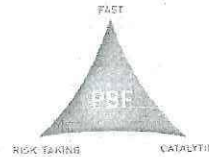


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PEACEBUILDING FUND

IRF project Budget or Duration Revision with No Overall Cost Implication¹

<p>Project Title: Women as Peaceful Voters and Women as Candidates</p>	<p>Recipient UN Organization(s): UNDP, UNICEF (UNRCCA - strategic partner)</p>
<p>Project Contact: UNDP: Ms. Aliona Niculita Address: 160, Chui avenue, 720040 Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan Telephone: +996 312 611213 E-mail: aliona.niculita@undp.org</p> <p>UNICEF: Ms. Yukie Mokuo Address: 160, Chui avenue, 720040 Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan Telephone: +996 312 611227 E-mail: ymokuo@unicef.org</p> <p>UNRCCA: Mr. Mirlan Mamyrov Address: 160, Chui avenue, 720040 Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan Telephone: +996 555 774588 E-mail: Mirlan.mamyrov@one.un.org</p>	<p>Implementing Partner(s) – name & type (Government, CSO, etc):</p> <p>Government: National Council on Gender Development under the Government of KR (coordination body is Ministry of Social Development, council chair is Vice-Prime Minister on Social Affairs); Central Electoral Commission</p> <p>SCO: Agency for Social Technologies, Open Line, Association of Rural Women Alga, Youth of Osh, NGO IDEA</p>
<p>MPTF Office Project Number: Use existing MPTF project number ID000932241</p>	<p>Project Location: PRF priority areas - Chui region (Tokmok, Alamedin); Issyk-Kul region (Karakol); Osh region (Osh, Uzgen); Jalalabat region (Alabuka, Aksy); Batken region (Batken, Kadamjai, Leilek)</p>
<p>Project Description: One sentence describing the main reasons of the revised initial project document in terms of project strategy and how it contributes to the peacebuilding</p>	<p>Total Project Cost: USD 985,000 Peacebuilding Fund: USD 985,000 Government contribution: 0 Other: 0</p>

¹ Please use this form ONLY to request (i) an extension of project implementation time with no cost increase and no substantive scope outcome change or (ii) a budget reallocation within the existing project budget with an effect of more than 15% on any budget category and no substantive outcome change.

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<p><i>process in the country with reference to the main expected overall project outcomes / theory of change:</i></p> <p>The project aims at increasing women's participation, including from minorities and youth groups, at elections, both as candidates and peaceful voters, in priority geographic areas under currently ongoing PRF projects.</p>	<p>Project Start Date: 1st January, 2015 Initial Project End Date: 30th June, 2016 Revised End Date (if applicable): 31 December 2016</p>
<p>Gender Marker Score²: 3 <i>Score 3 for projects that have gender equality as a principal objective.</i> <i>Score 2 for projects that have gender equality as a significant objective.</i> <i>Score 1 for projects that will contribute in some way to gender equality, but not significantly.</i> <i>Score 0 for projects that are not expected to contribute noticeably to gender equality.</i></p>	
<p>Project Outcomes: <u>Outcome 1)</u> Women in priority PRF areas, especially women from minorities, exercise their electoral rights and participate in voting during parliamentary and municipal elections in 2015-2016; <u>Outcome 2)</u> Women and men in priority PRF areas, especially youth, actively promote peaceful elections and engage in electoral debates, including on issues relating to gender equality and gender-based violence; <u>Outcome 3)</u> Women in selected areas, especially women from minorities, run as candidates during municipal elections in 2016.</p>	
<p>PBF Focus Area³ which best summarizes the focus of the project (<i>select one</i>): Promote coexistence and peaceful resolution of conflicts (Priority Area 2): (2.2) Democratic Governance.</p>	

² PBSO monitors the inclusion of gender equality and women's empowerment all PBF projects, in line with SC Resolutions 1325, 1888, 1889, 1960 and 2122, and as mandated by the Secretary-General in his Seven-Point Action Plan on Gender Responsive Peacebuilding.

