

Peacebuilding Fund Project Progress Report (Update May 2023)



PROJECT OVERVIEW

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» Report Submission

Type of report *

- Semi-annual
 Annual
 Final
 Other

Date of submission of report *

2023-06-15

Name and Title of Person submitting the report Gulzhigit Ermatov, Peace and Development Officer	*
Name and Title of Person who approved the report Marc Fumagalli, Peace and Development Adviser	*
Have all fund recipients for this project contributed to the report? <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no	*
Did PBF Secretariat review the report? <i>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.</i> <input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable	*

» Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border project? <input type="radio"/> yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> no	*
Please select the geographical region in which the project is implemented <input type="radio"/> Asia and the Pacific <input type="radio"/> Central & Southern Africa <input type="radio"/> East Africa <input checked="" 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 type="radio"/> West Africa	
Country of project implementation <input checked="" type="radio"/> Kyrgyzstan <input type="radio"/> Tajikistan <input type="radio"/> Ukraine <input type="radio"/> Uzbekistan <input type="radio"/> Other, Specify	*

<p>Project Title *</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 00118849: Empowering women and girls affected by migration for inclusive and peaceful community development</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 00108337: Communities resilient to violent ideologies</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 00108334: Inclusive governance and justice system for preventing violent extremism</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 00129739: Inclusive governance and shared identity for sustainable peace and development</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> 00108374: PBF Secretariat support to JSC and PRF projects</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 00113043: Promoting Kyrgyzstan's youth cohesion and interaction towards Uzbekistan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 00108336: Support to the prevention of radicalization to violence in prisons and probation settings</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 00130462: Supporting young people's peacebuilding participation in Kyrgyzstan: integrating a youth-led mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) approach</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other, Specify</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 00119480: Empowering youth for a peaceful Tajikistan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other, Specify</p>
<p>Project Start Date (Date of first transfer) *</p> <p>2022-12-09</p>
<p>Project end Date *</p> <p>2025-06-09</p>
<p>Has this project received an extension? *</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES, Cost Extension</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES, No Cost Extension</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES, Both Cost and No Cost extensions</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> NO, No Extensions</p>

Will this project be requesting an extension? *
<input type="radio"/> YES, Cost Extension
<input type="radio"/> YES, No Cost Extension
<input type="radio"/> YES, Both Cost and No Cost extensions
<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO, No Extensions

Is funding disbursed either into a national or regional trust fund *
<input type="radio"/> yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/> no

Recipients

Is the convening agency a UN agency or a non UN entity? *
<input checked="" type="radio"/> UN entity
<input type="radio"/> Non-UN Entity

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

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>
UNDP: United Nations Development Programme	625864 *	438105 *	11263 *	1.8 %

TOTAL	625864	438105	11263	1.8 %

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **1.8%**. 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)? *

43.4

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 \$ 271624.98**. 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 \$ 4888.14**. Is this correct? *

Correct Incorrect

ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE. *

The templates for the budget are available [here](#)

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Project Markers

Please select the Gender Marker Associated with this project *

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

Please select the Risk Marker Associated with this project *

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

Please select the PBF Focus Area associated with this project *

(1.1) Security Sector Reform

(1.2) Rule of Law

(1.3) Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration

(1.4) Political Dialogue

(2.1) National reconciliation

(2.2) Democratic Governance

(2.3) Conflict prevention/management

(3.1) Employment

(3.2) Equitable access to social services

(4.1) Strengthening of essential national state capacity

(4.2) Extension of state authority/Local Administration

(4.3) Governance of peacebuilding resources (including PBF Secretariats)

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

Select all that apply

Gender promotion initiative

Youth promotion initiative

Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions

Cross-border or regional project

None

Steering Committee and Government engagement

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?

Please limit your response to 350 words.

1

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 350 words.

The project team has been in regular contact with the Government counterparts both at the senior and technical senior levels. Two major areas that merits particular attentions for this report are:

- Preparation of the Joint Steering Committee meeting involved the UN Resident Coordinator and the Head of the Political and Economic Research Department of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic (main government counterpart) on the key agenda items, such as presentation of the new and on-going PBF-funded projects, modification of the JSC ToR and identification of JSC participants. The Presidential Administration's technical staff and the Peace and Development Officer (PDO) who combines the PBF Secretariat's Manager 's post prepared the substantive part of the meeting as well as the logistics.
- The PBF Secretariat Manager engaged with the key counterparts in Presidential Administration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Culture, subnational government institutions to draw project ideas for allocation of PBF's 2023 investment plan for PRF in particular.

PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

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.

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

Contracting of partners *

- Not Started
 Initiated
 Partially Completed
 Completed
 Not Applicable

Staff Recruitment *

- Not Started
 Initiated
 Partially Completed
 Completed
 Not Applicable

Collection of baselines *

- Not Started
 Initiated
 Partially Completed
 Completed
 Not Applicable

Identification of beneficiaries *

- Not Started
 Initiated
 Partially Completed
- Completed
 Not Applicable

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

Please limit your response to 350 words.

