

Peacebuilding Fund Project Progress Report (Updated template October 2022)



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Type of report *

- Semi-annual
- Annual
- Final
- Other

Date of submission of report *

2022-11-15

Name and Title of Person submitting the report *

Ellie Shillito, Programme Quality and Assurance Advisor

Name and Title of Person who approved the report *

Elizabeth Gbah Johnson, Country Director, ActionAid Liberia

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

» 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"/> Niger | <input type="radio"/> Nigeria | <input type="radio"/> Senegal |
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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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2022-04-25

Project end Date

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2023-10-24

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 *

- Action Aid The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)
- Agence de Coopération et de Recherche pour le Développement (ACORD)
- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Avocats Sans Frontières
- Avocats Sans Frontières Belgium Avocats sans frontières Canada Christian Aid Ireland
- CARE International UK The Carter Center, Inc.
- Centre d'étude et de coopération internationale (CECI) - BF COIPRODEN
- Concern Worldwide CORDAID CORD Burundi
- DanChurchAid Fundacion Estudios Superior (FESU) Fund for Congolese Women
- Fundación Mi Sangre (FMS) Fundación Nacional para el Desarrollo de Honduras (FUNADEH)
- Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa (FLIP) HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation
- Humanity & Inclusion (HI) Instituto Holandes para Democracia Multipartidaria (NIMD)
- International Alert Interpeace Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation
- Life and Peace Institute (LPI)
- (MDG-EISA) Institut Electoral pour une Démocratie Durable en Afrique (EISA), bureau de Madagascar
- Mercy Corps MSIS-TATAO Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
- ONG AZHAR OXFAM Peace Direct
- PNG UN Country Fund Red de Instituciones por los Derechos de la Niñez
- Sampan'Asa Momba ny Fampandrosoana (SAF/FJKM) Saferworld
- Search for Common Ground (SFCG) SismaMujer Tearfund
- Trocaire World Vision International World Vision Myanmar
- ZOA Other, Please 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

Implementing Partners

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

4

1

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

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- 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

Other, Please specify

Local non-governmental organization

What is the name of the Implementing Partner

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Community Sustainable Development Organization (COSDO)

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

78716

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

In the reporting period, COSDO:

- **selected 2 Community-Based Organizations and 1 women-led network to work with across 5 communities in Gbarpolu County**
- **launched the programme with development partners and other stakeholders**
- **conducted leadership and organization development training with the two CBOs and Network**
- **conducted training on land rights and related policies at the community level with 47 young women from the 2 CBOs and Network**
- **conducted training on advocacy and campaigning for young women from the two CBOs and Network**
- **conducted peer mediation activities at the county level**
- **conducted security risk management trainings for 20 young women from the two CBOs and Network**
- **provided sub-grants to the CBOs and Network for awareness raising activities around land rights and human rights**
- **led Reflection-Action circles and county dialogues with 30 people from the CBOs and network**
- **developed jingles on women's rights to land ownership and inheritance**
- **produced IEC materials for distribution**
- **held one town hall meeting with stakeholders and community leaders**

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- International NGO
- Governmental entity
- Other

Other, Please specify

Local non-governmental organization

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Liberia Women Empowerment Network (LIWEN)

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

70264

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

In the reporting period, LIWEN:

- **selected 2 Community-Based Organizations and 1 women-led network to work with across 5 communities in Sinoe County**
- **launched the programme with development partners and other stakeholders**
- **conducted leadership and organization development training with the two CBOs and Network**
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- Other subnational CSO
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- Regional Organisation
- International NGO
- Governmental entity
- Other

Other, Please specify

Local non-governmental organization

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Women Education Development Organization of Liberia Inc. (WEDOL)

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

72404

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

In the reporting period, WEDOL:

- **selected 2 Community-Based Organizations and 1 women-led network to work with across 5 communities in Margibi County**
- **launched the programme with development partners and other stakeholders**
- **conducted leadership and organization development training with the two CBOs and Network**
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- Regional Organisation
- International NGO
- Governmental entity
- Other