³ PBF focus areas:

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

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

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

(2.1) National reconciliation; (2.1) Democratic Governance; (2.3) Conflict prevention/management;

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

(3.1) Employment; (3.2) Equitable access to social services

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

(4.1) Strengthening of essential national state capacity; (4.2) extension of state authority/local administration; (4.3) Governance of peacebuilding resources (including JSC/PBF Secretariats)

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<p>Recipient UN Organization(s) <i>Ms. Aliona Niculita</i> <i>UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in the Kyrgyz Republic</i></p> <p>Signature Date & Seal <i>14.01.16</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Yukie Mokuo</i> <i>UNICEF Resident Representative in the Kyrgyz Republic</i></p> <p>Signature Date & Seal</p>	<p>Representative of National Authorities <i>Name of Government Counterpart: National Council on Gender Development under the Government of KR</i> <i>Mr. Bazarbaev KB, Minister of Social Development</i></p> <p>Signature Date & Seal</p> 
<p>Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)</p> <p>Name of Representative <i>Yukie Mokuo</i></p> <p>Signature Peacebuilding Support Office, NY Date & Seal <i>21 Jan 2016</i></p>	<p>Resident Coordinator (RC) <i>Ms. Yukie Mokuo, RC a.i./ DO a.i., UNICEF Representative</i></p> <p>Signature Date & Seal</p> 

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I. Reason for changes to the project and justification

Nature of change and justification: *This section outlines the nature of the revision being sought and the justification for the change.*

The Project Women as Peaceful Voters and Women as Candidates aims to reduce the risk of violent in parliamentary and local elections as well as to improve participation of the under-represented groups in the electoral processes.

The parliamentary elections were conducted on October 4th, 2015 and were recognized by OSCE as transparent and democratic. The project made an important contribution by giving an opportunity to women and young people especially in the ethnic minorities to access to information on elections and to bring their voice in the electoral campaigns of candidates to the parliament. The project has helped to establish a gender rating of the political parties to evaluate the political parties' gender sensitivity. Young people from the pilot communities were trained on basics civic journalism and public debating to be able to campaign for peaceful elections and to draw attention of the public and the parliamentary candidates to youth issues, especially to those concerning girls.

Local elections is another important milestone for the project to pilot prevention of election-based violence and advocate for participation of women and youth in ethnic minorities and other vulnerable groups. According to the Law on the Status of Local Council Deputies (13th January, 2000) local councils are elected for four years in general, equal and direct elections for four years. Elections in pilot communities were held in spring or autumn 2012. For example, in some pilot communities last elections were appointed by the Presidential Decree (24.09.2012; # 204) and were held in November 2012. Therefore, according to the aforementioned law, next local elections in Kyrgyzstan will take place in spring and autumn (in most localities) 2016.

In order to match the project interventions with the time when the elections will take place and to achieve better results UNDP and UNICEF request a no-cost extension of the project for 6 months. No major changes are proposed in the scope of the project.

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II. Budget impact

No increase or decrease of the project budget is foreseen, however, permission to introduce changes to budget lines within the approved budget is requested.

UNDP envisages introduction of a new budget line to the approved budget, namely - competition of small grants for NGOs in Osh, Jalal-Abad and Batken regions. The purpose of the contest is to organize and undertake a campaign to raise awareness of voting rights among women in target communities. This project aims to work with local communities in Osh, Jalal-Abad and Batken regions, therefore, organizations registered and working in the specified areas will take priority in the grant competition. In order to improve the quality of implementation of project activities, UNDP will contribute to capacity building of NGOs that had received grants through seminars and work with experts. The decision to hold the competition of small grants for NGOs is due to the fact that in 2015, the contractor selected in the result of a tender procedure repudiated its obligations. Therefore, part of the funds in the amount of \$ 60,000 will be moved from “Contractual Services” to “Transfers and Grants to Counterparts”.

Staff and other personnel expenses were decreased due to specialist replacement by the project assistant as well as UNV's national volunteer support that led to necessity of purchasing the additional furniture and IT equipment (increase of the article 3. “Equipment and Furniture” and 7. “General operating”). Please note that point 8. “Monitoring and evaluation” was added to the table 2, since these expenses were requested to allocate according GPI-II requirements.

