

Peacebuilding Fund Project Progress Report (Update May 2023)



PROJECT OVERVIEW

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» Report Submission

Type of report *
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Semi-annual <input type="radio"/> Annual <input type="radio"/> Final <input type="radio"/> Other
Date of submission of report *
2023-06-14
Name and Title of Person submitting the report *
FAO Kyrgyzstan on behalf of the Project team

Name and Title of Person who approved the report PBSO	*
Have all fund recipients for this project contributed to the report? <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no	*
Did PBF Secretariat review the report? <i>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.</i> <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no <input type="radio"/> Not Applicable	*

» Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border project? <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no	*
Please select the geographical region(s) in which the project is implemented <i>If the project you are looking for does not appear in the following question, please make sure that you have selected the correct regions. A limited number of cross border projects span multiple geographic regions. For example, a cross border project between Niger and Chad spans both West Africa and Central & Southern Africa</i>	*
<input type="checkbox"/> Asia and the Pacific <input type="checkbox"/> Central & Southern Africa <input type="checkbox"/> East Africa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Europe and Central Asia <input type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Latin America and the Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East and North Africa <input type="checkbox"/> West Africa	
Please select the title of the project for which you are submitting the report <input type="radio"/> 00097384/5: Cross-border Cooperation for Sustainable Peace and Development <input checked="" type="radio"/> 00129737_8: Shared prosperity through cooperation in border regions of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan <input type="radio"/> Other, Specify	*

Please select the countries where this project is being implemented *
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kyrgyzstan <input type="checkbox"/> Tajikistan <input type="checkbox"/> Ukraine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uzbekistan <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify
Project Start Date (Date of first transfer) *
2022-01-24
Project end Date *
2023-12-16
Has this project received an extension? *
<input type="radio"/> YES, Cost Extension <input type="radio"/> YES, No Cost Extension <input type="radio"/> YES, Both Cost and No Cost extensions <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO, No Extensions
Will this project be requesting an extension? *
<input type="radio"/> YES, Cost Extension <input type="radio"/> YES, No Cost Extension <input type="radio"/> YES, Both Cost and No Cost extensions <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO, No Extensions
Is funding disbursed either into a national or regional trust fund *
<input checked="" type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no
If yes, please select which *
<input type="radio"/> National Trust Fund <input checked="" type="radio"/> Regional Trust Fund

Recipients

Is the convening agency a UN agency or a non UN entity? *

- UN entity
 Non-UN Entity

Please select the convening agency recipient *

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

Are there other recipients for this project? *

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

Please select other UN recipients recipients *

Select all that apply

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 UNHABITAT: United Nations Human Settlements Programme
 UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
 UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme ILO: International Labour Organization
 WHO: World Health Organization PAHO/WHO
 UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
 UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services
 UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization ITC: International Trade Centre
 UN Department of Peace Operations Other, Specify

Financial Reporting

» Delivery by Recipient

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

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

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

For cross-border projects, group the amounts by agency, even if different country offices are involved. You will have the opportunity to share a more detailed budget in the next section.


Recipients <small>.....</small>	Total Project Budget (in US \$) <small>Please enter the total budget as is in the project document in US Dollars</small>	Transfers to date (in US \$) <small>Please enter the total amount transferred to each recipient to date in US Dollars</small>	Expenditure to date (in US \$) <small>Please enter the approximate amount spent to date in US dollars</small>	Implementation rate as a percentage of total budget <small>(calculated automatically)</small>
FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization <small>.....</small>	1700000 *	1190000 *	789161.03 *	46.42 %
UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund <small>.....</small>	1300000 *	910000 *	758528.41 *	58.35 %
TOTAL <small>.....</small>	3000000	2100000	1547689.44	51.59%

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **51.59%**. Can you confirm that this is correct? *

Correct Incorrect

If it is incorrect, please enter the approximate implementation rate as a % *
 55

