

Peacebuilding Fund Project Progress Report (Updated template October 2022)



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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 *

2022-11-15

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 or the PBF Focal point in the resident coordinator office 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

Any additional comment from the PBF Secretariat/ RCO Focal point on this report

No.

» Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border or regional project? *

- yes no

Please select the geographical region in which the project is implemented

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| <input type="radio"/> Asia and the Pacific | <input type="radio"/> Central & Southern Africa | <input type="radio"/> East Africa |
| <input type="radio"/> Europe and Central Asia | <input type="radio"/> Global | <input type="radio"/> Latin America and the Caribbean |
| <input type="radio"/> Middle East and North Africa | <input checked="" type="radio"/> West Africa | |

Country of project implementation *

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| <input type="radio"/> Benin | <input type="radio"/> Burkina Faso | <input type="radio"/> Cote D'Ivoire |
| <input type="radio"/> Gambia | <input type="radio"/> Guinea | <input type="radio"/> Guinea-Bissau |
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| <input type="radio"/> Niger | <input type="radio"/> Nigeria | <input type="radio"/> Senegal |
| <input type="radio"/> Sierra Leone | <input type="radio"/> Togo | <input type="radio"/> Other, Specify |

Project Title

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- 00118934: Advancing implementation of UNSCRs on Women Peace and Security (WPS) through strengthening accountability frameworks, innovative financing and Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB)
- 00129168: Delivering Peace Dividends in Liberia: Consolidating National, Regional and Local Reconciliation and Social Cohesion Opportunities
- 00128904: Promoting Inclusive Political Participation and Elimination of Violence Against Women in Politics
- 00125938: Protection and Support of Enabling Environment for Women Human Rights Defenders and LGBTQI Rights Defenders in Liberia
- 00113699: Support to LMPTF-PBF Joint Secretariat: UNDP
- 00125953: Sustainable and inclusive peace in Liberia through promoting women leadership and participation in civic and political life and their strengthened role in conflict resolution
- 00119682: Sustaining peace & reconciliation through strengthening land governance & dispute resolution mechanisms
- 00113990: Sustaining peace and improving social cohesion through the promotion of rural employment opportunities for youth in conflict-prone areas
- 00133452: Promoting Peaceful Electoral Environment and Community Security in Liberia
- 00131553: Strengthening the agency of young women in peacebuilding processes and land tenure in Liberia
- Other, Specify

Project Start Date

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2021-11-01

Project end Date

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2024-09-15

Has this project received an extension?

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- 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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- UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
- UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund
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- 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
- UN Department of Peace Operations Other, Specify

Implementing Partners

To how many implementing partners has the project transferred money to date?

5

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each to date

Please select the type of organisation which best describes the type of implementing partner *

- National youth CSO
- National women's CSO
- Other National CSO
- Subnational youth CSO
- Subnational women's CSO
- Other subnational CSO
- Regional CSO
- Regional Organisation
- International NGO
- Governmental entity
- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Platform for Dialogue and Peace (P4DP)

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

59940

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

Conducted consultations and dialogues with academia and community on peace, reconciliation and social cohesion in Grand Gedeh and Sinoe Counties.

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each to date

Please select the type of organisation which best describes the type of implementing partner *

- National youth CSO
- National women's CSO
- Other National CSO
- Subnational youth CSO
- Subnational women's CSO
- Other subnational CSO
- Regional CSO
- Regional Organisation
- International NGO
- Governmental entity
- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Liberia initiative for Empowerment (LIFE)

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

50997

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

Conducted consultations and dialogues with academia and community on peace, reconciliation and social cohesion in Montserrado and Rivercess Counties.

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each to date

Please select the type of organisation which best describes the type of implementing partner *

- National youth CSO
- National women's CSO
- Other National CSO
- Subnational youth CSO
- Subnational women's CSO
- Other subnational CSO
- Regional CSO
- Regional Organisation
- International NGO
- Governmental entity
- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Naymote Partners for Democratic Development (Naymote)

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

129790.5

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

Conducted consultations and dialogues with academia and community on peace, reconciliation and social cohesion in Lofa and Nimba Counties.

