

Peacebuilding Fund Project Progress Report (Updated template October 2022)



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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» Report Submission

Type of report *

- Semi-annual
- Annual
- Final
- Other

Date of submission of report *

2022-11-15

Name and Title of Person submitting the report *

Mathilde Helms, Project Manager (FAO)

Name and Title of Person who approved the report *

Heads of Agencies

Have all fund recipients for this project contributed to the report? *

- yes
 no

Did PBF Secretariat or the PBF Focal point in the resident coordinator office review the report? *

If there is no PBF secretariat in country, please select "Not applicable". If there is a PBF secretariat, you should normally ensure that they have an opportunity to review.

- yes
 no
 Not Applicable

Any additional comment from the PBF Secretariat/ RCO Focal point on this report

» 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

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| <input type="radio"/> Europe and Central Asia | <input type="radio"/> Global | <input type="radio"/> Latin America and the Caribbean |
| <input type="radio"/> Middle East and North Africa | <input checked="" type="radio"/> West Africa | |

Country of project implementation *

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| <input type="radio"/> Gambia | <input type="radio"/> Guinea | <input type="radio"/> Guinea-Bissau |
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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Sierra Leone | <input type="radio"/> Togo | <input type="radio"/> Other, Specify |

Project Title

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- 00113030: Creating Peaceful Societies through women's improved access to management of natural resources, land tenure rights and economic empowerment in Sierra Leone
- 00124562: Empowering youth at risk as resources for sustaining peace and community resilience in Tonkolili and Kenema districts in Sierra Leone
- 00126042: Inclusive peace and reconciliation in Sierra Leone
- 00117938: Mitigating Localized Resource-based Conflicts and Increasing Community Resilience in Pujehun and Moyamba districts
- 00130053: Women4Water&Peace: Promoting civic spaces and empowering women to address water-related disputes and provide access to water in poor communities in Freetown
- 00132863: Promote the creation of an enabling environment for the conduct of peaceful elections and the strengthening of social cohesion in Sierra Leone
- Other, Specify

Project Start Date

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2020-10-28

Project end Date

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2023-04-27

Has this project received an extension?

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

Will this project be requesting an extension?

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- 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

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- 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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- 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
- UN Department of Peace Operations Other, Specify

Implementing Partners

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

10

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 *

Caritas Sierra Leone - Bo

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

56022.42

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

Through a partner agreement with FAO, Caritas Bo supports the implementation of especially Outcome 3 in as well as general project monitoring activities in Kenema district. The partner has established VSLA schemes in 9 communities and supported crop production (cassava, rice) in 3 communities. The partner has facilitated community mobilization and day to day monitoring of infrastructure activities and monthly monitoring to project sites by district stakeholders and supported collection of qualitative and quantitative data.

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What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Caritas Sierra Leone - Makeni

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

50679.62

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

Through a partner agreement with FAO, Caritas Makeni supports the implementation of especially Outcome 3 in as well as general project monitoring activities in Tonkolili district. The partner has established VSLA schemes in 9 communities and supported crop production (groundnut) in 01 community. The partner has facilitated community mobilization and day to day monitoring of infrastructure activities and monthly monitoring to project sites by district stakeholders and supported collection of qualitative and quantitative data.

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

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- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Fambul Initiative Network for Equality Sierra Leone (FINE-SL)

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

222398.85

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

Through a partner agreement with UNFPA, FINE-SL has facilitated stakeholder engagements and dialogue on gender, GBV and Y@R issues in target communities in both districts; trained and supported Male Advocacy Peer Educators (MAPEs) to raise awareness on GBV and SRHR at community level; and conducted Husband Schools. FINE-SL has established and operate one Crisis Drop-In center in each district which serves as a point of GBV referrals and a safe social space as an alternative to the street and 'ghettos'.

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- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Ministry of Youth Affairs

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

57903.07

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

Through a partner agreement with UNDP, the MOYA facilitated the implementation of two rounds of football galas in the targeted communities, chiefdoms and district, to promote friendly interactions and social cohesion among the beneficiaries.

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 *

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What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

National Youth Commission (NAYCOM)

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

63248.48

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

Through a partner agreement with UNDP, NAYCOM has facilitated trainings on Transformational Youth Leadership, social change and conflict resolution for Y@R as well as for District and Chiefdom Youth Councils (DYCs/CYCs).

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

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- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS) - Sierra Leone Psychiatric Teaching Hospital

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

30987

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

Through a partner agreement with UNDP, PTMH-MoHS assessed Youth at risk on drugs and substance abuse, Training for Community Health Workers to conduct counselling session and Conducted psychoeducation with Youth at Risk, family and communities.

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What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Center for Accountability and Rule of Law (CARL)

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

30840

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

Through a partner agreement with UNDP, CARL supported the review and amendment process of the CPA and SLCS act including advocacy.

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

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What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Sierra Leone Correctional Service

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

60728.94

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

Through a partnership agreement with UNDP, SLCS coordinated and facilitated the process of earning scheme and skills training program for Youth at risk inmates in prison. Trained prison staff on life skills curriculum and support the roll out and facilitate the review and amendment of the SLCS 2014 Act.

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

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- Other

Other, Please specify

Academia

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI)

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

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

Through a partner agreement with the SLCS, RWI are engaged to facilitate targeted trainings aiming at strengthening the capacities of Correctional Center Managers, Correctional Industry Officers and the Standards Inspectorate Department on Earning Scheme activities, correctional management and maintenance of detention standards; as well as development of M&E plans for the Correctional Service and youth-responsive policing strategies.

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- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

National Council for Civic Education and Development (NACCED)

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

56194.81

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

Through a partner agreement with UNDP, NACCED has facilitated civic education trainings for Y@R, identified and trained peace ambassadors at chiefdom level, and conducted dialogue fora between Y@R and community, chiefdom and district stakeholders.

Does the project have an active steering committee? *

- yes
- no

If yes, please indicate how many times the Project Steering Committee has met over the last 6 months? *

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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 project has been engaging with all levels of government during the reporting period in the planning and implementation of the project's various components. All activities in the target districts are accompanied by the district youth structures including District and Youth Councils. Youth leadership and peace-building activities under Outputs 1.1 and 1.2 are directly implemented by government institutions - MOYA facilitates sports galas; NACCED implements civic education and dialogue fora which also involves other government institutions; and MOHS facilitates counselling sessions on substance abuse through their district extension structures. Likewise, activities under Output 2.1 are implemented directly with the Sierra Leone Correctional Services, while advocacy activities under Output 2.2 engages parliamentarians. For the livelihood activities under Output 3.2, all trainings are co-facilitated with the district officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, who also take the lead in monitoring crop production activities on a weekly basis together with the FAO agronomist.

Several monitoring visits to the project target areas were made with the government; including a mission with the Hon. Minister of Youth Affairs, the Hon. Deputy Minister of Agriculture and the Heads of Agencies (FAO, UNDP, UNFPA); a joint monitoring visit with all technical focal persons of the agencies, counterpart government institutions at national and district level, and implementing partners; as well as visit by the Resident Coordinator.

