peacebuilding results" refers to higher-level changes in the conflict or peace factors that the project is meant to contribute to. These effects are more likely in mature projects than in newer ones.

How many OUTCOMES does this project have *

0 1 2 3 4 5 more than 5

Please write out the project outcomes as they are in the project results framework found in the project document

Outcome 1: *

Increased women's participation in elections, politics, public life, and peacebuilding mechanisms

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Rate the current status of the outcome progress *

1. Off Track 2. On Track 3. On Track with evidence of peacebuilding results

Progress summary

Please limit your response to 350 words

A major achievement was the passage of the 30% mandatory party gender quota in the New Elections Law by the Senate and the House of Representatives. This can be attributed to the high-level lobbying and advocacy by UN Women and UNDP and the technical assistance provided to the Women's Legislative Caucus of Liberia and collaboration with civil society partners that engaged lawmakers and mobilized women and youth in support of the gender quota, which PBF has supported. The bill is yet to be signed by the President of Liberia, George Manneh Weah. To ensure the implementation of this law, partners on the 'Promoting Inclusive Political Participation and Elimination of Violence Against Women in Politics' project will continue their engagement to support women in political parties to advocate with political party leaders to meet and exceed the 30% gender quota in candidate list and party leadership and adhere to the Violence Against Women in Election/Politics (VAWiE-P) Protocol for political parties. The VAWiE-P Protocol, championed by the National Election Commission, is signed by 28/33 parties, and work is ongoing to get the remaining five parties to sign onto the Protocol.

At the same time, civil society organizations on the project are strengthening women leaders, aspirants and peace huts leadership capacity to compete and exercise leadership and mediation skills in advance of the upcoming 2023 general election. To date, 262 women (70% young women) have received training on leadership and advocacy. Progress has also been made to create an enabling environment for women's safe and free participation, through capacity development and dialogues on VAWiE-P and inclusive participation of women with local traditional and statutory leaders, and training and technical assistance to judicial and security actors on prevention and response to VAWiE-P.

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome

Please limit your response to 350 words

Gender equality and women's empowerment and women and youth inclusion and responsiveness are at the heart of this project. Women and youth, particularly young women are targeted to strengthening their capacity on leadership, mediation, as well as activities that allow them to exercise their voice and agency to influence changes in attitudes and behaviours, policy, and practice to enable women's safe and free political participation. At the same time, the project supports gender mainstreaming in elections, with emphasis on the prevention and response to VAWiE-P. Gender is also being mainstreamed into early warning and response (EWRM) mechanisms, with particular emphasis on linking protection and response services, including access to justice for women experiencing VAWiE-P. The intervention also seeks to influence political parties to be more gender responsive, and to adhere for the 30% quota in the Elections Law and to the VAWiE-P Protocol. It also strengthens the capacity of the media to challenge negative stereotypes about women and youth participation in elections and to report on women in politics in a gender responsive manner.

Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments- provide an update on the achievement of key outcome indicators for **Outcome 1** in the table below

- If the outcome has more than 3 indicators , select the 3 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. (3000 characters max per entry)

» Outcome 1: Increased women's participation in elections, politics, public life, and peacebuilding mechanisms

| Outcome 1 | Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i> | Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i> | End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i> | Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i> | Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i> |
|-----------|--|--|---|---|--|
| 1.1 | Perception of women candidates on the risks in terms of presenting themselves and the political party support for them. | TBD | TBD | The perception survey is ongoing, and report is expected in November 2022. | This is due to a lengthy recruitment process of the consultant that would undertake the study and the need to provide substantive inputs to the data collection tools |
| 1.2 | Percentage of women voters, candidates and elected | (2017) 17% women candidates (2021) 9.7% Women elected members | By (Oct 2023) 30% women candidates 20% women elected members | N/A | To be collected at endline/post-election |
| 1.3 | Increase in the percentage of institutional (NEC), judiciary/security sector and political party actions that redress cases of VAWiE-P | 0 | 20% | Baseline for this indicator is ongoing and expected in November 2022. | There is a delay in setting a baseline due to a lengthy recruitment process and the need to provide substantive inputs to the data collection tools for the undertaking of the baseline and perception study of the project. |

How many outputs does outcome 1 have?