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each to date

Please select the type of organisation which best describes the type of implementing partner *

- National youth CSO
- National women's CSO
- Other National CSO
- Subnational youth CSO
- Subnational women's CSO
- Other subnational CSO
- Regional CSO
- Regional Organisation
- International NGO
- Governmental entity
- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Center for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD)

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

454575.87

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

Conducted consultation with CSOs on national reconciliation options for Liberia to promote peace, reconciliation and social cohesion at the community level; developed option papers on reconciliation; and supported the Peacebuilding Office to do stock taking of the Opportunity Mapping

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each to date

Please select the type of organisation which best describes the type of implementing partner *

- National youth CSO
- National women's CSO
- Other National CSO
- Subnational youth CSO
- Subnational women's CSO
- Other subnational CSO
- Regional CSO
- Regional Organisation
- International NGO
- Governmental entity
- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Peace Dividends Initiative (PDI)

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

68554

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

Supporting the capacity strengthening of rural women structures to expand or improve businesses and link them with networks of established business institution to help them more easily report a peace + profit double bottom line, eventually scaling the impact to other SMEs in the Liberian economy.

Does the project have an active steering committee? *

- yes
- no

If yes, please indicate how many times the Project Steering Committee has met over the last 6 months? *

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Please provide a brief description of any engagement that the project has had with the government over the last 6 months? Please indicate what level of government the project has been engaging with?

Please limit your response to 275 words

The project has a Board that comprises several government ministries and agencies including the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP), the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), Independent National Commission on Human Rights (INCHR), the Kofi Annan Institute of Conflict Transformation (KAICT) at the University of Liberia (UL) and the Peacebuilding Office (PBO). Earlier in the year, the project held its board meeting where its annual work plan was discussed and approved. Subsequently, the project team has continued to engage with the Ministry of Internal Affairs through the PBO and the University of Liberia through KAICT to implement planned activities. Engagement with the MIA and UL has involved meeting and working with local authorities including county superintendents and chiefs to discuss issues relative to peace, reconciliation and social cohesion. The PBO and KAICT led several consultations and dialogues with members of academia, community members and local authorities to discuss the county peace and reconciliation plans and the national reconciliation roadmap-discussing the contents and implementation of these key documents. The meeting with the local leaders and community members on the county peace and reconciliation plans led to the development of county action plans to implement the county peace and reconciliation plans for each of the 15 counties.

Financial Reporting

» Delivery by Recipient

Please enter the total amounts in US dollars allocated to each recipient organization

Please enter the original budget amount, amount transferred to date and estimated expenditure by recipient.

*Please make sure you enter the correct amount. All values should be entered in **US Dollars***

Recipients	Total Project Budget (in US \$)	Transfers to date (in US \$)	Expenditure to date (in US \$)	Implementation rate as a percentage of total budget (calculated automatically)
	<i>Please enter the total budget as is in the project document in US Dollars</i>	<i>Please enter the total amount transferred to each recipient to date in US Dollars</i>	<i>Please enter the approximate amount spent to date in US dollars</i>	
UNDP: United Nations Development Programme	2413155 *	1689208.5 *	479803.9 *	19.88 %

FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization	586845 *	410791.5 *	125948.63 *	21.46 %
TOTAL	3000000	2100000	605752.53	20.19%

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **20.19%**. 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)? *

47.14

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 \$ 1414200**. 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 \$ 285551.74**. Is this correct? *