UNICEF proposed re-allocation of 52,000 USD from “Transfers and Grants to Counterparts” to “Contractual Services” reflect changes in planned cooperation modality with partners. In other words the project will be implement activities through agreements on joint programmes with partners in the government and civil society rather than through grants or direct transfers. This modification does not change the essence of the activates and commitments n results.

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Table 1: Indicative Project Activity Budget⁴

Output number	Output name	Output budget/UNDP	Output budget/UNICEF	Any remarks (e.g. on types of inputs provided or budget justification)
Outcome 1: Women in target communities, particularly from minorities, exercise their voting rights and participate in voting during parliamentary and municipal elections in 2015 - 2016				
Output 1.1	Voters in target communities safely exercise their voting rights	UNDP: \$145,000	UNICEF: \$77,450	
Outcome 2: Women and men in target communities, particularly young people, promote peaceful elections actively and participate in pre-election debates, including issues related to gender equality and gender-based violence				
Output 2.1	Members of target communities, including youth and minorities, are able to generate evidence of the problems they face and to propose mutually acceptable solutions	UNDP: \$115,000	UNICEF: \$82,000	
Output 2.2	Development of public discourse and electoral requirements related to the difficulties of political participation, including those faced by young people	UNDP: \$88,275	UNICEF: \$120,000	
Outcome 3: Women in target communities, particularly from minority groups, are empowered to stand for the municipal elections in 2016.				
Output 3.1	Women candidates in target communities, including young	UNDP: \$75,000		

⁴ Project outcomes listed must be those stated in the original project document. If revisions to the outcomes are being requested, please use template 2.2.

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	women and girls from minority groups, have the skills to stand for election to local councils			
MoE		UNDP: \$46,837	UNICEF: \$23,000	
	Staff and other personnel expenses	UNDP: \$78,000	UNICEF: \$70,000	
	Indirect support costs (not exceeding 7%)	UNDP: \$38,368	UNICEF: \$26,070	
TOTAL		UNDP: \$586,480	UNICEF: \$398,520	

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Table 2: Project budget by UN categories by RUNO⁵

PBF PROJECT BUDGET – RUNO/UNDP			
CATEGORIES	Original Budget	Proposed increase/decrease	Proposed new budget
1. Staff and other personnel	\$78,000	-\$46,000	\$32,000
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture (including Depreciation)	\$2,000	+\$3,000	\$5,000
4. Contractual services	\$403,225	-\$17,950	\$385,275
5. Travel	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	\$0	+\$60,000	\$60,000
7. General Operating and other Direct Costs	\$9,050	+\$950	\$10,000
8. Monitoring and evaluation	\$46,837	\$0	\$46,837
Sub-Total Project Costs	\$548,112	\$0	\$548,112
9. Indirect Support Costs*	\$38,368	\$0	\$38,368
TOTAL	\$586,480	\$0	\$586,480

⁵ As this a no-cost extension request, sub-total and total budget must remain the same as in the approved, original project document

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PBF PROJECT BUDGET – RUNO/UNICEF			
CATEGORIES	Original Budget	Proposed increase/decrease	Proposed new budget
1. Staff and other personnel	\$70,000	70,000	\$70,000
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	\$2,000	\$ 2000	\$2,000
3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture (including Depreciation)	\$3,000	\$ 3000	\$3,000
4. Contractual services	\$185,450	\$185,450 +\$52,000	\$237,450
5. Travel	\$7,000	\$ 7000	\$7,000
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	\$52,000	-\$52,000 \$0	\$ 0
7. General Operating and other Direct Costs	\$30,000	\$ 30,000	\$30,000
8. Monitoring and Evaluation	\$23,000	\$ 23,000	\$23,000
Sub-Total Project Costs	\$372,450		\$372,450
9. Indirect Support Costs*	\$26,070		\$26,070
TOTAL	\$398,520		\$398,520