0 1 2 3 **4** 5 more than 5

Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 1

Output 1.1

Political party and community engagements on women political participation are promoted through dialogue

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| <p>Output 1.2</p> <p>Strengthened mechanisms for reduction of violence against women in elections, politics, and public spheres</p> |
| <p>Output 1.3</p> <p>Strengthened capacity of women and youth to formulate and implement measures to promote women's participation in elections and peacebuilding</p> |
| <p>Output 1.4</p> <p>Strengthened strategies of national institutions and county structures to promote inclusive participation in electoral, political and peacebuilding processes</p> |
| <p>For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against 3 most relevant output indicators</p> |

» Output 1.1

| Output 1.1: Political party and community engagements on women political participation are promoted through dialogue | Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i> | Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i> | End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i> | Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i> | Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i> |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| 1.1.1 | Proportion of registered political parties signed onto and implementing the Protocol on Prevention and Response to VAWiE-P. | 0 | At least 80% | 84% (28/33 parties) signed the VAWiE-P Protocol in February 2022 | More political parties have shown commitment to sign the VAWiE-P protocol following concerted effort by National Election Commission and Civil Society Partners. |

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|-------|--|---------------|----------|---|---|
| 1.1.2 | Number of awareness raising campaigns organized by young men and women on the right and incentives for young women to participate in public life and politics. | 0 | 15 | 6 | Awareness campaigns led by young people are ongoing in Margibi, Rivercess, Sinoe, Grand Kru, Bong, and Cape Mount. The project is on track to meet the target by the end of 2023. |
| 1.1.3 | Number of media institutions and outlets engaging in gender responsive media coverage. | July 2021: 10 | 2023: 30 | 0 | The implementation of this activity is delayed due to a lengthy partner selection process, currently the partner has reviewed the media training manual, and capacity building training for journalists under the PBF is planned to be held in Q4, building on training completed under the LESP in Q3. |

» Output 1.2

| Output 1.2: Strengthened mechanisms for reduction of violence against women in elections, politics, and public spheres | Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i> | Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i> | End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i> | Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i> | Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i> |
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|-------|---|--|---|---|--|
| 1.2.1 | Number of political parties in the National Legislature publicly committed and engaged to reduce violence against women | 0 | 5 (5 political parties represented in the National Legislature) | 6 | This indicator has surpassed as 6 political parties in the national legislature (All Liberia Coalition Party; Unity Party; Alternative National Congress; National Patriotic Party; People's Unification Party; Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction) have already signed the VAWiE-P protocol a sign of publicly committing to engage in mitigating and preventing VAWiE-P within their political parties. |
| 1.2.2 | Number of gender response provisions and initiatives developed, implemented, and undertaken by electoral stakeholders | (2021): 0 Codes of Conduct and Protocols | (2023) 3 | 2 | VAWiE-P Protocol and Elections Law section 4.5 on 30% Gender Quota for candidates and political party leadership. |
| 1.2.3 | Number of reported cases of VAWiE-P registered and submitted to relevant authorities | TBD | TBD | 0 | Data is not yet currently available with NEC and MOJ. The VAWiE platform is being set up, with data on this indicator being collected as of Q1, 2023. |

» Output 1.3

| Output 1.3: Strengthened capacity of women and youth to formulate and implement measures to promote women's participation in elections and peacebuilding | Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i> | Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i> | End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i> | Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i> | Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i> |
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| 1.3.1 | # of women and youth (boys and girls) capacity enhanced to formulate and implement measures to promote women's participation in elections and peacebuilding | 275 constituting 55% of women and youth trained to formulate and implement measures to promote women participation in elections and peacebuilding (2020) | 500 boys and girls and women trained | 30 young male leaders trained by MSP; 10 trainers trained on VAWiE-P | |
| 1.3.2 | # of political parties recommitting to non-violent elections | Ganta and Farmington declarations signed by 22 registered political parties committing to non-violent elections | At least 15 political parties recommitting to non-violent elections | 22 | 22 out of 26 political parties signed Ganta and Farmington declarations |

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| 1.3.3 | Gender disaggregated data from CFM platform on women participation analyzed | 2020 voters' roll | NEC collects at least 4 types of gender disaggregated data for 2023 elections (on observers/party agents, poll workers, candidates, voters) | 0 | The assessment of the Citizen Feedback Mechanism will take place in November 2022. The development of database and tracking tools for Gender Elections Coordination Group to collect the data from elections is under way. |
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» Output 1.4

| Output 1.4: Strengthened strategies of national institutions and county structures to promote inclusive participation in electoral, political and peacebuilding processes | Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i> | Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i> | End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i> | Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i> | Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i> |
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| 1.4.1 | # of VAWiE-P risk assessment available to all relevant institutions | 0 | At least 3 institutions' personnel trained in VAWiE-P risk assessment | 0 | Initial activity has since morphed arising from the dearth of information on statistics on VAWiE-P in Liberia. Trainings for national partners are now slated for January 2023. |

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| 1.4.2 | SOP for media and law enforcement validated | One conference held for law enforcement and media to strengthen collaboration and protect citizens during elections (2020) | One SOP for media and law enforcement on women's participation developed and adopted | 1 (draft SOPs to be validated in November 2022) | Two national conferences on roles and responsibilities of media and law enforcement during electoral period held to date. Recently a round table meeting was held to review the draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to guide law enforcement and media conduct during elections, with the specific focus on strengthening the role of women in electoral violence prevention and peacebuilding. |
| 1.4.3 | # of women organisations in each county trained in mediation | Mediation role played by women organisations in two electoral disputes involving women candidates (2020) | By 2023 at least five women organisations trained in mediation | 0 | UNDP is currently working with PBO to develop mediation curricula to ensure quality and sustainability of the mediation trainings to be delivered subsequently. |

PART III: Cross-Cutting Issues

Is the project planning any significant events in the next 6 months (eg. national dialogues, youth congresses, film screenings, etc.)