Correct
 Incorrect

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

602752.53

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? *

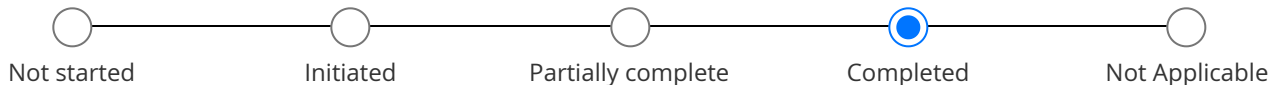
Select all that apply

- 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

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

Contracting of Partners *



Staff Recruitment *



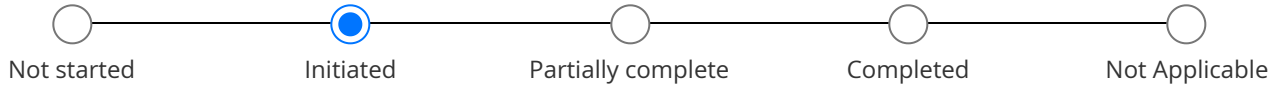
Collection of baselines

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Identification of beneficiaries

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Provide any additional descriptive information relating to 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 250 words

All key preliminary/preparatory activities of the project have been completed. The recruitment of project staff by the two recipient institutions (UNDP and FAO) have been concluded. Further, the project contracted implementing partners including civil society organizations and national partners to support the implementation of the project. UNDP recruited and signed partnership agreements with Naymote Partners for Democratic Development, Platform for Dialogue and Peace and Liberia Initiative for Empowerment and one international non-governmental organization (Center for Humanitarian Dialogue). UNDP also signed a memorandum of understanding with the Peacebuilding Office and the University of Liberia to carry out some of the planned activities. The partners have implemented several planned activities including national and community dialogues on peace, reconciliation and social cohesion; regional level dialogues on the county peace and reconciliation plans; and the strategic reconciliation roadmap. These partners are also working with conflict prone communities to identify and support initiatives that will promote peace, social cohesion and reconciliation in communities and Liberia at large.

FAO signed a partnership agreement with Peace Dividends Initiative (PDI) to promote peace, social cohesion and reconciliation by providing livelihood and income generating assistance to women, men and youth in conflict prone communities. FAO and PDI will create a platform to promote social cohesion and peace by supporting women groups and small businesses using the Village Saving and Loan Association scheme (VSLA) and the incubation and growth of business ideas and plans.

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

Please limit your response to 550 words

Too early to determine these changes. The project progress is continuously monitored overtime to assess these changes.

PART II: RESULT PROGRESS BY PROJECT OUTCOME

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.
- In the results table, please be concise, you will have 3000 characters, including blank spaces to provide your responses

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 *

0 1 2 3 4 5 more than 5

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

Outcome 1: *

Community dialogues inform regional and national reconciliation frameworks and direct local reconciliation initiatives

Outcome 2: *

Promote local and regional projects for reconciliation and social cohesion.

Outcome 1: Community dialogues inform regional and national reconciliation frameworks and direct local reconciliation initiatives

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 350 words

The project is making significant progress towards informing national reconciliation in Liberia, especially in counties where the project is implemented. With the support of the project, communities that have been engulfed into inter and intra conflicts are now dialoguing to find sustainably amicable solutions to their conflict and live together in peace. For example, in Sinoe Counties, two communities-Butaw and Morryville, have been at loggerhead over land occupation and use for over ten years. Due to the conflict, the two communities have had difficulties in interacting and co-existing with each other. With the support of the project including facilitating dialogues between the two communities, the communities have agreed to resolve the problem peacefully including signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) and inviting the Liberia Land Authority (LLA) to demarcate the land as a way of resolving the land conflict. To reduce tension and maintain calm, the communities agreed to have a 'stay where you are order' until the MoU is signed and the demarcation by the LLA is carried out. This has helped to stop further escalation in the conflict and promoted social cohesion within and between the two communities.

