

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 *

Mercedes Sprouse, Senior Associate Director of Programs Development

Name and Title of Person who approved the report *

Stacia George, Director, Conflict Resolution Program

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

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

Country of project implementation *

- Ethiopia Kenya Madagascar
 Somalia South Sudan Sudan
 Other, Specify

Project Title

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- 00119468: Building Sustainable Peace and Social Cohesion in Tawilla Locality, North Darfur
- 00130002: Building the MHPSS-Gender-Peacebuilding nexus: fostering wellbeing, non-violent, gender equitable masculinity and social restoration with young people in West Darfur, Sudan.
- 00130052: Darfuri Youth Empowerment in Civic Spaces to Advance Peacebuilding
- 00119467: Durable Solutions for forced displacement in West Darfur
- 00119469: East Darfur: Assalaya-Sheiria-Yassin Triangle of Peace and Coexistence
- 00121172: PBF secretariat and peacebuilding project Sudan
- 00130005: Refugee and IDP Profiling Towards Sustainable Peace and Durable Solutions in Darfur
- 00125917: Strengthening the Political and Peacebuilding Role of Women in Sudan's Transition
- 00130705: Sudan Youth Citizen Observer Network: Strengthening Youth's Role as Peacebuilders and Promoters of Civic Space in Sudan's Transition
- 00125403: Support to the Sudanese Peace Process
- 00128019: Supporting Sustainable Peace in Blue Nile State through Gender-Responsive Natural Resource Governance, Inclusive Conflict Resolution Mechanisms and Climate-Resilient Livelihoods
- 00119470: Transition to Sustainable Peace in Central Darfur
- 00119471: Transition to Sustainable Peace in South Darfur
- 00131661: Peacebuilding and Human Rights in Support of Durable Solutions for IDPs and Affected Communities: The Right to Adequate Housing in West Darfur
- Other, Specify

Project Start Date

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2022-03-31

Project end Date

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2023-08-31

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?

0

Does the project have an active steering committee? *

yes

no

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

• **Engagement at the national level is coordinated through The Carter Center and is ongoing with the Ministry of Youth and Sports (core partner), Peacebuilding Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Federal Affairs. A Carter Center delegation met with the Peace Commissioner three times, including one debriefing meeting of project progress upon the Commissioner's request, and has corresponded with the Minister in Charge of Youth and Sports as well as the Directorate of Peace and Humanitarian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the state level, the Center met with representatives from the Youth Higher Council at the 18 states.**

• **Engagement with decision-makers and youth leaders at the local level is coordinated through 21 male and female youth Focal Points (also known as Regional and State Coordinators) and is ongoing with youth-based organizations/entities and young male and female members of Resistance Committees across the 18 states and their localities. The engagement has been a cumulative process and actions; and it took different forms of activities and networking: 1) consultation meetings with sensitize youth-based organization and entities to the envisaged YCO network and building sense of ownership. During those consultation in different states there was close collaboration with state authorities namely Youth and Sport Higher Councils. Most of those consultation meetings were held in government premises belonging to either Youth and Support or other state government institutions.**

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>	

The Carter Center, Inc.	1498341 *	524419 *	119825 *	8 %
TOTAL	1498341	524419	119825	8%

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **8%**. 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)? *

40.64

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 \$ 608925.78**. 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 \$ 48696.88**. Is this correct? *

Correct Incorrect

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

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ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE. *

The templates for the budget are available [here](#)

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Project Markers

Please select the Gender Marker Associated with this project *

- Score 1 for projects that contribute in some way to gender equality, but not significantly (less than 30% of the total budget for GEWE)
- Score 2 for projects that have gender equality as a significant objective and allocate between 30 and 79% of the total project budget to GEWE
- Score 3 for projects that have gender equality as a principal objective and allocate at least 80% of the total project budget to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE)

Please select the Risk Marker Associated with this project *

- Risk marker 0 = low risk to achieving outcomes
- Risk marker 1 = medium risk to achieving outcomes
- Risk marker 2 = high risk to achieving outcomes

Please select the PBF Focus Area associated with this project *

- (1.1) Security Sector Reform
- (1.2) Rule of Law
- (1.3) Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration
- (1.4) Political Dialogue
- (2.1) National reconciliation
- (2.2) Democratic Governance
- (2.3) Conflict prevention/management
- (3.1) Employment
- (3.2) Equitable access to social services
- (4.1) Strengthening of essential national state capacity
- (4.2) Extension of state authority/Local Administration
- (4.3) Governance of peacebuilding resources (including PBF Secretariats)

