Peacebuilding Fund Project Progress Report (Update May 2023)



PROJECT OVERVIEW

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» Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border project?		*
Please select the geographical reg	gion in which the project is imple	mented
Asia and the Pacific	Central & Southern Africa	East Africa
Europe and Central Asia	Global	Latin America and the Carribean
Middle East and North Africa	O West Africa	
Country of project implementation	n	*
Ethiopia	🔵 Kenya	Madagascar
Somalia	O South Sudan	Sudan
Other, Specify		

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Project Title
00130612: Bridging the "Youth Gap" – Strengthening Community-Based Reintegration Mechanisms – A IOM/UNICEF Partnership for Community Youth and Youth Formerly Associated with Al-Shabaab
00114230: Dhulka Nabaada (The Land of Peace): Supporting Land Reform in Somalia
00118835: Improving psychosocial support and mental health care for conflict affected youth in Somalia: a socially- inclusive integrated approach for peace building
00113082: Leveraging the Strength of Women in Peace Building and Promoting Gender Sensitivity in the National Programme on Disengaged Combatants
O0130704: Making Space for Peacebuilding: Strengthening Participation and Safety of Women Activists and Journalists in South West state and Jubaland, Somalia
00113980: Midnimo II (Unity) - Support for the attainment of durable solutions in areas impacted by displacement and returns in Galmudug and Hirshabelle States
O0113011: PBF Secretariat
00118131: Prevention of child recruitment and community-based reintegration of children formerly associated with armed forces and groups
00129735: Promoting Inclusive Action in Peacebuilding (PIAP Initiative)
00096601: Support for Somalia Reconciliation Conferences
00129368: Support Political Transition in Somalia
00119246: Support to mechanisms to prevent and manage conflict during elections
00118635: Support to National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC) Electoral Dispute Resolution Mechanisms
00113565: Support to stabilization phase 2 (2S2II)
00113621: Supporting reconciliation and state-building processes
00129369: Women, Peace and Protection Programme
00119317: Youth Building Peace in Somalia
Other, Specify
Project Start Date (Date of first transfer)
2022-03-02
Project end Date
2023-08-31

Has this project received an extension?	*
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	
o no	

Recipients

Is the convening agency a UN agency or a non UN entity?
UN entity
Non-UN Entity
Please select the convening agency recipient
Action Aid The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)
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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	
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Other, Please specify	
Somali Women Development Centre (SWDC); Somali Women Studies Centre (SWCS)	

Financial Reporting

» Delivery by Recipient

Recipients	Total Project Budget	Transfers to date	Expenditure to date	Implementati on rate as a
	(in US \$)	(in US \$)	(in US \$)	percentage of
	<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>	total budget (calculated automatical
Saferworld	* 784948	* 549464	477557.93	
TOTAL	784948	549464	477557.93	60.8
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The approximate	implementation rate as r	percentage of total pro	niect hudget based o	n the values
	pove matrix is 60.84% . C			