Similarly, the project has contributed to the enhancement of peace and social cohesion in Nimba County through the dialogues, training and establishment of community peace structure (the Nimba Youth United for Peace and Development-NYUPD). The local leaders and NYUPD members are using the knowledge and skills gained to resolve disputes and conduct awareness on promoting peace, social cohesion and reconciliation. These efforts are contributing to maintaining peace and enhancing social ties among community members. During the period, for example, these local leaders and members of the Youth Committee have helped to resolve seven (7) disputes. This has helped to maintain peace and promote social cohesion and reconciliation in the benefiting communities.

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 350 words

The project has ensured the inclusion and empowerment of women and youth in interventions aimed at achieving this outcome. UNDP, FAO and partners have deliberately targeted women and youth in every aspect of the project. In Grand Gedeh and Sinoe Counties, for instance, the project targeted and empowered women groups with small grants to engage in income generating and livelihood activities to foster social cohesion and peace in the communities. Similarly, in Lofa and Nimba, women and youth groups have been empowered with grants to implement income generating and livelihood activities. Before the disbursement of the peace dividends grants, beneficiaries were trained on several key aspects of peacebuilding including alternative dispute resolution, peace, social cohesion and reconciliation. The youth and women groups are using the grants as a means to bring together women and youth from different socio-cultural backgrounds to interact with one another, discuss issues and take collective actions to promote social cohesion, reconciliation and peace. These women and youth are currently using the skills and knowledge acquired to conduct awareness on promoting peace and resolving disputes.

Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments- provide an update on the achievement of key outcome indicators for **Outcome 1** in the table below

- If the 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. (3000 characters max per entry)

» **Outcome 1: Community dialogues inform regional and national reconciliation frameworks and direct local reconciliation initiatives**

Outcome 1	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1.1	% of people expressing knowledge about dialogues and national frameworks and their impact on peace and reconciliation in project counties (disaggregated by gender, type of frameworks and dialogues)	50% (57% men and 43% women)	80% (50% men and 50% women)	67.6% (51% men and 49% women)	Not applicable
1.2	Number of periodic reports on SCORE Wave III progress (Disaggregated by county, type of conflicts and gender)	0	3	0	Measurement of this indicator is due next year. PBO will compile an annual progress report on SCORE Wave III, beginning with 2022.
1.3	% of the public that perceived the TRC recommendations to be relevant and should be implemented by Government (Disaggregated by gender and age)	TBD	TBD	TBD	A baseline study to set the baseline and target has been initiated and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2023.

How many outputs does outcome 1 have?

0 1 2 **3** 4 5 more than 5

Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 1

Output 1.1

Promotion of community/district level dialogues on peacebuilding and social cohesion as a means of enabling progress with local reconciliation.

Output 1.2

Policy frameworks for national reconciliation consolidated and mainstreamed in peacebuilding and social cohesion government programmes.

Output 1.3

Provision of policy advice to the Government on reconciliation and transitional justice to achieve sustainable peace and social cohesion

For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against 3 most relevant output indicators

» Output 1.1

Output 1.1: Promotion of community /district level dialogues on peacebuilding and social cohesion as a means of enabling progress with local reconciliation.	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>

1.1.1	Indicator 1.1.1 # of	50	100	50	N/A
	peacebuilding engagements held to support reconciliation frameworks and political dialogue for coexistence and conflict resolution (disaggregated by type, gender, and actor)				
1.1.2	# of CSOs (disaggregated by women and youth originations)	2	5	5	N/A
	awarded grants to support community initiatives				
1.1.3					

» Output 1.2

Output 1.2: Policy frameworks for national reconciliation consolidated and mainstreamed in peacebuilding and social cohesion government programmes.	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1.2.1	# of peacebuilding and reconciliation policy document developed and popularized.	3	5	3	
1.2.2	# of people aware of national policies on peacebuilding and reconciliation	1750	4000	2706 (1368 men and 1338 women)	N/A
1.2.3					

