

## PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT



**COUNTRY:** Sierra Leone  
**TYPE OF REPORT:** SEMI-ANNUAL, ANNUAL OR FINAL:  
 please select SEMI-ANNUAL  
**YEAR OF REPORT:** 2022

<b>Project Title:</b> Inclusive Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Project (Kolhat Barray) <b>Project Number from MPTEF-O Gateway:</b>			
<b>If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country Trust Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trust Fund  <b>Name of Recipient Fund:</b>	<b>Type and name of recipient organizations:</b>  please select <b>CORDAID (Convening Agency)</b> please select please select please select please select		
<b>Date of first transfer:</b> 19th February 2021 <b>Project end date:</b> 18th August 2022 <b>Is the current project end date within 6 months?</b> please select Yes			
<b>Check if the project falls under one or more PBF priority windows:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Gender promotion initiative <input checked="" 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			
<b>Total PBF approved project budget (by recipient organization):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Please enter the total amounts in US dollars allocated to each recipient organization</i></li> <li><i>Please enter the original budget amount, amount transferred to date and estimated expenditure by recipient.</i></li> <li><i>For cross-border projects, group the amounts by agency, even where transfers are made to different country offices. You can provide the detail in the attached budget.</i></li> </ul>			
<b>Recipient organisation</b>	<b>Budget Allocated (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Transferred to date (\$)</b>	<b>Amount spent to date (\$)</b>
<b>CORDAID</b>	<b>1,599,999.96</b>	<b>1,599,999.96</b>	<b>839,026</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			
Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget: 76%  *ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE*  <b>The budget templates are available <a href="#">here</a></b>			

**Gender-responsive Budgeting:**

Indicate what percentage (%) of the budget contributes gender equality or women's empowerment (GEWE)? 53.5

Indicate dollar amount from the project document to contribute to gender equality or women's empowerment: 728312.03

Amount expended to date on efforts contributing to gender equality or women's empowerment: 449298.61

**Project Gender Marker: please select GM2**

**Project Risk Marker: please select Low**

**Project PBF focus area: please select Conflict prevention and management**

**Report preparation:**

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Did PBF Secretariat review the report: please select 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):

*For* this reporting period, we have trained 360 (50% female) young women and men on organizational leadership, organizing, conflict analysis, mitigation, advocacy, public communications skills, and engaging young men as allies in defending women's rights). We have also completed the training of 240 (148 male, 92 female) CBDR service providers. Insights generated through story collection has been validated at community level. 23 youth led CSOs, and CBOs have received the small grants to implement youth-led evidence-based lobby & advocacy agenda. We have completed the facilitation of dialogue sessions between youth groups and CBDR service providers, networking sessions with youth and older civil society activists. Furthermore, we have conducted the outcome harvesting workshops it was concluded that the outcomes harvested contribute significantly to the objectives of the project – 81.8% of the links made between the harvested outcomes and the planned objectives. This confirms the project's theory of change and relevance of implemented activities and produced outputs. A knowledge sharing event with government stakeholders and key national and international development partners has also been facilitated.

**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):

Inclusion of young people in Chieftom Security Committees, local court administration, tribal authorities, and town committees has provided youth the space to participate in decision-making processes and the promotion of community-based dispute resolution mechanisms that advances peace and specific needs of other young people. Furthermore, in Pujehun & Tonkolili the district security committees have restructured their membership to accommodate youth from the district youth councils especially young women who now attend committee sittings where they meaningfully contribute on conversations around key drivers of conflict, insecurity, and injustice. In the three project locations, skills gaps were identified at the institutional setup of 25 community-based organizations in areas related to project, organizational and financial management and advocacy were addressed through specialized trainings and story collection exercises which has helped staff to gain increased confidence to submit better quality proposals and restructured their management to create room for young women and men to take leadership in these organizations. Whereas increased knowledge among community leaders on women's rights and their important role in building and

sustaining peace contributed to the inclusion of young and older women into chiefdom development committee. Hence, young, and older women are regularly called upon to be part of decision-making especially on gender-based violence related cases.

## **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: Young women and men, working intergenerationally, are equipped and mobilized to identify and take action on key drivers of conflict, insecurity, and injustice in their communities.**

**Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select On Track with significant peacebuilding results**

**Progress summary:** (3000 character limit)

**The** project has made significant efforts in ensuring young women and men are mobilized and equipped to take both individual and group actions on drivers of conflict, insecurity, and injustice. In the three project locations 25 youth-led organizations were identified, screened, and selected to participate in a co-creation and story collection exercises. By this reporting period, 23 of these youth-led organizations have been trained on project, organizational and financial management and provided with financial and technical support to implement activities on the inclusion of young men and women into community structures with specific focus on advancing peace building mechanisms in their respective project communities.

