

Peacebuilding Fund Project Progress Report (Update May_2023)



PROJECT OVERVIEW

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» Report Submission

Type of report	*
<input type="radio"/> Semi-annual	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Annual	
<input type="radio"/> Final	
<input type="radio"/> Other	
Date of submission of report	*
2023-11-14	
Name and Title of Person submitting the report	*
UNDP AND UNICEF SIERRA LEONE COUNTRY OFFICES	
Name and Title of Person who approved the report	*
UNDP DRR AND UNICEF DRR	

Have all fund recipients for this project contributed to the report?

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☒ yes

☐ no

Did PBF Secretariat review the report?

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If there is no PBF secretariat in country, please select "Not applicable". If there is a PBF secretariat, you should normally ensure that they have an opportunity to review.

☒ yes

☐ no

☐ Not Applicable

» Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border project?

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☐ yes ☒ no

Please select the geographical region in which the project is implemented

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

Country of project implementation *

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

Other, please specify *

Project Title *

- ☐ 00124562: Empowering youth at risk as resources for sustaining peace and community resilience in Tonkolili and Kenema districts in Sierra Leone
- ☐ 00130053: Women4Water&Peace: Promoting civic spaces and empowering women to address water-related disputes and provide access to water in poor communities in Freetown
- ☒ 00132863: Promote the creation of an enabling environment for the conduct of peaceful elections and the strengthening of social cohesion in Sierra Leone
- ☐ 00134257: Empowering Youth Bike Riders as Sustainable Agents of Peace in Sierra Leone
- ☐ 00140111: Youth in Politics and Peacebuilding
- ☐ 00140113: Localization and Working-Together for Peace: Repositioning Women-Focused CSOs for Sustainable Peace in Sierra Leone
- ☐ 00133100: Building sustaina
- ☐ Other, Specify

Write the 8 digit MPTFO number and Project Title exactly as it appears in the Project Document *

EXAMPLE: 00118938: Community-based prevention of violence and social cohesion using innovation for young people in displaced and host communities

Please select the geographical region(s) in which the project is implemented *

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asia and the Pacific | <input type="checkbox"/> Central & Southern Africa | <input type="checkbox"/> East Africa |
| <input 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 *

Write the 8 digit MPTFO numbers and Project Title exactly as it appears in the Project Document *

EXAMPLE: 00129699/700: Supporting Cross-Border Cooperation for Increased Community Resilience and Social Cohesion in The Gambia and Senegal

Please select the countries where this project is being implemented *

Other, Please specify *

Project Start Date (Date of first transfer) *

2022-08-11

Project end Date *

2024-08-10

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
- ☒ no

If yes, please select which *

- ☐ National Trust Fund
- ☐ 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
- ☐ UNDP0 ☐ Other, Specify

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

Please select other UN recipients

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Select all that apply

- ☐ UNDP: United Nations Development Programme ☐ IOM: International Organization for Migration
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- ☐ UN Department of Peace Operations ☐ Other, Specify

Other, Please specify

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Please select other non-UN recipients

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

Other, Please specify

Implementing Partners

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

9

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

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

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

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Office of National Security Adviser - ONS

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

260000

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

*Activation of ONS/IESPC situation room

- Training of trainers on election security and conflict management to security personnel
- Post-election conflict mitigation and reconciliation dialogue



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- ☐ Other

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Political Parties Regulation Commission - PPRC

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

47522.57

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

- Training for APPYA/APPWA on mediation, negotiation and dialogue; awareness raising on new Political Party Act, peace pledge and unhindered access; facilitation of inter-party dialogue

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- ☐ Other

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Ministry of Gender and Children Affairs

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

15127.85

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

- Coordination of GBV survivor-centered case management, service referral and GBVIMS+; development of knowledge products; roll-out of E Referral Pathway (e-RPW); 116 helpline popularization



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- ☐ Other

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Family Support Unit, Sierra Leone Police

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

61652.2

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

- Training of 200 FSU personnel on SGBV and case management Reference Guidelines Handbook, including identification, reporting and responses



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- ☐ Other

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Sierra Leone Association of Journalist - SLAJ

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

65658

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

- Training, hosting and payment of fact-checkers; operationalization of iverify; production of theme song and video, as well as jingles for popularization of iverify

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- ☐ Other

Other, Please specify

Family Support Unit, Sierra Leone Police

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Defence for Children International (DCI)

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

70921.96

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

- Community engagement with youth and adolescents, parents, caregivers and community members through life skills sessions, positive parenting education programme and intergenerational dialogues



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Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Focus 1000

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

137990.02

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

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- ☐ Other

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP)

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

44216

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

- Training to insider mediators (NERG/DERG) on mediation and negotiation; establishment of election situation room; and response interventions by NERG/DERG

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- ☐ Other

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Legal Aid Board - LAB

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

74777.46

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

Please limit your response to 175 words

- Sensitization of schools and communities in project districts on rights and responsibilities during the electoral process; dissemination of peace and civic messages; legal representation of 168 people

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.