» Output 1.3

Output 1.3: Provision of policy advice to the Governmen t on reconciliati on and transitional justice to achieve sustainable peace and social cohesion	Performanc e Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1.3.1	Number of major policy papers formulated on transitional justice and its implications for human rights, peace and security, good governance.	0	2	1	N/A
1.3.2					
1.3.3					
Outcome 2: Promote local and regional projects for reconciliation and social cohesion.					
Rate the current status of the outcome progress * <input type="radio"/> 1. Off Track <input checked="" type="radio"/> 2. On Track <input type="radio"/> 3. On Track with evidence of peacebuilding results					

Progress summary

Please limit your response to 350 words

The project is making some steady progress towards promoting reconciliation and social cohesion through local and regional projects. The project has contributed to increased social cohesion and reconciliation in targeted conflict prone communities through the provision of grants to support community driven initiatives that are now serving as media for interaction among different segments of the communities, particularly women and youth from different socio-cultural backgrounds. The project has provided grant facility to youth and women groups that are not only engaged in livelihood and income generating activities but are creating awareness on peace, social cohesion and reconciliation within their communities and promoting peace through the peace resolution of disputes using the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) approach. The grants provided by the project and used to support community self-identified projects are yielding dividends of peace for the people in the community. Members of the various groups who are from different ethnic, cultural and social backgrounds meet often to carry out business on behalf of their groups, discuss issues affecting their communities, engage in community awareness and resolve disputes in their communities. to some extent, this has contributed to making their communities more united and reconciled as they work together and take collective action to address their differences.

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 350 words

As stated inter alia, the project has ensured the meaningful inclusion, participation and empowerment of women and youth in the implementation of interventions aimed at achieving project results including its outcomes and outputs. The provision of grants to support local projects has hugely targeted women and youth in the project counties. In Grand Gedeh and Sinoe, the four groups provided technical and financial supports are women and youth groups. Each of the groups is composed of 10 members and all women. In like manner, women and youth groups were targeted and benefited from the grant facility in Lofa and Nimba. In Lofa and Nimba, 40 women and 20 youth benefited from the peace dividends grants, with 58 women and 2 men overall benefiting from the grants. Beneficiaries are using the grants to implement income generating and livelihood activities that do not only earn them incomes to dispose on their family but help to give them options and reduce their susceptibility to abuse and violence. The youth and women groups are using the grants as a means to come together from different socio-cultural backgrounds to interact with one another, discuss issues and take collective actions to promote social cohesion, reconciliation and peace. These are also using the skills and knowledge acquired to conduct awareness on promoting peace and resolving disputes.

Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments- provide an update on the achievement of key outcome indicators for **Outcome 2** in the table below

- If the 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 2: Promote local and regional projects for reconciliation and social cohesion.**

Outcome 2	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
2.1	Level of violence in project communities.	TBD	TBD	TBD	A baseline assessment is currently ongoing aimed at collecting and establishing baseline information and target for this and other indicators.
2.2	Level of implementation of the County Reconciliation plans.	TBD	TBD	TBD	A baseline assessment is currently ongoing aimed at collecting and establishing baseline information and target for this and other indicators.
2.3	% of people expressing positive opinion on the impact of project peace dividend initiatives on peace, reconciliation, and social cohesion in their community	0	80%	N/A	This indicator will be assessed at the end of the project during the outcome/impact evaluation. Hence, progress cannot be determined now.

How many outputs does outcome 2 have?

0 1 2 **3** 4 5 more than 5

Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 2

Output 2.1

PDGF grant facility instituted to reduce conflict drivers through financial and technical support for activities to connect people across communities while addressing priority needs from the CRPs.

Output 2.2

Targeted livelihoods support to marginalized rural communities through outreach, training, technical assistance and the VSLA model.

Output 2.3

Developing and bringing to scale peace-supporting businesses through a Women's Rural Entrepreneurship Hub.