» Gender-responsive Budgeting

Indicate what percentage (%) of the budget contributes to gender equality or women's empowerment (GEWE)? 92.11	
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 \$ 723015.6 . Can you confirm that this is correct?)
If it is incorrect, please enter the <i>budget amount</i> allocated to GEWE in US Dollars 723024.15	
Amount expended to date on efforts contributiong to gender equality or women's empowerment is US \$ 439878.61. Is this correct? Correct Incorrect	
If it is incorrect, please enter the <i>expenditure to date</i> on GEWE in US dollars 477557.93	
ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE. The templates for the budget are available <u>here</u>	
Saferworld PBF_project_semi-annual financial report- Somalia_00130704-16_41_42.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 th budget for GEWE)	e total
Score 2 for projects that have gender equality as a significant objective and allocate between 30 and 79% of project budget to GEWE	the total
Score 3 for projects that have gender equality as a principal objective and allocate at least 80% of the total p budget to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE)	roject
Please select the Risk Marker Associated with this project	*
Please select the Risk Marker Associated with this project Risk marker 0 = low risk to achieving outcomes 	*
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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)	
ls the project part of one or more PBF priority windows? <i>Select all that apply</i>	*
Cender 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	
o 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.	*
Diver the past six months, the project has actively engaged with government entities at the Federal Member Star and national levels, collaborating with institutions such as the Ministry of Women and Human Rights Developme Ainistry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Ministry of Religious Affairs, and Ministry of Communication. The a vas to raise awareness about women's participation in politics, peacebuilding, human rights, justice, religion, ar nedia, while promoting their inclusion in decision-making processes. This resulted in increased government upport, including the establishment of a gender office at the Ministry of Justice in Jubaland.	ent, aim
At the FMS level, the project facilitated meetings and round table discussions with government representatives, ocusing on enhancing women's safety, participation, and protection. Discussions addressed obstacles such as afety threats, limited resources, discrimination, and cultural barriers. Information sharing involved exchanging lata, research findings, and case studies to improve government understanding. Joint planning focused on trategies like policy reforms, capacity-building programs, and protective measures, aiming for coordinated action policy reforms, and resource allocation.	5
The women activists successfully advocated for and established a gender office within the Ministry of Justice in ubaland, ensuring access to justice and support for victims of gender-based violence. Led by a remarkable wom he gender office plays a crucial role in addressing the needs of survivors. Close collaboration is maintained to ensure its effectiveness and responsiveness. Efforts discussed with the Ministry of Justice include institutional integration, capacity building for office staff, fostering partnerships with civil society organisations, and advocat or the office's importance among key stakeholders. These measures aim to secure the sustainability of the gend office and its vital services for survivors in the long term.	ting

PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

NOTES FOR COMPLETING	THE REPORT:	
 Report on what has Be as concrete as po	l UN jargon, use general /common been achieved in the reporting pe ossible. Avoid theoretical, vague or and project progress assessment i	riod, not what the project aims to do. conceptual discourse.
Please rate the implement	ation status of the following prelin	ninary/preparatory activities
Contracting of partners		*
Not Started	Initiated	Partially Completed
Ocompleted	Not Applicable	
Staff Recruitment		*
Not Started	Initiated	Partially Completed
Ompleted	Not Applicable	
Collection of baselines		*
O Not Started	Initiated	Partially Completed
Completed	Not Applicable	
Identification of beneficiar	ies	*
O 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.

During this reporting period, the project achieved several milestones. Six Violence Observatory Systems (VOS) were established across Jubaland, Mogadishu, and South West state, with a macro data analysis report produced. A briefing paper advocating for policy changes and legal reforms addressing gender-based violence (GBV) is under development. Fifty women journalists documented their security experiences through media initiatives. Protection mechanisms, GBV service mapping, and referral pathways were updated and shared with local women's organisations. Over 3,000 women received information about available protection mechanisms and GBV services. More than 100 women activists and journalists were referred to GBV care services, receiving legal aid and psychosocial support. Needs assessments for technical training on security and protection mechanisms were conducted among 20 local women's organisations and activists. One hundred and seventy women received technical training on psychosocial support, self-care, and safety. The capacity of over 50 GBV frontline workers were strengthened. Ne hundred and fifty women activists and 30 duty-bearers participated in forums, campaigns, and awareness-raising events. Three advocacy strategies were developed and implemented in different regions, contributing to increased awareness among communities and duty-bearers at the Federal Member States (FMS) level regarding violence against women and their role in conflict prevention. Three briefings on violence against women were produced and shared with police gender desks. Twelve male and female champions were identified at the FMS level and supported women activists in conducting internal advocacy. Additionally, 4 small grants were provided to 50 women, six women-led organisations, and six media networks in Jubaland, Mogadishu, and Southwest.

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 Making Space for Peacebuilding program has made significant strides in addressing gender-based violence (GBV) and empowering women activists and journalists. The establishment of Violence Observatory Systems (VOS) in Jubaland, Mogadishu, and Southwest state has provided a robust framework for documenting and collecting evidence of GBV cases. Over a six-month period, 115 cases of violence against women (VAW) were recorded, revealing the prevalence of various types of threats. Physical assault and rape were the most frequently reported forms of violence, followed by psychological and emotional abuse. Denial of resources and access to basic needs, online sexual harassment, personal attacks on social media, and domestic violence were also reported.

Building on the evidence from the VOS, targeted awareness campaigns have been implemented to address the root causes of GBV and promote behaviour change. Capacity-building initiatives have strengthened the response to GBV, advocated for policy reform, and improved support mechanisms such as helplines and support centres. This has led to improved law enforcement responses and the establishment of specialised units to handle GBV cases.