» Gender-responsive Budgeting

Indicate what percentage (%) of the budget contributes to gender equality or women's empowerment (GEWE)? *
69.66
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 \$ 2089800 . Can you confirm that this is correct? *
<input type="radio"/> Correct <input checked="" type="radio"/> Incorrect
If it is incorrect, please enter the <i>budget amount</i> allocated to GEWE in US Dollars *
1500000
Amount expended to date on efforts contributing to gender equality or women's empowerment is US \$ 1078120.46 . Is this correct? *
<input type="radio"/> Correct <input checked="" type="radio"/> Incorrect
If it is incorrect, please enter the <i>expenditure to date</i> on GEWE in US dollars *
448408.99
ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE. The templates for the budget are available here *
PBF_FAO UNFPA_UZB KYR_cross_border_Consolidated Financial Report as of 14-Jun-23-11_19_39.xlsx 

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

Steering Committee and Government engagement

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?

Please limit your response to 350 words.

The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) in Kyrgyzstan is co-chaired by the Head of the Department for Political and Economic Studies of the Presidential Administration and UN RC.

In Uzbekistan a Project Board is established instead of a JSC and is co-chaired by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and UNRC.

The second meeting of the JSC in Kyrgyzstan was carried out on February 8, 2023 co-chaired by the Head of Department of Political and Economic Research of the Presidential Administration and UN RCO with participation of line ministries, CSOs and other international and national partners to present the PBF projects in the country. The PBF projects were presented and consequently approved by the JSC.

It was advised that the project clearly demonstrates how agricultural and climate interventions contribute to peace across the border. In that regard, it was noted that provision of water from the project-built artificial glacier was a remarkable strategy of reducing cross-border tensions with the potential of further scaling and replication.

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 350 words.

Relevant Government counterparts participate in joint project activities and events. Local authorities demonstrate more ownership and support, due to their closer involvement and consultations. Local authorities are recognizing the added value of women in strengthening social and economic relations in cross-border areas, through exchange visits, national holidays, etc.

In Uzbekistan the authorities at village level have assisted in beneficiary selection and distribution of agricultural goods and equipment.

PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

- Avoid acronyms and UN jargon, use general /common language.
- Report on what has been achieved in the reporting period, not what the project aims to do.
- Be as concrete as possible. Avoid theoretical, vague or conceptual discourse.
- Ensure the analysis and project progress assessment is gender and age sensitive.

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

Contracting of partners *

- Not Started
 Initiated
 Partially Completed
- Completed
 Not Applicable

Staff Recruitment *

- Not Started
 Initiated
 Partially Completed
- Completed
 Not Applicable

Collection of baselines *

- Not Started
 Initiated
 Partially Completed
- Completed
 Not Applicable

Identification of beneficiaries *

- Not Started
 Initiated
 Partially Completed
- Completed
 Not Applicable

Provide any additional descriptive information relating to the status of the project, including whether preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (i.e. contracting of partners, staff recruitment, etc.)

Please limit your response to 350 words.

Seventy eight (78) SHGs were established in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, comprising 525 members (93 percent women and 19 percent are youth under 30). The SHGs accumulated savings of \$11,666 USD, which were primarily utilised for internal lending among members with an interest rate of 1 to 5 percent per month. They also use savings for the needs of SHG members and for the development and extension of income-generating activities.

Simultaneously, the SHGs receive support with income-generating equipment within the business acceleration program, while members engage in capacity building activities to enhance entrepreneurial skills. These activities equip them with the necessary knowledge and tools for effective management of their ventures, promoting shared prosperity in the border regions.

The project has facilitated 7 exchange visits, fostering opportunities for the sharing of experiences and building connections among border communities. These visits have resulted in informal interactions and cooperative efforts, further contributing to the promotion of positive interactions and overall collaboration in border areas.

Climate-smart agricultural initiatives, including the provision of drought- and frost-resistant seeds and seedlings, installation of drip irrigation systems, and strengthened capacity on water and soil conservation, reinforcing the resilience of target communities to climate change and shocks. These efforts also contribute to reduction of pressure on natural resources ultimately advancing peacebuilding by fostering sustainable livelihoods and reducing conflicts over resource access.

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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 where evidence of contribution to outcomes is available if requested

FOR PROJECTS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF COMPLETION ONLY (550 word limit)

The project is contributing to societal change by shifting the mind-set of communities at borderlands. Social mobilisation and establishment of self-help groups played an important role in reducing grievances associated with geographic isolation and lowering the dependence on state support. Project interventions have provided economic opportunities and led to improved livelihoods.