Is the project part of one or more PBF priority windows? *

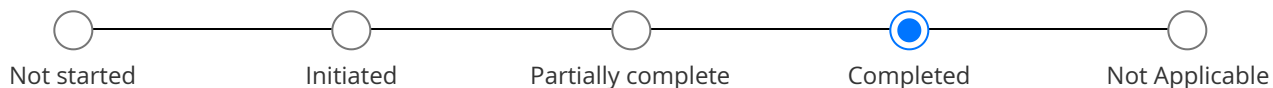
Select all that apply

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

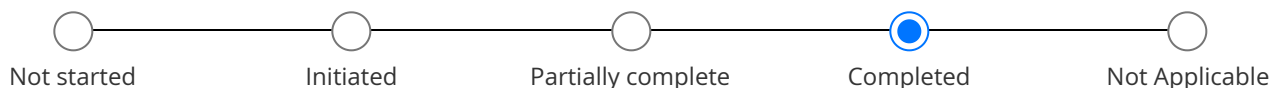
PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

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

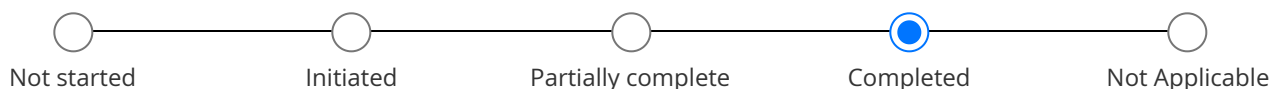
Contracting of Partners *



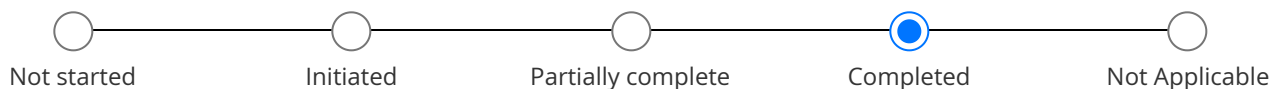
Staff Recruitment *



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

- **Selection and orientation of partner organizations:** The Carter Center completed all preparatory actions to work with 11 implementing partners. These actions included: contracting; orientation and training in compliance with relevant policies and procedures; and providing technical assistance as needed to partners in budgeting, risk analysis and mitigation.
- **Staff recruitment:** The Center hired a Program Director, a Finance Officer, a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, an Administration and Procurement Officer and Assistant, and a new Public Communications Officer.
- **Advisory bodies.** The Center established 18 advisory bodies at the state level. After the Center provided criteria for observers, these advisory bodies nominated 2 observers per state; partner organizations then compared those nominations with selection criteria and recommended them.
- **Nomination of potential state observers.** With all nominations received, the partner organizations are responsible for establishing contracts for the 36 state-level observers. An initial, five-day training on observation methodology and other content is anticipated in the first few weeks of the next reporting period.
- **Implementation delays.** Multiple factors contributed to delays, including but not limited to (1) political and civic disruptions with adverse impact on all activities and activity planning in Sudan; and (2) youth resistance to the October 2021 military takeover as well as their attitudes of suspicion towards any actors (especially internationals). The Carter Center has sought - and will continue to seek - a balance between the consultations necessary to maintain youth ownership of the programming (which are time-consuming) and the deadlines established in agreement with UNPBF.

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

n/a

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: *

Increased coordination among youth-led organizations, resulting in integration of youth perspectives on key political and peacemaking processes and public policy as well as the empowerment of young women to fully participate in monitoring and reporting.

Outcome 2:

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Through coordinated YCO Network efforts, civic space for young women and men promoted and expanded.

Outcome 3:

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Improved capacity of YCO and the representatives of youth-led partner organizations, particularly young women, to identify and mitigate conflict at a local and national level.

Outcome 1: Increased coordination among youth-led organizations, resulting in integration of youth perspectives on key political and peacemaking processes and public policy as well as the empowerment of young women to fully participate in monitoring and reporting.

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

At this stage although the YCO network has not been fully established, the undertaken activities have already created and fostered local, inter-and intra-state and national interactions and networking. The consultative processes conducted in the network's establishment have contributed to the envisioned outcomes. For example, during the August and October trainings of implementing partners, they were able to meet, interact and exchange ideas. Because of these convenings, youth shared experiences and issues of common concern such as peacebuilding and democratic transformation. In all these activities, young females comprise roughly 25 to 30% of all participants.