Collaboration between women activists and local authorities has resulted in the establishment of a case documentation and referral system. Through this system, women activists work closely with local authorities to report cases, advocate for survivors' rights, and provide immediate support. The collected information, including survivors' testimonies and medical records, is carefully documented and shared with authorities to ensure legal action against perpetrators. This collaborative approach strengthens advocacy efforts and contributes to a safer society for women.

The transformations facilitated by the VOS have enhanced accountability, informed policies and programs, and improved support for survivors. The documentation and evidence system holds perpetrators accountable, strengthens advocacy, and enables targeted interventions to address the root causes of violence against women. The data generated contributes to a gender-inclusive understanding of GBV and supports evidence-based policymaking.

The locally-led and sustainable nature of the VOS has empowered women and held duty bearers accountable by providing reliable data on GBV incidents. This evidence-based approach strengthens advocacy efforts, raises awareness among duty bearers, and fosters campaigns targeting the root causes of GBV. These campaigns challenge harmful gender norms, educate communities about women's rights, and foster important dialogues on social attitudes. Community perceptions have shifted, leading to increased rejection of violence against women and the emergence of individuals as agents of change.

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: Women-rights organizations have skills to gather and analyse data on incidences and types of gendered violence women activists face, and develop evidence on violence against activists to inform programming and advocacy with duty-bearers.
* Outcome 2: Women civil society activists in South West and Jubaland and their respective organisations implement new security protocols and practices to reduce the number and severity of security threats.
* Outcome 3: Duty bearers and communities acknowledge the insecurity women activists face and take steps to support for operational and policy responses to VAW and women's political and peacebuilding participation at community and FMS levels.
* Outcome 4: Local women activists use new and strengthened movement building and networks to increase the impact of advocacy initiatives at national level.

Outcome 1: Women-rights organizations have skills to gather and analyse data on incidences and types of gendered violence women activists face, and develop evidence on violence against activists to inform programming and advocacy with duty-bearers.

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.

Women activists and journalists have benefited from training initiatives focused on data management and analysis of GBV incidents. These programs have equipped them with the necessary skills to collect, analyse, and report data accurately, enabling evidence-based advocacy and policymaking. The training has also increased awareness of GBV trends, allowing activists to identify areas of concern and develop targeted interventions. Measures have been implemented to prevent violence, including improved law enforcement responses and specialised units to handle GBV cases. Collaboration with local authorities has resulted in concrete actions based on the data and evidence provided by women activists, ensuring the protection and rights of survivors.

"We work closely with the local authorities to report cases of violence and urge them to take appropriate actions. By providing them with data and evidence, we strengthen our advocacy efforts. We are committed to amplifying the voices of survivors and advocating for their rights and safety. By documenting cases, supporting survivors and collaborating with relevant authorities and organisations, we strive to create a safer and more equitable society for women in Somalia." Hibo Ahmed women activist in Kismayu

The use of visual materials, such as videos and photos, has been effective in raising awareness and providing evidence of the challenges faced by women activists and journalists. Sharing these materials with authorities has led to increased attentiveness and proactive responses to security concerns. Authorities have taken necessary actions, including investigations, enhanced security measures, and increased support for women journalists operating in challenging environments. Visual documentation holds authorities accountable and influences positive changes in their approach to security issues.

Peer-to-peer learning sessions among women activists have facilitated knowledge sharing and informed advocacy on various issues, such as workplace violence, community-based violence, and online violence. Successful strategies and practices learned from peers have led to more targeted and effective interventions. Activists have influenced policy reforms prioritising the protection and support of women facing violence. Networking and alliances formed during the sessions have strengthened collective impact, enabling resource mobilisation and collaboration on advocacy initiatives. Empowered activists engage in evidence-based advocacy, becoming more effective in addressing GBV and advocating for policy reforms.

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.

At the grassroots level, the data has helped raise awareness and engage key stakeholders in local communities. This has led to increased commitment from stakeholders such as police, clan leaders, and religious leaders to address gendered violence against women activists. Community-level support mechanisms (helplines, safe shelters, counselling services, and legal aid) have been established in all regions to provide assistance and resources to women activists facing gendered violence. This has increased the number of women who have access to the support they need to seek justice and recover from the violence.