In Kyrgyzstan the Peace and Development Officer under the overall guidance of Peace and Development Adviser perform the role of PBF Secretariat (Secretariat).

The Secretariat facilitated reviews and validation of the PBF projects approved in 2022 and commenced in 2023, as well as the endorsement to the report on the progress of the projects implemented since 2021 at the meeting of the PBF Joint Steering Committee held on 8 February in Bishkek.

The Secretariat ensured that the progress, opportunities, and challenges pertaining to the PBF-funded projects were timely communicated to the UN Resident Coordinator Office and acted upon through an internal progress review meeting and individual interactions with the RUNOs/NUNOs.

RUNOs/NUNO were advised on procedures of fund allocation, management, recording, reporting as well as on the overall project management. The PBF Secretariat acted as a focal point in organizing the UNCT's retreat on the civic space in the country held on 18 – 19 June 2023 in Bishkek.

The Secretariat Manager also in the capacity of the Peace and Development Officer (PDO) assisted the RC in defining priority areas for PBF's investment in 2023 by drawing inputs from within UN agencies and beyond as well as by providing analysis in the 2023 PBF Annual Strategic Annual Report. Together with the newly recruited PDA, the Secretariat/PDO helped defining the process and organized the internal selection of UN Agencies and their alliances to participate in the PBF's GPI and YPI and PRF windows for 2023.

Further, both the PDA and the Secretariat provided advice and guidance to UN Agencies and NGOs applying to GPI and YPI windows as well as to the UN Agencies applying for the PRF in 2023. Finally, RUNOs' and NUNO's mid-annual reports were reviewed, and guidance was provided to improve their accounts on the change produced by their projects.

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 where evidence of contribution to outcomes is available if requested

FOR PROJECTS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF COMPLETION ONLY (550 word limit)

The account below will provide an analysis of key progresses made during the project's first six months towards the higher-level results:

By helping to organize the UNCT's retreat on civic space on 18-19 June in Bishkek, the PBF Secretariat contributed to a broader UNCT engagement on protecting and preserving human rights and fundamental freedoms. The retreat resulted in a shared understanding of the UNCT members and technical colleagues working on peacebuilding and human rights issues of the rapidly changing situation in the country as well as in terms of adapting response strategies to be taken by UN.

Similarly, the PDO's/PBF Secretariat's support to defining key sustaining peace issues and facilitation of PBF's PRF and GPI and YPI allocations in the country paved the way for the PBF's investment to preserving civic space, and to confidence building activities on the borders.

PART II: RESULT PROGRESS BY PROJECT OUTCOME

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 *

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 more than 8.

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

Outcome 1: *

The PBF programming is strengthened and aligned to peace priorities in the country through enhanced relevance, synergies between projects, effective, quality and timely coordination, monitoring and evaluation, reporting, as well as communication.

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Rate the current status of the outcome progress *

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

Progress summary *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters including spaces.

Currently in its inception phase, the PBF Secretariat project has completed the recruitment of a Senior Administrative Assistant and is at the stage of reference checks for the recruitment of a Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist.

The needs assessment conducted among the RUNOs/NUNOs helped specifying the PBF Secretariat's initial work plan as well as to prioritize thematic areas of support to the PBF portfolio, primarily the need to develop a portfolio-wide monitoring framework and build the capacities for communicating results. The regular progress review meetings with the RC, the PBF Secretariat's participation in regular project-based meetings and needs-based individual consultations helped to address RUNO's administrative needs and concerns, such as timely fund transfers, budgetary revisions, as well as on substantive project management issues.

At the second meeting of the PBF's JSC, organized by the PBF Secretariat and co-chaired by the UN Resident Coordinator, and the Head of the Political and Economic Research Department of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic (main counterpart), UN agencies and civil society organizations presented progress of three projects funded through PBF's PRF, IRF and YPI funding windows since 2022. Additionally, two more PRF and GPI projects, started in 2023 and seeking to promote closer partnership of the Government with local civil society around issues of civic identity, climate and security, were presented for the JSC's strategic guidance and advice. The JSC meeting participants recommended that the impact of PBF projects should be made more visible and evidence-based. The approaches and strategies employed by the PBF-funded projects should be informed by previous experiences and lessons learnt. The project teams were encouraged to closely coordinate and align with national policies, with the Kyrgyz Jarany civic identity concept being the pivot. Several state structures, especially those with provincial and district representation, offered partnership with the PBF-funded projects to ensure better outreach and sustainability. The amendments to the JSC Terms of Reference was approved with a recommendation to include the new PBF-recipient civil society organizations to the list of standing JSC members.