During the reporting period, the key step taken towards establishing the YCO Network and expanding civic space was connecting, contracting and orienting the partner organizations. The Center brought together representatives from each of the partner organizations twice. The first was a three-day workshop to introduce the YCO and expand upon the grant agreements from August 29-31, 2022. During this time, the history and motivation for the network was explained and the agreements were thoroughly reviewed for clarity and comprehensiveness. Center staff explained the workplan and reporting procedures. Partners shared via feedback forms that they were grateful to meet the other participants and be able to hold discussions.

After this initial orientation, The Center reassessed capacity of the implementing partners and tailored a second technical training session in early November 2022. This session was more financially focused and included discussion of grant compliance, financial management, and reporting. Carter Center staff with financial and compliance expertise conducted this 2-day training, combining in-person and virtual elements with the implementing partners' leadership and finance and program staff.

During the reporting period, one of the 11 initial partner organizations withdrew from the project due to time constraints/competition with other commitments. Therefore, the partner search process was reopened in that area and a new partner identified in the Red Sea state. This returns the number of implementing partners to 11.

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 Center solicited at the community level nominations for partner organizations and prioritized consideration of young women-led organizations. This was just one step taken to ensure the representation of young women in the YCO. The assessment missions to follow up on the community-based nominations carefully included an examination of gender and intersectional issues, including not just young women in leadership roles but also diversity of membership and any reflection of gender sensitivity in policies, procedures and activities. In all activities, consideration of gender is assured.

In rural Sudan, which comprised the majority of The Carter Center's targeted regions, the issue of female and women participation is a long-standing and challenging issue. Gender inequality in these areas is rooted in social norms and religious beliefs based largely on certain interpretations of religious texts. Strictly defined gender roles result in resistance towards the participation of women in activities such as the Youth Citizen Observer Network. Therefore, greater than 30% participation of women is an impressive accomplishment, one The Carter Center seeks to improve upon. Young women have led in preparing, conducting and participating in consultation meetings, determination of criteria for selection of partners, initial trainings and decision-making regarding state-level observers. For example, of the 22 participants in the orientation workshop, 8 were women (36%).

Women's leadership in partner organizations was also important in their selection; more than 30% of partners' leadership positions are filled by young women.

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: Increased coordination among youth-led organizations, resulting in integration of youth perspectives on key political and peacemaking processes and public policy as well as the empowerment of young women to fully participate in monitoring and reporting.

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	Enhanced youth capacity and coordination because of network formation to report on transition priorities and form recommendations reflecting youth perspectives that influence public dialogue, policy and the transition.	0	1 network; 1 national Secretariat; 20 actionable recommendations	The YCO network has been established and the 11 selected organizations convened for an orientation workshop in Khartoum. The Network's initial public report based on data collected is anticipated in the coming period.	The contracting process has been prolonged due to internal and external factors. Selected youth organizations needed more time to understand and build budgets for the project with the assistance of Center staff. Project launch was delayed by several months, which contributes to the need for a no-cost extension. The Secretariat can now be selected by the partner organizations.

1.2	Female YCO Network members are empowered to monitor and report on key political and peacemaking processes.	0	108 young women trained on local observation and actively engaged in peacebuilding efforts in their local communities	Not yet started	Delays in the contracting process with partners have resulted in further delayed training. But partners have now been selected and preparations are beginning for observer training at the state level, which will be followed by training for observers at the local level.
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1.3	Reported increase in knowledge among project beneficiaries of neutral, non-biased observation methodology and key, interlinked political and peacemaking/building issues in the transition.	Pretraining survey	30% percent increase of individuals reporting an increase in knowledge	Not yet started	Delays in the contracting process with partners have resulted in further delayed training. But partners have now been selected and preparations are beginning for training.
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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

Youth-led partner organizations participate actively in national observer network; and state advisory bodies coordinate and represent youth perspective at state and national level.

Output 1.2

Youth-led partner organizations and YCO are trained to conduct non-partisan observation related to key, inter-connected political and peace-making/building milestones in the transition, and apply their skills collect data and report on transition milestones and key events.

Output 1.3

YCO Network, managed by national secretariat and youth-led partner organizations, produces public reports based on observer data regarding key political and peacemaking/building developments in the transition.

Output 1.4

Facilitate establishment of the YCO Network components - the secretariat, the linkages between youth-led partner organizations, and the advisory bodies in order to create sustainable observer network capable of increasing scale of observation activities.