Similarly, the project raised awareness about climate-related issues leading to a shift towards more responsible natural resource management that is crucial for decreasing tension at and across the border. Innovative agricultural initiatives, including the provision of quality-certified seeds and seedlings, installation of drip irrigation systems, artificial glaciers, e-fencing and capacity building on soil and water conservation, have led to increase awareness of climate change adaptation strategies, adoption of climate-smart approaches in agriculture, and more efficient utilisation of natural resources.

The project is also supporting the ongoing positive development of bilateral relations between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan on a government level. As a result of agreements in January 2023, there are no more outstanding territorial claims to each other and the countries are also reopening border-crossing points that were once closed when there was a political tension between the countries. The project is contributing towards smooth transition to deeper inter-country cooperation by increasing trust between communities at the Kyrgyz-Uzbek border. As was evidenced by the baseline survey some respondents of in-depth interviews voiced their concern on reopening the border focusing on possible risks like increased competition in local markets. Exchange visits that have been organised within the project changing the attitude and refocusing communities on finding opportunities for joint initiatives. Economic capacities of bordering regions were presented during exchange visits to establish interest-based cooperation. These visits have also resulted in institutional connections between economic and youth organisations in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. For instance, the Uzbek foundation "Yoshlar-kelajagimiz" (Youth - our future) is considering signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Union of Entrepreneurs of Kyrgyzstan and Enactus KG Teams, indicating increased institutional cooperation to continue promoting networks across the border after the project completion.

Overall, the project's contributions have brought about positive changes at the structural, institutional, and societal levels, ranging from poverty alleviation and social empowerment to climate resilience and cross-border collaboration.

PART II: RESULT PROGRESS BY PROJECT OUTCOME

Describe overall progress under each Outcome made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration). Do not list individual activities. If the project is starting to make/has made a difference at the outcome level, provide specific evidence for the progress (quantitative and qualitative) and explain how it impacts the broader political and peacebuilding context.

- "On track" refers to the timely completion of outputs as indicated in the workplan.
- "On track with peacebuilding results" refers to higher-level changes in the conflict or peace factors that the project is meant to contribute to. These effects are more likely in mature projects than in newer ones.

How many OUTCOMES does this project have *

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 more than 8.

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

Outcome 1:

Mutual trust and interest-based cooperation strengthened between border communities of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.

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Rate the current status of the outcome progress *

1. Off Track 2. On Track 3. On Track with evidence of peacebuilding results

Progress summary *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters including spaces.

The project has contributed to the readiness of local communities for forthcoming opening of cross-border points by strengthening individual connections and transformations that local residents can rely on their own internal capacities and resources to establish cross-border trust and dialogue. Target communities located on both sides of the Kyrgyz-Uzbek border have been capacitated to set up interest-based cooperation. Through social mobilisation, in total 78 self-help groups have been established and trained to improve their entrepreneurial skills, boosted by RUNO's technical support and equipment. As agriculture is the major source of income, the project has also introduced agricultural crops and practices that are more resilient to climate change effects which increases agricultural productivity facilitating access to larger markets, economic growth and cooperation. Installation of artificial glaciers and e-fencing provides an additional source of watering holes and efficient pasture use for the livelihood needs of the target villages which according to beneficiaries reduce potential tensions, e.g. over cattle crossing the border and getting lost.

The introduction of creative ideas is accompanied with exchange visits to learn how processes are set up across the border and share their experience. As a result of a study tour to the border regions of Uzbekistan held in April 2023, the delegation of 40 young entrepreneurs from Kyrgyzstan and 150 delegates (65 percent women) from different regions of Uzbekistan were introduced to opportunities to explore and expand business markets where they visited ten companies specialising in fruits and vegetables processing, dairy industry, textile, cattle breeding and production of agricultural goods. This exchange visit evolved connections for potential business partnerships between and within two countries.