Furthermore, staff from these youth-led organizations were engaged to collect stories focusing on young people to understand local context and insights on the dynamics of conflict, insecurity, and injustice. The exercise helped these youth-led organizations to become more aware about the actual issues and key drivers of conflict. Some of these drivers of conflict were included into the proposals funded by the project from these youth-led organizations. In addition, community and district stakeholders’ validations were conducted to get their perspectives and further mapped the way forward on the various issues identified across the targeted communities in the three project locations.

In the project locations, 360 young women and young men have been trained on specific skills related to personal and organizational leadership, organizing, advocacy, engaging young men as allies in defending women’s rights, gender equality and gender transformative approaches and public communication skills. In Tonkolili, young people facilitated a mediation process consisting of a series of meetings and dialogue sessions between the local Police, a local mining company, the office of national security and the paramount chief. This mediation process

ultimately led to the peaceful resolution of the conflict between the mining company and the local police. Whereas in Pujehun young people supported by this project improved collaboration between young and older civil society organizations. This provided younger organizations with the opportunity to be represented at district coordination meetings and to be a part of district civil society organization platforms. With this strengthened CSO network, there has been an increased peace building interventions led by young people in the districts.

Three youth groups were supported to implement peace focused advocacy engagements with key stakeholders and other young people in the three project locations on the international youth day. These youth groups derived from the various engagements action-oriented position papers and strategies to address conflict, insecurity and injustice and inclusion of young women and men into decision-making structures at community and district levels.

**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)*

The gathering of insights from communities through story collection with a gender sensitive approach conducted by youth led CSOs discovered the continued marginalization of women and girls in their communities and "opened the eyes of youth leaders" to the specific issues affecting women and girls (such as GBV and early marriage). Now having identified these issues, some of the youth led CSOs decided to act by designing and ultimately implementing programmes targeting marginalized women and girls with activities such as career counselling for women and mentorship services for young girls.

**Outcome 2: CBDR mechanisms adopt more inclusive, gender-sensitive, and conflict-sensitive practices, with specific focus on addressing needs of young women.**

**Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select  On Track with significant peacebuilding results**

**Progress summary:** *(3000 character limit)*

**Contributing** to this outcome result, the project Identified, screened, and selected 25 organizations from youth led CSOs and CBOs to participate in the co-creation workshop. All 25 were trained based on the capacity gap identified. As part of the co-creation workshop, palaver engagements and other trainings facilitated by the project has helped the youth-led groups gained confidence in developing grassroots level initiatives that demand Inclusivity and gender sensitivity from CBDR providers. 23 of these organizations got their advocacy initiatives approved and received funding (small grants) for implementation across the three operational districts.

Furthermore, older CSOs have formed networks with younger community-based organizations and established informal partnerships with them. As a result, there has been an increase of intervention activities in Pujehun district. This uptick in activity was noticed and directly mentioned by representatives from the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development was verified by the community stakeholders during the Pujehun District Development Committee Meeting in December 2021.

The community dialogues triggered frank discussions between youth especially women and their duty bearers for their participation in community level decision-making. The approach adopted led community members to hear concerns that are of threat to peace

and proffer solutions together by developing strategies and action plans to prevent potential conflict. A total of 15 community action plans were developed and implemented young women and youth views are more respected and included in key decision-making bodies in the three operational districts. Furthermore, 238 (Male-152, Female -86) community-based dispute resolution service providers (CBDR) have been trained to be more conflict sensitive, gender sensitive and on the inclusion and participation of young women and youths into these dispute resolution structures in their communities. As a result of the training, there has been a systemic change, whereby the CBDR providers modified their practices to make it more inclusive of women and youths. The training led to the recognition of women's role of the in CBDR processes and strengthening of referral processes, which allows cases of GBV and others to be reported and actually followed up on. The training further led to the formation of a women's accountability group in Futa Peje chiefdom, consisting of intergenerational women (youth and non-youth). The objective of the women's accountability group is to hold community duty bearers accountable to their obligation to respect, promote and realize women's rights and entitlements in their community.