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: Youth-led partner organizations participate actively in national observer network; and state advisory bodies coordinate and represent youth perspective at state and 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>

1.1.1	<p>Number of sub-grant recipients that implement project activities and number of youth-led partner organizations and Resistance Committees that participate in advisory bodies on state level.</p>	0	<p>8-10 partner youth-led partner organizations; 1,750 advisory body participants</p>	<p>11 youth-led partners have been selected. Selected partners receive support from their regional and state-level coordinator(s) in convening advisory bodies in their states</p>	
1.1.2					
1.1.3					

» Output 1.2

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<p>Output 1.2: Youth-led partner organizations and YCO are trained to conduct non-partisan observation related to key, inter-connected political and peace-making/building milestones in the transition, and apply their skills collect data and report on transition milestones and key events.</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>1.2.1</p>	<p>Using a training of trainer's model, number of YCO recruited, trained and deployed through youth-led partner organizations.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>216 YCO, including 36 state-level observers and 180 local-level observers. 108 women observers trained in local observation and actively engaged in peacebuilding efforts in their local communities.</p>	<p>11 partner organizations have been selected and contracted. Those partner organizations are currently selecting and, following an initial training of observers in the coming period, will manage those observers.</p>	<p>Given the partner organizations select and manage the observers, delays in getting the partner organizations on board delayed getting observers on board.</p>

1.2.2	Increase in TOCA measurements in media and communications outreach.	Survey of representatives of youth-led partner organizations and secretariat in first quarter 2022.	25% increase of TOCA measurements	No update. Evaluation of the TOCA measurement will occur in the coming project period.	
1.2.3					

» Output 1.3

Output 1.3: YCO Network, managed by national secretariat and youth-led partner organizations,	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>
<p>produces public reports based on observer data regarding key political and peacemaking/building developments in the transition.</p>					

1.3.1	Total number of press releases and public reports published by the YCO Network.	0	30% percent increase of individuals reporting an increase in knowledge	No progress until the YCO begins reporting.	Press releases and reports could not be issued until the partner organizations and Secretariat are established and trained. Partner organizations are trained now allowing for both to happen and reporting to begin in the next reporting period.
1.3.2	Total number of press conferences	0		No progress until the YCO begins reporting.	Press releases and reports could not be issued until the partner organizations and Secretariat are established and trained. Partner organizations are trained now allowing for both to happen and reporting to begin in the next reporting period.
1.3.3					

» Output 1.4

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<p>Output 1.4: Facilitate establishment of the YCO Network components – the secretariat, the linkages between youth-led partner organizations, and the advisory bodies in order to create sustainable observer network capable of increasing scale of observation activities.</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>1.4.1</p>	<p>1 Network formed.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>1 Network formed and functioning secretariat established.</p>	<p>Partners are selected and contracted. They will then select the secretariat.</p>	<p>The Secretariat can only be formed once the partner organizations are selected, given they nominate the Secretariat.</p>

1.4.2	Increase in TOCA (technical and operational capacity assessment) measurements on reporting, advocacy, and monitoring and evaluation among partner youth-led partner organizations.	TOCA	Percentage of increase of TOCA measurements (TBD with partners)	No progress until the YCO begins reporting.	
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1.4.3					
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Outcome 2: Through coordinated YCO Network efforts, civic space for young women and men promoted and expanded.

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 Center’s preparatory meetings, consultations and training during the reporting period have brought together representatives of youth-based organizations, which increased both their understanding of the YCO project as well as strengthened their intra-youth networking. The networking aspect of the YCO initiative is key to protecting and expanding civic space for young women and men in Sudan.

Every interaction among YCO partners and between the partners and their constituencies builds trust and a shared sense of purpose: coordination among youth and integration of youth perspectives in Sudan’s transition. Importantly, The Carter Center and the YCO Network are essential venues for developing capacity and expanding youth engagement without dictating or scripting an agenda. YCO partner organizations represent an array of Sudan’s population and its diversity across region, urban/rural, class, ethnic group, and more. Because they represent roughly 60% of the population and exist in every locality, youth are the only cohesive identity group that can connect a majority of Sudanese people.

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 cultural context, particularly in rural areas of Sudan, present unique challenges for the participation of women. The Carter Center has adapted several strategies to promote Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment (GEWE). One of The Carter Center’s criteria in selecting the implementing and coordinating partners organizations was representation of women in leadership positions, including as chairpersons.

Additionally, the representation of young females was prioritized in all activities. Females traveling outside of their living areas is a considerable social taboo and therefore was restrictive. To work around this, The Carter Center conducted the consultation meetings at the state level, which is more accessible than Khartoum for female participants. This helped to ensure that more than 30% of participants at consultation meetings were women.

