

Peacebuilding Fund Project Progress Report (Update May_2023)



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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» Report Submission

Type of report *

- ☐ Semi-annual
- ☒ Annual
- ☐ Final
- ☐ Other

Date of submission of report *

2023-11-16

2023-11-16

Name and Title of Person submitting the report *

T. Imenteelea Grimes, M&E Analyst

Name and Title of Person who approved the report *

John R. Dennis, PBF Program Coordinator

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 checked="" type="radio"/> Liberia | <input type="radio"/> Mali | <input type="radio"/> Mauritania |
| <input type="radio"/> Niger | <input type="radio"/> Nigeria | <input type="radio"/> Senegal |
| <input type="radio"/> Sierra Leone | <input type="radio"/> Togo | <input type="radio"/> Other, Specify |

Project Title

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- ☐ 00118934: Advancing implementation of UNSCRs on Women Peace and Security (WPS) through strengthening accountability frameworks, innovative financing and Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB)
- ☐ 00129168: Delivering Peace Dividends in Liberia: Consolidating National, Regional and Local Reconciliation and Social Cohesion Opportunities
- ☐ 00128904: Promoting Inclusive Political Participation and Elimination of Violence Against Women in Politics
- ☐ 00125938: Protection and Support of Enabling Environment for Women Human Rights Defenders and LGBTQI Rights Defenders in Liberia
- ☒ 00113699: Support to LMPTF-PBF Joint Secretariat: UNDP
- ☐ 00119682: Sustaining peace & reconciliation through strengthening land governance & dispute resolution mechanisms
- ☐ 00113990: Sustaining peace and improving social cohesion through the promotion of rural employment opportunities for youth in conflict-prone areas
- ☐ 00131553: Strengthening the agency of young women in peacebuilding processes and land tenure in Liberia
- ☐ 00133452: Promoting Peaceful Electoral Environment and Community Security in Liberia
- ☐ 00140121: Girls and Young Women Take Action for Peace
- ☐ 00140293: Enhancing Social Cohesion through Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Marginalized Youth in Liberia
- ☐ Other, Specify

Project Start Date (Date of first transfer)

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2019-02-15

2019-02-15

Project end Date

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2024-07-12

2024-07-12

Has this project received an extension?

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- ☒ YES, Cost Extension
- ☐ YES, No Cost Extension
- ☐ YES, Both Cost and No Cost extensions
- ☐ NO, No Extensions

Will this project be requesting an extension?

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- ☒ 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
- ☐ UNDPO ☐ Other, Specify

Are there other recipients for this project? *

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

Implementing Partners

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

Financial Reporting

» Delivery by Recipient

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

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

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

Recipients	Total Project Budget (in US \$) <i>Please enter the total budget as is in the project document in US Dollars</i>	Transfers to date (in US \$) <i>Please enter the total amount transferred to each recipient to date in US Dollars</i>	Expenditure to date (in US \$) <i>Please enter the approximate amount spent to date in US dollars</i>	Implementation rate as a percentage of total budget <i>(calculated automatically)</i>
UNDP: United Nations Development Programme	3052200.39*	2598800.82*	1360840.19*	44.59 %
TOTAL	3052200.39	2598800.82	1360840.19	44.59%

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **44.59%**. Can you confirm that this is correct?

☒ Correct ☐ Incorrect

» Gender-responsive Budgeting

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

40

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 \$ 1220880.16**. Can you confirm that this is correct? *

☒ Correct ☐ Incorrect

Amount expended to date on efforts contributing to gender equality or women's empowerment is **US \$ 544336.08**. Is this correct? *

☒ Correct ☐ Incorrect

ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE. *

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

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Project Markers

Please select the Gender Marker Associated with this project *

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

Please select the Risk Marker Associated with this project *

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

Please select the PBF Focus Area associated with this project

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- ☐ (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?

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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?

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- ☒ yes
- ☐ no

If yes, please indicate how many times the Project Steering Committee has met over the last 6 months?

Once

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.

Steering Committee and Government engagement

Does the project have an active steering committee? Yes

If yes, please indicate how many times the Project Steering Committee has met over the last 6 months?

The Steering Committee met once during the reporting period.

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? (275 words max.)

The Secretariat continued to engage the Government at both strategic and technical levels to ensure effective coordination and management of the fund. For example, at the strategic level, the project engaged senior government officials including ministers and directors of entities prior to and throughout the reporting period, the Secretariat remained actively engaged with the Government at both strategic and technical levels, aiming to ensure the effective coordination and management of the fund. An important aspect of this engagement was the convening of the Joint Steering Committee Meeting, which took place on September 14, 2023, under the auspices of the PBF Secretariat.