- yes
 no

If yes, please state how many, and for each, provide the approximate date of the event and a brief description, including its key objectives, target audience and location (if known)

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Event Title:

National Women's Dialogue on the Road to 2023

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Date (can be tentative)

2022-12

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Location (if known)

Monrovia

Target Audience

Select as many as applicable

- Senior Government officials
- Other Government officials
- Civil Society
- Youth
- Women
- Military or Police Personnel
- Traditional Leaders
- Donors
- Businesses/ Private Sector
- Former Combattants
- Journalists
- Artists
- Other

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Objectives

Please limit your response to 150 words

To agree on a common agenda to advance women's participation in the 2023 election, including adherence to the 30% gender quota and VAWiE-P Protocol

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Any other information on the event

2

Event Title:

Validation of SOPs for media and law enforcement

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Date (can be tentative)

2022-12

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Location (if known)

Monrovia

Target Audience *

Select as many as applicable

- Senior Government officials
- Other Government officials
- Civil Society
- Youth
- Women
- Military or Police Personnel
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- Donors
- Businesses/ Private Sector
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- Journalists
- Artists
- Other

Objectives *

Please limit your response to 150 words

To sign the SOPs on media and law enforcement that will guide conduct during electoral events and strengthen women role in electoral violence prevention and peacebuilding

Any other information on the event

Human Impact

This section is about the human impact of the project. Please state the number of key stakeholders of the project, and for each, please briefly describe:

- i. The challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation
- ii. The impact of the project on their lives
- iii. Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

How many key stakeholders does this project have? *

4

Key Stakeholder :

CSOs, women & government institutions

What were the challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation? *

Lack of trust between government and CSOs, lack of coordination on VAWIE, lack of data, and therefore lack of consolidated actions

What has been the impact of the project on their lives

Please limit your response to 350 words

Government agencies and CSOs came together and agreed to create joint platform on collection of data and response to VAWIE

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Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

Please limit your response to 350 words

'VAWIE-P is real. Women face it from the first moment they say they want to participate,' noted Bartee Forkpabio, the GBV analyst at WONGOSOL, 'we need to act to prevent it.' Leisel Talery, Head of Gender Unit at the National Elections Commission (NEC) concurs: 'We want to see women in their highest participation in 2023 elections

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Key Stakeholder :

Civil Society

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What were the challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation?

Being restricted to treasurer position in organizations – during elections in organizations, schools and the communities, young women complained of being considered mostly for treasurer than other elected positions such as secretary general, chairperson due to gender stereotyping. And male counterparts would most times reach out and encourage them to contest for the treasurer position only.

On the other hand, the male participants said females can be trusted with financial issues than male because of the fear of being embarrassed. And this is why they most times encourage them to serve in the position.

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What has been the impact of the project on their lives

Please limit your response to 350 words

At the end of the training, the male participants agreed that once they can trust women will delicate financial matters, they can also be trusted to lead the organizations. They acknowledged that women can make better leaders in any position they serve. Young women were encouraged to contest for elected positions in their various schools and organizations. With the support from their male counterparts, women believe they can contest and win any executive positions in their schools, organizations and communities.

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Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

Please limit your response to 350 words

Mulbah Howard- participant

"I wish to appreciate Messengers of Peace-Liberia Inc for a great training on promoting young women in leadership, The training was educative, and I really learned new things on how to help and support women active participation in leadership and decision-making positions.

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3

Key Stakeholder :

People living with disability

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What were the challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation?

Fear of being heard – people living with disability complained that their views were most times not considered in their organizations and communities. And this made them struggle to speak out in public gatherings because they fear that they won't be listened to. In addition, they are sometimes not given credits/reference when their suggestions are taken.

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What has been the impact of the project on their lives

Please limit your response to 350 words

The participants learned to listen to the views of people living with disability. They spoke of their importance and how their contributions are equally important to any forum. Similarly, the people living with disability were noted that their counterparts do listen to them when speaking and feel heard.

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Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

Please limit your response to 350 words

Kadiatu Barry - young woman with disability

"We are so grateful that at least our colleagues can agree that people living with disabilities are equally important as they are."

A participant expressed:

"they were thankful that they could now freely speak without the fear of being quieted or not heard. They would now feel the joy of being referenced when their views are considered and implemented."

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4

Key Stakeholder :

Women groups

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What were the challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation?