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*(1000 character limit)*

**During** these dialogue sessions, women and youth leaders were able to vocalize their concerns about the feeling that they were not sufficiently included in the CBDR meetings. In turn, CBDR providers became more aware and sensitized to these issues and took specific action to facilitate increased inclusion and influence of women and youth. In addition, the intergenerational and gender sensitive approach to the engagements was also key in facilitating an opportunity to establish mutual understanding between the youth and their non-youth counterparts.

**Outcome 3: Young women and men, working intergenerationally, take a leading role in advocating for evidence-based conflict prevention policy and practice, and build trust with key conflict prevention stakeholders.**

**Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select  On Track**

**Progress summary:** *(3000 character limit)*

**The** project has engaged 122(Male 57 Female -65) relevant civil society actors, including those led by more senior civil society activists, and interfaced with community leaders in the three operational districts. These sessions provided the youth-led groups with the opportunity to effectively engage community-based structures on the critical role of civil society activists working in the interest of communities and young people and creating space for their participation especially women.

The project has supported the process of creating a platform for young people to take active role in national advocacy. For example, young people in Pujehun were funded during the International Youth Day to engage stakeholders in peace-building advocacy, which led to the development of the "Pujehun Youth Peace and Security strategy" that was officially launched and validated by key district stakeholders including the District Officer on the 12th of August 2021. The project also supported young people in Western Area and Tonkolili to organize a national youth summit at the house of parliament. One position paper on increase in budget allocation for the 'youth development fund' was developed for government and other stakeholders' action. In addition to the discrete advocacy actions at district and national levels, the project has conducted a national stakeholders meeting including key national development partners and critical stakeholders. The meeting assessed the extent to which the project's objective has been met so far with implementation; challenges; project learnings and best practices was shared especially with government stakeholders like the Office of national security, the Ministry of Gender etc., and project sustainability plan. Feedback from the meeting includes; the project to consider disability in its peacebuilding approach, attention to be given to other emerging security issues like human trafficking, political violence as we approach election, disputes between farmers and cattle rearers, and extending to other districts among others was well noted and will be shared with donors.

**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)*

**Women** played an active role in all the advocacy actions supported by the project. The project has seen success in supporting and influencing CBDR mechanisms to adopt more gender-sensitive practices and practices that focus on addressing the specific needs of women as well enabling young people to work intergenerationally with stakeholders to advocate for evidence-based conflict prevention policy and practice.

**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)*

## **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 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)

	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline</b>	<b>End of project Indicator Target</b>	<b>Indicator Milestone</b>	<b>Current indicator progress</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</b>
<b>Outcome 1 Young women and men, working intergenerationally, are equipped and mobilized to identify and take action on key drivers of conflict, insecurity and injustice</b>	<b>Indicator 1.1 Improved knowledge, attitudes and skills of young women and men at 3 sites related to personal and organisational leadership, organising, conflict analysis and mitigation, advocacy, and engaging young men as allies in defending women's right</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>Month 18</b>	<b>Compared to the baseline, there has been a 32% improvement in knowledge, attitude and skills of young women and men across the three project sites. the date from the last monitoring indicates 52%</b>	<b>we hope to get a final targeted percentage after the final evaluation.</b>

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<b>in their communities</b>	Indicator 1.2 <b>Improve perception of young women and men of the space for their engagement and willingness of decision makers to respond to their demands</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>Month 18</b>	<b>the current data indicates 42% which means there has been a 13% improvement on perception of young people.</b>	<b>we hope to get a final targeted percentage after the final evaluation.</b>
	Indicator 1.3					
<b>Outcome 2 CBDR mechanisms adopt more inclusive, gender-sensitive and conflict-sensitive practices, with specific focus on</b>	Indicator 2.1 <b>Improved youth perception of CBDR provide performance in four areas (inclusiveness, especially accessibility and accountability toward youth; gender-sensitive;</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>70% of CBDR Service Providers improve perception scores and 50% meet project standard perception scores.</b>	<b>Month 18</b>	<b>The perception scores satys at 35% for now. This is based on field interviews. We hope to the true result after the completion and rollout of the community based accountability system (RAPs)</b>	<b>The Standard Operating Procedure for CBDR and the RAPs are the two main resources that will help us achieve the set target. the SOP and RAPs are almost complete</b>