For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against 3 most relevant output indicators

» Output 2.1

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2.1.1	# of youths (50% women) benefiting from micro grants	0	1500	100 (98 women and 2 men)	N/A
2.1.2					
2.1.3					

» Output 2.2

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Output 2.2: Targeted livelihoods support to marginalized rural communities through outreach, training, technical assistance and the VSLA model.	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
2.2.1	# of VSLAs established, functional and promoting peace in project communities.	0	50	0	The process to establish the VSLAs has been initiated. Due to the need to ensure transparency and quality in the establishment of the groups and the achievement of the desired results, FAO is working to hire a competent CSO to establish, train and mentor the groups.
2.2.2					
1.2.3					

» Output 2.3

<p>Output 2.3: Developing and bringing to scale peace-supporting businesses through a Women's Rural Entrepreneurship Hub.</p>	<p>Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i></p>	<p>Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i></p>	<p>End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i></p>	<p>Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i></p>	<p>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i></p>
<p>2.3.1</p>	<p># of women-led businesses identified and incubated</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>The process to establish the women rural entrepreneurship hub has commenced. However, due to the need to ensure transparency and quality in the establishment of the hub, FAO is similarly partnering with an international NGO called PDI to establish, train and mentor businesses in the hub. PDI has developed the concept note espousing the ideas and approach including the recruitment of the businesses.</p>
<p>2.3.2</p>					

2.3.3

PART III: Cross-Cutting Issues

Is the project planning any significant events in the next 6 months (eg. national dialogues, youth congresses, film screenings, etc.)

yes

no

If yes, please state how many, and for each, provide the approximate date of the event and a brief description, including its key objectives, target audience and location (if known)

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Event Title:

National dialogue on national reconciliation roadmap

Date (can be tentative)

2023-01

Location (if known)

Monrovia.

Target Audience *

Select as many as applicable

- Senior Government officials
- Other Government officials
- Civil Society
- Youth
- Women
- Military or Police Personnel
- Traditional Leaders
- Donors
- Businesses/ Private Sector
- Former Combattants
- Journalists
- Artists
- Other

Other, please specify *

Religious leaders

Objectives *

Please limit your response to 150 words

To consolidate the National Reconciliation Framework/Roadmap for Liberia.

Any other information on the event

No

Event Title: *

National launch of county-wide peace and learning centers

Date (can be tentative) *

2023-02

Location (if known)

Zwedru and Greenville Cities

Target Audience

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Select as many as applicable

- Senior Government officials
- Other Government officials
- Civil Society
- Youth
- Women
- Military or Police Personnel
- Traditional Leaders
- Donors
- Businesses/ Private Sector
- Former Combattants
- Journalists
- Artists
- Other

Other, please specify

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motorcyclist, religious leaders

Objectives

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Please limit your response to 150 words

To increase community participation in political and decision-making processes to engage by bringing youth and political leaders face to face to discuss issues.

Any other information on the event

No.

Human Impact

This section is about the human impact of the project. Please state the number of key stakeholders of the project, and for each, please briefly describe:

- i. The challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation
- ii. The impact of the project on their lives
- iii. Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

How many key stakeholders does this project have?

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Key Stakeholder :

Citizens of Butaw and Morryville communities

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What were the challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation?

Long standing land and boundary dispute spanning more than one decade between Butaw and Morryville communities, resulting in acrimonious relationship between their citizens and residents. Consequently, there has been occasional violence, deep disunity and hatred between residents of the two sides, making coexistence among them almost impossible.

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What has been the impact of the project on their lives

Please limit your response to 350 words

The project has helped to improve relationship between the two communities whereby citizens and residents including local leaders and members of the communities are now interacting and engaging with one another on issues of common interest. The project facilitated series of dialogues between the two communities through which they agreed on peacefully resolving their disputes. They agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) and invite the Liberia Land Authority (LLA) to demarcate the land. They also agreed to institute a 'stay where you are' order to deescalate the problem and pave the way for the signing of the MoU and the demarcation of the land by LLA.