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>
FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization	1750000 *	1750000 *	1097429 *	62.71 %

UNDP: United Nations Development Programme	850000 *	850000 *	712263 *	83.8 %
UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund	400000 *	400000 *	360830 *	90.21 %
TOTAL	3000000	3000000	2170522	72.3 5%

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **72.35%**. Can you confirm that this is correct? *

Correct Incorrect

» Gender-responsive Budgeting

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

30

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 \$ 900000**. 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 \$ 651156.6**. Is this correct? *

Correct Incorrect

If it is incorrect, please enter the *expenditure to date* on GEWE in US dollars *

730625

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? *

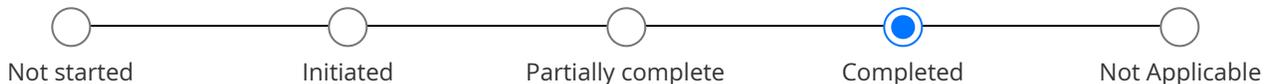
Select all that apply

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

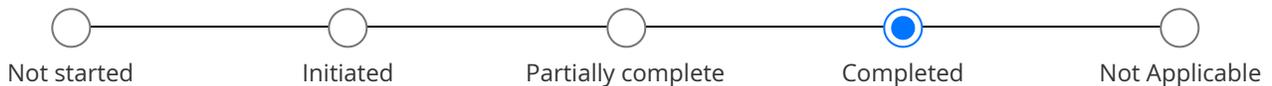
PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

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

Contracting of Partners *

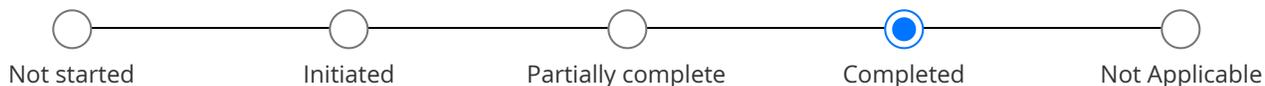


Staff Recruitment *



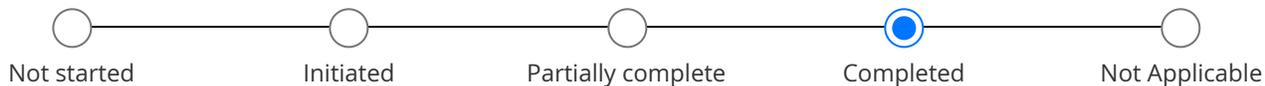
Collection of baselines

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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

The project is well on track and has made significant progress in this reporting period. Feedback from beneficiaries and communities is overwhelmingly positive. Coordination structures are working well at district and national level, with generally good cooperation from government institutions. The No Cost Extension (approved in October 2022) will be used to finalize outstanding activities (such as pending livelihood activities in accordance with the agricultural seasonal cycle and advocacy activities with regards to the CPA); address gaps and challenges as identified during joint monitoring missions; and overall consolidate the gains made so far in terms of both behavioral changes and livelihood activities. Meanwhile, the implementing agencies will work together to seek to mobilize additional resources to scale up the project to other areas.

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

The project has had a very positive impact on local peace-building and social cohesion in the target areas. The level of crime and violence associated with Youth at Risk (Y@R) and cliques/gangs has drastically reduced as reported by communities and local security providers. Behavioral changes on the part of the beneficiaries are evident, with a significant reduction in anti-social and risky behaviors such as theft, fighting, aggression, and substance abuse, a result of the wide range of training and counselling activities ranging from civic education, youth leadership, conflict resolution and gender, as well as of their preoccupation with project activities and in particular agriculture, making them less 'idle'. The Y@R beneficiary groups across communities and districts is well unified and showing positive identification and solidarity with one another.

A majority of the Y@R consider themselves fully reintegrated and well respected in their communities; following their own changes in behaviours and attitudes, and through joint activities ranging from dialogue sessions with local authorities to joint community infrastructure projects. The Y@R are now taking part in community decision-making and other local development and social activities; and are positively interacting with local authorities as well as youth leadership structures. Many Y@R have reconciled with and moved back in with their families, taking part in household chores and livelihood activities, and some even resuming educational activities due to renewed support from relatives.

The economic incentives to joining cliques and gangs are reduced as Y@R are productively engaged in their various agricultural livelihood activities; and refraining from illegal and risky economic strategies (e.g. theft, commercial sex work). Thus demonstrating motivation and commitment to alternative practices, a number of beneficiaries have initiated individual livelihood activities in either farming or petty business complementing the livelihood support provided by the project, using VLSA loans or other savings.

In addition to the positive shift in narrative and self-perception of the Y@R beneficiaries, the project has also put Youth at Risk on the 'map' in the target areas, with increased awareness among key stakeholders of the target group 'youth at risk' as not only a social problem but as a group of young people who can and will change and socially reintegrate; and demonstrated approaches to engaging them and addressing their specific situation. There is a very positive perception of the project among community leaders and a high degree of local support and buy-in; as well as among district stakeholders and government institutions, who express continued requests to be able to scale up the project to more areas.

Refurbished structures in the Mafanta and Kenema facilities have been completed and purchased equipment procured by the project deployed to support targeted correctional facilities to continuously implement the Earning Policy Scheme and skills training activities including tailoring, Bakery, Dress making and Carpentry for 100 Youth at Risk Inmates (90 males, 10 females). Advocacy activities with regarding the review of the CPA and SLCS Act are in progress, and it is hoped they will be passed before the general elections in June 2023. The CARL will continue advocacy for the passage of the revised Acts.

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:

Youth at risk (women and men) are empowered and included in decision-making processes in their communities in the target districts

Outcome 2:

National and local institutions improve their response to the needs of youth at risk

Outcome 3:

Social cohesion and peaceful coexistence promoted by supporting joint socio-economic initiatives that involve youth at risk and community members

Outcome 1: Youth at risk (women and men) are empowered and included in decision-making processes in their communities in the target districts

Rate the current status of the outcome progress

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

Progress summary

Please limit your response to 350 words

UNDP through NaCCED strengthened youth participation through dialogue fora between the Y@R and community stakeholders, to address Y@R inclusion in decision-making, access to services and discrimination. NAYCOM facilitated trainings on transformational leadership, social change, and conflict resolution for the Y@R, DYC/CYC (M: 285 F: 216). The Peace and Development Advisor provided training to Chieftom Peace Ambassadors and local youth structures on conflict analysis and mitigation to strengthen their capacities to conduct peace-building activities at community level.

MoHS trained 25 health workers (M: 20; F: 5), and psycho-education sessions were rolled out to 336 (Male 206, Female 130) beneficiaries on the bio-psychosocial effects of substance abuse. Community level counselling sessions are ongoing, reaching out to non-beneficiary youths as well. Field monitoring indicates that a majority of the beneficiaries have significantly been reducing substance abuse since the on-set of the project.

To foster peace and social cohesion, MOYA facilitated football galas in the four chiefdoms culminating in an inter-district final competition for male and female youth. The galas were used as platforms for NACCED to disseminate peace-building messages. FINE-SL organized community sports meets in each project community, during which a family planning referral spot was established and 6400 condoms distributed reaching 1,280 people (F: 925; M: 355).

The two crisis drop-in centers in the project districts continue to serve as entry points for referrals to GBV and SRH services and safe spaces for Y@R to meet, rather than in ghettos. They have so far processed and referred 410 cases. Centre staff and 36 YAR group leaders were trained on incident documentation, referral and victim identification & protection, and crisis intervention/management.