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 1500 characters including spaces.

As mentioned in respective sections above, the PBF Secretariat/PDO together with the newly recruited PDA helped to put in place a process of an internal identification of UNCT's projects and alliances to participate in the PBF's global GPI and YPI Calls for 2023. Following the internal selection of two concept notes from each window (GPI and YPI) per UNCT, the PDA and the Secretariat/PDO provided substantive advice to all 4 UN agency alliances, as well as to 4 local and international CSOs, in developing concepts notes or ideas.

INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

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

- If an 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. (300 characters max per entry)

» **Outcome 1: The PBF programming is strengthened and aligned to peace priorities in the country through enhanced relevance, synergies between projects, effective, quality and timely coordination, monitoring and evaluation, reporting, as well as communication.**

Outcome	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any)
1.1	Annual Report submitted within 10 days of the deadline with quality acceptable by PBSO review team	0	5	All semi-annual and annual reports of all PBF RUNOs/NUNOs regularly reviewed	Semi-annual reports of 5 projects	
1.2	Baseline survey for the SRF has been carried out	0	1	ToR developed and procurement of relevant services finalized	Recruitment of M&E Officer is finalized	

1.3	# of workshops on conflict sensitivity, M&E standards, learning and adaptation are carried out	0	6	3 workshops	Not started	

PART III: Cross-Cutting Issues

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

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)	Event Description	Tentative Date	Location	Target Audience	Event Objectives

Event 1	Results Monitoring Framework workshop	18-22.09.2023	Kyrgyzstan	RUNOs/NUNOs	Improve a shared understanding of the PBF portfolio's objectives, theory of change as well as development of instruments for tracking the higher level change
Event 2	Joint Steering Committee Meeting	04.10.2023	Kyrgyzstan	Government counterparts and UN Agencies	Obtain an approval and validation of the UN/CSO projects submitted under PRF and GPI / YPI windows
Event 3					
Event 4					

Human Impact

This section is about the human impact of the project. Please state the number of key stakeholders (including but not limited to: Civil Society Organizations, Beneficiaries, etc.) 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 in their lives
- iii. Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

This is an optional question. You may leave it unanswered if not relevant

Human Impact	Key Stakeholder	What were the challenges they faced prior to project implementation? (350 words)	What has been the impact of the project on their lives? (350 words)	Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group (350 words)
1				
2				
3				
4				
<p>In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had (650 words)</p> <p>As mentioned above, the project has been at the inception stage and as such as, has not produced results yet that would have a meaningful impact on the project beneficiaries to be reported in this section.</p>				
<p>You can also upload upto 3 files in various formats (picture files, powerpoint, pdf, video, etc..) to illustrate the human impact of the project</p> <p>OPTIONAL</p>				

File 1 OPTIONAL Click here to upload file. (< 5MB) <hr/>
File 2 OPTIONAL Click here to upload file. (< 5MB) <hr/>
File 3 OPTIONAL Click here to upload file. (< 5MB) <hr/>
You can also add upto 3 links to online resources which illustrate the human impact of the project OPTIONAL <hr/>
Link 1 OPTIONAL <hr/>
Link 2 OPTIONAL <hr/>
Link 3 OPTIONAL <hr/>

Please tick the applicable change based on above narrative.

How we worked: *

Please select up to 3.

- Enhanced digitization
- Innovative ways of working
- Mobilized additional resources
- Improved or initiated policy frameworks
- Strengthened capacities
- Partnered with Civil Society Organizations
- Expanding coalitions & galvanizing political will
- Strengthened partnerships with IFIs
- Strengthened partnerships with UN Agencies

Please explain

Please limit your response to 350 words.

Secretariat/PDO helped the RC and the UNCT in identifying priority areas for PBF's funding through its PRF as well as GYPI funding windows by providing analysis and guidance to projects' design

Please explain

Please limit your response to 350 words.

The PDA and Secretariat/PDO key role is providing guidance to RUNOs and NUNOs in ensuring cohesive and integrated implementation of the PBF portfolio in the country

Please explain

Please limit your response to 350 words.

Who are we working with (in addition to the implementing partners) *

- Strengthened partnerships with IFIs
- Strengthened partnerships within UN Agencies
- Partnered with local civil society organizations
- Partnered with local academia
- Partnered with sub-national entities
- Partnered with national entities
- Partnered with local volunteers

Please explain (If IFIs)

Please limit your response to 350 words.

Please explain (If UN Agencies)

Please limit your response to 350 words.

Leave No one Behind

Select all beneficiaries targeted with the PBF resources as evidenced by the narrative *

Mandatory

- Unemployed persons
- Minorities (e.g. race, ethnicity, linguistic, religion, etc.)
- Indigenous communities
- Persons with Disabilities
- Persons affected by violence (e.g. GBV)
- Women
- Youth
- Minorities related to sexual orientation and/or gender identity and expression
- People living in and around border areas
- Persons affected by natural disasters
- Persons affected by armed conflicts
- Internally displaced persons, refugees or migrants

PART IV: Monitoring, Evaluation and Compliance

» Monitoring

Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period *

Please limit your response to 350 words.

