

# Peacebuilding Fund Project Progress Report



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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 \*

2022-06-13

Name and Title of Person submitting the report \*

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Name and Title of Person who approved the report \*

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

- yes  
 no

Did PBF Secretariat 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

## » Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border project? \*

- yes  no

Please select the geographical region in which the project is implemented

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

Country of project implementation \*

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

Project Title \*

- 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  
 Other, Specify

Project Start Date \*

2020-10-28

Project end Date \*

2022-10-27

Has this project received an extension? \*

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

Will this project be requesting an extension? \*

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

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

- yes
- no

## Recipients

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

- UN entity
- Non-UN Entity

Please select the lead recipient \*

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

Are there other recipients for this project? \*

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

Please select other UN recipients recipients \*

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- UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization  ITC: International Trade Centre
- UN Department of Peace Operations  Other, Specify

## 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  | <b>Total Project Budget</b><br><b>(in US \$)</b><br><br><i>Please enter the total budget as is in the project document in US Dollars</i> | <b>Transfers to date</b><br><b>(in US \$)</b><br><br><i>Please enter the total amount transferred to each recipient to date in US Dollars</i> | <b>Expenditure to date</b><br><b>(in US \$)</b><br><br><i>Please enter the approximate amount spent to date in US dollars</i> | <b>Implementation rate as a percentage of total budget</b><br><i>(calculated automatically)</i> |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| <b>FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization</b>     | 1750000 *  | 1750000 *   | 719330 *  | 41.1 %  |
| <b>UNDP: United Nations Development Programme</b> | 850000 *   | 850000 *  | 605394 *  | 71.22 %   |
| <b>UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund</b>      | 400000 *   | 400000 *  | 263986 *  | 66 %  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                      | <b>3000000</b>   | <b>3000000</b>  | <b>1588710</b>  | <b>52.9</b><br><br><b>6%</b>  |

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **52.96%**. 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 \$ 476613**. Is this correct? \*

Correct  Incorrect

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

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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

## 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.
- If relevant, please include any COVID-19 related considerations, adjustments and results and respond to section IV. **(This section is optional)**

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.)

*Please limit your response to 1500 characters including spaces.*

The project is currently implemented at full speed with all agencies, government institutions and implementing partners involved in implementation, and with governance and monitoring structures put in place at national and district level. Rounds of awareness raising activities have been rolled out (e.g. on civic education, gender, youth leadership) to ignite behavioral changes among the youths and building relationships between beneficiaries and communities. This has provided an important foundation for the subsequent and on-going implementation of 'hardware' activities such as the joint community projects such as construction of community meeting halls and smaller agricultural processing facilities, as well as the provision of various productive inputs for the agricultural livelihood activities, the latter implemented in accordance with the seasonal agricultural cycle. The project is on track to substantially implement activities on time before the deadline (27 October, 2022), however a No Cost Extension of three months is requested to enable proper follow up on post-harvest management aspects according to the seasonal cycle, as well as further consolidation of the project's behavioral change aspects.

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

*FOR PROJECTS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF COMPLETION ONLY; (1500 character limit)*

The youth-at-risk (Y@R) beneficiaries are gradually reintegrating in their communities; through joint activities conducted ranging from dialogue sessions with local authorities to community infrastructure projects. Feedback from both youth, community members and local security providers during a recent (qualitative) monitoring exercise confirm that the relationship has significantly improved, with Y@R getting involved in local decision-making structures and taking part in more community activities, some moving back in with their families, and the level of crime and aggression associated with Y@R reducing.

Support through civic awareness (through NACCED), counselling (MoHS) as well as male and youth involvement initiatives (through FINE have demonstrated community and societal level knowledge, attitudinal and behavioral changes among the Y@R. Unlike before, Y@R now participate in community clean-up exercises. A land dispute between the Y@R and a landowner (for project poultry farming) was peacefully resolved when Y@R dialogued with the later and traditional leadership. Y@R have confirmed reducing and/or stopping drug abuse (e.g. marijuana, kush, tramadol) because of awareness on its negative effects through counselling.