Quotes of participants of the exchange visit:

Today we came to the training centre of the beekeeping association of the Ferghana region... [Now] I want to visit Ferghana in coming winter and study at this educational centre (Rinat Bekmuratov from Kyrgyzstan, 31 years old);

I am ethnically Kyrgyz living in Uzbekistan and I am very happy about this exchange initiative. Such projects undoubtedly foster friendship between two nations (Davron Mamatboyev from Uzbekistan, 26 years old).

More participant stories and visited sites can be found here: https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/embed?mid=1Qejd9Tblc3k0oUL6_pMKwjpvQ7E9CVM&ehbc=2E312F&ll=40.79865167998899%2C71.47551355345338&z=9

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

Please limit your response to 1500 characters including spaces.

Through Gender Action Learning System tools, the groups versioned development of their activities, identified opportunities and possible risks in their group development. They promote innovative solutions, new agricultural technologies, agroprocessing accompanied by value chain, including support in branding, marketing, local sales. There are 16 women with disabled family members in SHGs who raise awareness regarding unpaid domestic care burden on women, demonstrate a pivotal role of women in contributing to rural development. Transfer of domestic care responsibilities to other family members is not easy, but SHGs modality and MenEngage approach are proven to be instrumental to change traditional social norms into transformative gender supportive norms through their attitude to women empowerment and be gender sensitive in sharing responsibilities in household chores, child bearing, caregiving and supporting women in realization of their potential. The project facilitated community building between women caregivers through monthly group gatherings "sherine" where women exchanged knowledge and experience on agricultural innovations, business plans. This helped expand women's social and economic capital, personal motivation and confidence including participation in political life through development and implementation of joint initiatives with LSGs on environmental and community infrastructure, changing social behavior norms, prevention of emotional violence against children.

INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

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

- If an outcome has more than 3 indicators , select the 3 most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight.
- Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (300 characters max per entry)

» Outcome 1: Mutual trust and interest-based cooperation strengthened between border communities of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.

Outcome	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any)
1.1	1.3 Number of group development plans updated in Kyrgyzstan and launched in Uzbekistan as a result of exchange visits	at least 70 group development plans updated/launched in both countries	at least 70 group development plans updated/launched in both countries	18 business plans supported with equipment and started realisation of their business projects in KGZ (12 among SHGs, 6 among young entrepreneurs) 18 business initiatives have been selected to be awarded with equipment in Uzbekistan	45 SHGs created in KGZ and 33 - in UZB	

<p>1.2</p>	<p>2.5 Number of women and youth-led entrepreneurs engaged in collaborative exchanges (platforms) between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan (including ENACTUS and acceleration exchange programmes; agro-fairs and handicraft festivals, exhibitions, etc.)</p>	<p>at least 500 (50 percent women and 50 percent youth)</p>	<p>at least 500 (50 percent women and 50 percent youth)</p>	<p>20 young entrepreneurs, 10 mentors and 5 young SHG representatives from Kyrgyzstan (65 percent female, 60 percent youth) and 150 young activists from Uzbekistan participated in exchange visit</p>	<p>20 young entrepreneurs, 10 mentors and 5 young SHG representatives from Kyrgyzstan (65 percent female, 60 percent youth) and 150 young activists from Uzbekistan participated in exchange visit</p>	
<p>1.3</p>	<p>3.2 Climate-smart initiatives for the preservation/saving of natural resources (water and land) are implemented in a conflict-sensitive manner in border areas Non-existent</p>	<p>at least 1 artificial glaciers in Kyrgyzstan and 300 water boxes in Uzbekistan</p>	<p>at least 1 artificial glaciers in Kyrgyzstan and 300 water boxes in Uzbekistan</p>	<p>1 artificial glacier, 2 e-pasture fencing</p>	<p>1 artificial glacier is installed in remote pasture of Aksy district, Jalal-Abad oblast, 2 more additional glaciers are under the process of construction. Two e-pasture fencing are installed in pastures of Aravan district, Osh oblast</p>	<p>water boxes in Uzbekistan to be distributed along with seedlings in autumn 2023</p>

PART III: Cross-Cutting Issues

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

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)	Event Description	Tentative Date	Location	Target Audience	Event Objectives