900 community members (M: 773; F:127) graduated from the 18 husband schools in June 2022, now serving as 'lead fathers', 'lead mothers' and mentors in their communities. Refresher trainings were conducted with 90 MAPEs and 90 husband school facilitators; to strengthen their roles in promoting SRHR and supporting community response and prevention mechanisms. Monthly radio discussions popularized SRHR and GBV messages.

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

Under Outputs 1.1 and 1.2, UNDP ensured that all activities including around conflict resolution, civic education, counselling, and sporting/social activities reflected the project's commitment to gender equality and women empowerment. A total of 194 female Y@R participated equally in trainings, dialogues on youth and duty-bearers, and other capacity building activities.

The equal inclusion of male and female beneficiaries and other stakeholders is prioritized in the establishment of community structures and youth structures working with the project, which has increased participation of women through election as 50% female youths (72 out of 144) were elected in leadership roles, while the project continues to promote the inclusion of young women in decision-making at various levels. Women were also involved and participated in project sport and social activities in which female teams competed in their own women football gala.

Activities under Output 1.3 specifically address gender equality and aim to transform community structures and cultural norms with regards to gender relations and GBV and SRHR. In 18 husband schools, 450 community members both male and female have gone through series of training and learning sessions and have graduated and become 'lead fathers', 'lead mothers' and mentors in their respective communities. Majority feedback from both youth, community members and local security providers during monitoring exercises confirm that both sexes have significantly improved in taking part in social community activities as well as in their personal pursuits in terms of uptake of SRHR services. Field monitoring findings indicate an overall reduction in GBV cases in the target communities (61 GBV / protection cases were referred and supported to access services); and an improved relationship between male and female beneficiaries.

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: Youth at risk (women and men) are empowered and included in decision-making processes in their communities in the target districts

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	% of youth at risk targeted by the project who believe that their voice is heard, and they feel more respected in their communities	55% total 49% female 58% male	Estimate 70% (F: 60%; M: 70%)	86.1% (F: 87%, M: 86%) Based on qualitative feedback from the Y@R beneficiaries, they unanimously state that their position and image in their communities has totally changed, and they feel involved and respected in their various communities. Through the project they have participated in Youth Dialogue and Duty Bearers' and Stakeholders' sessions, have increased	Final quantitative data will be collected at through the end-line survey.

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district youth
structures.
Further, their
changed
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active
participation in
constructive
community
activities - such
as the
agriculture and
construction
activities
supported by the
project as well as
other cleaning,
development and
social activities -
has changed
their image and
allowed them to
interact with and
get closer to
other community
members and
stakeholders.
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1.2	Number of youths at risk targeted by the project included in decision-making mechanisms at local level	34% total 17% female 45% male	Estimate 50% out of 100% of youth targeted by the project (F: 35%; M: 50%)	<p>66% (F: 46%, M: 50%)</p> <p>Qualitative feedback from beneficiaries and community stakeholders during joint field monitoring visits indicates that Y@R are not involved in local decision-making mechanisms in their various communities.</p> <p>Through the specific activities implemented by the project, the Y@R have been involved in decision-making through Youth & Duty Bearers' dialogue sessions and have increased representation and participation of Y@R in Chieftdom & District Youth structures across the project communities.</p>	<p>Participatory data collection on youth participation is presently on-going to document the Y@R participation in various decision-making and other activities at community level.</p> <p>Final quantitative data will be collected at through the end-line survey.</p>
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How many outputs does outcome 1 have?

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

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Output 1.1

Civic education and counselling are promoted to enable the reintegration of youth at risk into families and communities and their participation in decision-making processes.

Output 1.2

Capacity of District and Chiefdom Youth Councils (DYC and CYC) and local youth groups in the targeted districts strengthened to promote youth leadership and influence district and local decision-making processes that affect youth at risk

Output 1.3

Increased awareness among key stakeholders and youth at risk in targeted communities on women and girls' rights, with increased male involvement to reduce GBV

For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against 3 most relevant output indicators

» Output 1.1

Output 1.1: Civic education and counselling are promoted to enable the reintegration of youth at risk into families and communities and their participation in decision-making 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>
1.1.1	% of youth at risk who believe that use of	13% total 10% female 15% male	Estimate 80% (F: 80%; M: 70%)	Beneficiaries, community members and	Final quantitative data will be collected

violence is never justified to resolve conflicts and achieve political objectives.

local security providers confirm a decrease in violence among the Y@R (qualitative feedback from field monitoring exercises). The Y@R unanimously state they would not consider engaging in politically motivated violence. During the violent demonstrations taking place nation-wide in August 2022, the beneficiaries in all areas refrained from partaking, and even went around their communities with the local youth officers advocating with other youths to remain calm and stay away from violence.

In general, there is evidence from field monitoring that indicates that Y@R have now been able to stay away from violence and are engaging other youths to remain peaceful. The peace ambassadors who have been trained on conflict mapping and resolution

through the end-line survey.

				and resolution are active in most of the target communities.	
1.1.2	Number of youth at risk who undergo counselling and recover from substance abuse habits	<p>0 currently undergoing counselling</p> <p>39% of youth at risk have been sensitized on the risks of drug abuse</p>	Estimate 70% (F: 70%; M: 50%)	<p>336 beneficiaries (M: 206; F: 130) were reached through community-level psycho-education sessions to raise awareness on bio-psychosocial effects of substance abuse. The community health workers have been trained on the basic skills to conduct counselling sessions in the communities and they are expected to start holding the counselling session with support from the Sierra Leone Psychiatric Teaching Hospital (Implementing Partner).</p> <p>Through qualitative engagements, beneficiaries report that a majority (around 80% of them) have already significantly reduced the use of substances.</p>	<p>Counselling sessions with Y@R, families and non-beneficiary youths by community health workers are on-going - the number of people reached will be reported on in the next progress report/final report.</p>

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» **Output 1.2**

<p>Output 1.2: Capacity of District and Chiefdom Youth Councils (DYC and CYC) and local youth groups in the targeted districts strengthen ed to promote youth leadership and influence district and local decision- making processes that affect youth at risk</p>	<p>Performanc e Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i></p>	<p>Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i></p>	<p>End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i></p>	<p>Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i></p>	<p>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i></p>

1.2.1	<p>Number of youths at risk who become members of local youth groups and participate in DYC and CYC activities</p>	<p>2 individuals are members of the actual DYC/CYC</p> <p>42% of youth at risk participate sometimes or often in</p>	50%	<p>A total of 8 (Male 6, Female 2) Y@R were nominated to become members of the DYC and CYC and participate in their activities, including meetings and decision-making in the two target districts.</p>	<p>Participatory tool on Youth Participation currently being piloted aims to capture further aspects of Y@R participation in local youth activities.</p>
1.2.2	<p>Dialogue forums discuss and address risk analysis with the participation of youth at risk</p>	0	4 (1 per chiefdom)	<p>8 dialogues sessions (2 per chiefdom) have been held between youth at risk and local authorities with 328 in attendance (Male 168, Female 160) discuss issues around reintegration and inclusion of youth at risk in decision making in target communities, chiefdoms and districts.</p>	<p>Follow up on action points identified during dialogue sessions is done on an app. quarterly basis.</p>