Other, Please specify

Local non-governmental organization

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Women and Children Development Association of Liberia (WOCDAL)

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

72404

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

In the reporting period, WOCDAL:

- **selected 2 Community-Based Organizations and 1 women-led network to work with across 5 communities in Bong County**
 - **launched the programme with development partners and other stakeholders**
 - **conducted leadership and organization development training with the two CBOs and Network**
 - **conducted training on land rights and related policies at the community level with 47 young women from the 2 CBOs and Network**
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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

Government agencies have played a significant role in supporting the implementing partners and CBOs. At the national and county levels, the project has had interactions at the highest level of those agencies that work on land and conflict issues; the Liberia Land Authority (LLA) and the Alternative Dispute Resolution unit at the Ministry of Justice.

The LLA is an autonomous agency of the government with operational independence, which has subsumed land functions that were performed by several agencies of the government, including the key land administration agencies.

The Ministry of Justice has developed the Alternative Dispute Resolution Unit as a pilot conflict resolution programme to address and settle a range of appropriate disputes and complaints that have to do with land ownership and inheritance. This has freed up scarce resources in the judicial system and reduced overcrowded court dockets.

The LLA and Moj have supported through training for CBOs and Networks on land-related policies. They have also supported in developing the baseline tools and formed a part of the baseline team in 4 project counties.

The project has also had engagements with the Ministry of Internal Affairs (Superintendents Office). The County Superintendent launched the project at the county level.

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>	
Action Aid	1200000 *	420000 *	343326 *	28.61 %

TOTAL	1200000	420000	343326	28.6 1%

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **28.61%**. 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)? *

86.53

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 \$ 1038360**. 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 \$ 297079.99**. Is this correct? *

Correct Incorrect

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? *

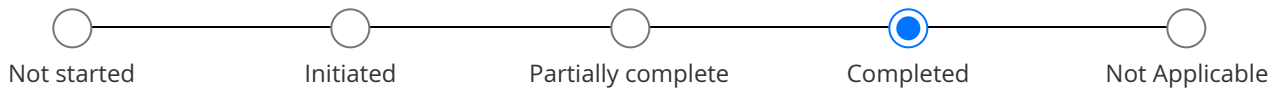
Select all that apply

- Gender promotion initiative
- Youth promotion initiative
- Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions
- Cross-border or regional project
- None

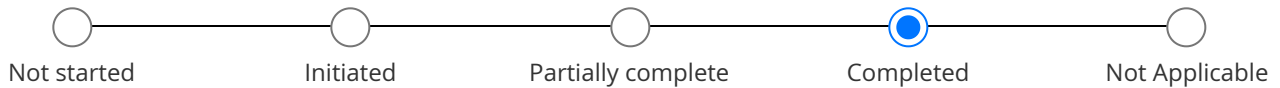
PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

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

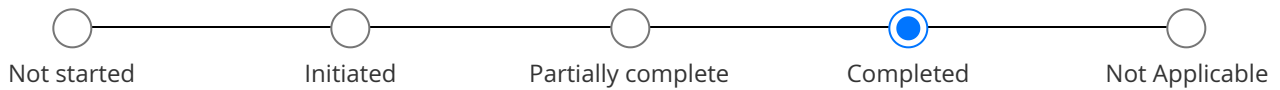
Contracting of Partners *



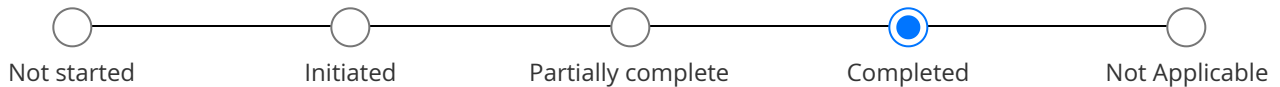
Staff Recruitment *



Collection of baselines *



Identification of beneficiaries *



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

The project is currently being implemented in Bong, Margibi, Gbarpolu and Sinoe Counties in Liberia and a total of 20 communities across the counties. Based on the project outcomes, Action Aid Liberia has contracted the services of four technical partners to implement activities at the county and community levels. These partners were recruited through a competitive bidding process. There are currently eight Youth Led Community Based Organizations and four women led networks trained to engage communities and local stakeholders on issues of land and conflict.