The involvement of women activists and youth in data collection and analysis activities has led to the empowerment of young women, fostering intergenerational dialogue and promoting their leadership in addressing violence against activists. This empowerment is evident through increased participation, confidence, and knowledge among young women activists. They are equipped with data-driven insights that enable them to advocate effectively, propose targeted interventions, and influence decision-making processes.

Outcome 2: Women civil society activists in South West and Jubaland and their respective organisations implement new security protocols and practices to reduce the number and severity of security threats.	
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 successfully empowered women activists and increased awareness of gender-based violence (GBV) services. Through training, resources, and communication channels, women activists and journalists were equipped to address GBV challenges and promote support services. As a result, the understanding and utilisation of GBV services increased, with 80% of referred women now receiving the necessary support. The project's efforts created a more inclusive and supportive society, reducing the impact of GBV. A specific example is Aisha, who became an influential figure in addressing GBV through training and networking opportunities. Her advocacy led to more individuals seeking help through GBV hotlines and reduced stigma.

Mapping exercises and strengthened referral pathways, leading to a significant increase in the utilisation of GBV services and protection mechanisms by women activists and journalists. Specifically, the percentage of women activists and journalists using/referring to available GBV services and protection mechanisms rose from 27.5% to 50% in Jubaland, Southwest, and Mogadishu. This positive change empowered women activists like Fatima, who previously faced difficulties accessing services in her rural community. contributed to a significant increase in the utilisation of GBV services by women activists and journalists, empowering individuals like Fatima to access support and refer others. The project addressed security concerns through specialised training programs, collaboration with local organisations, and access to resources. This resulted in a shift in perception among women activists, allowing 40% to focus better on their work due to reduced security concerns. Sarah, an activist, experienced personal growth and confidence through the training, enabling her to navigate risks and advocate for women's rights. The collaboration with experienced activists during training design enhanced program effectiveness. Overall, the project empowered women activists, increased utilisation of GBV services, and promoted gender equality in the community.

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

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The project has implemented specific changes in protection mechanisms and referral pathways, leading to tangible improvements in gender equality and women's empowerment. Through mapping exercises, existing protection mechanisms have been updated and strengthened to ensure safe and accessible services for women activists from diverse backgrounds, including those in rural areas. As a result, there has been a notable increase in the utilisation of GBV services and protection mechanisms by women activists and journalists, with the percentage rising from 27.5% to 50% in Jubaland, Southwest, and Mogadishu. This demonstrates the enhanced awareness and utilisation of available support services.

Furthermore, the project conducted a needs assessment among local women's organisations and activists to identify their specific requirements and challenges related to security and protection. In response to these findings, targeted training programs were developed. These programs have equipped women activists with practical knowledge and skills in safety measures, risk management, and self-defence, empowering them to effectively address GBV challenges. For example, women activists like Sarah, who previously felt vulnerable and lacked awareness of effective protection strategies, have experienced transformational change after completing the training. Sarah shared her story, stating that she now feels empowered and confident in advocating for women's rights.

Outcome 3: Duty bearers and communities acknowledge the insecurity women activists face and take steps to support for operational and policy responses to VAW and women's political and peacebuilding participation at community and FMS levels.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress

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

Progress summary

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The engagement of women activists and women journalists in dialogues and forums with duty bearers is a significant breakthrough for gender equality and addressing gender-based violence (GBV). Notably, women activists from Jubaland participated in the GBV Cluster Meeting, a crucial platform where stakeholders, including government officials, civil society organisations, and international partners, come together to address GBV issues comprehensively. By securing a seat at this meeting, This achievement signifies the recognition of women activists' expertise and contributions, leading to a shift in power dynamics and more inclusive decision-making. Their presence reflects meaningful participation in shaping policies and programs related to GBV. Additionally, the engagement of duty bearers has deepened their understanding of the challenges faced by women activists and journalists. Through dialogue, duty bearers have gained insights into the specific needs of women, fostering more informed decision-making and the implementation of targeted measures to prevent and address GBV.