There is increased awareness of the risks of commercial sexual work (soliciting and engaging) as well as a reported reduction of commercial sex work in Y@R communities. Increased awareness of district gender based violence referral pathways resulted in 61 referrals supported to access services within project areas.

Although implementation of agricultural livelihood activities are currently on-going in accordance with the seasonality and these are yet to materialize in actual alternative income sources, many Y@R have refocused their livelihood activities from criminal and/or risky activities (e.g. theft, commercial sex work) to self-supported agriculture and petty business activities, some assisted by loans taken from the VSLAs established by the project (through Caritas).

## 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:

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 strengthened and youth at risk socially and economically empowered to meaningfully reintegrate into their families and communities.

**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

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.*

UNDP through NACCED supported the participation of youth in decision-making through dialogue fora between Y@R and community stakeholders. The sessions discussed issues affecting Y@R such as exclusion from community structures and how to improve integration. Participants jointly developed action plans, and general meetings have been held to sensitize community members.

UNDP supported consolidation of the established beneficiary youth groups in all the 18 target communities, and strengthened functional youth structures, by-laws and inclusive participation. Supported by UNDP, NAYCOM provided training on transformational leadership and social change for the Y@R (M: 222; F: 194), and 85 members of the DYCs and CYCs (M: 63; F: 22).

To foster peace and social cohesion, football galas were held in the four chiefdoms culminating in an inter-district final competition. While Kenema District won in the female competition and was awarded the trophy, the male matches were not completed due to a disagreement over the officiating of Tonkolili's win, which was later resolved. UNDP will utilize lessons learnt from the first inter-district competition to inform ongoing chiefdom matches and subsequent finals for the second gala implemented by MOYA.

Informed by a capacity needs assessment, a 5-day training was conducted for 25 health workers (M: 20; F: 5) in Kenema District by the MoHS mental health department on identification, counselling and follow-up support for Y@R with substance abuse problems. Strengthening existing capacities which will enable victims to access continuous counselling and support even after the project ends.

UNFPA supported FINE Sierra Leone to establish two crisis drop-in centres in Kenema and Tonkolili districts, which are now fully functional. The centres are run by district coordinators and lead Male Advocacy Peer Educators (MAPEs) and serve as an entry point for referrals to GBV and sexual reproductive health services as well as a safe space for Y@R beneficiaries to meet, rather than in risky 'ghetto' settings.

18 husbands' schools were formed and 450 community members (M: 368; F: 82) completed the sessions in 2021, with an additional 450 community members (M: 405; F: 45) graduating in June 2022. These husband school students become 'lead fathers', 'lead mothers' and mentors in their respective communities on issues including preventing GBV and promotion of SRH rights such as improving uptake of family planning.

FINE Sierra Leone conducted an Inter-District learning and experience-sharing session with 18 youth at risk (M: 16; F: 2) leaders from Tonkolili and Kenema districts. Parents of Y@R beneficiaries were engaged as part of the husbands' schools as well as through MAPE outreach, strengthening the family support for Y@R beneficiaries. A key result of the male and youth involvement activities is that 61 GBV / protection cases (domestic abuse, sexual assault and child marriage) were referred and supported to access services.

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.*

All civic education, counselling and sporting/social activities promote gender equality and women empowerment. The equal inclusion of male and female beneficiaries and other stakeholders is prioritized in the community structures working with the project, which has increased participation of women through election as members and in decision-making/executive roles. Issues concerning women are also prioritized and addressed in trainings, dialogues fora, and other capacity building sessions. The project continues to encourage the District and Chiefdom Youth Councils to incorporate women in their leadership structures. Preparations are ongoing for a second inter-district football gala which will include female teams.

Gender and marginalization dynamics continue to be addressed through key community stakeholders in organised engagements to complement other behaviour change activities focusing on Y@R. The male involvement approach is gender transformative in that it works with men, women and youth to change the harmful social norms, roles and power relations which contribute to gender based violence and harmful practices in project communities.