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<b>addressing needs of young women</b>	<b>conflict-sensitivity)</b>				<b>before the end of the project</b>	
	Indicator 2.2 <b>Improved self-assessment of CBDR providers in inclusiveness in three areas (inclusiveness, especially accessibility and accountability toward youth; gender-sensitivity;</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>Month 18</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>we hope to get a final targeted percentage after the final evaluation.</b>
	Indicator 2.3 <b>Increased youth satisfaction with responsiveness and accountability of CBDR providers</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>50% youth and 50% young women</b>	<b>Month 18</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>we hope to get a final targeted percentage after the final evaluation</b>
<b>Outcome 3 Young women and</b>	Indicator 3.1 <b>Increase in perception of</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>+25% against baseline</b>	<b>Month 18</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>we hope to get a final targeted percentage after the final evaluation</b>

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<b>men, working intergenerationally, take a leading role in advocating for evidence-based conflict prevention policy and practice, and build trust with key conflict prevention stakeholders</b>	<b>participation and influence in conflict prevention policy processes among young leaders engaged in the project</b>					
	Indicator 3.2 <b>Inclusiveness of youths and women in key policy processes increased</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>+25% against baseline</b>	<b>Month 18</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>we hope to get a final targeted percentage after the final evaluation</b>
	Indicator 3.3					
<b>Outcome 4</b>	Indicator 4.1					
	Indicator 4.2					
	Indicator 4.3					



### **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. (1000 character limit):

*The National Youth Conflict Prevention Summit is scheduled for the 16th and 17th June and has attracted a of interest from youths across the 16 districts and key national and international actors on peacebuilding. The project will complete the development of Standard Operating Procedures for CBDR service providers (awaiting the final report from consultant) followed by the finalization of community managed verification system. Complete the facilitation of national networking amongst diverse youth led CSOs and older CSOs (few more in-person sessions), support local partners to track and document policy impact and organize the national youth palaver. Final activities will be the project final evaluation (Terms of Reference already drafted and will be shared with PBSO soon) and the Project audit.*

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):

The project has so far, been most effective in equipping young people to identify and act on key drivers on conflict. Because of the palaver engagement activities which involved key stakeholders in peace, security, and dispute/conflict resolution as well as the trainings provided to young leaders and CBDR service providers, the referral pathways for identification, reporting and resolution of conflict issues in the community has been strengthened. People in the Ferengbeya community are better able to identify conflict issues; they know where and whom to report these issues to. So, more conflict issues are being identified, reported, referred, and ultimately resolved within and among the appropriate bodies (e.g., local police, CBDR mechanisms, Mammy Queen, etc.). Save the Earth Foundation (youth led CSO) in Tonkolili reported that as a result of the strengthened referral system "the Ferengbeya community has become more peaceful".

The project has also seen good success with supporting and influencing CBDR mechanisms to adopt more inclusive and conflict sensitive practices, as well as equipping young people to build trust with key conflict-prevention stakeholders. An interview with the Ngandorhun community chief in Malen chiefdom Pujehun district, Paul K. Mansaray said "the project taught him that youth participation in community affairs is very important". He reflected that his previous engagement with the youth from the community was not well received and was becoming a source of conflict. Ultimately, he has facilitated the selection of 4 youth (2 men and 2 women consisting of the youth chairman, youth chairlady, the women's youth leader and the men's youth leaders). They are now representatives of the community youth in the CBDR structures, and they have been participating in decision making ever since.

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

OPTIONAL

<p><b>Monitoring:</b> Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period (1000 character limit)</p> <p><i>1. The outcome harvesting and 2. Routine progress monitoring</i></p>	<p>Do outcome indicators have baselines? please select Yes</p> <p>Has the project launched perception surveys or other community-based data collection? please select Yes</p>
<p><b>Evaluation:</b> Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period? please select No</p>	<p>Evaluation budget (response required): 24000.00</p> <p>If project will end in next six months, describe the evaluation preparations (<i>1500 character limit</i>): The Terms of Reference has been drafted and will be shared with PBSO by end of the week for inputs. We will then advertize for independent consultancy taking into cosideration national procurement policy and procedures.</p>
<p><b>Catalytic effects (financial):</b> 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><b>Catalytic Effect (non-financial):</b> Has the project enabled or created a larger or longer-term peacebuilding change to occur?</p> <p><b>Please select</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No catalytic effect</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Some catalytic effect</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Significant catalytic effect</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very Significant catalytic effect</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Too early to tell</p>	<p>If relevant, please describe how the project has had a (non-financial) catalytic effect</p> <p><b>Please limit your response to 3000 characters including spaces.</b></p>
<p><b>Other:</b> Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? (<i>1500 character limit</i>)</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.*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SECTION IS OPTIONAL**

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

\$

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

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.*)