Event 1	Agrohackathon in Kyrgyzstan	9-11 June 2023	Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan	Youth, rural women, members of SHGs	<p>Organization of Agro-Hackathon in Kyrgyzstan to collect best IT solutions to increase efficiency of agro- production and processing. AgroHackathon - a three-day intensive educational event in the format of a boot camp, with over 85 participants. Among them are women/youth from target regions, mentors, and a delegation from Uzbekistan.</p>
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Event 2	IT camp	22-26 July, 2023	Khanabad, Uzbekistan	IT students studying from provinces of the Ferghana valley (Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan)	The project is supporting the organisation of the first international IT camp that unites students studying IT at universities of the Ferghana valley in all three countries (Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan). During the camp participants will enhance their knowledge, elevate motivation and discuss cooperation. These activities will contribute to digital peacebuilding in the region.
Event 3	LSG joint training on Cross-border communication, mediation and cooperation	Sep 2023	Uzbekistan, city will be selected based on the availability of flights	Local (self-) government at village level, Government at district, provincial and national levels	Improving capacity of local authorities in cross-border communication, mediation, and negotiation and raise their awareness of climate change, sustainable natural resource management and gender-responsive approaches in local planning for climate-smart agriculture

Event 4	LSG joint training on Gender-responsive approaches in management of cross-border processes	September 2023	Uzbekistan, city will be selected based on the availability of flights	Local (self-) government at village level, Government at district, provincial and national levels	Improving capacity of local authorities in cross-border communication, mediation, and negotiation and raise their awareness on gender-responsive tools for management of cross-border related processes and peacebuilding.
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Human Impact

This section is about the human impact of the project. Please state the number of key stakeholders (including but not limited to: Civil Society Organizations, Beneficiaries, etc.) 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 in their lives
- iii. Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

This is an optional question. You may leave it unanswered if not relevant

Human Impact	Key Stakeholder	What were the challenges they faced prior to project implementation? (350 words)	What has been the impact of the project on their lives? (350 words)	Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group (350 words)

1	Women-care providers of disabled family members	<p>Women's roles and responsibilities were confined exclusively to the family and household; and male spouses did not recognise the value of unpaid domestic labour and care performed by their wives and considered that care providers cannot be productive. That she should just be at home which is a social norm supported by whole community and thus internalised by women-carers themselves.</p>	<p>Husbands and other family members with disabilities perform care and domestic responsibilities at home while the women participate in project events and say that they are very happy that their wives and mothers participate in social activities, which give them a good opportunity to gain new knowledge and information. Their family members have begun to appreciate these women as they now participate in various trainings as a member of the group, in social events, and begin to plan additional income from group activities.</p>	<p>Azada Kydyralieva, a 61-year-old woman, village animator in Kashka-Suu settlement of Aksy district, Jalal-Abad oblast, Kyrgyzstan: "Yes, the impact of the project is great. Because support was given to those who participated in the trainings held by the project, and they looked after the growing vegetables together and supported organic farming. For example: my husband loves it when I participate in the project, he supports it. Also the husband of Sultankulova Barno, another member of Nur SHG who is carer for their disabled child, always brings her to the trainings with their car, and they plan the activities together.</p>
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2	Woman entrepreneur	Women in rural areas are rarely empowered to start and organize business due to cultural barriers related to the existence of man-domination in doing business in agriculture.	Gulaisha Akmatova, the leader of the Self Help Group "Bereke" in the Kashka-Suuysky rural district, has achieved great success in beekeeping thanks to a grant from the PBF project. With the purchase of a device that can accommodate up to 10 hives, Gulaisha has been able to produce high-quality honey under the brand name "Padisha-Ata Mountain Honey", which is set to become one of the most valuable products of the southern region.	Gulaisha's dedication to beekeeping and her passion for producing quality honey has paid off, as her brand has gained a strong reputation in the local market. Her success story serves as an inspiration to other aspiring woman entrepreneurs who are looking to start their own businesses and make a difference in their communities.
3	Youth	Lack of knowledge about a neighbouring country as borders were shut for a decade	Young entrepreneurs from Kyrgyzstan visited Uzbekistan to study manufacturing practices and build network with their Uzbek counterparts	Tattibubu Kuzibayeva: I am a beekeeper from Jalalabad. I intend to export my product to Uzbekistan. Because there is a strong demand for Kyrgyz honey products here. We exchanged contacts with local businessmen and I hope that we will start communication in the near future. Cartographic report of the exchange visit with stories of participants: https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/embed?mid=1Qejd9Tb1c3k0oU_L6_pMKwjpvQ7E9CVM&ehbc=2E312F&ll=40.79865167998899%2C71.47551355345338&z=9