1.2.3	<p>% of youth at risk who believe that structural barriers to their reintegration are removed and feel safe to participate in communities' mechanisms and activities</p>	<p>59% total 61% female 58% male</p>	<p>80%</p>	<p>Feedback from beneficiaries during qualitative field monitoring visits indicate that Y@R have now been reintegrated in their communities. Previous barriers to their participation and feeling of inclusion, such as marginalization and stigmatization (from community members, leaders and local service providers e.g. health facilities), have been removed, and the Y@R feel safe to participate in decision-making and other community activities. Beneficiaries report that they do not experience any negative peer pressure from other members of the cliques/gangs they used to associate with. Rather, they serve as role models towards their peers.</p>	<p>Final quantitative data will be collected through the end-line survey.</p>
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Output 1.3: Increased awareness among key stakeholders and youth at risk in targeted communities on women and girls' rights, with increased male involvement to reduce GBV	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>
1.3.1	% of youth (male and female) involved in youth clubs who state that GBV in all its forms (physical, economic, psychological and sexual) is unacceptable/ a violation of human rights	25% total 17% female 29% male	70%	97% (F: 97%, M: 98%) Qualitative feedback from both beneficiaries and stakeholders during joint monitoring visits indicate a widespread awareness that GBV is a human rights violation.	Final quantitative data will be collected through the end-line survey.
1.3.2	% increased knowledge among beneficiaries on GBV and SRH	67% total 34% female 84% male	40% (F: 40%; M: 40%)	Based on pre-post assessments during training activities, 67% of the MAPEs have improved their knowledge on GBV and SRH.	Final quantitative data will be collected through the end-line survey.

1.3.3	% improved perception and attitudes among beneficiaries towards Gender and GBV	n/a (post hoc verification)	40% (F: 40%; M: 40%)	<p>90% (F: 90%, M: 90%)</p> <p>Qualitative feedback from beneficiaries and community stakeholders further indicates that the rate of GBV cases is decreasing and that there is an improved interaction among male and female youths, with males showing greater respect for women and taking more responsibility in the household.</p>	Final quantitative data will be collected through the end-line survey.
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Outcome 2: National and local institutions improve their response to the needs of youth at risk

Rate the current status of the outcome progress

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

Progress summary

Please limit your response to 350 words

UNDP through Sierra Leone Correctional Services (SLCS) have developed an Earning Scheme Skills Enhancement Guide for the 4 selected correctional industries (tailoring, carpentry, agriculture and bakery) to be implemented across 3 targeted correctional facilities (Kenema, Mafanta and Magburaka) starting November 2022, following a capacity building exercise for at least 30 correctional industry managers. Equipment has been procured, while two structures have been supported with minor refurbishments in Kenema and Mafanta to ensure safe storage of training equipment.

In collaboration with the Sierra Leone Police and the Local Policing Partnership Boards (LPPBs) and their community and regional structures, CSOs and Y@R representatives, UNDP conducted a training bringing together institutions relevant to protecting youth at risk in contact or in conflict with the law. LPPBs and other community security structures developed a post training plan to support in addressing issues emerging at community involving youths at risk.

UNDP through CARL has made progress on the review of the amended CPA of 1965: The draft legislation has been presented to the Attorney-General for final revision. To increase advocacy around the legislation, a retreat was organized with 20 MPs with discussions on key components of the CPA including on the suspended sentences, parole, alternative sentences, and limitation of the powers of the police to arrest for certain minor offences and more. Hopes are high that the law will be considered for enactment before the general elections in 2023.

With regards to the revision and passage of the SLCS Act of 2014, the SLCS has engaged the Legislative Committee of Parliament to convene a retreat to present the changes that have been suggested to the Act as well as present the draft revised Prison Rules of 1965. The changes to the Act are necessitated by the need to transform the institution from Prisons to Corrections and to ensure that rehabilitation and reintegration of inmates contributes to the broader picture of protecting the community and the institution's staff . There is an ongoing engagement through the Law Officers to present the Act to Parliament for enactment.

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

10 female inmates were selected for the life skills initiative- as per the project targets and reflecting the gender balance of inmates – but the project has left room for more women to be included, once they enter the Correctional Centres as offenders. It is ensured that female inmates selected for the trainings benefit from skills initiatives based on their own preferences, for example, hairdressing, bead-weaving and tailoring. Gender awareness is included in the life skills trainings to be rolled out to both male and female inmates.

The empowerment of correctional officers has included female officers (21 out of 38 trainees) as equal participants in capacity building workshops, and implementation of program activities in and around correctional centers, while the training workshop for justice and security institutions to improve their responsive skills in addressing youth-at-risk issues prioritized the involvement and contribution of female participants across all institutions, including female Y@R representatives. To highlight and improve the response to female youth at risk by the various institution and actors, gender is included as a key point of discussion through workshops and post-training monitoring of action points, to ensure that improved youth-responsive and gender-sensitive strategies are employed and that gender-specific challenges affecting the relationship between the Y@R and local security institutions are addressed.

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 2** in the table below

- If the outcome has more than 3 indicators , select the 3 most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight.
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» **Outcome 2: National and local institutions improve their response to the needs of youth at risk**

Outcome 2	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>

2.1	<p># of targeted local institutions (SLCS, SLP, LPPBs, Paramount Chief Councils) that adopt improved procedures to ensure youth responsive approaches to detention, reintegration, and rehabilitation</p>	2	<p>All institutions involved in the project (correctional centers, LPPBs, FSUs, SLP, etc.)</p>	<p>Seven (7) local security institutions and community structures (65 participants) including the Sierra Leone Police, Sierra Leone Correctional Service, Local Policing Partnership Board, Independent Police Complaints Board, Paramount Chiefdoms, Civil Society Organization and Youth at risk participated in a 2 days capacity building training providing knowledge and understanding of the concept of rule of law, human rights and responsibilities, and approaches to improving collaboration between the security sectors and local structures in addressing issues of youth at risk in conflict with the law.</p>	<p>Action plans were developed for implementation by the LPPBs, SLP, CSO and Local authorities towards increased collaboration and coordination.</p>
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2.2	<p>% of youth at risk who believe that their rights are respected</p>	<p>26% total 32% female 20% male</p>	<p>55%</p>	<p>Through the project monitoring structures and Based on qualitative feedback from youth at risk beneficiaries, Y@R generally reported feeling more respected and considered within their communities, and do not experience stigma and discrimination as before. Through the project monitoring structures, no incidents of rights violations have been reported.</p> <p>With regards to youth at risk currently deprived of liberty, SLCS center managers have been trained on the observance of the international human right protocols on auditing and monitoring of inmates.</p>	<p>Final quantitative data will be collected during the end-line survey.</p> <p>Further follow-up with the Standard Inspectorate Department (SID) is on-going to know progress so far.</p>
2.3					

How many outputs does outcome 2 have?

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Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 2

Output 2.1

Capacity of local institutions, Correctional Services, Family Support Unit (FSUs) of the Sierra Leone Police (SLP), and Local Police Partnership Boards (LPPBs), is enhanced in human rights, rule of law, negotiation and youth-sensitive approaches to improve their engagement with youth at risk.