[illegible]

	*	*	*	%
TOTAL	3000000	3000000	1729291.91	57.6 4%

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **57.64%**. Can you confirm that this is correct? *

☐ Correct ☒ Incorrect

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

62

» Gender-responsive Budgeting

Indicate what **percentage (%)** of the budget contributes to gender equality or women's empowerment (GEWE)? *

40.14

The dollar amount of the budget contributing to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) based on percentage entered above and total project budget is **US \$ 1204200**. Can you confirm that this is correct? *

☒ Correct ☐ Incorrect

If it is incorrect, please enter the *budget amount* allocated to GEWE in US Dollars *

Amount expended to date on efforts contributing to gender equality or women's empowerment is **US \$ 694137.77**. Is this correct? *

☒ Correct ☐ Incorrect

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

ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE. *

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

Annual PBF project peaceful elections Sierra Leone UNDP And UNICEF Financial Report-9_36_44.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?

The Technical Committee has met four (4) times since November 2022. The project's technical committee is coordinated and chaired by the Minister of the Ministry of Public Administration and Political Affairs (MPAPA) in its capacity as the implementing partner for the project. The technical committee comprises the lead UN agencies – UNDP and UNICEF, and one representative each from the implementing partners.

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. *

The convening agencies (UNDP and UNICEF) met with the Minister of MPAPA in September 2023 to apprise of the project's contributions to the elections and in the immediate post-election period; and explored options to sustain implementation.

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.) *

All preparatory activities including development and revision of concept notes/proposals and budget from potential implementing partners and contracting of implementing partners; signing of low value grant agreement, responsible party agreements and letter of agreements respectively are completed. Following the finalization and endorsement of agreements with implementing partners, UNDP and UNICEF have transferred all funds in line with respective agreements to the partners in tranches for execution of approved activities. In partnership with representatives of MPAPA (former MPPA) the project ensured the monitoring of the activities carried out by the implementing partners. The project's baseline assessment is also concluded following engagement with relevant stakeholders in both agencies, and the implementing partners at the national and district levels. The baseline facilitated the revision of some outcome and output indicators, which has been submitted. With regards to staffing, in line with the project document, payment remains effected for the following staffing configuration, who are already on board in both agencies: 1 CTA/PM P5 charged 50% to the project for 24 months (the other 50% is covered under the UNDP election project); 1 P3 from UNICEF (charged at 30%) for 24 months; and 1 NOC from UNICEF (charged 100%) for 24 months respectively.

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)

Not applicable

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 more than 5.

Please write out the project outcomes as they are in the project results framework found in the project document	
Outcome 1: Early warning and response mechanisms to electoral tensions and triggers of conflict reduce the potential and the intensity of violence	*
Outcome 2: An inclusive civic space is fostered and peaceful, accurate and timely communications for participatory and well-informed discussions are possible	*
Outcome 3: Women are better protected to meaningfully participate in political processes prior, during and after the elections.	*
Outcome 4: The political environment is conducive to the free and fair conduct of elections	*
Outcome 5: The electoral process is transparent and credible	*
Outcome 6: The electoral process is peaceful	*
Outcome 7: The electoral process is inclusive	*
Outcome 8: The electoral process is accessible	*
Additional Outcomes If the project has more than 8 outcomes, please enumerate the remaining outcomes here	*

Outcome 1: Early warning and response mechanisms to electoral tensions and triggers of conflict reduce the potential and the intensity of election-related violence.

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.

Two (2) early warning and response mechanisms operationalized by the government and civil society respectively, anticipated and responded to election-related conflicts. Improved technical and operational capacity of Office of National Security (ONS) on election security, early warning and communications through secondment of two UN SPC Advisors for 6 months and Communication Specialist for 12 months. 600 security personnel including 128 women trained on election security and conflict management. 1,200 copies each of three (3) knowledge products: election security, communication strategies, and training manual produced and disseminated to security institutions; 20,000 copies of pocket guides on election security produced. Laptops, tablets, mobile phones, printers and accessories distributed to enhance the operational capacity of the ONS situation room. Enhanced technical operations of WANEP on early warning and response mechanisms. Improved thematic capacities of 454 peace monitors, including 202 women on conflict monitoring and reporting; 7 people including 4 women on conflict analysis; and 37 (NERG/DERG) members (including 14 women) on dialogue and mediation by Folke Bernadotte Academy and WANEP respectively. Improved joint planning and coordination between NERG and DERG structures and responses to election conflicts in Kono, Port Loko, Pujehun, Bonthe, Falaba and Tonkolili promoted dialogue and retained peace during and after the elections. The post-election dialogue facilitated by ONS elicited commitment of 1510 people including 416 women on reconciliation and social cohesion.