Not being involved in decision making -the male participants admitted that they most times do not get women involved in serious decision making because involving them will make them even with men. Women also complained that they too were not involved in decisions that affect them. They also said young women were less considered in decisions making as compared to older women. They also spoke of not presiding over conflicts that involve men just like the men do preside over their cases. Because of this reason, they are not given the opportunity to serve as general community chairperson, rather, women chair.

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What has been the impact of the project on their lives

Please limit your response to 350 words

At the end of the training, the male participants agreed to include women in decision making processes. They acknowledged that women suggestions can be brilliant and when included in decision making, they would make a great team in resolving conflicts. They also vouched to support women and girls in senior community elections, especially for the general community chairperson positions.

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Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

Please limit your response to 350 words

Whyneta M. Lablah - young woman leader

"The training was awesome. I understood my role and how women can be fully involved in politics and mediation. Another interesting part of the training is the theme which is "Promoting Inclusive political participation and elimination of violence against women in politics."

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In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had

Please limit your response to 650 words

You can also upload upto 3 files in various formats (picture files, powerpoint, pdf, video, etc..) to illustrate the human impact of the project

OPTIONAL

File 1

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You can also add upto 3 links to online resources which illustrate the human impact of the project

OPTIONAL

Link 1

<https://www.facebook.com/unwomenliberia/posts/pfbid033QWCGmtz9cqfGjhl5Uw7umvkd3CUu3shTVduiftuieG7rfqnum8x5fp6qy36goukl>

Link 2

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Monitoring

Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period *

Please limit your response to 350 words

Monitoring visit to Totota, Bong County, May 2022.

Spot checks to partner activities (Naymote, medica/POWER, ORWOCH, CEMESP) in Montserrado and Margibi.

Monitoring visit to MOP in Cape Mount

Financial verification on partner reports.

Do outcome indicators have baselines? *

If only some of the outcome indicators have baselines, select 'yes'

yes

no

Please provide a brief description *

Please limit your response to 350 words

Only Indicator 1.1b has a baseline. The baseline and perception survey has been slightly delayed due to gaps in capacity and challenges related to deployment in the rainy season.

Has the project launched perception surveys or other community-based data collection? *

yes

no

Please provide a brief description *

Please limit your response to 350 words

The data collection for the baseline study which includes the perception survey on women political participation has been launched, and is underway to be completed in December 2022.

Evaluation

Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period? *

yes

no

Evaluation budget (in USD): *

50000

If project will end in next six months, describe the evaluation preparations

Please limit your response to 350 words

N/A. The project will end in 31 December 2023.

Catalytic Effect

Catalytic Effect (financial): Has the project led to additional funding from other sources? *

yes

no

If yes, how many additional grants or donors has the project leveraged? *

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Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since the project started.

Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately

Name of Funder *

Irish AID

Amount in USD *

298750

Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since the project started.
Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately

Name of Funder *

UNDP

Amount in USD *

270000

Catalytic Effect (non-financial): Has the project enabled or created a larger or longer-term peacebuilding change to occur (Ways in which the project has supported the expansion or creation of programs and policies supporting peace, both within and outside the UN system)? *

No catalytic effect

Some catalytic effect

Significant catalytic effect

Very Significant catalytic effect

Don't Know

Too early to tell

Please describe how the project has had a (non-financial) catalytic effect, i.e. ways in which the project has supported the expansion or creation of programs and policies supporting peace, both within and outside the UN system *

Please limit your response to 350 words

The non-financial catalytic effect has been to carry out a more robust intervention in more counties where there is a greater risk of Violence Against Women in Election -Politics by mobilising more funds and build up on the work started by this project

Does the project have an explicit exit strategy. *

yes

no

Please describe any steps that have been taken to ensure the sustainability of peacebuilding gains beyond the duration of the project *

Please limit your response to 350 words

The coordination and political engagement strategy for women peace huts and women rights organisations developed under Irish Aid will be used by all peace huts and will support coordination and local advocacy to advance women's participation in politics and peacebuilding beyond the scope of the project. Institutional and individual capacities to monitor, report, respond and provide legal redress for VAWiE-P will also be sustained.

Following a visit by the PBF coordinator and Peacebuilding Support Office, in May 2022, it was recommended that financial support to peace huts be included in the intervention. This recommendation has been actioned and small grants will be given to peace huts this year to deliver on their sustainability plans. This is being funded by the PBF Land Governance project under the Women, Peace, and Security pillar at UN Women.

Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations?

The result framework for the project will go through a midterm review by the project team led by the Resident Coordinator Office to review indicators, revise baseline and targets for the project.

There is also a need to provide more capacity building on for partners on reporting and results-based management to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and impact of the project.

Annex: Please use this space to upload any additional document you may want to the report (ex. Additional detail on indicator reporting)

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