## **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 3000 characters including spaces.*

During this reporting period, the project completed the life skills mapping of Y@R in correctional facilities with the distribution of skills training equipment to the Mafanta, Magburaka and Kenema correctional facilities. Overall, 100 inmates (10 Females and 90 males) have been identified as suitable for the skills enhancement exercise across the three correctional facilities. The mapping exercise found that only the Kenema Correctional Facility was host to female inmates for this exercise. Four key life skill components were selected based on the assessed needs: carpentry, bakery, tailoring and agriculture. The 100 selected inmates will be further assessed and 90 will be retained for support. UNDP has developed an agreement with the Sierra Leone Correctional Service to further strengthen the life skills component through the development of a training guide to support capacity building for correctional industry staff in working with inmates undergoing training, ensuring requisite skills for successful implementation of this component. The project will also support the SLCS to provide start-up kits for Y@R for gainful community reintegration post rehabilitation and release.

Through the Centre for Accountability and Rule of Law (CARL), the project has made progress toward the enactment of the amended Criminal Procedure Act of 1965. So far, the draft legislation has been presented to the Attorney-General and is now with the 1st Parliamentary Draftsman for final revision and proof-reading. This will be followed by Cabinet vetting, Parliament submission, printing and engagement by Parliament on the substance. CARL has scheduled a retreat with the Parliamentary Committee on legislation as well as selected outreach sessions with selected members of the Committee to ensure the reforms embedded within the CPA are popularized to their constituencies for buy-in prior to Parliamentary debate and approval. In addition, the ongoing communication and media campaign will be strengthened to ensure the reforms reach a broader audience for their education and additional lobbying for pressure. The CPA has been in the pipeline for amendment for close to 20 years now. There is thus urgency to utilize all available avenues for lobbying and pressure for the enactment of this revolutionary legislation which will impact positively on the lives of Y@R within the justice system.

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

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While only 10 females were selected for the life skills initiative, the project has left room for more women to be included once incarcerated. The project has also ensured that female inmates selected for the trainings benefit from life skills initiatives in accordance with their preferences as females and which they are comfortable with. For example, hairdressing, bead-weaving and tailoring were among life skills programs selected which all attract a considerable demand in society. The empowerment of correctional officers has further made room for the training of a sizable number of female officers to cater for any increasing need in the near future. The engagement of Members of Parliament in the upcoming retreat with the Legislative Committee of Parliament on the amendment of the Sierra Leone Correctional Act will encompass female representatives as well with knowledge on the subject matter.

### Outcome 3:

**Social cohesion strengthened and youth at risk socially and economically empowered to meaningfully reintegrate into their families and communities.**

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.*

For the implementation of joint community projects (Output 3.1), the public tendering process was completed and two companies were selected to do the construction/rehabilitation of community social and economic infrastructure (8 community rice mills, 5 community barrays, 4 community centers and 1 market structure) as well as youth livelihood infrastructures (poultry and goat houses, local bakeries). Three people from each community were trained on basic construction monitoring and feedback mechanisms established jointly with communities, contractors and partners, while joint monitoring missions with civil engineers from MOYA and MAF are conducted periodically. Community infrastructures are presently at app. 40% completion, with finalization and handing over expected in July 2022. MOUs have been signed with all communities, landowners and groups in witness of MOYA, MAF, District Councils and Caritas, for the allocation of land to the project for infrastructure and livelihood activities respectively.

Youth livelihood activities (Output 3.2) are on-going in accordance with the seasonal agricultural cycle. A 3-day training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) - tailored to the groups' selected crops and integrated modules on Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) - were rolled out to 15 Y@R groups (356 people; 194 M and 162 F) who are involved in crop production (maize, cassava, potato, beans), by FAO and the MAF district crop officers.