Two rounds of U-Report polls were administered in September 2022 to gauge awareness on voter registration process; and in May/June 2023 to inform quantitative data for the project's baseline assessment to inform review of outcome indicators. 90% of respondents expressed strong confidence in the safety of the election process however, significant scepticism for the credibility of news in social media. In addition, the GBV Helpline – 116 has established linkages with WANEP and ONS situation rooms to ensure coordination and feedback mechanism between the 116 Helpline operated by the Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs and the situation rooms, using a common GBV Digital Referral Pathways (ERPW). Enhanced coordination between the Ministry of Public Administration and Political Affairs (MPAPA) and 50 civil society organizations on information sharing on election processes.

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 gender specialists of UNDP and UNICEF reviewed the ONS election training manual, election security and communication strategies to ensure gender sensitivity. Beneficiaries of WANEP's early warning and response trainings were approximately 50% female and those of ONS were 30% female. Furthermore, members of NERG and DERG are 50% female. On 2nd September 2022, and 26th May 2023, a poll was dispatched to 185,540 U-reporters across the nation. Among these, 6,350 (3.4%) individuals responded to the election registration poll. The highest response rate (30%) was observed in the northern province, followed by the southern province at 23%, while the eastern province exhibited the lowest response rate at 4%. Approximately 26% of respondents chose not to disclose their location. Comparable trends were observed in the subsequent poll conducted in May 2023.

In both polls, over 90% of male and female respondents expressed strong confidence in the safety of the election process. This perception was notably more pronounced in the southern districts (with the exception of the Bonthe district), which traditionally align with the incumbent party. A significant statistical majority of both genders believed that supporters from other political parties could be trusted, and that political parties conducted their campaigns respectfully. Additionally, a sense of security among women was widely reported. Notably, no major significant disparities were identified based on geographical region, age, or gender, although men exhibited a slightly higher expectation than women, that women would feel secure during the election. Early warning systems are integrating reports from the 116 Helpline on Gender Based Violence and using the GBV Digital Referral Pathways (eRPW) tool to refer individual cases, which are later followed up by a Gender Coordinator embedded in the Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs.



Outcome 2: An inclusive civic space is fostered and peaceful, accurate and timely communications for participatory and well-informed discourse are promoted.

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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Enhanced dialogue, peace and inclusivity of pertinent stakeholders, and verification of information mitigated hate speech and tensions. 88 people (41 women, 47 youth) including persons with disabilities from the All-Political Parties Youth and Women Association (APPYA/APPWA) trained on negotiation, dialogue, consensus-building, and leadership by Clingendael Institute. The peace pledge signed committed political actors and parties to peaceful elections. 3 inter-party dialogues between SLPP and APC fostered consensus building on pertinent issues; PPRC's peace messages promoted non-violent actions. 'Agreement for National Unity' signed on 18 October between the Government of Sierra Leone and opposition All Peoples Congress (APC) facilitated participation of APC in parliament and local council bodies and promotes electoral reforms. 8 fact-checkers and 2 coordinators including 5 women trained on iVerify operationalization. 204 stories verified and published following requests by users of the platform. 2.5 million people reached; 514,000 interactions/users of iVerify reported with peak in June (election month), accounting for 40% of all users. Verified-elections contents broadcasted on over 60 radio stations and theme-song, video and jingles produced and aired on radio and television.

The Legal Aid Board (LAB) raised awareness among youth in 435 schools and in 202 communities in Port Loko, Kono, Western Area, Kenema and Bombali on rights and responsibilities during elections. A total of 227,185 (including 75,852 women) students and 89,271 (including 26,852 women) community members participated in these sessions. Through its lawyers and paralegals, LAB provided legal representation to 168 people (including 39 women), arrested and detained for election-related offences. 158 (119 men and 39 women) of the 168 suspects were released and reunified with families, and 10 men were sentenced to six-month term by the Freetown magistrate courts. Further, 10,534 people (including 4,902 women) including religious and traditional leaders participated in community engagement and intergenerational dialogues; and 3,262 (687 men, 2,575 women) parents and caregivers were trained on positive parenting, peaceful elections and effective Participation of Parents and Caregivers in Political and Electoral Processes. 12,705 adolescents and youth (7,099 men, 5,606 women) engaged in life skills, community dialogues, awareness raising on peaceful election participation and civic education in 30 project communities.

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

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Beneficiaries of dialogue, negotiation, mediation, consensus-building and leadership trainings conducted by Clingendael Institute for APPWA (98% women); and for APPYA (80% youth). The iVerify fact-checkers and coordinators are 50% women and 90% youth. Civil society groups engaged by MPAPA through the government-CSO coordination platform on information sharing on electoral processes were 40% women. Students reached by LAB sensitization activities in schools are 33.4% women. LAB also developed together with a group of young people (12 girls, 1 boy) generic messages for the community, and those targeting youth and students to ensure political participation, rights of women and girls and freedom from GBV.