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<p>In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had (650 words)</p> <p>Young people in rural areas face the highest unemployment and have less opportunities to enhance their capacity - Azamat Bekmuradov is a young entrepreneur from the Aksy district. Despite facing hearing problems, Azamat's determination to succeed in his startup project "Eco Turkey" led him to participate in the PBF acceleration program. With the technical support received through the PBF project, Azamat was able to establish three incubators for breeding turkeys without using antibiotics or growth hormones. His project aims to provide the Aksy district with organic meat and to export his products to Uzbekistan. Today, Azamat has 17 turkeys and around 100 eggs in his incubator, and his project is not only transforming his life but also contributing to the sustainable development of his district.</p>				
<p>You can also upload upto 3 files in various formats (picture files, powerpoint, pdf, video, etc..) to illustrate the human impact of the project</p> <p>OPTIONAL</p>				
<p>File 1</p> <p>OPTIONAL</p> <p>Click here to upload file. (< 5MB)</p>				
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Link 3

OPTIONAL

Please tick the applicable change based on above narrative.

How we worked: *

Please select up to 3.

- Enhanced digitization
- Innovative ways of working
- Mobilized additional resources
- Improved or initiated policy frameworks
- Strengthened capacities
- Partnered with Civil Society Organizations
- Expanding coalitions & galvanizing political will
- Strengthened partnerships with IFIs
- Strengthened partnerships with UN Agencies

Please explain

*Please limit your response to 350 words.***Additional funds mobilized through LSGs local funds, SHGs revolving funds, local private sector support of business ideas.**

Please explain

*Please limit your response to 350 words.***Organized capacity building activities and exchange visits for beneficiaries, involved LSGs in planning, trainings and monitoring, implemented mentorship programs especially with young entrepreneurs**

Please explain

Please limit your response to 350 words.

Who are we working with (in addition to the implementing partners) *

- Strengthened partnerships with IFIs
- Strengthened partnerships within UN Agencies
- Partnered with local civil society organizations
- Partnered with local academia
- Partnered with sub-national entities
- Partnered with national entities
- Partnered with local volunteers

Please explain (If IFIs)

Please limit your response to 350 words.

Please explain (If UN Agencies)

Please limit your response to 350 words.

The Foundation "Youth - our Future", Centre for the support of youth entrepreneurship

Leave No one Behind

Select all beneficiaries targeted with the PBF resources as evidenced by the narrative *

Mandatory

- Unemployed persons
- Minorities (e.g. race, ethnicity, linguistic, religion, etc.)
- Indigenous communities
- Persons with Disabilities
- Persons affected by violence (e.g. GBV)
- Women
- Youth
- Minorities related to sexual orientation and/or gender identity and expression
- People living in and around border areas
- Persons affected by natural disasters
- Persons affected by armed conflicts
- Internally displaced persons, refugees or migrants

PART IV: Monitoring, Evaluation and Compliance

» Monitoring

<p>Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period *</p> <p><i>Please limit your response to 350 words.</i></p> <p>The project team and implementing partners have carried out regular Context / Community-based Monitoring built on guidance of FAO HQ Conflict and Peace Analysis Unit. The tool via informal discussions and project meetings with beneficiaries helps to monitor the implications of the interventions on local sentiments and implication of local contextual changes to project outcome</p> <p>FAO Uzbekistan has also carried out a monitoring and technical backstopping mission to project areas led by FAO HQ Technical Specialist.</p>
<p>Do outcome indicators have baselines? *</p> <p><i>If only some of the outcome indicators have baselines, select 'yes'</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> no</p>
<p>Please provide a brief description *</p> <p><i>Please limit your response to 350 words.</i></p> <p>Elaborate on what sources of evidence have been used to report on indicators (and are available upon request): Household and population surveys carried out by an analytical firm as a part of the Baseline Study.</p>
<p>Elaborate on what sources of evidence have been used to report on indicators (and are available upon request) *</p> <p><i>Please limit your response to 350 words.</i></p> <p>Yes, the baseline study attempts to assess the perception of interaction, trust and economic cooperation.</p>
<p>Has the project launched outcome level data collection initiatives? e.g. perception surveys *</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> no</p>
<p>Please provide a brief description *</p> <p><i>Please limit your response to 350 words.</i></p> <p>Household and population surveys carried out by an analytical firm as a part of the Baseline Study.</p>