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Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

Please limit your response to 350 words

"We have been attending plenty land meetings organized by different groups and even the land authority people about this Butaw and Morryville land boundary issues. But what I see here today, we haven't seen or experienced it before at any land meeting in this community. It is for the first time for Morryville people and Butaw people to start a meeting and end it peacefully. I think, we have achieved today, so as we agree, let everyone 'remain where they are' until we can let the government people know what we have agreed on to amicably settle this land dispute once and for all. Many thanks to P4DP," said Ezekiel Jlah, Land Assembly Chairman of Ceekloh Chiefdom, Sinoe County.

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In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had

Please limit your response to 650 words

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

OPTIONAL

File 1

For photos, please use high resolution JPEG format

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File 2

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File 3

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You can also add upto 3 links to online resources which illustrate the human impact of the project

OPTIONAL

Link 1

Link 2

Link 3

Monitoring

Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period *

Please limit your response to 350 words

Monitoring activities are scheduled to take place in the first quarter of 2023. This will include compliance monitoring, progress monitoring and results monitoring.

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 350 words

Yes. Most of the outcome indicators have baseline and a few do not have. A baseline and perception survey has initiated to collect data for the remaining indicators without baseline information.

Has the project launched perception surveys or other community-based data collection? *

yes

no

Please provide a brief description *

Please limit your response to 350 words

Yes, the project has initiated a baseline and perception survey to set baseline and target information for all indicators that are without baseline data.

Evaluation

Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period? *

yes

no

Evaluation budget (in USD): *

50000

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

Please limit your response to 350 words

Not applicable as the project is not ending in the next six months.

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 (Ways in which the project has supported the expansion or creation of programs and policies supporting peace, both within and outside the UN system)? *

- 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, i.e. ways in which the project has supported the expansion or creation of programs and policies supporting peace, both within and outside the UN system *

Please limit your response to 350 words

The project has enabled some catalytic effects to promote peace, social cohesion and reconciliation. The provision of grants to vulnerable women and youth that are susceptible to abuse and prone to being used as agents to stir violence has strengthened the capacity of these women and youth to maintain peace in the larger communities and contribute to the long-term stability of Liberia. The peace dividends grants are being used not just as a means to unify and reconcile the people but to divert the attention and minimize the possibility of youth being used to instill violence, thereby maintaining and promoting the peace.

Does the project have an explicit exit strategy. *

- yes
- no

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

Please limit your response to 350 words

The project has, as part of its design and implementation strategy, an explicit sustainability plan. The sustainability plan includes working with local authorities and community members to design and implement locally driven projects that are expected to outlive the life span of the project. The project identified and organized women and youth into groups and provided them with technical and financial support, which has enabled them to collectively work together to promote social cohesion, reconciliation, and peace. They are using the grants and the knowledge and skills gained to engage in livelihood and income generating activities, as well as to create awareness on peace, social cohesion and reconciliation. Given that these groups are within their communities and have acquired needed skills, knowledge and finances to engage in meaningful activities like business, it is very likely that they will continue to exist even after the project is closed. This will contribute to sustaining the impacts of key interventions of the project.

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

Given that Liberia is still a fragile country there is an immense need to continue to nurture the peace and security that exist at the moment. Moreover, Liberia is at a crucial stage in its democratic governance with an upcoming presidential and legislative elections in 2023. In addition, the project is working with community groups that have limited capacity to perform its functions to promote peace, social cohesion and reconciliation. These factors and concerns require deliberate, long-term support to train, mentor and strengthen the capacity of community structures to contribute to promoting and maintaining peace in Liberia. In so doing, the project does not only need to be scaled up but also needs to be extended beyond the current life span with additional funding in order to provide adequate support to grassroot groups to promote and maintain peace and stability in the country.

Annex: Please use this space to upload any additional document you may want to the report (ex. Additional detail on indicator reporting)

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