A baseline assessment was conducted to establish baseline values for the outcome and output indicators to enable us to measure progress against targets in project communities.

An inception workshop was conducted at the national level with staff from the four partners (6 female 4 males) and project staff from AAL (Program Manager and M&E officer) subsequently paving the way for the launch of the project at the county level. The inception workshop served as a guide to implementation, as partners understood their respective budgets and coding, as well as the log frame and MEL Plan that have been integral in guiding beneficiary selection, reporting mechanisms etc.

The project launch brought together state actors, youth groups and donor agencies to officially signify the start of activities in the counties. Several strategic partners have been engaged to support with national policy issues. These agencies are the Liberia Land Authority, Ministry of Justice Alternative Dispute Resolution Unit and the Ministry of Lands and Mines.

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

Firstly, the project has made young people aware of land issues and to be on the lookout for any suspicion of a possible land conflict.

Communities, families and individuals are sensitized on land-related issues so as to avoid land conflicts. Simplified land policies have been explained and interpreted plainly in the local dialect. This has ensured every bit of the policies and processes involved in land sales, purchases, and ownership is well explained. Individuals have started taking action on solving cases locally using the Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism and techniques.

Young women now have the confidence to discuss land ownership at town squares and are involved with mitigation initiatives. Communities now have confidence in the ADR process as it is faster and keeps the community at peace.

In areas where there were conflicts on concessions, communities now have a voice and are getting a fair share of benefits from the land.

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:

Women and Youth CSOs and CBOs effectively engaging in land rights governance and conflict mitigation

Outcome 2:

3000 youth, especially young women, have increased agency on land governance and hold community leaders, government and concessions accountable to their land rights

Outcome 3:

Youth, especially young women, have increased advocacy space at national level on land governance and peace building

Outcome 1: Women and Youth CSOs and CBOs effectively engaging in land rights governance and conflict mitigation

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

Since inception, the 8 CBOs and 4 networks have been trained in Participatory Vulnerability Analysis, REFLECT Action and other participatory methodologies. These methodologies have helped build communities' awareness of existing land legislation and the tenure system, with an emphasis on women's rights to land, e.g. through inheritance, marriage, transfer, demarcation, and the process of distribution. 48 persons were trained (36 women and 12 men aged 16-35) from 8 CBOs and 4 women networks.

ToT was also delivered on women's rights, and the Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA), in order to encourage local women to take actions that guarantee equality. 48 young women were trained; 12 persons per county; comprised of 6 CBO members, 2 women's network members, 1 member of the National Rural Women Structure, 1 woman town chief, 1 traditional woman leader and 1 person from the Liberia National Police Women and Children Protection Division.

Four leadership and advocacy trainings were conducted with the 8 CBOs and 4 Networks to increase knowledge and skills in engaging community members on land governance and mitigating conflict. A total of 25 females between the ages 16-35 were trained per county.

6 CBOs received small grants of 1,333 USD, amounting to Eight Thousand United States Dollars (\$8,000.00USD). These small grants were to:

- a) Support awareness raising and informal meetings on land rights and governance amongst women and young people
- b) Conduct media engagements and awareness programmes on local radio stations and social media.

Town hall meetings with community leaders and local stakeholders on the alternative dispute resolution processes and the Liberia land rights laws were conducted; one per project county. These were attended by local Liberia Land Authority officials and representatives from the Alternative Dispute Resolution Unit from the Ministry of Justice. During these meetings, cases were documented for further investigation by the CBOs and local government. 75% of attendees were young women between 18-35.

Security Risk Management Training was conducted with 80 women from the CSOs and Networks to support them to identify and assess threats and mitigate against them.