Outcome 3: Women are better protected to meaningfully participate in political processes prior, during and after the elections.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress

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

Progress summary

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With UNICEF's support, Sierra Leone became the first country in a government-led and non-humanitarian context to pilot and launch the Gender Based-Violence (GBV) Information Management System and digital referral pathways to support GBV Case Management throughout the election. The national GBV SOP that harmonizes case management process and tools was developed and serves as the national framework for GBV, with alignment to National Referral Protocol. The GBV Technical Working Group (TWG) established in April 2022 continued to coordinate all actions for the development and implementation of the GBV survivor-centered case management, service referral and the GBVIMS. Since the launch of GBVIMS+ in May 2023 in 3 districts, 146 cases of SGBV have been reported, and the system rolled out to 4 additional districts. To facilitate implementation of the GBVIMS+, 180 case workers were trained on case management and GBV services. Additionally, UNICEF supported the development of a digital GBV service register, the E Referral Pathway (e-RPW) in April 2023, with the aim of preventing and responding to GBV in Sierra Leone. Through this app, GBV services at district and chiefdom level are mapped and updated into a digital register. The digital register has made referral to GBV services easier, as more than 150 GBV services have been listed in the register across the country. The simultaneous roll out of the GBVIMS+ and e-RPW seeks to provide guidance to frontline staff on where and how to refer survivors of GBV to essential services for their recovery and reintegration. The Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs strengthened coordination, reporting and referral of SGBV with different Helplines and Situation Rooms. These include: 116 Helpline, 323 Don Bosco Child Line, ONS Hotline, Peace Commission Situation Room, WANEP Situation Room, Marie Stopes Hotline, Save the Children, World Vision and PLAN International. Through massive sensitization of the 116 Helpline, 19,950 calls were recorded in 2023; and 32 cases referred for GBV case management from August 2022 to September 2023.



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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Case workers who benefitted from the training on survivor centred case management are 70% women and 30% men. Among the 40 participants to the training of the Digital Referral Pathways (eRPW), 32 were women and 60% of FSU staff who participated in the capacity building exercise on the Reference Guidelines Handbook on GBV are females.



Outcome 4:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress

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Progress summary

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Please limit your response to 3000 characters including spaces.



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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Outcome 5:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress

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Progress summary

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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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Outcome 6:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress

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Progress summary

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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 3000 characters including spaces.



Outcome 7:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress

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Progress summary

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Please limit your response to 3000 characters including spaces.



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 3000 characters including spaces.



Outcome 8:

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.

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 3000 characters including spaces.

If the project has more than 8 outcomes, please use this text box to describe the *status* of progress (on track with evidence of peacebuilding outcomes, on track or off track), as well as briefly describe the progress and any analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome

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: Early warning and response mechanisms to electoral tensions and triggers of conflict reduce the potential and the intensity of election-related violence.

Outcome 1	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
1.1	Proportion of people who strongly agree that measures are in place to ensure the security and safety of voters during the 2023 elections (sex-disaggregated)	71% (male:73.1%; female: 69.4%)	TBD	TBD	As with the baseline assessment, a U-report survey will be commissioned in December 2023 to assess the perceptions of people
1.2	Proportion of people who strongly agree that supporters of political parties you are affiliated with can be trusted (sex-disaggregated)	44.4% (male: 44.1%; female: 45.1%)	TBD	TBD	As with the baseline assessment, a U-report survey will be commissioned in December 2023 to assess the perceptions of people
1.3	Proportion of people that said their community was largely peaceful on the day of the election	68%	TBD	TBD	As with the baseline assessment, a U-report survey will be commissioned in December 2023 to assess the perceptions of people

How many outputs does outcome 1 have?

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

Output 1.1

National and sub-national Early Warning and Response Systems are enhanced

Output 1.2

Nationally led initiatives to prevent electoral violence and promote dialogue are reinforced and scaled-up.

Output 1.3

Number of security personnel and other stakeholders trained through training of trainers on management of conflicts

Output 1.4

Security and communication strategies updated with the support of the UN Police Advisors, endorsed by the IESPC and imple

Output 1.5

Number of U-report surveys launched and analysed and recommendations provided to MPPA and ONS/IESPC

Other Outputs

If Outcome 1 has more than 5 outputs, please enumerate the remaining outputs here

Number of conflict mitigation and reconciliation initiatives conducted in post-electoral hotspots.