Output 2.2

SLP, Magistrate Courts and Correctional Services in project targeted areas have strengthened capacities and youth responsive legal frameworks to monitor detention conditions and support decongestion of overcrowded facilities.

For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against 3 most relevant output indicators

» **Output 2.1**

<p>Output 2.1: Capacity of local institutions, Correctional Services, Family Support Unit (FSUs) of the Sierra Leone Police (SLP), and Local Police Partnership Boards (LPPBs), is enhanced in human rights, rule of law, negotiation and youth-sensitive approaches to improve their engagement with youth at risk.</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Performance Indicators</p> <p><i>Describe the indicator</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Indicator Baseline</p> <p><i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>End of Project Indicator Target</p> <p><i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Indicator progress to date</p> <p><i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any)</p> <p><i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i></p> <p>.....</p>
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2.1.1	<p>Targeted correctional centers implement the Earning Scheme Policy</p>	2	3	<p>All 3 Correctional Service Facilities targeted by the project in Kenema, Margburaka and Mafanta have started the implementation of the Earning Scheme policy.</p> <p>The Correctional Service is currently engaging the respective banks in Kenema and Tonkolili District for the opening of accounts for 100 inmates across the two target districts for the Earning Scheme component.</p>	<p>There was some delay in starting up the implementation due to the development of the Earning Scheme Policy Guide, prior to rolling out activities in the specific facilities targeted by the project.</p>
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2.1.2	Number of youth-at-risk deprived of liberty with improved life skills	60 (M: 55; F:5)	90 (M: 80; F:10)	100 (M: 90; F: 10) inmates in the Sierra Leone Correctional Service are set to participate in life skills training. The curriculum is presently in review, drafted in line with the national life skills curriculum and adapted to the targeted project youth. Upon finalization, trainings will be rolled out to the respective inmates who are also undergoing the vocational skills training program.	
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» Output 2.2

<p>Output 2.2: SLP, Magistrate Courts and Correctional Services in project targeted areas have strengthened capacities and youth responsive legal frameworks to monitor detention conditions and support decongestion of overcrowded facilities.</p>	<p>Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i></p>	<p>Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i></p>	<p>End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i></p>	<p>Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i></p>	<p>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i></p>
<p>2.2.1</p>	<p>Number of cases resolved by the prison courts (virtual courts) in the project areas</p>	<p>32 resolved in 2019 in Kenema CC (29 cases involved Males; 3 cases involved females)</p>	<p>250 cases with 65% case conclusions (M involved: 80%; F involved 20%)</p>	<p>A total of 87 cases were heard during court sittings simultaneously across the two target districts in which 52 inmates were discharged, 5 sentenced and 3 put on bail. The judiciary is planning to conduct similar mobile courts in November 2022.</p>	<p>This activity is conducted by Judiciary, and it is based on their annual calendar.</p>

2.2.2	Amended Correctional Act 2014 and Criminal Procedure Act	The CPA and the Correctional Acts are currently being reviewed. UNDP is doing advocacy for submission of both draft Acts to Parliament by December 2021/Early 2022	Submit Amended Acts to Attorney General and Parliament by Dec-2021 or Latest March 2022 2 legislations enacted in Parliament	<p>So far a 2-Day Retreat has been held by CARL with the Parliamentary Committee on the CPA to discuss proposed changes to the legislation with MPs, who expressed their willingness to present content of the new legislation to their members once the legislation reaches Parliament.</p> <p>SLCS with CARL are preparing a retreat with the Legislative Committee of Parliament to present the content of the amendments made to the 2014 SLCS Act as well as the 1965 Prison Rules, the transition from Prisons to Corrections and the impact in the security and justice sectors.</p>	
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Outcome 3: Social cohesion and peaceful coexistence promoted by supporting joint socio-economic initiatives that involve youth at risk and community members

Rate the current status of the outcome progress

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

Progress summary

Please limit your response to 350 words

Significant progress has been made towards the finalization of the various joint community projects (5 barrays, 8 rice mills, 4 youth centers, and 1 market) supported under Output 3.1. Handing over is expected in December. Beneficiaries and stakeholders report good collaboration throughout the planning and implementation processes. Communities have formulated bylaws on Operation & Management, and experience-sharing sessions involving 180 community representatives and district stakeholders were held in each chiefdom on challenges and best practices to ensure sustainability of the infrastructure and equipment provided by the project. Community operators for the rice mills will be trained once equipment has been fully installed.

Agricultural livelihood activities supported under Output 3.2 have progressed significantly. Trainings have been rolled out in with the MoA on basic business management (418 beneficiaries); post-harvest management of maize for poultry feed production (191 beneficiaries); and post-harvest management and processing of cassava, groundnut and rice (74 beneficiaries). The 15 crop-producing Y@R groups are managing their farms using improved agricultural methods - app. 44 hectares were cultivated (maize, cassava, potato, groundnut), and the crops are performing well (yield assessments on-going). Pending finalization of shelters for poultry and goats, remaining inputs for the livestock groups will be distributed in the coming months.

Beneficiaries have reoriented their livelihoods towards less risky activities, and they are no longer engaged in theft, crime and commercial sex work. Y@R group members demonstrate increase commitment towards their agricultural activities. More than 70% of beneficiaries report to have initiated additional livelihood activities complementing those supported by the project – starting individual farms, working together as ‘labour gangs’ on other farms, while especially female beneficiaries have used the VSLA scheme to boost their petty business activities.

Further strengthening the socio-economic reintegration of the Y@R through linkages with FBOs and private sector entities, short-term apprenticeships and learning visits were facilitated (90 beneficiaries), and mentorship relationships have been established for all 18 Y@R groups. The formalization of the 18 Y@R groups as FBOs and setting up of accounts with local community banks is currently in process.

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

The project involves 46% young females across all components, including the livelihood component. During the initial participatory selection of livelihood activities the groups wanted to embark on, the equal relevance and participation of women and men were a main criteria.

Throughout all livelihood activities, the female beneficiaries are fully involved with at least 50% participation in trainings, exchange and learning visits, etc.

According to findings from recent monitoring missions, the female beneficiaries are fully and equally involved in the various livelihood activities. Generally, the cooperation among male and beneficiaries around the farming work is reported to be inclusive and cordial, with some gender division of the farm work reflecting the usual farming culture in the country.

Female beneficiaries in particular seemed to have benefited from the VSLA activities, while some also used DSA and transport refunds from trainings and learning visits to start up petty business activities to sustain themselves while waiting for the main group livelihood activities to yield income.

During the business management trainings, the agri-business structures were established with the groups to ensure that women were included in the executive functions (e.g. as marketing managers, financial secretaries, etc.).

FAO is planning to support some additional strengthening of the young women's position within the structures to ensure that they continue to be included after the end of the project, through experience-sharing and coaching sessions for the female beneficiaries, linkages to other female farmers in the target areas for mentorship, and engagement of the Y@R groups and community stakeholders as part of the project exit strategies.