The collaboration between women activists and Police Gender Desks has led to the development of protocols such as monthly meetings, which have been instrumental in addressing violence against women activists and journalists. The monthly meetings provide a platform for ongoing communication and coordination, allowing stakeholders to discuss progress, share information, and address challenges. These protocols streamline the response process, ensuring a more effective and efficient approach to addressing violence. The production of briefings has also increased awareness among stakeholders, equipping them with the knowledge and understanding to respond effectively to the unique challenges faced by women activists and journalists. The engagement with the Ministry of Gender has further resulted in promised improvements in programs and initiatives related to SGBV, survivor protection, and justice. These protocols and engagements signify a significant shift towards comprehensive approaches, improving support systems and fostering accountability in addressing violence against women activists and journalists, ultimately creating a safer environment and empowering survivors to seek help.

The project's interventions aimed to influence policies and practices related to gender equality and inclusive decision-making. Through bimonthly meetings with champions from key ministries, the project empowered the women with skills, knowledge, and strategies to advocate for gender equality.

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.

Conducting three forums allowed 150 women activists to actively participate and engage in dialogue with duty bearers responsible for violence response, prevention, and protection. By involving government officials, police officers, clan leaders, and other stakeholders, the project promoted the inclusion of diverse voices and perspectives.

Through the six bimonthly meetings with identified female and male champions in government sectors, advocacy skills were provided to promote women's meaningful participation. This enhanced the champions' ability to advocate for women's inclusion and influence decision-making processes, empowering them to be effective change agents.

The project produced three briefings addressing violence against women activists, fostering a collaborative approach between project stakeholders and police gender desks. This engagement facilitated policy advocacy, ensuring that operational and policy responses to violence against women and women's political and peacebuilding participation received greater support at community and Federal Member State (FMS) levels.

Outcome 4: Local women activists use new and strengthened movement building and networks to increase the impact of advocacy initiatives at 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

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The quarterly national-level movement-building events for women activists and journalists, and their organisations and networks, to strengthen cross-sector movement-building and knowledge sharing. The first and second quarter brought together 80 women activists and journalists who shared knowledge and were provided with a platform for exchanging of ideas, experiences, and best practices. This has resulted in increased knowledge and learning within the women's movement. The ongoing series will contribute to deepening movement-building efforts, fostering momentum, and expanding the network of women activists and organisations. The change resulting from this will be reported in the final report.

Provision of small grants for leaders of local women's organisations and media networks to travel and participate with national-level partners at advocacy opportunities. 20 directors and leaders of women's organisations and media networks have been identified at the local level and will soon participate in national-level advocacy opportunities in Mogadishu. The arrangement is in process and soon women leaders will be participating in national level advocacy and influencing on the Sexual Offence Bill, adding women's quota in the national election law. The change resulting from this will be reported in the final report.

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.

Partners involved in the project are in the process of organising quarterly national-level movement-building events for women activists and journalists, as well as their organisations and networks. These events will serve as platforms for cross-sector collaboration, knowledge sharing, and collective action. By bringing together activists from different regions and sectors, the project promotes inclusivity and amplifies the voices of women activists at the national level.

INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendmentsprovide 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: Women-rights organizations have skills to gather and analyse data on incidences and types of gendered violence women activists face, and develop evidence on violence against activists to inform programming and advocacy with duty-bearers.

Outcome 1	Perform ance Indicator s	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator Mileston e	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any)
1.1	% of trained women activists that report having increased skills and knowledge to gather and analyse incidents of gender-based violence	0	80%	50%	50%	

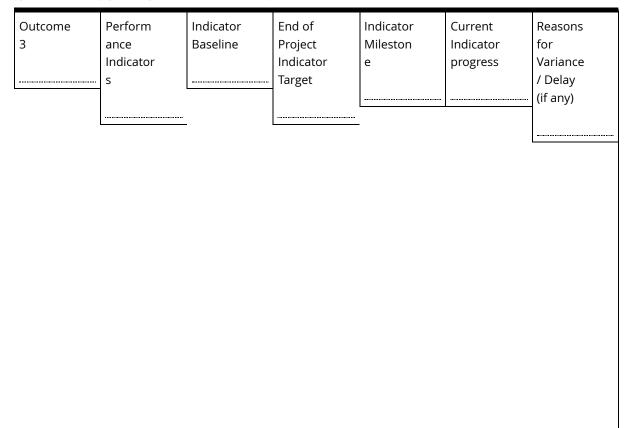
1.2	Number of advocacy	0	12	3	3	Due to the constraints of
			12	3	3	
						While developing more action plans would have been ideal, the decision to focus on three strategies was a well-
						considered approach to deliver targeted and impactful advocacy actions.

