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Project Title: PBF/IRF-377: Engaging young people from eastern Ukraine in the promotion of social cohesion, national unity, and a culture of dialogue Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway: please select 001251											
If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Country Trust Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trust Fund Name of Recipient Fund: Peace Building Fund	Type and name of recipient organizations: UNFPA (Convening Agency) UNDP UNDP OHCHR										
Date of first transfer: 15 December 2020 Project end date: 15 April 2023 Is the current project end date within 6 months? No											
Check if the project falls under one or more PBF priority windows: <input type="checkbox"/> Gender promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Youth promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-border or regional project											
Total PBF approved project budget (by recipient organization): <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Recipient Organization</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>OHCHR</td> <td>\$ 250,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UNFPA</td> <td>\$ 600,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UNDP</td> <td>\$ 1,150,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="right" colspan="2">Total: \$ 2,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget: 0% *ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE*</p>		Recipient Organization	Amount	OHCHR	\$ 250,000	UNFPA	\$ 600,000	UNDP	\$ 1,150,000	Total: \$ 2,000,000	
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Gender-responsive Budgeting: Indicate dollar amount from the project document to be allocated to activities focussed on gender equality or women’s empowerment: Amount expended to date on activities focussed on gender equality or women’s empowerment:											
Project Gender Marker: GM2 Project Risk Marker: Medium Project PBF focus area: 2.3 Conflict Prevention/Management											

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Did PBF Secretariat review the report: Yes

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 include any COVID-19 related considerations, adjustments and results and respond to section IV.*

PART 1: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

Briefly outline 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.) (1500 character limit):

The initial idea for the first-ever PBF-funded project for Ukraine emerged during the December 2019 visit to Ukraine by Under-Secretary-General Rosemary DiCarlo, who discussed then with Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vadym Prystaiko, the idea of engaging youth from across the country in the promotion of social cohesion, national unity, and a culture of dialogue. Following a context analysis and development of an initial concept by the RCO, DPPA and the PBSO, in mid-2020 UNDP, UNFPA and OHCHR were selected as the three participating agencies and subsequently developed the project document, in close consultation with PBSO and the DPPA regional desk. The draft document was shared with Government counterparts at various stages of development, and on 11 December 2020 the Project Document was signed by the Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports on behalf of the Government of Ukraine. Following approval from PBSO, the first tranche was transferred in December 2020.

In February 2021, the Government of Ukraine requested a revision of the project document, following a review by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Ukraine and the Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories (MRTOT) and identification of politically sensitive elements, including the use of certain terminology deemed to be not in line with Ukrainian national legislation. Although there were no changes to the substantive parts of the project document, including the objectives, theory of change or the planned activities, the review consultations resulted in a reduction of geographic scope of the project, as well as the transfer of the lead role on behalf of the Government of Ukraine to MRTOT. These changes necessitated a change of signatory on the part of the Government of Ukraine and following extensive consultations with relevant Government authorities and the three participating UN agencies (UNDP, UNFPA, OHCHR), and in close cooperation with PBSO and the DPPA regional desk, all proposed changes and adjustments were accepted by the parties in October 2021. The 10-month delay caused by the Government of Ukraine-initiated revision process resulted in an unforeseen postponement of project activities and administrative processes, a fact that was acknowledged by PBSO with the approval of a 10-month non-cost extension to allow the full 18 months of implementation (until 15 April 2023).

Since the (re-)signature of the (revised) project document at the end of October 2021, the three implementing agencies have initiated bilateral and joint technical meetings to develop the joint principles of engagement with target groups and stakeholders, the project's implementation plan, including timeline, activities, jointly developed training curricula, and key advocacy messages. The process is ongoing with regards to identification of relevant partnerships and principles of selection with project beneficiaries, based on joint identification of target

communities together with all Participating UN Organizations. After consultations with other relevant agencies, ensuring non-duplication and complimentary elements between ongoing projects and the PBF, the implementation plan will be finalized in early December 2021. The first meeting of the project's steering committee will be convened under the co-chairmanship of the UN Resident Coordinator in Ukraine and from the First Deputy Minister MRTOT, with participations of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and Ministry of Culture and Information Technology, and several other stakeholders, thus marking the official start of the project. The implementation of planned activities will start in the first quarter of 2022. UNDP and UNFPA have initiated the recruitment of key positions, ensuring that all necessary human resources are in place for the implementation of the project.