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 3** in the table below

- If the outcome has more than 3 indicators , select the 3 most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight.
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» Outcome 3: Social cohesion and peaceful coexistence promoted by supporting joint socio-economic initiatives that involve youth at risk and community members

Outcome 3	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>
3.1	% of youth who	84% total	45% (M/F)	According to the	Final

consider engaging in crime activities for economic purposes

87% female
83% male

Y@R beneficiaries themselves, they are no longer engaged in crime activities for economic purposes - judging from qualitative feedback, a vast majority (exceeding the target indicator).

quantitative data will be collected at end-line.

The Y@R have changed their attitudes and behaviors and are now too busy with their farming activities to be in the streets engaging in crime and anti-social behaviors. Their confidence and ownership towards their agricultural livelihood activities has increased significantly, and they express pride and motivation for what they have achieved.

This is confirmed by community stakeholders as well.

For the females, 99% were involved in commercial sex work before the project, but almost all have now left the

3.2	% of community and family members who believe that youth at risk contribute to productive life of their communities and families through the livelihood assistance provided	47%	80%	How did the trade.	Final quantitative data will be collected at end-line.
				<p>According to qualitative feedback from both community members and beneficiaries themselves, the Y@R are now playing positive roles in the communities, being actively involved in their supported livelihood activities, and participating in other productive community development activities like cleaning campaigns, road brushing, etc.</p> <p>A majority of the Y@R (more than 80%, more female than males) report to have moved back in with their families; and/or have reconciled and are supporting families/relatives with household chores and livelihood activities.</p>	

3.3	<p>% of community and family members who believe that levels of violence committed by gangs/cliques in the project zones has decreased</p>	45%	65%	<p>According to qualitative feedback from both beneficiaries, community stakeholders, district government structures and local security providers, the level of crime and violence associated with cliques/gangs has significantly decreased since the start of the project.</p> <p>Notably, during the violent demonstrations in August, Y@R refrained from participating in any violence, and in some communities even went around to advocate with other youths to remain calm.</p> <p>Some Y@R are still members of the former clique groups, but according to them, these structures are now rather social groups than known for crime and violence.</p>	<p>Final quantitative data will be collected at end-line.</p> <p>Note that the project was not able to target all the youths-at-risk associated with cliques/gangs in the target area, and a number of such youths remain who might continue to engage in crime and violence. The Y@R beneficiaries do in many communities engage in outreach and counselling (e.g. on substance abuse) with other non-beneficiaries youths on their own initiative.</p> <p>All beneficiaries, stakeholders and district government stakeholders are pleading to the partners to reach out to more youths.</p>
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How many outputs does outcome 3 have?

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Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 3

Output 3.1

Social cohesion and peaceful coexistence promoted by supporting joint socio-economic initiatives that involve youth at risk and community members

Output 3.2

Youth at risk have increased capacity and are empowered to generate their livelihoods.

For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against 3 most relevant output indicators

» **Output 3.1**

Output 3.1: Social cohesion and peaceful coexistence promoted by supporting joint socio-economic initiatives that involve youth at risk and community members	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>

3.1.1	<p>Number of joint socio economic initiatives promoted for social cohesion, community reconciliation and peaceful coexistence</p>	2	10	<p>The project supports a joint community project in all 18 target communities, selected by the communities and youths themselves, centering on social/economic community infrastructure (5 community barrays, 4 youth centers, 1 market structure, 8 community rice mills).</p> <p>Communities (including the youths) report that the planning and implementation of these activities has been a good opportunity for them to come together towards a common purpose, and that interaction is positive and peaceful.</p>	<p>There have been some delays in the construction activities, but finalization and handing over of community infrastructure is expected to take place in late November or early December.</p>
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3.1.2	% of youth at risk who feel a sense of belonging to their communities	80% total 79% female	80% male 99% (M/F)	<p>According to qualitative feedback from the beneficiaries, the overwhelming majority now feel well integrated in and part of their communities.</p> <p>34% of Y@R beneficiaries report to have resumed/started some form of educational or training activities; many due to renewed support from families/relatives due to the improved relationships.</p> <p>More than 70% of Y@R beneficiaries report that they have initiated new livelihood activities, which as well indicate a sense of belonging through the willingness to invest in livelihoods in their localities.</p>	Final quantitative data will be collected at end-line.
3.1.3					

» Output 3.2

<p>Output 3.2: Youth at risk have increased capacity and are empowered to generate their livelihoods.</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Performance Indicators</p> <p><i>Describe the indicator</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Indicator Baseline</p> <p><i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>End of Project Indicator Target</p> <p><i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Indicator progress to date</p> <p><i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</p> <p><i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i></p> <p>.....</p>
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3.2.1	<p>Number of youth at risk trained in innovative practices, Good Agronomic practices (GAP), technologies for Climate Smart Resilience farming and enterprise development</p>	0	300 (M: 250; F: 50)	<p>In summary, the following trainings have been rolled out to date:</p> <p>418 Y@R trained on Gender & Livelihood</p> <p>418 Y@R trained on nutrition and food-based dietary guidelines</p> <p>418 Y@R trained on VSLA</p> <p>356 Y@R trained on GAP for crop production</p> <p>418 Y@R trained on basic business management</p> <p>191 Y@R trained on post-harvest management for maize and poultry feed production</p> <p>30 Y@R trained on cassava processing; 20 Y@R trained on groundnut processing</p> <p>24 Y@R trained on post-harvest management for rice</p>	<p>Pending trainings will be rolled out according to the agricultural season and delivery of outstanding livelihood activities:</p> <p>Trainings on livestock management (poultry, goats) for 11 Y@R groups (November)</p> <p>Training on bakery management for 2 Y@R groups (December 2022)</p> <p>Advanced business training for elected group executives from all 18 Y@R groups (January 2023)</p>
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<p>3.2.2</p>	<p>Number of youths at risk groups and Junior Farmer Field Schools (JFFS) established and attached to existing Farmer Base Organizations (FBO) for mentorship.</p>	<p>18 YAR claim to belong to farm groups. 1 Youth farm group in Magburaka (Tonkolili)</p>	<p>4 youth groups (30% female participation)</p>	<p>18 Y@R groups have been established and are being trained in cooperation with the MAF structures in line with the JFFS approach.</p> <p>18 Y@R groups are in the process of being registered as FBOs with MAF and local councils and establishing bank accounts.</p> <p>Mentorship relationships have been established between all 18 Y@R groups and other FBOs/businesses, while linkages are facilitated on an on-going basis to more actors for business exchange relationships.</p> <p>Short-term apprenticeships were organized with 55 youths from 14 groups and learning visits to private sector entities have been conducted with 67 youths.</p>	<p>Note that mentorship relations are being facilitated not only to other FBOs in the target areas, but to existing businesses in the related livelihood sectors – depending on what is deemed most relevant to the specific agri-business operations of the various groups.</p>
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3.2.3	<p>% of youths at risk who believe they will continue to use the newly acquired skills to make a living</p>	<p>0 (n/a - post hoc verification)</p>	<p>70%</p>	<p>According to qualitative interviews with the beneficiaries, a majority (up to 80%) are fully engaged in the groups' selected livelihood activities.</p> <p>Beneficiaries in most groups express a high level of confidence that they will be able to sustain their activities and generate incomes for themselves.</p> <p>More than 70% of beneficiaries have since the beginning of the project started various additional agricultural and livelihood activities on their own complementing the activities supported by the project, using new skills and knowledge and in some instances VSLA loans to start up their new activities.</p>	<p>Final quantitative data will be collected at end-line, once all livelihood activities and trainings have been fully implemented.</p>
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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:

Review and Enactment of the Criminal Procedure Act

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Date (can be tentative)

2023-01

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Location (if known)

Sierra Leone Parliament

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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Other, please specify

Members of Parliament

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Objectives

Please limit your response to 150 words

Facilitating the passing of the Criminal Procedure Act to give an opportunity for a fair process to charge cases especially those associated with Youth at Risk. The Criminal Procedure Act will be submitted to Cabinet for approval and legislative committee to facilitate its tabling in Parliament for discussion

Any other information on the event

Event Title:

Review and Enactment of the Sierra Leone Correctional Service Act

Date (can be tentative)

2023-03

Location (if known)

Sierra Leone Parliament

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

Other, please specify

Members of Parliament

Objectives *

Please limit your response to 150 words

Facilitating the Enactment of the Sierra Leone Correctional Service Act to give an opportunity for a fair process to charge cases especially those associated with Youth at Risk. The Prison Act has been drafted and it has been handed to the SLCS Management for input before submission to Ministry of Internal Affairs. It is expected that Minister of Internal Affairs to do a Cabinet Paper and submit a draft to the Cabinet Secretariat. As a follow up, a retreat would be conducted with the Legislative Parliamentary Committee for their review and submission to parliamentary for passing.

Any other information on the event

3

Event Title: *

Handing over ceremonies for community infrastructure

Date (can be tentative) *

2022-12

Location (if known)

Kholifa Ruwala, Yoni, Nongowa and Dama chiefdoms

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

Other, please specify *

Community members, beneficiaries, district stakeholders (MAF, local councils), MOYA, MAF

Objectives *

Please limit your response to 150 words

Ceremonies will be held at chiefdom level to hand over of community infrastructures to the target communities for use and do final endorsement and signing of the bylaws developed for Operation & Management.

Any other information on the event

Event Title: *

Stakeholders' dialogues on exit strategies

Date (can be tentative) *

2023-01

Location (if known)

Target communities

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

Other, please specify *

Beneficiaries, community stakeholders, DYC/CYC, MAF, MGCA, MOHS/DHMT

Objectives *

Please limit your response to 150 words

Meetings will be held with target communities to discuss on exit strategies and their roles and responsibilities for maintaining project achievements.

Any other information on the event

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Event Title: *

Screening of Youth at Risk movie

Date (can be tentative) *

2023-03

Location (if known)

Freetown

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

Other, please specify *

UN agencies, key government institutions, potential donors and partners

Objectives *

Please limit your response to 150 words

The project is planning to produce a short movie to show case the impact of the project on youth at risk reintegration and community peace-building, which will be screened at an experience-sharing event to be attended by key partners; with potential additional creative contributions from the youth at risk themselves.

Any other information on the event

Event Title: *

Establishment of female-friendly spaces in Crisis Drop-In Centers

Date (can be tentative) *

2023-01

Location (if known)

Magburaka, Kenema

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

Objectives *

Please limit your response to 150 words

While the Crisis Drop-In Centres so far mostly attracted a male audience the project is working on establishing more female-friendly spaces and equipping them with attractive games and activities. Furthermore, UNFPA and FINE-SL are presently exploring opportunities to relocating the Crisis Drop-In Centres to other locations where they can be sustainably hosted and ideally linked to additional youth-focused social services.

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? *

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Key Stakeholder :

Hangha Town (1 out of 18 target communities)

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

Hangha community used to be considered one of Kenema district's most violent communities - it was seriously plagued by clique/gang violence, land disputes and drug abuse among youth. As a result of this high level of conflict and violence, community people moved to neighbouring communities, and there were not major developmental activities taking place in the community for a long time. There was serious distrust that between the youth and the community leaders: The youth believed that the leaders take money for development in the community and use it for themselves, while the leaders of the community believed that the youth were unserious and involved in irresponsible activities and generally acting disrespectful and uncontrollable. Those were the factors leading to the selection of Hangha as a target community for the Youth at Risk project.

What has been the impact of the project on their lives

Please limit your response to 350 words

From the onset of the project, implementing partners conducted community and stakeholder engagements and dialogues in a bid to unearth the causes of the various issues faced by the youth and respective communities, and to pitch the intervention strategy together with all the stakeholders. Following several engagements such as trainings, awareness raising and husband schools, the community began experiencing reduced incidences of violence; gang violence has drastically reduced, while GBV has dropped to a very minimal level.

The youths are increasingly involved in decision-making and dispute resolution mechanisms; and have become more socially responsible and are now actively working towards their own positive development.

Beneficiary youths are now involved in encouraging their peers to abandon violent and criminal ways of living and be more productive members of their communities.

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

Please limit your response to 350 words

Town Chief: "This community was greatly terrorised by youths who were wayward and had no respect for customs and traditions. I as chief found it difficult to stay in the community because of all the violence caused by the youths over one land or the other. Now I can safely say this Youth at Risk project has been a blessing both to the community and to our children because we now enjoying absolute peace and our children are now working actively to develop themselves."

M.K (former gang leader): "I used to be highly feared in this community and on my command, we can destroy anything but because of this project I have come to realise it was not the right way to live. Now I am a positive youth for development, and I am now helping other youths to discover themselves and be positively transformed."

Key Stakeholder :

H.G, female beneficiary, 24 years old, Kenema district (the project directly targets 418 beneficiaries, hereunder 192 females)

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

H.G.: "I was fortunate to be selected as beneficiary of the project in May 2021. At this time of my life, I was living on my own in a unconventional way, my family and community disapproved of my lifestyle because I was selling my body for survival travelling from district to district. I was doing that because I had no option for my livelihood."

What has been the impact of the project on their lives

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Please limit your response to 350 words

H.G: "The PBF Youth at Risk intervention have made a significant impact in my life, I have been to platform and interact with personalities I only dreamed of in my life. I never saw agriculture as a lucrative business, but with the support provided to us with trainings ranging from good agronomic practices, harvest and post-harvest management practices, garrie processing, and basic business management practices. Our group was also supported with agricultural inputs to embark on cassava farming, garrie processing production and other cassava value chain production equipment. Additionally, I have been fortunate to visit Pujehun Growth Center to learn about garrie production, myself and other group members have gone for apprenticeship programs to understudy businesses that has been successful in the cassava value chain production."

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

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Please limit your response to 350 words

H.G: "I am not the same person that joined the project last year, I am now a well-respected woman in my family and my community, I am consulted within my family and my community to make developmental decision that benefits all. Presently, I am a role model among my peers as I am the chairlady of the Giama Dama YAR group and I am a businesswoman."

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

The project has had positive impact on the social cohesion in the target communities; reducing the levels of crime and violence associated with the Y@R and cliques/gangs as well as anti-social and risky behaviours (substance use, verbal aggression and fighting, gambling). The Y@R beneficiaries report that they are now involved in community decision-making and other development activities; while community stakeholders report a sense of relief and improved feeling of peace and safety in the community observing that the Y@R are now involved in productive activities (agricultural and others) instead of idling in the streets at night.