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Revision of the result framework								
Country: Kyrgyzstan								
PBF Focus Area: 2: <i>Promote coexistence and peaceful resolution of conflicts (Priority Area 2): (2.2) Democratic Governance.</i>								
IRF Theory of Change: See Outcomes section.								
Outcomes	Outputs	Indicators	Means of Verification	Year 1	Year 2	Milestones and clarifications		
<p>Outcome 1: Women in selected areas, especially women from minorities, exercise their electoral rights and participate in voting</p>		<p>Outcome Indicator 1 a: % of women (disaggregated by age and ethnicity, if possible) in target LSGs voting in elections (compared with previous elections)</p> <p>Baseline: <i>Data on the first case (rural, Northern community):</i> -69.2% women participated in previous municipal (41.8%) and parliament (27.5%) elections. <i>Disaggregated by age and ethnicity at last municipal elections:</i> Age: 60% -18-30, 41.9%-31-40, 52% - 41-60; <i>Ethnic groups:</i> 60% -Kyrgyz ethnic group (migrants from other countries), 45.5% - Kyrgyz, 15.8% - other ethnic groups.</p> <p><i>Data on the second case (urban, Southern community):</i> -87.8% participated at previous municipal (60.3%) and parliament (22.4%) elections. <i>Disaggregated by age and ethnicity at last municipal elections:</i> Age: 73.3% -18-30, 79.3%-31-40, 54.4% - 41-60, 50% - 61 and up. Whereas at parliament elections they are less active: Age: 20% -18-30, 17.2%-31-40, 28.1% - 41-60, 20% - 61 and up <i>Ethnic groups (municipal elections):</i> 66.7% Kyrgyz,</p>	<p><u>Initial means of verification:</u> Central Electoral Committee Data</p> <p><u>Proposed means of verification:</u> Baseline assessment; endline assessment</p>	X	X	X	X	<p>Justification for proposed means: the official data of the Central Electoral Committee is not disaggregated. Proposed verification by BA data, based on two pilot municipalities. The data is disaggregated due to socio-economic specificities of selected pilot communities.</p> <p>Traditionally women's and ethnic groups' participation in elections is high. BA data has proved that there is a high level of active participation of women (more than 80%). However, both groups often do not have free voting experience and are not aware of election procedures.</p> <p>Due to changes in electoral legislation (biometrics</p>

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	<p>51.7% - other ethnic groups; <i>Ethnic groups (parliament elections):</i> 22.2% Kyrgyz, 27.6% - other ethnic groups.</p> <p><u>Target:</u> not less than previous participation of women who have relevant access to voting during parliament and local elections.</p>										<p>principles that require additional steps from the voters to participate in elections), the number of voters decreased, at the same time the project goal is targeted to encourage women to participate, those eligible to vote.</p>
<p>Output 1.1 Voters in target communities are empowered to exercise electoral rights without fear</p>	<p><u>Output Indicator 1.1.1:</u> % of residents of voting age (disaggregated by age, sex and ethnicity, if possible) are saying they know their electoral rights and exercise them without fear.</p> <p><u>Baseline:</u> <i>Data on the first case (Rural, Northern community):</i> -80,2% of women exercised their electoral rights based on their own choice and will – independently. -Results were segregated <i>by Age:</i> 76% -18-30, 85.7%-31-40, 77.4%-41-60; <i>Ethnicity:</i> ethnic kyrgyz (migrants) - 75%, <i>local Kyrgyz</i> - 79.2%, <i>other ethnic groups</i> - 93.3%.</p> <p><i>Data on the second case (Urban, Southern community):</i> -81.9% of women exercise their electoral rights independently. -Results were disaggregated <i>by Age:</i> 81.3% -18-30, 78.6%-31-40, 26.4%-41-60, 61 and up – 11.6%; <i>Ethnicity:</i> Kyrgyz – 86.9%, <i>other ethnic groups</i> - 75%.</p> <p><u>Target:</u> the number of voters who are empowered</p>	<p>Baseline assessment; endline assessment</p>			X	X				X	<p>The % is high, but according to the quality data the ethnic groups make choices influenced by the family members. Women from 18 to 20 told that the decision is made by their husbands.</p>