Agricultural inputs for the 15 crop producing Y@R groups (basic tools, seeds, and fertilizers) have been procured and distributed. Farms were prepared using a combined approach with a cash-for-work model used to involve beneficiary youth and other community members in key manual labor activities (involving more than 500 people) and mechanical equipment engaged for some work on larger farms. Planting activities are currently on-going on a total of 52 hectares under cultivation.

Procurement of livestock inputs is on-going, and final stocking is expected to take place after the heavy rains, with accompanying trainings to be facilitated at the same time. Agricultural processing equipment has been procured, awaiting installation in shelter/storage facilities currently under construction. Transport facilities (motorbikes, tricycles) for marketing activities have been procured, handing over pending on-going finalization of bylaws and mechanisms for appropriate management and maintenance.

A 3-day training on basic business management is rolled out to all 18 Y@R groups (418 participants), facilitating the structuring of groups towards business operation and selecting members for executive functions to receive further advanced business trainings. For further practical learning and networking, existing local businesses in the relevant livelihood sectors (e.g. poultry farms, cassava factories, bakeries) have been identified for placement of up to 90 selected Y@R for short-term apprenticeships.

## 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.*

The project continues to promote the equal inclusion and benefit of young women in social cohesion and youth livelihood activities. All female beneficiaries participate in technical training activities, and their role and involvement in practical farming activities is continuously encouraged. As per the nature of the work (and the traditional division of manual farm labor), more males have participated in the initial heavier stages of the farm work (land clearing, ploughing/ridge construction) while females will play a greater role in subsequent stages (planting, weeding). Especially female youths have embraced and benefited from VSLA activities, and a number of female beneficiaries – in particular in Kenema – report having been able to start up petty business activities with small loans to refrain from commercial sex work.

Young women are supporting the implementation of community infrastructure activities, e.g. by fetching water and materials, however there is a predominance of male youth participation due to the heavier nature of the manual work. Note that the joint selection of the final projects/facilities including the equal access, benefit and utilization of all community members – including women – as a key selection criteria.

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

| Outcome | Performance Indicators  | Indicator Baseline                  | End of Project Indicator Target  | Indicator Milestone | Current Indicator progress   | Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any)                          |
|---------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| 1.1     | Indicator 1.a<br>% 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<br>49% female<br>58% male | Estimate 70%<br>(F: 60%; M: 70%) | 55%                 | Feedback from field visits and qualitative monitoring indicate good progress towards this indicator.<br><br>Beneficiaries have indicated that they now see themselves to be important in the community and that community leaders now consult them in decision making. | Quantitative data will be collected at the end of the project. |

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| 1.2 | Indicator 1.b<br>Number of youth at risk targeted by the project included in decision-making mechanisms at local level | 34% total<br>17% female<br>45% male | Estimate 50% out of 100% of youth targeted by the project (F: 35%; M: 50%) | 40% | Feedback from field visits and qualitative monitoring indicate good progress towards this indicator.<br><br>Y@R are now involved in decision-making through youth and duty bearers' sessions, stakeholders and youth dialogues sessions and through representation in Chieftom and District Youth structures across the project communities. | Quantitative data will be collected at the end of the project. |
| 1.3 |  |                                     |  |     |  |  |

**» Outcome 2: National and local institutions improve their response to the needs of youth at risk**

| Outcome 2 | Performance Indicators | Indicator Baseline | End of Project Indicator Target | Indicator Milestone | Current Indicator progress | Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) |
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| 2.1 | Indicator 2.a<br># of targeted local institutions (SLCS, SLP, LPPBs, Paramount Chief Councils) that adopt improved procedures to ensure youth responsive approaches to detention, reintegration, and rehabilitation | 2                                   | All institutions involved in the project (correctional centers, LPPBs, FSUs, SLP, etc.) | 3   | No data for this indicator at the moment.<br><br>Activities are ongoing towards the adoption of responsive approaches for the rehabilitation and reintegration of Y@R.   | Activities contributing to this indicator will be conducted in June 2022. |
| 2.2 | Indicator 2.b<br>% of youth at risk who believe that their rights are respected   | 26% total<br>32% female<br>20% male | 55%   | 50% | No data collected for this indicator at the moment.<br><br>However, SLCS center managers have been trained on the observance of the international human right protocols on auditing and monitoring of inmates. | Activities still on-going.  |
| 2.3 |   |                                     |   |     |  |   |