Additionally, the human impacts are note-worthy, and the level of community support and buy-in for the project and in particular the motivation and willingness to change on the part of the beneficiaries has been extremely encouraging. Since the beginning of the project, before substantive activities were implemented, beneficiaries did express similar feelings of being 'seen', being granted an opportunity and suddenly having a range of actors listening to them and counselling them – this ignited behavioural changes from the onset – refraining from crime, fighting and disrespectful attitudes and reducing on substance abuse – positive changes which were then later on further accelerated by the civic education trainings and psycho-education sessions on substance abuse.

On the individual level, the Y@R beneficiaries report a higher level of well-being and lower stress levels as they have abandoned a range of risky and unhealthy practices associated with clique/gang lifestyle such as substance abuse, physical fights and commercial sex work. As they are now more involved in community activities, beneficiaries report feeling respected and included rather than enduring the stigma they were used to; and many indicate to feel that their lives have drastically changed; expressing a greater sense of motivation and self-esteem.

Quotes from beneficiaries from last joint monitoring visit in September:

"We are working together now and they are listening to us" (Loppa).

"Before they were pointing fingers at us, but now they admire us." "The new paramount chief treats us like daughters and call us for community meetings." (Female beneficiary, Mile 91)

"They used to call us street girls, now they call us by our names." (Female beneficiary, Old Town)

"I am now seeing things I didn't use to. I am so proud now to sit together with people here. In community issues, they think of me, we make plans together." (Male beneficiary, Mile 91)

The livelihood component has further contributed to changing Y@R's image in the communities and reduced their dependency on risky and/or illegal activities to make ends meet. As the livelihood activities progressed and became more tangible, it further enhanced the confidence, positive self-image and sense of pride among many beneficiaries by seeing the visible proof of their efforts - for example, the 8 communities cultivating maize for poultry feed production were able to cultivate relatively large and well-performing field with improved varieties, which were genuinely admired by community stakeholders and district MAF officers alike.

Quotes from beneficiaries from last joint monitoring visit in September:

"Now, when I go to the farm and see the improvement, it helps me to reduce stress. Before, they didn't think of us as anything; now we are invited into decision-making. I am so proud to be in the community as a changed man." (Male beneficiary, Mile 91)

"We are not in the street anymore, we concentrate on what we are doing on the farm. When we come home at night we are tired, and we just help our parents." "Now, we have people to advise us, to encourage us to go off the street." (Female beneficiaries, Makeni Road)

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Monitoring

Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period *

Please limit your response to 350 words

A monitoring visit led by the Hon. Minister of Youth Affairs with the Hon. Deputy Minister of Agriculture with the participation of the Heads of Agencies from FAO, UNDP and UNFPA to both districts was done during this reporting period, during which the delegation interacted with both beneficiaries and communities and visited construction sites, farms and the Crisis Drop-In Centre in Kenema. Report from the mission was shared with PBSO.

A detailed joint monitoring visit with the technical team together with focal persons from MAF, Ministry of Gender, the PPRC, NACCED, NAYCOM, district councils, local youth structures and implementing partners Caritas and FINE was done, engaging beneficiaries and stakeholders in in-depth discussion on project progress, impacts, challenges and sustainability issues. A detailed report is available.

Routine monitoring visits to all the project communities and Y@R groups are done on a weekly basis by the district/chiefdom youth structures and district MAF extension structures to follow up on any issues relating to the group dynamics and closely supervise their on-going livelihood activities. During peak agricultural activity periods (e.g. planting, harvesting) intensive monitoring is done by the MAF district officers in collaboration with the FAO field-based agronomist.

Monthly monitoring visits are conducted with district stakeholders (e.g. from the district councils, and district MAF offices) to the project communities.

Technical missions to monitor construction activities are conducted frequently (03 times during this reporting period) with the FAO supervisory engineer together with the MAF civil engineer. Infrastructure activities are monitored on a continuous basis by the Clerks of Works employed by implementing partners Caritas and Caritas Makeni, and by the community construction monitors (03 per community) trained by the project.

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

A baseline study conducted during the project's inception phase collected quantitative data for all the outcome and output indicators.

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

During this reporting period, the following participatory data collection tools have been piloted:

- **Youth Participation Monitoring Tool** administered by the Y@R groups themselves (supported by Caritas and DYCs/CYCs), aiming to capture group internal and external activities. The findings are used to report on project indicators under Outcome 1; while the process encourages the beneficiaries to reflect on the level and nature of their participation in various community activities – decision-making, social activities, community development, etc.
- **Community Conflict Tracker** administered by DYCs/CYCs and community peace ambassadors (who have all been trained on conflict mapping and mitigation), aiming to identify on-going or potential issues of conflict and tension relating to the group and/or the project activities. The aim is to track issues and follow up actions to ensure that potential conflicts are not left unaddressed.
- **Data collection on reintegration:** A group-based data collection exercise was done with all Y@R groups with the aim to quantify positive changes previously reported on qualitatively which can be perceived to be proxy indicators for reintegration and 'belonging'; capturing relationships with families, resumption of educational activities, and new livelihood activities outside of those supported by the project. Findings will be captured under Outcome 3 indicators.

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

The final evaluation will be managed by the FAO regional office with full involvement of all partner agencies and the GoSL. A Terms of Reference has been drafted for the final evaluation and circulated for inputs, including from PBSO. The evaluation will be conducted in accordance with the DAC criteria under the lead of an international consultant with technical, contextual and peace-building experience. The lead consultant will work together with a national consultant, who will support the evaluation with local knowledge and language competencies.

An end-line survey will be integrated in the overall evaluation, collecting data on the indicators measured at baseline to assess project performance.

In country data collection is expected to take place in February/March 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 *

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Amount in USD *

200000

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

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

Several comprehensive monitoring exercises have been conducted during this reporting period, with a view to identifying key prospects and challenges for sustainability. Exit strategies to be implemented during the recently approved No Cost Extension have been drafted for all activities and result areas, and are presently under discussion among the partner agencies and partner organizations and institutions.

Under outcome 1, behavioural changes on the part of Y@R and communities will be sustained mostly through the established structures at community level such as MAPEs, peace ambassadors and youth leaders, who will continue to support the Y@R and mediate their improved relationship with communities at large, while the CYCs/DYCs will continue to monitor Y@R issues in the target communities. Observing the level of reintegration and increased inclusion of Y@R in decision-making mechanisms and other community activities, it is expected that these impacts will be sustainable without project-facilitated dialogue sessions.

Under outcome 2, the project partners are working directly with the correctional centers in the two districts, with project activities centering on strengthening capacities of officers and institutions to continue to implement the Earning Scheme Policy and Virtual Prison Courts utilizing the input and equipment provided by the project. With regards to the CPA and SLCS Act, the project is hopeful that they will be passed before the end of the project, otherwise UNDP will continue to support advocacy activities through its other partners/activities.

Under outcome 3, the sustainability of agricultural livelihood activities is sought through the organization and consolidation of the Y@R groups as small enterprises with business plans developed jointly with all groups, who have been linked up with relevant market actors and supply chains, to ease the continued running of their operations. All groups have established mentorship relationships with existing FBOs and/or private sector entities relevant to their chosen livelihood activities. 18 Y@R groups have been formalized as FBOs, which will ensure a continued linkage with the MAF and access to technical services and agricultural inputs distributed through the Ministry's structures.

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

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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