<p>Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms? *</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> no</p>
<p>Please provide a brief description *</p> <p><i>Please limit your response to 350 words.</i></p> <p>Yes, the project team and implementing partners carry out Community-based / Context Monitoring using a tool built under the guidance of FAO HQ Conflict and Peace Analysis Unit. The tool via informal discussions with beneficiaries helps to monitor the implications of the interventions on local sentiments and implication of local contextual changes to project outcome.</p>

» Evaluation

<p>Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation? *</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> no</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Not Applicable</p>
<p>Evaluation budget (in USD): *</p> <p><i>Response required</i></p> <p>55000</p>
<p>If project will end in next six months, and the overall project budget is above 1.5 million, is your upcoming evaluation on track? (Preparations) *</p> <p><i>Please limit your response to 350 words.</i></p> <p>The tool via informal discussions with beneficiaries helps to monitor the implications of the interventions on local sentiments and implication of local contextual changes to project outcome.</p>
<p>Please mention the focal person accountable for sharing the final evaluation report with the PBF, name and email.</p> <p>Gulzhigit Ermatov, PBSO Kyrgyzstan gulzhigit.ermatov@un.org</p>

» **Catalytic Effect**

<p>Catalytic Effect (financial): Indicate funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since it started. (y/n) *</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> no</p>	
<p>If yes, how many additional grants or donors has the project leveraged? *</p> <p>5</p>	1
<p>Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project. *</p> <p><i>Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately</i></p>	
<p>Name of Funder *</p> <p>Eco Islamic Bank (2 young entrepreneurs received per 500\$ for the start-up)</p>	
<p>Amount in USD *</p> <p>1000</p>	2
<p>Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project. *</p> <p><i>Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately</i></p>	
<p>Name of Funder *</p> <p>Alaiku Orgnics LLC (3 young entrepreneurs)</p>	
<p>Amount in USD *</p> <p>3000</p>	3
<p>Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project. *</p> <p><i>Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately</i></p>	
<p>Name of Funder *</p> <p>Finca Bank CJSC (1 SHG's business plan)</p>	

Amount in USD 1485	*
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Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project.
Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately

Name of Funder Branding Agency "Togolok" support on branding (1 SHG's business plan and 1 young entrepreneur)	*
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Amount in USD 4000	*
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Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project.
Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately

Name of Funder Local self-government - AO Baltogulov (Ala-Buka region) supported 3 SHGs	*
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Amount in USD 1000	*
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Catalytic Effect (non-financial): Has the project enabled or created a larger or longer-term peacebuilding change to occur? *

- No catalytic effect
- Some catalytic effect
- Significant catalytic effect
- Very Significant catalytic effect
- Don't Know
- Too early to tell

If relevant, please describe how the project has had a (non-financial) catalytic effect i.e. ways in which the project has supported the expansion or creation of programs and policies supporting peace, both within and outside the UN system *

Please limit your response to 350 words.

The project achieved valuable outcomes by empowering women and youth to enhance social and economic relations in cross-border areas between Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. This was accomplished through a range of activities including exchange visits, joint holiday celebrations, knowledge sharing, personal connections, and fostering friendships cooperation through a dedicated Telegram group, e.g. Navruz Festival, tourist visits, etc. The combined efforts of women and youth in these cross-border areas yielded added value by establishing enduring connections that extended beyond the project's activities and target areas. This collaboration contributed to the development of lasting partnerships, fostering social and economic growth in the communities involved.