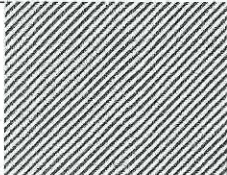
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		to exercise electoral rights without fear is not less than in the previous elections, taking into account the introduction of new voting regulations										
<p>Outcome 2: Women and men in selected areas, especially youth, actively promote peaceful elections and engage in electoral debates on issues related to gender equality and gender-based violence</p>		<p>Outcome Indicator 2 a: <u>Initial indicator:</u> Elections-related conflict incidents in target communities (if possible indicating whether initiated by men or women, age and ethnicity-disaggregated)</p> <p><u>Proposed indicator:</u> Women and men in selected areas, especially youth, have enhanced their knowledge and skills on participating in electoral debates and promoting peaceful elections.</p> <p><u>Baseline:</u> <i>Data on the first case (rural, northern community):</i> - 13,6% of respondents have confirmed their ability and knowledge to promote democratic changes for the communities in peaceful manners <i>Data on the second case (urban, southern community):</i> - 28,2% of respondents have confirmed their ability and knowledge to promote democratic changes for the communities in peaceful manners</p> <p><u>Target:</u> Not less than 50% of respondents: women, men and youth confirm that they have received knowledge and skills to participate in electoral debates and promote peaceful elections.</p>	<p><u>Initial means of verification:</u> Local law enforcement records (obtained in cooperation with ongoing PRF Rule of Law project)</p> <p><u>Proposed means of verification:</u> Baseline assessment; endline assessment</p>	X	X					X		<p>Proposed indicator is aimed to replace the first approved indicator due to justified challenges in obtaining the local law enforcement records on conflict that occurred during the elections. There is no such measurement to disaggregate emerged conflicts according to the root cause, e.g. the officially registered conflicts are filed in general data base with no analytics provided. Other PRF projects were not able to present aggregated and verified data as well.</p> <p>The suggested indicator has direct link with Outcome 2 and practical implementation of the project</p>
	Output 2.1 Political parties at local level mainstream gender	<p><u>Output Indicator 2.1.1</u> Rating of parties by 'gender rating' study provided by women NGOs</p>	"Gender Rating" report will be published and disseminated			X	X				X	

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	into their electoral programmes and respect gender quota	<p><u>Baseline:</u> lack of monitoring mechanisms of political parties on gender equality policies.</p> <p><u>Target:</u> develop and test methodology of gender rating system of political parties. 4 gender rating results are published and disseminated.</p>	among the political parties and media. The summary report of the implementer will be shared										
	<p>Output 2.2 Public discourse developed and electoral commitments set with regard to political participation issues, including those faced by youth</p>	<p><u>Output Indicator 2.2.1</u> Extent to which media (traditional and new) covers political participations issues, including those related to gender equality.</p> <p><u>Baseline:</u> traditional and non-traditional media cover women's political participation without gender-sensitive focus and with minimum attention</p> <p><u>Target:</u> Media released specific materials on women's political participation prior to Parliament and local elections. A targeted media campaign on women's and youth's participation in elections developed</p>	Media monitoring (articles and briefs). The summary report of the implementer								X		
<p>Outcome 3: Women in selected areas, especially women from minorities, run as candidates during local elections</p>		<p><u>Outcome Indicator 1 a</u> Number of women-candidates and number of women-council deputies (age and ethnicity disaggregated) at local elections in target geographic areas.</p> <p><u>Baseline:</u> Women-candidates – TBD Women - council deputies - 40, which is 11.8% of the total number of deputies.</p>	Baseline assessment; endline assessment			X	X				X		New amendment to the election code (article 17, 2 paragraph) restricts participation of state employed management personnel to participate in local elections as candidates which will decrease the number of women-candidates in elections. This cohort of

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	<p><u>Target:</u> maintain the baseline data (given the consequences of the amendments to the electoral code)</p>												<p>women had more chances to be elected due to formal and informal leadership skills (secondary school principals, doctors etc.)</p>
	<p>Output 3.1 Women-candidates in target communities, incl. young women and women from minorities, have skills to run for local elections</p>	<p><u>Output Indicator 3.1.1</u> # of women-candidates (age and ethnicity disaggregated) in target communities and supported by the project running for local elections</p> <p><u>Baseline:</u> data will be collected in 2016 before local elections.</p> <p><u>Target:</u> at least 40% of women who were capacitated by the project leadership schools participate in local elections as candidates (with representation of youth not less than 15% and ethnic minorities not less than 15%)</p>	<p>Reports of the implementer</p>			<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>					<p align="center">X</p>	