» Outcome 2: Women civil society activists in South West and Jubaland and their respective organisations implement new security protocols and practices to reduce the number and severity of security threats.

Outcome 2	Perform ance Indicator s	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator Mileston e	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any)
2.1	% of women activists and journalists who report they have increased knowledge of available GBV services and protection mechanisms	0	80%	100%	100%	
2.2	# and % of women activists and journalists who report they are using/referring others to the available GBV service and protection mechanism	27.5	50%	50%	50%	

2.3	% of women activists who	0	50% from baseline	40%	40%	
	state that					
	they can					
	better focus					
	on their					
	activist work					
	because they					
	are less					
	concerned					
	with security					
	threats					

» Outcome 3: Duty bearers and communities acknowledge the insecurity women activists face and take steps to support for operational and policy responses to VAW and women's political and peacebuilding participation at community and FMS levels.



3.1	# and % of Duty bearers and CSO networks targeted by the program who report that they have greater support for operational and policy responses to VAW and women's political and peacebuilding participation at community and FMS levels.	25%	50% increase on baseline level	# 30 50%	# 30 50%	-
3.2	# of duty bearers and CSOs who meaningfully participate discussions addressing VAW	0	30 (15 duty bearer and 15 CSOs)	30 (15 duty bearer and 15 CSOs)	30 (15 duty bearer and 15 CSOs)	
3.3						

» Outcome 4: Local women activists use new and strengthened movement building and networks to increase the impact of advocacy initiatives at national level.

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Outcome	Perform	Indicator	End of	Indicator	Current	Reasons
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	targeted that express support					
4.2	% of women activists who	0	60%	0	0	To be reported in the final
	report that they have had meaningful opportunities to be involved in discussion or consultation related to the national policies/laws addressing VAW.					report
4.3						
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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.)

lf yes, please state how	Event Descriptio n	Tentative Date	Location	Target Audience	Event Objectives
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the approxima te date of					
the event and a brief descriptio					
n, including its key					
objectives, target audience					
and location (if known)					
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Event 1	Publication of VOS briefing	June 2023	Globally	Women, men, youth	Generate more backing for the
	paper	L	I	government,	VOS and assist
	Paper			CBOs, CSOs,	with future
				WROs, NGOs,	fundraising
				INGO, Donors,	efforts for the
				UN Agencies	program.
					Communicate
				<u>.</u>	important
					insights acquired
					from the project
					so far to key
					stakeholders.
					Highlight
					significant
					findings from the
					data and
					underscore the
					necessity of
					supporting
					female activists
					and journalists.
					Improve the
					accuracy of
					information
					about violence
					and threats
					towards women
					activists.
					Strengthen
					protective
					measures and
					defence
					mechanisms for
					women activists
					at both the
					individual and
					organizational
					level. Increase
					public
					awareness, and
					engagement of
					duty bearers by
					women activists,
					on the
					insecurities they
					face and the
					negative

					and drive policy changes that prioritize gender equality and
Event 2	National level advocacy event to promote women's meaningful participation across different decision-making levels and support them to do conduct internal advocacy and influencing.	July 2023	Mogadishu	Women activists, women leaders' women, journalist Office of the President, Speaker, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Women's Empowerment, and Ministry of Justice CBOs, CSOs, WROs, NGOs, INGO, Donors	that limit their political and peacebuilding participation. Foster greater collaboration and sharing of evidence between women activists at the national and FMS levels regarding obstacles to women activists' involvement in public life. The event aims to highlight the importance of women's involvement at different decision-making levels and provide tools and resources for effective advocacy. The objective is to influence decision-making processes, foster collaboration,

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------Government authorities-Advocacy for women's rights, promotion of equal rights in all areas of life, including education, employment, and political participation, addressing challenges through awareness campaigns and gender equality promotion.