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

» Output 1.1

Output 1.1: National and sub-national Early Warning and Response Systems are enhanced	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1.1.1	Number of conflicts addressed through the intervention of IESPC and decentralized committees (Prosec, Disec, Chisec, LPPBs) and WANEP insider mediators, as recorded by ONS and WANEP situation rooms	1	3		6	Premised on early warning

1.1.2	Number of security personnel and other stakeholders trained through training of trainers on elections security, planning and simulation exercises	0	80% (estimated from recent by-elections)	600 (128 women)	600 (128 women)	ToT conducted in Makeni, <div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div>
1.1.3	Number of conflict mitigation and reconciliation initiatives conducted in post-electoral hotspots.	0	16	16	16	1,510 people (416 women) engaged fostered dialogue and laid foundation towards reintegration of politically displaced persons

» Output 1.2

Output 1.2: Nationally led initiative s to prevent electoral violence and promote dialogue are reinforced and scaled- up.	Performance Indicator <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1.2.1	Number of election related conflicts raised by the communities to the NERG. 	0	5	6	6	*Following electoral tensions between supporters of political parties during campaign, NERG/DERG pre-election dialogue with traditional and communities leaders on peace and social cohesion in Kono, Port Loko, Pujehun, Bonthe, Falaba and Tonkolili

1.2.2	<p>NERG and WANEP-led situation room's capacity to receive and analyse information and coordinate response with ONS and other actors is in place</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>1 WANEP Situation room; and 1 ONS</p>
1.2.3	<p>Number of recommendations made/decisions taken that propose joint collaboration in the implementation of election related activities by CSOs</p>	<p>Recommendations on Standing</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>1 Action plan developed</p>

» Output 1.3

Output 1.3: Number of security personnel and other stakeholders trained through training of trainers on management of conflicts	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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» Output 1.4

Output 1.4: Security and communication strategies updated with the support of the UN Police Advisors, endorsed by the IESPC and implemented	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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» Output 1.5

Output 1.5: Number of U-report surveys launched and analysed and recommendations provided to MPPA and ONS/IES PC	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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» Outcome 2: An inclusive civic space is fostered and peaceful, accurate and timely communications for participatory and well-informed discourse are promoted.

Outcome 2	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
2.1	Proportion of people who strongly agree that political parties are campaigning peacefully and respectfully for the 2023 elections (sex-disaggregated)	55.1% (male: 54.6%; female: 56.6%)	TBD	TBD	As with the baseline assessment, a
2.2	Proportion of people who strongly agree that political news shared on social media in the lead up to the 2023 elections is accurate and not biased (sex-disaggregated)	42.5% (male: 41.8%; female: 43.7%)	TBD	TBD	As with the baseline assessment, a
2.3	Proportion of people who strongly agree that youth participation in the 2023 elections will bring about peace not violence (sex-disaggregated)	60.9% (male: 61.1%; female: 61%)		Weighted average of paper-based	

How many outputs does outcome 2 have?

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

Output 2.1

Political Parties as well as its women and youth wings commit to peaceful, credible, transparent, and independent elections.

Output 2.2

Peaceful civic engagement is fostered through community dialogues, awareness raising on peace and youth participation in the

Output 2.3

Enhanced civic education to youth to build their understanding and trust in the electoral cycle and legal support to youth enga

Output 2.4

The capacity of national stakeholders to prevent and mitigate the threats to the integrity of information (misinformation, disinf

Output 2.5

Other Outputs

If Outcome 2 has more than 5 outputs, please enumerate the remaining outputs here

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

» Output 2.1

Output 2.1: Political Parties as well as its women and youth wings commit to peaceful, credible, transparent, and independent elections	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
2.1.1	Number of PPRC and political parties, including women and youth wings, provided with refresher training on mediation, dialogue and negotiation	0	40	88	88	41 women and 47 youth including

2.1.2	Number of people reached through the dissemination of the political parties Regulation Act in printed and electronic media	0	200		1,040	1,040 representatives of political parties
2.1.3	Number of political parties that have participated in high-level inter-party dialogue and signed the Peace Pledge	1	1	*1 peace pledged; *1 national union	1	One peace pledge signed by 12 political parties following high-level political dialogue; and witnessed by national and international stakeholders

» Output 2.2

Output 2.2: Peaceful civic engagement is fostered through community dialogues, awareness raising on peace and youth participation in the electoral process	Performance Indicators Describe the indicator	Indicator Baseline State the baseline value of the indicator	End of Project Indicator Target State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project	Indicator progress for reporting period State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period	Indicator progress to date State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant
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» Output 2.3

Output 2.3: Enhanced civic education to youth to build their understanding and trust in the electoral cycle and legal support to youth engaged in electoral-related conflicts	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
2.3.1	Number of schools and children reached through trainings in schools on civic education	0	432 schools	LAB has reached 133 schools	435 schools and a total of 227,185(151,333 men, 75,852 women) students and 89,271(62,419 men, 26,852 women) community members	The initial plan was to target only senior secondary schools; however it is expanded to junior secondary schools to encourage students to refrain from getting involved in election related violence