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: Through coordinated YCO Network efforts, civic space for young women and men promoted and expanded.**

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	<p>Percent increase of youth-led subgrantee organization leaders and observers participating in the initiative that feel their perspectives are heard in the interlinked political and peacemaking/building processes during the transition.</p>	<p>pre-project survey with sub-grant partner orgs leaders and observers</p>	<p>10% improvement</p>	<p>No update. Monitoring and evaluation activities in a coming project period will enable a measurement of change in this indicator.</p>	<p>This will be tracked once observations and reporting begins.</p>
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2.2	<p>Percent change of sub-grant partners and youth-led partner organization activists who participate in observer training who feel there is a sufficient platform within the transition/peace process that reflects their needs and requirements</p>	<p>observer training</p>			
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2.3					
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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

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Output 2.1

Improved confidence and ability among YCO partner organizations and youth to conduct effective outreach and public communications.

Output 2.2

YCO Network engages with stakeholders and policy makers on process, key findings and recommendations for political reforms and peacemaking/building processes.

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: Improved confidence and ability among YCO partner organizations and youth to conduct effective outreach and public communications.	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	Youth participants in project implementation express increased confidence in ability to meet and dialogue with stakeholders.	Established by pre-training survey of representatives of youth-led partner organizations and observers in third quarter 2022.	25% increase in confidence levels among trained participants.	No update	This will be tracked once the network begins reporting.

2.1.2	Increase in TOCA measurements in media and communications outreach.	Survey of representatives of youth-led partner organizations and secretariat in third quarter of 2022	25% increase of TOCA measurements	No update	This will be tracked once the network begins reporting.
2.1.3					

» Output 2.2

Output 2.2: YCO Network engages with stakeholders and policy makers on process, key findings and recommendations for political reforms and peacemaking/building processes.	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 advocacy meetings held with stakeholders.	0	10 advocacy meetings and/or public discussions, with minimum 600 participants in total.	No update. Training to the Secretariat on communications and advocacy will be conducted in a coming project period.	This will be tracked once the network establishes its Secretariat, finishes training, and then begins reporting.
2.2.2					

1.2.3

Outcome 3: Improved capacity of YCO and the representatives of youth-led partner organizations, particularly young women, to identify and mitigate conflict at a local and national level.

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 preparatory actions undertaken in this reporting period laid the foundation for future activities. In the coming period, The Center will lead efforts to provide two rounds of training. A first round will focus on observation methodology. A second round of training will follow, starting again with the 36 state-level observers who will share that training with 10 additional observers at the local level. This second round of training will focus more on conflict, conflict mitigation, and early warning. In this way, the same cohort of youth and youth-led organizations who are observing transition-related events in their respective region, state, and community are able to identify, report, and potentially mitigate violence as well as strengthen awareness of mis- and dis-information.

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

In all activities, The Carter Center is prioritizing representation of young women. In all partner organizations, a minimum of 30% of those holding leadership positions including chairpersons are women. As well, the Center continues to modify activities in ways that promote women's inclusion, such as holding events at the local level rather than in Khartoum to reduce the burden of travel on participants.

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: Improved capacity of YCO and the representatives of youth-led partner organizations, particularly young women, to identify and mitigate conflict at a local and national level.

Outcome 3	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	Situations of violence or potential violence are mitigated directly or indirectly by the YCO Network.	0	2 incidents/flashpoints are identified with follow-on engagement.	No update. More progress on this is expected in the coming period.	This will be tracked once relevant training is completed.
3.2	Misinformation/disinformation awareness strengthened through training and observer advocacy.		Key findings released in public reports and statements. Recommendations formed to counter misinformation/disinformation among Sudanese stakeholders.	No update. Training on conflict mitigation and mis/disinformation is anticipated following the information/observer training.	This will be tracked once relevant training is completed.
3.3					

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

(a) Percentage of YCO and representatives of youth-led partner organizations trained on conflict mitigation who report improved understanding of conflict mitigation best practices. (b) Number of meetings held with stakeholders to inform interlocutors, discuss potential flashpoints, and offer recommendations.