The PBF Secretariat/PDO has undertaken two field visits to monitor the results of the implementation of the ongoing PRF-funded Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan border project by FAO-UNFPA as well as the newly started GPI project of UN Women, FAO and Roza Otunbaeva Foundation. Aside from the monitoring purposes, the visit sought to gain an insight for potential sustaining peace interventions. The mission findings fed into the consultations on the thematic priorities of the 2023 PRF investment. The recruitment of the M&E Officer is finalized with the tentative onboarding date set on the 3 July.

Do outcome indicators have baselines? *

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

- yes
- no

<p>Please provide a brief description <i>Please limit your response to 350 words.</i></p> <p>All expected results have baseline, except for one indicator that measures the level of satisfaction with Secretariat's job among JSC and RUNOs. The baseline will be identified once the baseline research is completed.</p>	*
<p>Elaborate on what sources of evidence have been used to report on indicators (and are available upon request) <i>Please limit your response to 350 words.</i></p> <p>The project plans, activity and monitoring reports are the major sources of evidence.</p>	*
<p>Has the project launched outcome level data collection initiatives? e.g. perception surveys</p> <p><input type="radio"/> yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> no</p>	*
<p>Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> no</p>	*

» Evaluation

<p>Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> no</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable</p>	*
<p>Evaluation budget (in USD): <i>Response required</i></p> <p>0</p>	*
<p>If project will end in next six months, and the overall project budget is above 1.5 million, is your upcoming evaluation on track? (Preparations) <i>Please limit your response to 350 words.</i></p>	
<p>Please mention the focal person accountable for sharing the final evaluation report with the PBF, name and email.</p>	

» Catalytic Effect

Catalytic Effect (financial): Indicate funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since it started. (y/n) *

yes

no

Catalytic Effect (non-financial): Has the project enabled or created a larger or longer-term peacebuilding change to occur? *

No catalytic effect

Some catalytic effect

Significant catalytic effect

Very Significant catalytic effect

Don't Know

Too early to tell

Sustainability

Does the project have an explicit exit strategy?

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

Please limit your response to 350 words.

As the PBF Secretariat is linked to the PBF investments in the country, its existence depends on the PBF financing, which in this current cycle ends in 2026.

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

Please limit your response to 350 words.

The arrival of newly recruited PDA in May, recruitment of the Senior Administrative Assistant as well as of the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer are expected to free up more time for the Peace and Development Officer to act as the PBF Secretariat Manager which should eventually prompt more accelerated project implementation.

Monitoring and Oversight Activities

Please describe any key event related to monitoring and oversight. Please click next if no activities have yet taken place.

Monitoring and oversight activities	Name of the Event	Summary	Key Findings
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Event 1	Participation in the exchange visit of beneficiaries of the Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan Project of FAO UNFPA		<p>Based on the analysis against the commitments taken in the project documents, particularly of the results frameworks, the projects' implementation is well in track towards achievement of their goal. The following are some excerpts describing the context in which the projects are operating. The interlocutors of the Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan cross border project of UNFPA and FAO from Kyrgyzstan expressed hope about the opening of more border check points with Uzbekistan in a few other districts after the completion of the border demarcation agreement, which also will increase the flow of Uzbek tourists and businesses, which would lead to higher local incomes and better livelihoods as a result. Interlocutors, including public servants, entrepreneurs and regular people on the Uzbekistan side, demonstrated a positive and welcoming attitude towards Kyrgyz neighbours. However, some unfinished businesses seemed to remain in terms of further simplification of the procedures at the border crossing check points. The context monitoring of the UN Women, FAO, ROI suggest that promoting people-to-people contacts</p>
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would be possible on the Kyrgyz-Tajik border too (in case a border agreement is reached by the two sides), first by engaging so-called resource people of mature age (blue collar, social sector workers with higher education), including women, who reside in the border communities by virtual means and/or through encounters in third countries. The reason for why it is advised to start working with this category is that they supposedly have a pre-escalation memory and ties with the communities on the other side. Youth should be engaged gradually, as they are viewed as the ones perpetrating the ongoing hate and anxiety, supposedly because they have little experience of previous peaceful co-existence and collaboration and have grown in an environment of hostility. It is important to start with border communities that have been least affected to drive the first contacts and shape the narrative for opening the border.

<p>Event 2</p>	<p>Field visit to the project site of the GPI project of UN Women, and Roza Otunbaeva Foundation (ROI)</p>		
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Event 3	Participation in the Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan "Agrokhackaton"		
Event 4			
Event 5			
Event 6			
Event 7			
Event 8			
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