2.3.2	Number of youth and women accused of having committed electoral offences represented in Court by LAB	0		LAB provided legal representation to 168 people (129 men and 39 women), arrested and detained for election-related offences. 158 (119 men and 39 women) of the 168 suspects were released and reunified with families, and 10 men were sentenced to six-month term by the Freetown magistrate courts.	168	
2.3.3						

» Output 2.4

Output 2.4: The capacity of national stakeholders to prevent and mitigate the threats to the integrity of information (misinformation, disinformation and hate speech) is strengthened.....	Performance Indicators Describe the indicator.....	Indicator Baseline State the baseline value of the indicator.....	End of Project Indicator Target State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project.....	Indicator progress for reporting period State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period.....	Indicator progress to date State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project.....	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant.....
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2.4.1	<p>The extent people are using iVerify application to identify and analyze hate speech (1=not using, 2=stated using, 3= fully using) (disaggregated by age and sex)</p>	0	100 users			<p>*204 stories verified and published following request by users of platform *2.5million people reached online via website and content disseminated via social media; 5.4 million impressions on twitter</p>
2.4.2	<p>iVerify App developed and working.</p>	0	1	1	1	<p>iVerify App developed and operationalized since 5 April 2023</p>
2.4.3	<p>1 song produced and played in main radio stations in the country</p>	0	1	1	1	<p>1 song and video; jingles produced and aired on radio/TV across the country</p>

» Output 2.5

Output 2.5:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
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» Outcome 3: Women are better protected to meaningfully participate in political processes prior, during and after the elections.

Outcome 3	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
3.1	Proportion of people who strongly agree that women feel secure and safe enough to vote in the 2023 elections (sex-disaggregated)	60.2% (male: 62.3%; female: 58.7%)			ECSL report indicates that out of the 1,386
3.2	Proportion of increase of women nominated as candidates compared to male candidates	100 female candidates	1,386 candidates (36%)%		ECSL report indicates that out of the 1,386 nominated women candidates, a total of 227 women were elected.
3.3					

How many outputs does outcome 3 have?

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

Output 3.1

Enhance the prevention and mitigation of Gender-Based Violence to ensure women can safely participate in political and electc

Output 3.2

Output 3.3

Output 3.4

Output 3.5

Other Outputs

If Outcome 3 has more than 5 outputs, please enumerate the remaining outputs here

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

» Output 3.1

Output 3.1: Enhance the preventi on and mitigatio n of Gender- Based Violence to ensure women can safely participa te in political and electoral processe s	Perform ance Indicator s <i>Describe the indicator.....</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator.....</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period.....</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project.....</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant.....</i>

3.1.1	Level of operationalization of the GBVIMS+ (1-system building, 2-system functioning in 4 districts, 3-system functioning in 8 districts, 4-system functioning in 16 districts)	Level 1	Target 2023, 4 districts – <div></div>	Stage 1 completed with initiation of <div></div>	Stage 1 completed with <div></div>	The foundation al preparation <div></div>
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3.1.2	<p>Number of calls received and reported monthly by Help Line-116</p>	<p>2,000</p>	<p>Target 2022: 2,000 calls per month</p> <p>Target 2023: 3,000 calls per month (increased response to increased knowledge of people on the existence of the reporting system)</p>	<p>12,757 (April-Sep 2023)</p>	<p>29,590</p>	<p>The number of calls has increased in 2023 after massive sensitization the helpline. However, due to the expansion of GBV related services such as one stop crisis centers, rainbow centers operational at district level and awareness regarding it among the people, many people directly access the services at the district level without reaching out to or calling the helpline number</p>
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3.1.3	Number of cases of electoral related violence against women and girls reported and acted upon by FSU and other institutions	0		SGBV cases for children 2022(August-Dec): 439 (men 39, women 400) 2023(Jan to Oct) 1508 (boys 30, girls1,478) In total 1,947(men 69, women 1,878) 47 women (Aug-Dec 2022) 82 women (Jan -Oct 2023)		None of these cases reported and acted upon
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» Output 3.2

Output 3.2:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
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» Output 3.3

Output 3.3:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	Describe the indicator	State the baseline value of the indicator	State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project	State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period	State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project	Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant
3.3.1						
3.3.2						
3.3.3						

» Output 3.4

Output 3.4:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	Describe the indicator	State the baseline value of the indicator	State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project	State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period	State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project	Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant
3.4.1						
3.4.2						
3.4.3						

» Output 3.5

Output 3.5:	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
3.5.1						
3.5.2						
3.5.3						

» Outcome 4:

Outcome 4	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
4.1					
4.2					
4.3					

How many outputs does outcome 4 have?

1 2 3 4 5 more than 5.

Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 4

Output 4.1

Output 4.2

Output 4.3

Output 4.4

Output 4.5

Other Outputs
If Outcome 4 has more than 5 outputs, please enumerate the remaining outputs here

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

» Output 4.1

Output 4.1:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	Describe the indicator	State the baseline value of the indicator	State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project	State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period	State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project	Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant
4.1.1						
4.1.2						
4.1.3						

» Output 4.2

Output 4.2:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	Describe the indicator	State the baseline value of the indicator	State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project	State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period	State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project	Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant
4.2.1						
4.2.2						
4.2.3						

» Output 4.3

Output 4.3:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	Describe the indicator	State the baseline value of the indicator	State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project	State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period	State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project	Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant
4.3.1						
4.3.2						
4.3.3						

» Output 4.4

Output 4.4:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	Describe the indicator	State the baseline value of the indicator	State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project	State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period	State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project	Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant
4.4.1						
4.4.2						
4.4.3						

» Output 4.5

Output 4.5:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	Describe the indicator	State the baseline value of the indicator	State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project	State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period	State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project	Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant
4.5.1						
4.5.2						
4.5.3						

If the project has more than 4 outcomes, use this space to describe progress on progress on indicators for the remaining outcomes

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	Sustained Fact-checking	November 2023 - April 2024	16 districts	General public	Verify and publish credible information
Event 2	Inter-party dialogue	November 2023 to January 2024	16 Districts	Political Parties	To promote dialogue and understanding
Event 3	PPRC Reconciliation	December 2023	16 Districts	APC and SLPP members	Sensitization of APC and SLPP members
Event 4	Support the implementation of the PPRC	December 2023-December 2024	Countrywide	Government, APC, SLPP	This will entail several activities

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:

- The challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation
- The impact of the project in their lives
- 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/Youth	Limited capacity on dial	Improved capacities for	
2	Political Parties /Traditi	Inadequate knowledge	Enhanced awareness of	The sensitization on the
3				
4				

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)

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

OPTIONAL

File 1

OPTIONAL

National Unity Agreement - Signing -9_44_48.jpg



File 2

OPTIONAL

HIS_PBF_Focus1000 Final-9_44_56.pdf



File 3

OPTIONAL

National Unity Agreement - Handshake-9_45_7.jpg



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

OPTIONAL

Link 1

OPTIONAL

NATIONAL UNITY AGREEMENT - 18TH OCTOBER 2023 - <https://sierraloaded.sl/news/final-communique-post-election-peace-dia>

Link 2

OPTIONAL

iVerify Link - <https://sl.i-verify.org/>

Link 3

OPTIONAL

<https://www.unicef.org/sierraleone/stories/youth-peace-ambassadors-promote-peace-and-unity-eliminate-violence-around-ele>

Please tick the applicable change based on above narrative.

How we worked:

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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.

iVerify provided viable platform for citizens to verify pertinent information through submission of request on the website or facebook platform. Relevant stakeholders on specific subject matter are contacted by fact checkers to elicit accurate information, which are reviewed by coordinators before publication on the website and facebook pages. This has contributed to countering of fake news, misinformation and disinformation during the highly contested electoral process. UNICEF engaged with adolescents and youth for the development of visibility materials such as posters and card news that contributed to mobilizing young people for peace and social cohesion throughout the 2023 elections.



Please explain

Please limit your response to 350 words.

UNICEF mobilised funding (\$81,083) from Global Programme to End Child Marriage (GPECM) which is a joint programme of UNFPA-UNICEF across 12 countries to end child marriage. The resources from GPECM were used as a co-funding to set up and roll out GBVIMS+ in the country, and capacity building of the workforce to effectively use the system to respond to GBV cases, focusing on electoral related violence. Furthermore, LAB developed the messages, jingles on elections and the directory with the contact numbers from LAB for legal support related to electoral violence, which was disseminated beyond the project districts. Similarly, FSUs were sensitised and trained to respond to electoral related violence beyond the project districts. UNDP mobilised USD 250,000 additional funds to complement the iVerify platform integration in the 2023 elections and USD 115,000 for the Early Warning Early Response (EWER) activities towards the establishment, customization and operationalization of the election EWER online portal, and trainings for data collectors on conflict monitoring. The Folke Bernadotte Academy also provided training for WANEP insider mediators on dialogue and mediation at no cost.



Please explain

Please limit your response to 350 words.

The project supported the convening of 3 inter-party dialogues between political parties especially the ruling and main opposition parties, which fostered consultations on pertinent issues before and after the elections; and also supported the national coalition that championed the election peace pledge, while leveraging support of implementing partners to disseminate the peace pledge. Further, the project expanded collaborations and provided support to national institutions including the Independent Commission for Peace and Social Cohesion (ICPNC) which championed the National Unity Agreement that was brokered by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), African Union (AU) and the Commonwealth respectively.



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.