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

During the period of community engagement and conflict mitigation, community meeting times and locations were made flexible for women. In these communities, women are the ones doing most of the farm work and taking on home responsibilities. Meetings were scheduled at convenient times for them to ensure their full attendance and participation.

In some instances, young people were given the responsibility for chairing meetings, taking meeting notes, and filling out ADR case tracking forms. In this way, young people are a part of the activities at every level.

The project ensures an equal number of women are represented on every committee and that they take on leadership roles.

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: Women and Youth CSOs and CBOs effectively engaging in land rights governance and conflict mitigation**

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	Functional land administration services and dispute resolution mechanisms are in place at the community and county levels	35%	75%		Data for this indicator is to be collected at two points, at baseline and at the endline to establish final result. The baseline survey was done and the value stands at 35%.
1.2	Proportion of women led CSOs engaged in community dialogue as mitigation to land related conflicts	10%	30%	12%	
1.3					

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

Training conducted for 8 CBOs and 4 Rural Women networks

Output 1.2

mall Grants provided to 8 CBOs and 4 Rural Women networks

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: Training conducted for 8 CBOs and 4 Rural Women networks	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	Number of CBOs and Networks trained (sex disaggregated)	0	8 CBOs and 4 Rural Women Networks (2 CBOs and 1 network per county, with 15 young women per structure)	8 CBOs and 4 Rural Women Networks	
1.1.2					
1.1.3					

» Output 1.2

Output 1.2: small Grants provided to 8 CBOs and 4 Rural Women networks	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 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	Number of CBOs and networks that received small grants	0	8 CBOs and 4 Rural Women Network	6	
1.2.2					
1.2.3					

Outcome 2: 3000 youth, especially young women, have increased agency on land governance and hold community leaders, government and concessions accountable to their land rights

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 350 words

Over the reporting period the 2018 Land Rights Act has been reproduced and distributed to the CBOs and networks by the implementing partners to enhance the knowledge of women on their rights to land ownership. The final approved and validated training manual was provided to the four implementing partners as a tool for training on land conflict issues at the community level. The national ADR policy was also reproduced and distributed to CBOs and networks as a guiding tool to mitigating cases in their communities.

The revised land rights law has been a major instrument through which young people are getting to understand the issues of customary land and key questions related to customary land rights. There are ongoing dialogue sessions with local community leaders and stakeholders on land tenure and ownership, economic and climate justice for young people. There have been 4 dialogue sessions held in 4 counties and the local leaders and stakeholders have committed to peaceful dialogue around land conflict in their communities.

Eight youth-led CBOs have utilised informal spaces such as town halls and motorbike parking lots in the market squares, as a way of disseminating messages on peaceful land conflict mitigation processes. Previously, young women did not gather in these informal spaces during evening hours, but the capacity building activities have given them confidence to engage their male peers in discussing these issues. Sessions have been conducted during evening gatherings in local tea shops, video clubs, and during Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) sessions and saving club meetings.

IEC materials (billboards, banners, stickers and flyers with peaceful land conflict resolution messages) have been developed and distributed across the 4 counties. These materials were developed from issues arising from activities and engagements in the communities as a means of showcasing project visibility in a way that appeals to the audience that leaves a lasting impact.

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 process of empowering women to take leadership roles in their communities has been intentional in the communities where the project is being implemented. A higher percentage of young women are seen engaging communities in informal spaces and an emphasis is being placed on women's groups and collectives. With the leadership and advocacy skills young women are acquiring, they can now engage with local leaders on issues that affect their wellbeing, and they feel compelled to voice their concerns in meetings and on local radio programmes.

Communities have also been encouraged to ensure that women lead on the publication and distribution of materials as a means of fanning the flames of women's empowerment in the project counties.

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: 3000 youth, especially young women, have increased agency on land governance and hold community leaders, government and concessions accountable to their land rights**

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	Percentage of young people participating in reflect circle activities	0	60% (10% male, 50% female)	38% (3% male, 35% female)	
2.2	Percentage of young people accessing land administration services	25%	75% of young people in project communities/counties (60% female, 15% male)		The data for this indicator is planned to be collected through survey, therefore; progress report for this will be reported at the end of the third quarter following an in-person survey in combination with other indicators of similar category to maximize efficient use of financial resources since survey in the project communities cannot be done online due to poor internet coverage.