2	Saferworld Somalia, Women Development Centre, Somali	Lack of comprehensive data: Prior to the	Survivors of violence against women: The Violence Observatory	Hani Ahmed Ibrahim (Women activist): "We collect
	Women's Study Centre, Women activists and	implementation of the Violence Observatory System,	System has had a significant impact on the lives of survivors	information by actively listening to women activists and
	volunteers, Survivors of violence against	there was a lack of accurate and reliable	by providing them with a platform to	observing their daily activities. It allows us
	women, Local authorities and security agencies.	data on violence against women in Somalia. This made it	share their experiences and access necessary	to gather first-hand accounts, capturing the true experiences
		difficult to assess the extent of the	support services. It has helped survivors	of survivors. Our primary goal is to
		problem and develop effective strategies to address it. Limited	connect with medical, legal, and counseling resources,	provide survivors with the support they need to heal
		support for survivors: Survivors of violence often	enabling them to heal and recover. Women activists and	and recover. We connect them with relevant resources.
		faced challenges in accessing necessary	volunteers: The project has	such as medical, legal aid, or
		support services, such as medical assistance, legal aid,	empowered women activists and volunteers by	counseling services, to ensure they receive
		and counseling. The lack of a coordinated	providing them with the tools and	comprehensive assistance." Hani
		response system made it difficult for survivors to receive	resources to document cases of violence against	Ahmed Ibrahim Hibo Hassan Sulub (Volunteer activist):
		comprehensive assistance. Limited	women. It has elevated their voices	"We work with relevant authorities,
		awareness and understanding: There was a need to raise	and enabled them to play a crucial role in advocating for the	engaging in discussions and networking
		community awareness about the prevalence and	rights and safety of survivors. Local authorities and	platforms that focus on women activists. By strongthoning
		impact of gender- based violence. Many	security agencies: The data and	By strengthening these partnerships, we created a
		people in Somalia had limited understanding of the	evidence collected through the Violence Observatory System	collective front against violence." Hibo Hassan Sulub
		issue and its consequences, which	have strengthened advocacy efforts and	
		hindered efforts to prevent and respond to violence against	provided local authorities with valuable information	
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		actions against		
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		facilitated		
		collaboration		
		between activists		
		and authorities in		
		addressing the issue		
		effectively.		
		Saferworld, Somalia		
		Women Development		
		Centre, and Somali		
		Women's Study		
		Centre: These		
		organizations have		
		played a key role in		
		establishing and		
		supporting the		
		Violence Observatory		
		System. The project		
		has allowed them to		
		document and		
		analyze cases of		
		violence against		
		women, contributing		
		to their efforts to		
		promote gender		
		equality and create a		
		sustainable, women-		
		led response to		
		gender-based		
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In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had (650 words)	
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Please tick the applicable change based on above narrative.
How we worked: * Please select up to 3. Enhanced digitization Innovative ways of working 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. Conducting gender-based violence against women activists analysis using Violence observatory system, it identified the specific needs, priorities, and challenges faced by women activists and journalists in the target regions. This analysis has informed the development of gender-responsive policies such as the National action plan and initiatives that address the unique barriers faced by women in these roles such as raising awareness among decision-makers, and working with duty bearers, to push for legal and policy reforms, legal counselling, access to justice initiatives, and establishing and strengthening hotlines, Conducting research and data collection on the experiences and challenges faced by women activists and journalists, this evidence has been used to inform policy advocacy.

Please explain
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Who are we working with (in addition to the implementing partners)
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Please limit your response to 350 words.
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Leave No one Behind
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✓ Persons affected by violence (e.g. GBV)
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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

Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period

Please limit your response to 350 words.

The program continued Performance monitoring through activity and output tracking sheets in which the partners used administrative data from project implementation, such as participant lists and distribution lists. Additionally, during the reporting period, the project held a perception assessment survey, in the three locations, where women representatives were supported to discuss the outcome level changes and additional themes selected by the participants. Participants have come up with both positive and negative indicators of change in these areas to rank any changes that may happen during the first part of the project, similar exercise will be conducted at the end of the project to measure the level of change of these specific outcome indicators.