**» Outcome 3: Social cohesion strengthened and youth at risk socially and economically empowered to meaningfully reintegrate into their families and communities.**

| Outcome 3 | Performance Indicators | Indicator Baseline | End of Project Indicator Target | Indicator Milestone | Current Indicator progress | Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) |
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| 3.1 | Indicator 3.a<br>% of youth who consider engaging in crime activities for economic purposes | 84% total<br>87% female<br>83% male | 45% (m/f) | 65% (m/f) | <p>Findings from qualitative monitoring and engagements with beneficiaries, community stakeholders and local security providers - the youths at risk have significantly changed their lifestyles and are largely refraining from criminal activities and other anti-social behaviors.</p> <p>Many female beneficiaries report that they have stopped engaging in commercial sex work, and some (in Kenema) report having been able to start up petty business activities using VSLA loans.</p> | <p>Quantitative data will be collected at the end of the project when livelihood activities have been fully implemented.</p> <p>Livelihood activities are still on-going according to the agricultural cycle, and supply of some productive inputs supplied and delivery of trainings is still pending, in order for the youth beneficiaries to fully realize agricultural incomes as alternative to risky/illegal economic coping strategies.</p> |
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| 3.2 | Indicator 3. b<br>% of<br>community and<br>family<br>members who<br>believe that<br>youth at risk<br>contribute to<br>productive life<br>of their<br>communities<br>and families<br>through the<br>livelihood<br>assistance<br>provided | 47% | 80% | 65% | <p>Community stakeholders who express that the Y@R are now more integrated in and playing positive roles in their communities and families.</p> <p>Some beneficiaries are breadwinners for relatives whom they are increasingly supporting by re-focusing on productive activities (petty business, agriculture – some boosted through VSLA loans) and saving money previously used on drugs/alcohol; while others have moved back in with parents/families and are resuming educational activities.</p> | <p>As above.</p> <p>In some communities (especially in the more urban settings around Kholifa Ruwala chiefdom) it has initially been a challenge to engage all beneficiaries in crop production activities, however communities and local youth and agricultural extension structures continue to encourage and mentor them.</p> |
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| 3.3 | Indicator 3.c<br>% of community and family members who believe that levels of violence committed by gangs/cliques in the project zones has decreased | 45% | 65% | 55% | Levels of violence and anti-social behaviors have reduced, according to beneficiaries, community members and local security providers - target beneficiaries are 'off the street' as their attention is elsewhere. Some remain part of former clique/gang structures, which are however now rather seen as 'social groups' rather than criminal and violent structures. Joint trainings and exchange visits have replaced former inter-gang rivalries with a shared identity as 'positive youths'. | Note that in the target communities there are a number of youth at risk associated with cliques and gangs that were not included as beneficiaries, due to the number of people and somewhat 'hard-core' nature of some individuals deemed beyond the reach of this pilot project. These non-targeted individuals and structures thus remain with the potential to engage in violence. |
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### PART III: Cross-Cutting Issues

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

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters including spaces.*

FAO through the MOYA and MAF will hand over community and livelihood infrastructure including various equipment and assets to beneficiaries and communities for social cohesion and livelihood activities

UNDP through MOYA will organize the second phase football galas in the four chiefdoms. These activities will involve youth-at-risk and youth groups (male and female) in the 18 target communities to promote peace and social cohesion among youth at risk across these communities.

Criminal Procedure Act will be submitted to Cabinet for approval and legislative committee to facilitate its tabling in Parliament for discussion.