2.3	Percentage of youth in project communities actively engaged in county level dialogue meetings on land conflict mitigation	0	30% of targeted youth of which 90% female, 10% male		The data for this indicator is planned to be collected through survey, therefore; progress report for this will be reported at the end of the third quarter following an in-person survey in combination with other indicators of similar category to maximize efficient use of financial resources since survey in the project communities cannot be done online due to poor internet coverage.
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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

Customized tools on land rights, concessions and related policies developed

Output 2.2

Dialogues held

Output 2.3

Informal community spaces (savings and lending groups) utilized

Output 2.4

Visibility materials developed and disseminated

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**

Output 2.1: Customized tools on land rights, concessions and related policies developed	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>
2.1.1	Number of customized tools on land rights, concessions and related policies developed and disseminated to implementing partners and youth networks	0	4	3	
2.1.2					
2.1.3					

» **Output 2.2**

Output 2.2: Dialogues held	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	Number of dialogues held	0	80	20	
2.2.2					
1.2.3					

» **Output 2.3**

Output 2.3: Informal community spaces (savings and lending groups) utilized	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>
2.3.1	Number of informal community spaces (savings and lending groups) utilized	0	2		The verification data will be in the next report as the MEL team should be conducting an assessment on the indicator
2.3.2					
2.3.3					

» **Output 2.4**

Output 2.4: Visibility materials developed and disseminated	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>
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2.4.1	Number of visibility materials developed and disseminated	0	1000 pieces (incl. fliers, banners, posters, stickers e.t.c)	400	As the project progress, visibility materials will be updated based implementation challenges and lessons learnt
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2.4.2					
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2.4.3					
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Outcome 3: Youth, especially young women, have increased advocacy space at national level on land governance and peace building

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 350 words

The project has engaged the Federation of Liberian Youth and the Liberia National Student Union in four counties and provided cash support to further enhance their advocacy campaigns at the national and county levels. These groups have developed jingles and conducted awareness sessions on land governance in communities and on radio programmes. These supports have widened their coverage and enhanced government efforts in mitigating land cases around ownership. This support was provided by the project implementing partners in the 4 counties.

The CBOs and Networks have been linked to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Unit at the government Ministry of Justice to mentor and provide technical support on mitigating land cases at the community level without reaching court. This has been a major initiative that is complimenting government's efforts in trying to mitigate numerous cases. The collaboration among the project implementing partners and stakeholders from local levels, and the increase in capacity and resources, has facilitated women's involvement in these issues.

Young people have been involved with dispute resolution of land cases at community levels, paving the way for increased participation of young women in conflict resolution through the Alternative Dispute Resolution process rather than the customary law.

The National Civil Society Organization and the National Rural Women Structures in the counties have been benefitting from mentorship and training on the ADR processes with support from the ADR unit.

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

It is important that gender equality and the empowerment of women remains the objective of the programs we work around at Action Aid. It is also the reason that gender equality is on the public policy agenda of almost every AA country of the world today. Therefore, the focus on gender equality in young women empowerment is important. First, female youth's empowerment is essential in the fight against poverty. This is not only because of the direct and interrelated contribution that empowerment makes to household welfare, but also because of the personal power it provides the female youth in shaping and making decisions and in redirecting decision making on essential needs, especially in favour of the female that own land. From a rights-based perspective, gender equality in young women empowerment is enhanced simply from the standpoint that, as recognized internationally, everyone deserves the same opportunities. Indeed, gender equality in youth empowerment is about economic empowerment and equity.

With careful considerations of power relations and dynamics, the project has ensured inclusion of young women at all levels and has provided appropriate trainings/capacity building. In this regard the project is building a strong, intergenerational network of women leaders, supporting and galvanizing women's individual and collective power to champion social change and safeguard their human rights.