Please indicate any significant project-related events anticipated in the next six months, i.e. national dialogues, youth congresses, film screenings, etc. (1000 character limit):

During the coming six months, under the Outcome 1, implementing agencies are preparing for a number of significant activities, including but not limited to:

- The establishment of an inter-ministerial mechanism on promoting social cohesion.
- Kick-start of the work for the relevant inter-ministerial action plan, aiming to promote social cohesion and national unity, which will include extensive youth consultations at national and regional level that will feed into the design of the plan.
- Evaluation of results and planning for expansion to Kherson oblast of the Geoinformation system for monitoring, analyzing, evaluating and resolving conflicts – piloted over 2020/2021 in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.
- Organization of awareness raising sessions on transitional justice for both experts and youth groups.
- Drafting and publishing a thematic report/briefing note on accountability for killings perpetrated in the context of the armed conflict, which will also analyse effectiveness of accountability proceedings in the context of transitional justice mechanisms.
- Drafting and sharing with national and international stakeholders an advocacy paper 'Towards a comprehensive state policy and mechanism of remedy and reparation to civilian victims of armed conflict in eastern Ukraine in 2014-2021'.
- Drafting and sharing with national and international stakeholders a thematic update 'Remedy and reparation to victims of conflict-related sexual violence in Ukraine, 2014-2021'.
- Translate relevant material on UN standards on transitional justice into Ukrainian and distribute it to relevant stakeholders.
- Sharing expertise in drafting laws and policy documents on transitional justice.
- Training sessions to university students on transitional justice mechanisms (add specific sessions on transitional justice to trainings/workshops already organized by UNDP and other partners).
- Organize a session on hate speech monitoring for HRDs, regular interlocutors of HRMMU, and WHRDs network. The session could focus on providing some general information on hate speech (possibly led by SR on Freedex, Human Rights Committee), on hate speech trends in Ukraine (led by HRMMU), on Rabat test for monitoring hate speech (HRMMU or OHCHR civic space unit). Also, if UNDP organizes sessions for youth on hate speech, HRMMU could join these sessions as experts to brief the audiences about HRMMU monitoring results.

- Continue providing expert support during the development of various Government policies on hate speech, e.g., introducing legislation on incitement to violence and refraining from funding groups that promote violence.

During the coming six months, under the Outcome 2, implementing agencies are preparing for a number of significant activities, including but not limited to:

- **Preparations of a comprehensive capacity building program and mentoring programme for young women and men to be delivered in Q2/Q3 2022** including two mandatory components (covering (a) Conflict analysis and mediation, Civic education/activism and social cohesion (b) Problem identification, project management, fundraising;) and up to two elective courses covering Women, Peace and Security agenda, Youth, Peace and Security Agenda, Hate Speech, Transitional Justice and Human Rights Based approach.
- **Preparation to the implementation of the Youth Peace Leadership Programme/Leaders of sustainable communities (LSC).**
- **Preparations of capacity building modules for young women and men focused on strategic communication and online activism** to drive social changes; including an online competition for young bloggers.
- Concept note for dialogue activities and exchange visits in preparation to the youth consultation on inter-ministerial action plan, aiming to promote social cohesion and national unity.

FOR PROJECTS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF COMPLETION: 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. (1500 character limit):

N/A

In a few sentences, explain whether the project has had a positive **human impact**. May include anecdotal stories about the project’s positive effect on the people’s lives. Include direct quotes where possible or weblinks to strategic communications pieces. (2000 character limit):

N/A

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.*

If your project has more than four outcomes, contact PBSO for template modification.

Outcome 1: National and local authorities implement policies and practices that enable young women and men to actively participate in establishing a constituency for peace

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: N/A

Progress summary: (3000 character limit)

Technical consultations are ongoing among implementing Agencies and with external stakeholders (including other UN Agencies) to finalize the joint implementation plan. In parallel, recruitment processes for key position are ongoing. Institutional stakeholders are being informally consulted on the general principles of project implementation. The first project Steering Committee Meeting is planned for January 2022.

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

(1000 character limit)

N/A

Outcome 2: Young men and women are meaningfully and effectively, and in an inclusive manner, engaged in national decision-making processes

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: N/A

Progress summary: (3000 character limit)

Technical consultations are ongoing among implementing Agencies and with external stakeholders (including other UN Agencies) to finalize the joint implementation plan. In parallel, recruitment processes for key position are ongoing. Institutional stakeholders are being informally consulted on the general principles of project implementation. The first project Steering Committee Meeting is planned for January 2022.