UNFPA will support FINE Sierra Leone to roll out the Y@R road theatre shows using comedy, culture drama, and music to raise awareness on GBV, SRH and drug abuse. Implementation of robust husbands' schools and MAPES interventions will be continued to reach more men, women and youth within the communities. Finally, dignity kits will be distributed to female youth and condom packages will be distributed to male-youth in the husband schools and Y@R.

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.

*This is an optional question. You may leave it unanswered if not relevant(2000 character limit)*

Overall, the project has had a positive human impact, as reported by both beneficiaries themselves and community members in target communities. Significantly, the project has created a shift in the narrative about the Y@R across communities and widespread perception of a positive shift of Y@R from active clique and gang members to peace promoters and development players in their communities – including a shift in beneficiaries' own positive self-image and confidence. There has been less crime and violence, idling and aggression, smoking and drug use associated with the Y@R, as stated by many beneficiaries and community leaders, due to the numerous training and counselling sessions, youth and community engagements, and alternative livelihood activities the youth have benefited from. For example, the MAPES and husbands' school students worked closely with gang leaders to close down two Ghettos in project areas. Y@R are now more involved in community activities with community members and other stakeholders less fearful of them as they have become less confrontational. Y@R communities have seen reported positive behaviour change and improvement in gender relationship both at home and community level as the participation of men and their spouses increased.

Below quotes speak to some of the peace-building effects of the project as experienced by beneficiaries:

"Before when we were active clique members, we used to fight among ourselves- during social clubbing, football gala. This has changed greatly. There is more unity and peaceful co-existence amongst us." - Male Y@R beneficiary, Ropulun community

"Before now when we used to do prostitution, men will sleep with us and beat us after instead of paying. This has so far reduced and there is less crime and violence between and among YAR and other youth, as well as between cliques." "Before the project, there was fighting among female YAR over men, but now there is harmony." - Female Y@R beneficiary, Court Barry community

Note on upload: For the World Food Day and National Youth Summit in November 2022, project beneficiaries representing all four target chiefdoms came together to compose and record the Youth at Risk song with support from FAO. The song was performed on stage during the Summit and which has been played on regional radio stations during monthly sessions facilitated by the project to share experiences from the project and discuss issues affecting youth-at-risk.

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

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File 1

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Link 1

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<https://www.sl.undp.org/content/sierraleone/en/home/stories/a-rising-musical-talent-emerging-from-youth-at-risk.html>

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**» Monitoring**

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**Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period** \*

*Please limit your response to 1000 characters including spaces.*

A joint monitoring exercise involving all agencies and implementing partners as well as government counterparts at both national and district level was conducted in March 2022. The objective was to assess the progress of impact of the project so far, and facilitate joint learning and experience-sharing among all partners to strengthen networking and synergies.

Construction monitoring missions with MAF and MOYA have been conducted separately.

At the district level, weekly monitoring by the District and Chiefdom Youth Councils and by agricultural extension structures is facilitated by Caritas Bo/Makeni, as well as monthly field visits by key district stakeholders such as District Agricultural Officers, district council focal points and paramount chiefs. At community level, Caritas facilitates monthly engagements of the Community Monitoring Committee to ensure coordination and information-sharing between local stakeholders and beneficiaries.

FAO conducts at least monthly visit to project sites to follow up on project implementation and address any emerging issues in the target communities.

**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 3000 characters including spaces.*

A comprehensive baseline assessment was conducted by an external consultant in April/May 2021. The assessment collected data on all outcome and output indicators, which led to the reformulation of some of the 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 3000 characters including spaces.*