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 3** 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 3: Youth, especially young women, have increased advocacy space at national level on land governance and peace building**

Outcome 3	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	<i>Describe the indicator</i>	<i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	<i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	<i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	<i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>

3.1	Number of new spaces defended by young people especially young women to widen civic spaces to hold duty bearers to account on land ownership and natural resource management.	0	40% of which 5% is by male and 35% by female	38% (3% male and 35% female)	
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3.2	Proportion of youth engaged in land dispute, participating in alternative dispute resolution structures at community level.	32%	15%		The baseline survey was done and the value stands at 32%. In light of this, we suggest increasing the target to 75%.
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How many outputs does outcome 3 have?

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

Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 3

Output 3.1

National partners supported with training on campaign, networking, and advocacy tools

Output 3.2

Advocacy and campaign initiatives conducted at national level

Output 3.3

CBO and Rural Women Networks receive mentorship, technical support and links to other networks to enable them to engage on national issues

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

» Output 3.1

Output 3.1: National partners supported with training on campaign, networking, and advocacy tools	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>
3.1.1	Number of national partner organisations (inclusive of networks for youth and women) supported through training and technical surge support	0	4	2	
3.1.2					
3.1.3					

» Output 3.2

Output 3.2: Advocacy and campaign initiatives conducted at national level	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>
3.2.1	Number of Advocacy and campaign initiatives conducted at national level	0	4	2	
3.2.2					
3.2.3					

» Output 3.3

Output 3.3: CBO and Rural Women Networks receive mentorship, technical support and links to other networks to enable them to engage on national issues	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>

3.3.1	<p>The proportion of CBOs and Rural Women Networks that received mentorship, technical support, and linked to other networks</p>	0	4	0	<p>Eight (8) CBOs and four (4) Rural Women Networks have received mentorship and technical support. However, they have not been linked to national structures as required by the indicator. The linkage will be done before the next reporting period.</p>
3.3.2					
3.3.3					

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:

Policy Dialogue on Economic and Climate Justice in the Context of Land Tenure

Date (can be tentative)

2022-12

Location (if known)

Kakata City, Margibi County

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 *

county stakeholders, relevant authority heads

Objectives *

Please limit your response to 150 words

The Policy Dialogue on Economic and Climate Justice in the Context of Land Tenure will discuss the current threats to young people arising from climate change and environmental challenges, which pose serious risks to the viability and sustainability of the economy. The meeting will also discuss conditions that will increase climate resilience, and review measures that will enable women and young girls to cope effectively, creatively, and sustainably with environmental changes and mitigate impacts and threats.

Any other information on the event

This event will be facilitated by WEDOL.

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 :

District commissioners

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

Administratively, there has been insufficient implementation of regulations by land sector institutions. Regulations which are meant to monitor and regulate the actions of land users are left idle. Users, therefore, take advantage of this and transact deals according to their own whims and caprices which sometimes trample upon the interests of other users, causing land conflicts.

The lack of communication, cooperation and coordination among land sector institutions is yet another challenge the communities had before the project. These institutions are supposed to work hand in hand for the common good. However, other institutions work without the knowledge of colleague institutions which results in technical errors. These errors tend to render transactions inaccurate and misleading, which causes land disputes.

On a legal basis, we can talk of legislative loopholes and the legal pluralisms regulating land markets. There is a myriad of laws in place to control land transactions, but these are, however, sometimes contradictory. Due to this, different judgements are passed depending on which law was used and how it is understood by the interpreter. In addition to the above, the poor or disadvantaged in society usually have limited or no access to law enforcement. On the other hand, some of these formal laws are not disseminated appropriately to reach all groups of people.

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What has been the impact of the project on their lives *

Please limit your response to 350 words

Firstly, the project has made young people or individuals aware of land issues and to be on the lookout for any suspicion of a possible land conflict.

Communities, families, and individuals are sensitized on land-related issues to avoid land conflicts. Simplified land policies have been explained and interpreted plainly in the local dialect. This has ensured every bit of the policies and processes involved in land sales, purchases, and ownership is well explained. Individuals have started taking action on solving cases locally using the Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism and techniques.