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

(1000 character limit)

N/A

Outcome 3:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select

Progress summary: (3000 character limit)

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

(1000 character limit)

Outcome 4:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select

Progress summary: (3000 character limit)

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome:
(1000 character limit)

PART III: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

<p>Monitoring: Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period (1000 character limit)</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Do outcome indicators have baselines? Yes</p> <p>Has the project launched perception surveys or other community-based data collection? No</p>
<p>Evaluation: Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period? please select</p>	<p>Evaluation budget (response required): \$27,270.00</p> <p>If project will end in next six months, describe the evaluation preparations (1500 character limit): N/A</p>
<p>Catalytic effects (financial): Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project.</p>	<p>Name of funder: Amount:</p>
<p>Other: Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? (1500 character limit)</p>	

PART IV: COVID-19

Please respond to these questions if the project underwent any monetary or non-monetary adjustments due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 1) Monetary adjustments: Please indicate the total amount in USD of adjustments due to COVID-19: N/A

\$

- 2) Non-monetary adjustments: Please indicate any adjustments to the project which did not have any financial implications:

Activities are being planned to take place in both online, offline and hybrid participation mode, to be adapted to the covid-related epidemiological situation in the target communities and oblasts. Participating UN Agencies and implementing partners will be strictly observing all the measures mandated by the Government of Ukraine to guarantee safe implementation of the project activities.

- 3) Please select all categories which describe the adjustments made to the project (*and include details in general sections of this report*):

- Reinforce crisis management capacities and communications
- Ensure inclusive and equitable response and recovery
- Strengthen inter-community social cohesion and border management
- Counter hate speech and stigmatization and address trauma

- Support the SG's call for a global ceasefire
- Other (please describe):

If relevant, please share a COVID-19 success story of this project (*i.e. how adjustments of this project made a difference and contributed to a positive response to the pandemic/prevented tensions or violence related to the pandemic etc.*)

PART V: 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 both the outcome and output level in the table below (if your project has more indicators than provided in the table, select the 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)*

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Outcome 1 National and local authorities implement policies and practices that enable young women and men to actively participate in establishing a constituency for peace	Indicator 1.1 The overall level of sense of belonging in the 18-35 age group (by oblast and gender).	Donetsk Oblast (6 – women, 6.2 – men) Luhansk Oblast (6.8 – women, 6.3 – men) Kherson Oblast (6.9 – women, 6.6 – men)	Donetsk Oblast (6.5 – women, 6.6 – men) Luhansk Oblast (7.1 – women, 6.8 – men) Kherson Oblast (7.2 – women, 7 – men)			
	Indicator 1.2 The overall level of active citizenship in the 18-35 age group (by oblast and gender).	Donetsk Oblast (4 – women, 4.9 – men) Luhansk Oblast (4.7 – women, 4.6 – men) Kherson Oblast (3.2 – women, 4.6 – men)	Donetsk Oblast (4.5 – women, 5.4 – men) Luhansk Oblast (5 – both women and men) Kherson Oblast (3.8 – women, 5 – men)			
	Indicator 1.3 The overall level of readiness for dialogue with different groups	Donetsk Oblast (4.5 – women, 4.7 – men) Luhansk Oblast	at least 5 – among all groups and in all target regions			

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	in the 18-35 age group (by oblast and gender).	(4.4 – women, 4.3 – men) Kherson Oblast (4.3 – women, 4.6 – men)				
Output 1.1 National authorities launch infrastructures for peace mechanisms to support the active participation of young men and women in strengthening social cohesion	Indicator 1.1.1 Inter-ministerial coordination mechanism on promoting social cohesion, national unity and a culture of dialogue is set up and functioning.	No	Yes			
	Indicator 1.1.2 A joint inter-ministerial action plan is developed and used to guide the work on promoting social cohesion, national unity and a culture of dialogue.	No	Yes			
	Indicator 1.1.3 Cumulative number of representatives of line ministries with enhanced knowledge and skills to implement the joint action plan.	0	200 (120 women)			

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	Indicator 1.1.4 Number of reports, policy briefs, analytical papers, reviews, assessments, guidance papers developed for the relevant stakeholders on the subject matter, containing gender and age disaggregated data.	0	10			
	Indicator 1.1.5 Mechanisms for transitional justice, taking into account the experiences and protection needs arising from differences in age, gender and diversity drafted with inputs from the project and submitted for the Government's discussion and approval.	No	Yes			
	Indicator 1.1.6 Draft laws on remedy and reparation to civilian victims of the conflict	No	Yes			