This meeting was significant and served as a platform for accountability, collaboration and decision-making. It was co-chaired by the UN Resident Coordinator and the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, and it attracted the participation of representatives from various stakeholders, including UN Agencies, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and relevant Government Ministries, Agencies, and Commissions.

During the meeting, comprehensive updates were provided regarding the status of the various projects funded by the PBF in Liberia. The participants engaged in meaningful discussions, addressing challenges encountered and sharing valuable lessons learned from their experiences. Importantly, the gathering collectively determined actionable steps and strategies to effectively address the identified issues, further strengthening the collaborative efforts in advancing peacebuilding initiatives in Liberia.

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

<p>Collection of baselines</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> Not Started</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> Initiated</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> Partially Completed</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> Completed</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable</div> </div>	*
<p>Identification of beneficiaries</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> Not Started</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> Initiated</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> Partially Completed</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> Completed</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable</div> </div>	*
<p>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.)</p> <p>With regard to the configuration of the Secretariat project responsible for overseeing management, coordination, and monitoring of the PBF Portfolio, it has successfully completed the recruitment process for all its staff positions except for the P4 role, which remains pending. The remaining staff members, including the Coordinator, M&E Analyst, Administrative/Finance Assistant, and driver, all of whom are under FTA contracts commenced work as staff during the reporting period.</p> <p>It is worth noting that the Secretariat was granted a two-year cost extension to continue its oversight and coordination responsibilities, owing to the expansion of the country's portfolio.</p> <p>The Secretariat continues to provide technical support to agencies in the development of work and M&E plans as well as concept notes approved by PBSO leading to the development of projects. The Secretariat initiated discussion with the government peacebuilding office to undertake a comprehensive data collection, supporting SCORE Wave 4. PBF also provided support to previous SCORE research, which results are often used by government and donors to inform their respective conflict analyses.</p>	*
<p>Summarize <i>the main structural, institutional or societal level change</i> 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</p> <p><i>FOR PROJECTS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF COMPLETION ONLY (550 word limit)</i></p> <p>The PBF Secretariat continued to ensure effective coordination, monitoring, and evaluation to achieve substantial results and sustain investment growth that promotes governance, peace, reconciliation and security.. During the period under review, the Secretariat engaged with donor partners in facilitating two informal donor coordination meetings in collaboration with the Swedish Embassy in Monrovia.</p> <p>These meetings served as a platform for sharing crucial data regarding progress, lessons learned, and emerging challenges in the field of peacebuilding. Information was exchanged regarding interventions supported by PBF, USAID, Ireland, and Sweden, particularly in light of Liberia's general elections held in October and runoff in November. The exchange of information helped update donor countries and enhance synergies at both strategic and programmatic levels, thereby mitigating the potential for overlapping or duplicative support.</p>	*

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: *

Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and communication on the achievements of the LMPTF, including PBF's investment in Liberia and the sustained growth of investment in peacebuilding-related programmes through the PBF/LMPTF modalities.

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Rate the current status of the outcome progress *

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

Progress summary

Please limit your response to 3000 characters including spaces.

The Secretariat attended and provided updates in the United Nations Country Team monthly meetings on PBF Portfolio, including its Strategic Results Framework priorities. These updates the influence of various factors has led to improved outcomes and increased engagement of agencies in the development and timely submission of project documents for the PBF Strategic Results Framework. The active involvement of the secretariat in strategic meetings has also played a crucial role in reducing the risk of implementation delays and enhancing portfolio visibility. Agency heads consistently monitor their respective focal points to ensure the completion of critical success factors required to achieve targeted results.

Furthermore, collaboration with INGOs and UN agencies has been established to facilitate the submission of semi-annual PBF reports by the deadline of November 15th. These reports undergo a thorough review by the Secretariat to maintain quality assurance before they are uploaded to the gateway. These reports primarily emphasize the high-level results of projects that have been in implementation for over a year, contributing to the SG's peacebuilding report on Liberia. Moreover, the secretariat has initiated development a of cross-border regional project in close coordination with the PBF focal point in Sierra Leone and the project teams of both countries. Coordination meetings between Liberia and Sierra Leone have resulted in the development of a joint proposal for a Cross-Border Project. This proposed project will be jointly implemented by IOM and WFP in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

As part of this collaborative effort, a two-day workshop was conducted, bringing together participants from the government, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and UN agencies from Sierra Leone and Liberia. This workshop aimed to develop a comprehensive proposal for the project and foster cooperation among stakeholders.

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.