Young women now have the confidence to discuss land ownership at town squares and are involved with mitigation initiatives. Communities now have confidence in the ADR process as it is faster and keeps the community at peace. In areas where there were conflicts on concessions, communities now have a voice and are getting a fair share of benefits from the land.

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

Please limit your response to 350 words

Oree Bah is a commissioner in a district where there has been series of land conflicts before the start of the project. He has said that "before the start of this project we had difficult time explaining the land right laws to our people who came to get a redress to their land issues. But thankfully this project came, and now young people are interpreting the laws in the local language in communities and creating a platform for people to have their land issues settled. Even the young children have gotten involved with dispute resolution that takes a burden from local leaders now that the youths are taking the lead."

2

Key Stakeholder :

Young women in the community

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

Young women are often not aware of their rights to land and property which prevents them from claiming ownership.

What has been the impact of the project on their lives *

Please limit your response to 350 words

The project has had a significant impact on the lives of women who did not understand their rights on land ownership. In Gbarma, one of the project communities, the CBO Kukatornom intervened in a family land dispute with Monice Mendu Okai and her brothers. Over the years, Monica has been in conflict with her brothers over farmland owned by their late father, and she did not know that she had rights over the property as a woman. During an awareness activity in a community in Gbarpolu County, Monica realised that she has rights to land ownership and that there is an alternative means of resolving this dispute rather than going to court - since in fact she never had the money to do so. She engaged CBOs on the way forwards, and the CBOs called a dialogue with the parties (Monica, her brothers, the town chief, women leaders etc.) and representatives from the Liberia Land Authority, and they peacefully harmonised the conflict. The parties were satisfied with the negotiation and agreed for a survey to present to Monica her just portion of the land.

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

Please limit your response to 350 words

Monica said after the decision, "I am happy today that I got justice over this land business without my brothers having any grudge in mind for me, and I will encourage my friends who have this kind of land problem to speak with the Kukatornom group."

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 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

Action Aid Liberia has monitored partners progress at the county and community level considering the quality of trainings, adequate training content, visibility, quality of jingles, project relevance and effectiveness of outputs and methodology in peer mediation and awareness and advocacy strategies and geographical coverage. Feedback sessions to provide technical support to partners and identify capacity gaps were conducted in four counties.

Over the period, the baseline survey was conducted to develop records for the indicators from the start of the project.

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

Outcome Indicator 1.1

Functional land administration services and dispute resolution mechanisms are in place at community and county levels. Baseline is set at 35%.

Outcome Indicator 1.2

Proportion of women led CSOs engaged in community dialogue as mitigation to land related conflicts. Baseline is set at 10%.

Outcome Indicator 2.1: Percentage of young people participating in reflect circle activities. Baseline is set at zero (0)

Outcome Indicator 2.2: Percentage of young people accessing land administration services. Baseline is set at 25%.

Outcome Indicator 2.3: Percentage of youth in project communities actively engaged in county level dialogue meetings on land conflict mitigation. Baseline is set at 0.

Outcome Indicator 3.1: Number of new spaces defended by young people especially young women to widen civic spaces to hold duty bearers to account on land ownership and natural resource management. Baseline is set at 0.

Outcome Indicator 3.2: Proportion of youth engaged in land dispute, participating in alternative dispute resolution structures at community level. Baseline is set at 32%.

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

yes

no

Evaluation

Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period? *

- yes
 no

Evaluation budget (in USD): *

18000

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

Please limit your response to 350 words

N/A

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

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

Implementing Partners will maintain the signed MoU with the CBOs and Networks in the communities. This partnership will be in the areas of cross referrals and sharing partners capacity and resources. This partnership will bring about diverse strengths skills and experiences to better serve communities and sustain the project. Another major step is the way we have involved key project stakeholders and the community in project development and delivery and evaluation. Like this, communities will take ownership, feel valued that will make them endeavour to do things that can help the project to continue into the future.

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

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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