GBVIMS+ was launched jointly by UNICEF and UNFPA to further strengthen the partnership between the UN agencies under the PBF project. UNFPA and UN Women support the One Stop Centres in the country which are a critical service and referral mechanism to respond to GBV related cases during elections. All the four agencies (UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UN Women) are also part of the Gender Theme Group which further strengthens the coordination between all of them focusing on Gender related issues including GBV, its prevention and response throughout the elections.



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

Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period

Please limit your response to 350 words.

1. Monitoring of ONS training for security personnel on electoral policing.
2. ONS training for security personnel and relevant stakeholders and conflict prevention and management
3. WANEP training for community peace/conflict monitors
4. Trainings of WANEP for National and District Election Response Group (NERG/DERG) Members conducted by Folke Bernadotte Academy
5. WANEP Coordination Meeting with NERG and DERG members
6. PPRC training for All-Political Parties Youth Association (APPYA) conducted by Clingendael
7. PPRC training for All-Political Parties Women Association (APPWA) conducted by Clingendael.
8. Monitoring of PPRC unhindered access and popularization of new Political Party Act in 16 districts
9. Monitoring of the work of iVerify fact-checkers and coordinators by IUNV
10. Training of journalist and bloggers by BBC MA
11. Monitoring of MPAPA meeting on civil society coordination and information sharing on electoral processes
12. Monitoring of WANEP's operationalization of the Election Situation Room, before, during and after elections
13. Monitoring of ONS's post-election district multi-stakeholder reconciliation and cohesion intervention
14. Monitoring of DCI and Focus1000 staff trainings on the objective, result framework and various interventions under PBF project for effective implementation of the project
15. Field monitoring and supportive supervision to DCI and Focus1000 during the community dialogue and parenting sessions to promote peaceful elections
16. Field monitoring and supportive supervision to DCI and Focus1000 on graduation of life skills sessions and positive parenting education to promote peaceful elections
17. Official visit to DCI and Focus1000 to support M&E focal persons on using M&E tools and reporting
18. Training of social workers, GBV case workers and service providers on the GBVIMS+ system
19. Training of social workers from MSW and personnel from MoGCA on the Digital Referral Pathways (eRPW)
20. Orientation of help/hotlines operators including those in WANEP and ONS situation rooms to make timely and appropriate referrals to essential services that GBV survivors need to better coordinate the PBF

Do outcome indicators have baselines?

If only some of the outcome indicators have baselines, select 'yes'

☒ yes

☐ no

Please provide a brief description

Please limit your response to 350 words.

Yes, the baseline of outcome indicators were derived from the baseline assessment conducted in May by the individual contrac

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.

- Reports of meetings, trainings, plans of actions, online election reporting system, training manual on election security, and

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, as part of the baseline assessment, a paper-based survey was administered in 6 of the project targeted districts to elicit pe

Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms? *

☐ yes

☒ no

Please provide a brief description *

Please limit your response to 350 words.

» Evaluation

Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation? *

☐ yes

☐ no

☒ Not Applicable

Evaluation budget (in USD): *

Response required

50000

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.

PROJECT ENDS IN 9 MONTHS

Please mention the focal person accountable for sharing the final evaluation report with the PBF, name and email.

» 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

☐ no

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

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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 *

EU/ELECTIONS PROJECT

Amount in USD *

115628

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 *

UNDP-TRAC

Amount in USD *

250000

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 *

Global Programme on Ending Child Marriage (GPECM)

Amount in USD *

136255.22

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 deployment of 2 UN SPC to ONS for 6 months contributed to enhancement of technical capacities on election security and early warning. FBA trainings to WANEP-NERG also enhanced their capacities on dialogue and mediation.

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 ONS and WANEP Situation Rooms outlives the project, with data emanating from it serving as baseline for subsequent interventions, and utilized to monitor, report and respond to emerging political and election issues as well as complement the monitoring of broader threats to human security, peace, security and stability. The iVerify platform will also transcend the project and support efforts to counter misinformation, disinformation and hate speech in the country beyond the polls. Further, the DERG and NERG members shall continue to support community dialogue and cohesion processes. The GBVIMS+ institutionalisation within the Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs will continue to ensure GBV cases are managed and responded to beyond the project. FSU and LAB capacities, strengthened by this project, will also outlive this PBF project as they are a part of the Government system that will continue to support vulnerable populations after the elections. The gains made through selection and engagement of youth peace ambassadors, life skills education for adolescents and positive parenting education in the communities will go a long way in building cohesion and trust leading to a sustained peaceful ecosystem.

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.

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	Monitoring visit on populariza	Monitoring visit were commis	Need for sustained engagem
Event 2	Response interventions by Na	This entailed fact-finding enga	
Event 3	Monitoring visit on FSU trainin	The monitoring visit establish	
Event 4	Monitoring Visit on DCI and Fc	The monitoring visit was desig	
Event 5			
Event 6			
Event 7			
Event 8			

Final Steps

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