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	(for the loss of health and life, and for the loss of property) are supported with analytical inputs including gender specific and age analysis.					
	Indicator 1.1.7 Design of new Government mechanisms for documentation of conflict-related harm and damage are supported with inputs that comply with international human rights law and with due account of best international practices	No	Yes			
Output 1.2 National and local authorities are equipped to support dialogue, mediation, and conflict	Indicator 1.2.1 Cumulative number of territorial communities that an early warning and conflict-resolution platform is covering.	0	6			
	Indicator 1.2.2 Cumulative number of strengthened networks of citizen groups that	3	6			

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management initiatives	are enabled to promote social cohesion and sustainable socio-economic development, with special focus on poor people, women, youth, elderly, marginalised ethnic and societal groups, and population affected by violence and deprivations related to the conflict.					
	Indicator 1.2.3 Cumulative number of young women and men from the target regions covered by the dialogue events and joint actions aimed at promoting inter-regional cooperation on social cohesion.	0	1000 (600 – women)			
	Indicator 1.2.4 Number of successfully implemented initiatives aimed at enhanced social cohesion and national unity.	0	20			

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Outcome 2 Young men and women are meaningfully and effectively, and in an inclusive manner, engaged in national decision-making processes	Indicator 2.1 The overall level of cooperation in the 18-35 age group (by oblast and gender).	Donetsk Oblast (4.6 – women, 4.6 – men) Luhansk Oblast (5.4 – women, 5.2 – men) Kherson Oblast (5.6 – women, 5.2 – men)	Donetsk Oblast (5 – both women and men) Luhansk Oblast (5.8 – women, 5.6 – men) Kherson Oblast (6 – women, 5.6 – men)			
	Indicator 2.2 The overall level of civic engagement in the 18-35 age group (by oblast and gender).	Donetsk Oblast (2 – women, 1.6 – men) Luhansk Oblast (2.1 – women, 1.9 – men) Kherson Oblast (1.3 – women, 1.5 – men)	Donetsk Oblast (2.5 – women, 2.1 – men) Luhansk Oblast (2.5 – women, 2.4 – men) Kherson Oblast (2 – both women and men)			
	Indicator 2.3 The overall level of trust in local authorities in the 18-35 age group (by oblast and gender).	Donetsk Oblast (4.3 – women, 4.1 – men) Luhansk Oblast (4.6 – women, 4 – men) Kherson Oblast (4.7 – women, 4.1 – men)	Donetsk Oblast (4.8 – women, 4.5 – men) Luhansk Oblast (5 – women, 4.5 – men) Kherson Oblast (5 – women, 4.5 – men)			
Output 2.1 Young women and men have	Indicator 2.1.1 Cumulative number of young men and women from target regions that	0	300 (180 – women)			

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improved capacities and skills to participate in decision-making at all levels	built skills in civic activism.					
	Indicator 2.1.2 Cumulative number of young men and women from target regions that built skills in social entrepreneurship.	0	200 (120 – women)			
	Indicator 2.1.3 Cumulative number of young women and men from target regions with enhanced knowledge and skills on advocacy and non-violent communication	0	200 (120 – women)			
Output 2.2 Public awareness on the values of social cohesion and national unity is enhanced through the advocacy and communication initiatives of	Indicator 2.2.1 Cumulative number of social advocacy-for-change initiatives successfully implemented by young women and men from target communities.	0	20			
	Indicator 2.2.2 Cumulative number of youth activists who have knowledge and skills and are committed to social	0	20 (12 – women)			

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
young women and men	changes in their communities through active blogging.					
Output 2.3 Targeted communities' benefit from the solutions at the local and regional levels to address specific social cohesion gaps and problems.	Indicator 2.3.1 Cumulative number of hate speech incidents documented with respective disaggregation, such as gender and age, and responded to by the youth and civil society groups, including women and young human rights defenders.	0	100			
	Indicator 2.3.2 Draft policy for addressing and preventing hate speech, taking account experiences and protection needs arising from differences in age, gender and diversity, is prepared with inputs from the project and submitted for the Government's review and follow up	No	Yes			

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	Indicator 2.4.1 Cumulative number of local peacebuilding and social cohesion initiatives successfully implemented by young women and men from target communities.	0	20			