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

<p>Output 3.1: (a) Percentage of YCO and representatives of youth-led partner organizations trained on conflict mitigation who report improved understanding of conflict mitigation best practices.</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>(b) Number of meetings held with stakeholders to inform interlocutors, discuss potential flashpoints, and offer recommendations.</p>					

3.1.1	<p>(a) Percentage of YCO and representatives of youth-led partner organizations trained on conflict mitigation who report improved understanding of conflict mitigation best practices.</p> <p>(b) Number of meetings held with stakeholders to inform interlocutors, discuss potential flashpoints, and offer recommendations.</p>	0	<p>(a) 90% of YCO and representatives of youth-led partner organizations; 30% of members of advisory bodies (representatives);</p> <p>(b) 5 meetings.</p>	<p>No update. Progress expected in the coming period following the appropriate sequencing of training.</p>	<p>This will be tracked once the relevant training is complete.</p>
3.1.2					
3.1.3					

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

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? *

1

Key Stakeholder :

Sudanese youth groups

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

The launch of this project found Sudanese youth and Resistance Committee members responding and adjusting to the post-October 25 and November 21 era. A lack of understanding existed concerning the status, needs, and priorities of youth and their role in the transition.

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

Please limit your response to 350 words

Bringing together the implementing partner organizations had a positive impact on all participants, who shared that they were very happy to be able to meet with youth groups from other regions and exchange ideas.

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

Please limit your response to 350 words

When asked what positive effects were experienced during the 3-day orientation and training, one trainee said, "The workshop was a platform for bonding with participants from other states and sharing information and expertise for better implementation and coordination". Another trainee noted that "networking with other implementing partners and being involved in fruitful discussions and exchanging ideas to reach optimal ways to achieve the project deliverables" was the main takeaway.

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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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: Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period (350 word limit)

1. Fast Track Exchanges (February-March 2022)

The exchanges sought to understand youth needs, priorities, and challenges and explore options in line with their common agenda.

Focal points/Coordinators engaged their networks, asking RCs, Resistance Committee Coordinating Bodies (RCCBs), and youth-led CSOs to nominate participants, with an eye toward gender balance.

Of 500 youth invited, 448 participated in a series of 24 focus-group discussions; of which, 329 participants represented RCs, 119 represented youth-led CSOs, and 121 participants were women; and 18 states, including 146 localities, were represented.

A readout was provided to PBF on April 6.

2. Nationwide Survey and Mapping (March-April 2021)

Sudanese youth surveyors trained by The Carter Center identified and mapped 7,238 resistance committees and youth-led organizations across Sudan, of which 1,023 were surveyed through face-to-face interviews.

The methodology and key findings are summarized in an August 2021 report.

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

In early 2021, The Carter Center organized training and deployment of two dozen Sudanese youth (1/3rd women) to map and survey youth-based organizations nationwide. These Survey Managers mapped some 7,000 active youth-led groups including Resistance Committees. Of those 7,000, 1,000 were surveyed on their priorities, perceptions, and attitudes toward Sudan's ongoing transition. The results, in addition to being published in an August 2021 report, form the baseline for measures of change during the project period/transitional period. Future monitoring and evaluation activities will refer heavily to the baseline to see what has changed in the context and which areas are attributable to the project/activities.

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

Pre-implementation consultations. Kindly refer to the Monitoring section (Fast Track Exchanges).

Evaluation

Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period? *

yes

no

Evaluation budget (in USD): *

112000

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

If yes, how many additional grants or donors has the project leveraged? *

1

Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since the project started.

Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately

Name of Funder *

U.S. Government

Amount in USD *

9875000

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

This project builds on a series of complementary preparatory actions and engagement with youth, resulting in considerable trust between the Center and participants. This project is undertaken with the aim to build a self-sustaining Network represented by an Secretariat that stands independently of The Carter Center and its support. During the course of the reporting period, through observer nomination, selection and training, the Center practiced the consultative processes with partner organizations and advisory bodies that will be utilized for appointment of the Secretariat. These ongoing consultations are key to ensuring ownership of the Network – and accountability of The Carter Center – to youth and their ideas regarding program design and implementation. The Carter Center envisions that the YCO Network, once the various components are established and the Secretariat becomes a functioning, semi-independent entity, will be consolidated and autonomous. This autonomy will ensure sustainability beyond the time that UN Peacebuilding Fund and Carter Center support are possible.

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

Generally speaking, Sudanese civil society, in particular those youth-based organizations and entities with which The Carter Center has partnered, are under-developed in key aspects like financial and organizational management, networking and fundraising, among others. More technical and financial support is required to ensure their empowerment. Given the mounting insecurity youth face on a daily basis, additional resources are needed to mitigate risks to participants and to ensure “Do No Harm” principles during different implementation phases of the project. These limitations and challenges are particularly acute for young women involved in the project.

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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