During the reporting period, Saferworld and the partners conducted an Outcome Harvesting (OH) workshop, the aim of the workshop was to attain a richer understanding of the project's impact and its significance with respect to the wider conflict context. OH does not start with predetermined changes and measure progress towards them, but rather collects evidence of what has been achieved in the programme or project area, and works backwards to determine whether and how the project or intervention contributed to the change. The outcomes harvested this period shows program is approaching its final implementation stages and the outcomes of this quarter have shown a massive institutional change which is in line with the goals set initially. The women activists in Baidoa, Kismayo and Mogadishu are now systematically monitoring and managing furthermore the women activists have shown improved trust in the formal systems and are now seeking support from the formal system rather than the traditional system. Finally, the Authority in Kismayo accepted to work closely with the women activists to strengthen women's meaningful participation in decision-making. For example, during this reporting period, the higher offices of Jubaland State including the office of the president, deputy president, speaker, and ministries, accepted to engage on bimonthly bases with the women activists and will have a focal point who will serve as male and female champions. This will ease women's access to decision-makers.

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.
All the indicators have baseline data.
Elaborate on what sources of evidence have been used to report on indicators (and are available upon request)
Please limit your response to 350 words.
The evidence of the data at activity and output level is from the indicator tracking sheet and activity report while the outcome level data is from the outcome harvesting and perception assessment reports.

Has the project launched outcome level data collection initiatives? e.g. perception surveys
● yes
no

Please provide a brief description

Please limit your response to 350 words.

Yes, the project has actively utilized community feedback mechanisms, recognizing the importance of engaging with the communities it serves, which primarily include women activists, women journalists, and peacebuilders. These mechanisms have provided a platform for community members to contribute their opinions and experiences, ensuring that the project is responsive to their specific needs and preferences. Regular feedback collection and analysis have allowed the project to adapt and improve its interventions, making them more effective and relevant. Through transparent and inclusive processes, the project has fostered collaboration, ownership, and accountability, ensuring that community voices are heard and considered in decision-making. Community consultations, meetings, and structured feedback processes have provided opportunities for community members to voice their opinions, offer suggestions, and shape the direction of the project.

Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms?

🔵 yes

no

Please provide a brief description

Please limit your response to 350 words.

Through the outcome harvesting and perception surveys explained in the monitoring section. See above.

» Evaluation

Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation?	*
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no	
Not Applicable	
Evaluation hudget (in LICD)	*
Evaluation budget (in USD):	
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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)
Please limit your response to 350 words.
The project budget is less than 1.5 million, no evaluation will be done, however, the project has done outcome
harvesting and will do another at the end of the project.
Please mention the focal person accountable for sharing the final evaluation report with the PBF, name and email.
Ali Hersi ahersi@saferworld.org.uk

» Catalytic Effect

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) yes	*
o no	
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	
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Too early to tell	

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. The exit strategy is the interventions such as the observatories focusing on voluntarism (while providing small grants to practically enable work) to encourage ownership and reduce aid dependency. SWDC and SWSC have wellestablished relations with national and local authorities in the target locations including security actors, the judiciary, and relevant Ministries. These strong relations with the various government institutions are being leveraged to achieve the project activities and gain buy-in to sustain them beyond the life of the project e.g. relations between police authorities and women activists. The long-term involvement in human rights and activism of the Executive Directors of SWDC and SWSC is being leveraged to bring together women activists and government actors to forge a common goal of not only reducing violence against women but also building platforms for them to thrive. The sustainability of activities is also anchored on the formation of strong coalitions and coordination mechanisms among women activists. The importance of movement building and increasing the opportunities for women activists and journalists to engage in national level forums and networks e.g. Somali Media Forums and build trusted relations with authorities, will enhance the possibility for them to continue engagement and influence in these spaces. 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	Cross Violence Observatories learning event: During the reporting period, Cross VOS learning event is conducted, in each state the women activists/VOMs representative come to gather preparing themselves to be able to present their successes and challenges in front of the other women activists/VOMs, their everying of the Violence	In each location women activists showed the impact that they are making and during these events each team prepared power point presentations, info-graphics and videos showcasing the impact that they are making.	
	experience of the Violence observatory system implementations, lessons learned, considering the questions and perspectives from the other VOMs and anticipating what the other side might want to say or expect from the meeting. The Violence Observatory Monitors (VOMs) also discussed the progress they have made against the outcome of VOMs and identify key changes they have influenced, developed a		
	Case study, and shared their Success story at the state level. Finally, this event was also preparation of an upcoming Joint cross- regional VOM learning meeting which will be organized in early June		
Event 2			

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Event 6						
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Event 8						
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