The project's baseline assessment conducted a perception survey in the context of the baseline assessment in April 2021, however note that no new perception surveys were done within this reporting period. Qualitative monitoring within the reporting period focused on the perceptions of both beneficiaries and community members towards the reintegration and participation of youth-at-risk, prevalence of violence and crime associated with youth-at-risk as well as gender norms. Data was collected through structured focus group discussions with male and female beneficiaries, community members and local stakeholders, by a team comprising of representatives from the three UN agencies, implementing partners, and Ministry counterparts from both national and district level. At community level, the IP Caritas supported the formation of a Community Monitoring Committee (CMC) which comprises of beneficiaries, community stakeholders and key project facilitators such as the MAPEs and mentors. The CMC is engaged during joint monitoring missions, and Caritas as well facilitates monthly 'informal' meetings for the CMC to come together to coordinate activities and discuss any issues relating to the project implementation. While not data perception per se, the project has established a platform on Whastte that no new perception surveys were done within this reporting period. Qualitative monitoring within the reporting period focused on the perceptions of both beneficiaries and community members towards the reintegration and participation of youth-at-risk, prevalence of violence and crime associated with youth-at-risk as well as gender norms. Data was collected through structured focus group discussions with male and female beneficiaries, community members and local stakeholders, by a team comprising of representatives from the three UN agencies, implementing partners, and Ministry counterparts from both national and district level. At community level, the IP Caritas supported the formation of a Community Monitoring Committee (CMC) which comprises of beneficiaries, community stakeholders and key project facilitators such as the MAPEs and mentors. The CMC is engaged during joint monitoring missions, and Caritas as well facilitates monthly 'informal' meetings for the CMC to come together to coordinate activities and discuss any issues relating to the project implementation. The project has established a platform on WhatsApp for all the beneficiaries to coordinate and share experiences among themselves; for example, sharing updates and pictures from trainings and farming activities, as well as positive peace messages and expressions of mutual encouragement. While not data collection per se, the platform enables updates and feedback in real time; contributes to social cohesion among the youths by strengthening exchange and communication; and allows the project team some insight into the dynamics and discourse of the beneficiaries.

## » Evaluation

Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period? \*

yes

no

Evaluation budget (in USD): \*

40000

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

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters including spaces.*

Discussions on the preparation of the final evaluation are on-going. The final evaluation will be managed by the FAO Regional Office with input and participation from the other agencies, RCO, GoSL and PBSO. Inception meeting is planned for June 2022 to initiate the drafting of the Terms of Reference and recruitment of an international consultant to lead on the evaluation.

In the project document, a mid-term survey is indicated to take place at the 18ths month of the project (June 2022). However, considering the overall duration of the project and current high costs for fuel and operations, the project team and PDA propose to rather defer this exercise to the end of the project and as part of the final evaluation conduct a comprehensive end-line evaluation collecting data using the same indicators and tools as the baseline assessment.

### » Catalytic Effect

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

- 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

Please describe how the project has had a (non-financial) catalytic effect \*

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters including spaces.*

There have been some emerging signs of a cascading effect of the project. Project activities such as trainings, alternative livelihood creation and creation of alternative spaces for youth has resulted in the dismantling of 'ghettos' [places where youth hang out, drink and smoke], while Y@R beneficiaries are either dissociating themselves from cliques/gangs or seeing these structures becoming more fragmented and less centered on criminal and/or anti-social activities. This tendency appears to also spill over to other non-beneficiary youths, who are in turn less drawn to cliques/gangs. Some beneficiaries are now acting as role models to other current and former clique/gang members in their areas and in some cases even doing active outreach to other youths to convince them to get off the street and refrain from engaging in violence during episodes and moments of local conflicts and unrest.

Both beneficiaries, community members, youth leaders and agricultural extension officers report an extremely high interest in the project from other youths and communities and a tendency for non-beneficiary youths to be interested in imitating new activities and attitudes of beneficiaries. Opportunities for further cascading of the project's software components through the beneficiaries themselves – thereby also strengthening their 'role model self-perception' - will be further explored in the next reporting period.

## 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.

*This section is optional. You can leave it blank if not relevant*

**Monetary adjustments:**

*Please indicate the total amount in USD of adjustments due to COVID-19:*

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

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters including spaces.*

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
- None
- 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.)

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters including spaces.*

Are there any other issues concerning project implementation (related to COVID-19 or not) that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? (1500 character limit)

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters including spaces.*

**Final Steps**

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