As a result of the acceleration program, 5 young entrepreneurs successfully secured financial support for their agro-business start-ups, amounting to a total of USD 7,000 from investors. SHGs received additionally from Finca Bank - special certificates to 60 people to maintain deposit account "Kyyal", Lalafo awarded 4 certificates to maintain business accounts in its marketplace free of charge, NGO "Precedent" provided certificates for 5 free legal consultations for women, NGO "WE" awarded certificates on business coaching and SMM specialist awarded 2 certificates to attend trainings on SMM and business promotion online.

Sustainability

Does the project have an explicit exit strategy?

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

Please limit your response to 350 words.

Revolving Funds and Group Support: The project has established Self-Help Groups (SHGs) based on revolving funds, where the accumulated funds are used collectively by the group members. This approach promotes sustainability by ensuring that financial resources continue to circulate within the groups even after the project concludes. The project has focused on providing material support and resources to these groups rather than individuals, strengthening the collective capacity of the SHGs.

Institutional Capacity Building: Building the institutional capacity of local organizations and community groups involved in peacebuilding efforts via training, resources, and support to enhance their ability to continue the activities initiated by the project.

Local Ownership and Leadership: Empowering local communities (incl., village activists) and institutions (incl., representatives of local (self) government) to take ownership of the peacebuilding initiatives. The project strives to transfer leadership and decision-making responsibilities to local stakeholders, ensuring their continued engagement and commitment to sustaining the achieved outcomes.

Network and Partnership Building: The project facilitates the establishment of networks and partnerships between the participating communities, local authorities and organizations, and relevant stakeholders. These networks would enable ongoing collaboration, knowledge sharing, and resource mobilization beyond the project's lifespan. **Integration into Existing and New Structures:** Efforts are made to integrate the project's activities and approaches into existing local structures (e.g., the annual Atlas Festival) and frameworks related to social and economic cooperation. This ensures that the peacebuilding gains become embedded in the wider community and government systems, enabling long-term sustainability.

Resource Mobilization: Identifying sustainable sources of funding and support is crucial to maintaining the momentum. The project assists local communities in exploring alternative funding mechanisms, engaging with investors, and seeking partnerships to secure resources for continued activities.

Empowerment and Entrepreneurial Skills Development: The project has prioritized empowerment and development of entrepreneurial skills among the beneficiaries. By equipping them with the necessary knowledge and tools to effectively manage funds and engage in income-generating activities, the project enhances the sustainability of interventions and their long-term economic empowerment.

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

Please limit your response to 350 words.

N/A

Monitoring and Oversight Activities

Please describe any key event related to monitoring and oversight. Please click next if no activities have yet taken place.

Monitoring and oversight activities	Name of the Event	Summary	Key Findings
Event 1	Context monitoring	information collected through the context monitoring tool allows the project to monitor changes and dynamics impacting the project implementation process	The project team and implementing partners carry out Community-based / Context Monitoring using a tool built under the guidance of FAO HQ Conflict and Peace Analysis Unit. The tool via informal discussions and project meetings with beneficiaries helps to monitor the implications of the interventions on local sentiments and implication of local contextual changes to project outcome.
Event 2	Field monitoring and technical backstopping missions	Project team members carried out a monitoring and technical backstopping mission to project areas led by FAO HQ Technical Specialist.	Technical recommendations on improvement of CSA practices Regular monitoring and field missions organised by PBF local teams to ensure project indicators in progress, activities implemented as planned, and to strengthen collaboration between LSGs, SHGs, youth and other key stakeholders.
Event 3			

Event 4			
Event 5			
Event 6			
Event 7			
Event 8			
<p>Final Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please save a pdf copy of the form by clicking on the <i>Printer</i> icon on the top right corner of the page. • A dialogue box will appear: Please select the A4 size and portrait orientation. • Click "prepare" and save the document as a PDF (if on first attempt, the generated page is not readable, close the pop up page and try again. If the problem persists, you can contact technical support at the email address below) • Please upload the pdf version of the report as well as your financial report in excel format on the MPTF-O gateway. <p><i>If you encounter any difficulty in filling the form or generating the print-out for MPTFO gateway, please contact Alejandro Bonil Vaca alejandro.bonilvaca@un.org</i></p>			
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