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: Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and communication on the achievements of the LMPTF, including PBF's investment in Liberia and the sustained growth of investment in peacebuilding-related programmes through the PBF/LMPTF modalities.**

Outcome 1	Performanc e Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)

1.1	% of satisfaction expressed with the support provided by the Secretariat to Stakeholders (disaggregated by: Steering Committee members, RUNOs, Government, donors, CSOs and gender).	July 2018) creation of new Secretariat Indicator progress April 2021: While a formal evaluation is yet to be conducted, stakeholders including RUNOs, CSOs (ZOA, KtK) PBSO, PBC have expressed satisfaction of the level of work done by the secretariat.	July 2024 At least 75% satisfaction rate by Secretariat stakeholders	There has not been a perception survey or formal evaluation conducted. However, the performance of the secretariat has been overall satisfactory, leading to additional funding.	
1.2	Development of the Resource Mobilization & Communication Plan and Continued growth of the peacebuilding investment in Liberia	10 million every 3 years.		10 million for PBF SRF, 2 million for cross border and 3 million for GPI 2.0	
1.3	Percentage of PBF funds contributing to GEWE in Liberia	11%	40%	11%	

How many outputs does outcome 1 have?

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

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

Output 1.1

High quality projects for the LMPTF PBF developed jointly by UN, Government, civil society counterparts

Output 1.2

Strengthened management structure and strategic position for the PBF portfolio in Liberia.

Output 1.3

Effective M&E system in place and functional to provide information required for strategic planning, decision-making, and learning for the benefit of the LMPTF/PBF portfolio and the wider peacebuilding work in Liberia

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: High quality projects for the LMPTF PBF developed jointly by UN, Government, civil society counterparts	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	% of project approved in line with the PBF Strategic Result Framework	75% by 2024	35% in year one. .	3 PBF SRF projects proposals covering USD10M, have been approved.	3 PBF SRF projects proposals covering USD10M, have been approved.	
1.1.2	Partnership strengthened with civil society organizations implementing PBF funded projects. Indicator Progress April 2021	(2017-2018) 2 CSO projects approved by PBSO. (May 2022): 3 additional CSOs/INGOs (KTK, ZOA Sichtung, ActionAid Liberia and) projects approved.	(July 2024): 3 more CSO projects approved.	The Secretariat continued to strengthen Partnership with CSOs, leading to piloting UN- 2 CSO joint proposals, which has been approved	Implementation has started for two of the three newly approved projects which include 2 CSOs. (Integrity Watch and AEDE)	

1.1.3	Number of cross-border and regional initiatives supported by the PBF with Liberia	Start of 2022): 1 between Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia.	(2024): Two more projects	PBF Secretariat in both Liberia and Sierra Leone are working with IOM and WFP in both countries to finalize op a comprehensive proposal for a Joint Cross Border project.	Concluding one cross-border project proposal development	
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» Output 1.2

Output 1.2: Strengthened management structure and strategic position for the PBF portfolio in Liberia.	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>
1.2.1	# of staff recruited to support Secretariat functioning	2022: 2 staff	2024: 5 (P4, NOC, NOB, G5, G2)	Four (4) staff have been recruited and started work in July 2023	Four (4) staff have been recruited and started work in July 2023	P4 recruitment was yet to be finalized
1.2.2	# of Steering Committee and Thematic Working Group meetings organized	2021: No Steering Committee Meeting was organized. One Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting was organized.	(2024): A Steering Committee functional and at least annual meetings on the PBF.	1 Steering Committee meeting	1 Steering Committee meeting	

1.2.3						
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» Output 1.3

Output 1.3: Effective M&E system in place and functional to provide information required for strategic planning, decision-making, and learning for the benefit of the LMPTF/PBF portfolio and the wider peacebuilding work in Liberia	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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1.3.1	PBF Strategic Result Framework has agreed indicators with data being collected annually or every two years and analyzed.	(May 2022): Draft SRF and indicators exist and need to be reviewed by Secretariat and partners	All indicators agreed, measurable and measured regularly through a combination of PBF and existing CSO and Government methodologies.	The Secretariat already started engaging with relevant stakeholders to ensure that data collection for these indicators to start by 2024.	Held discussion with the Peacebuilding Office to support one outcome level monitoring and perception survey.	
1.3.2	# of project monitoring missions conducted, including with partners.	(May 2022) 8 project narrative reports submitted.	(July 2024): 100% of reports submitted on time and at least 90% of reports judged to be good quality; timely submission of annual PBF Strategic Reports analyzing progress against the PBF SRF priorities and indicators	PBSO provide feedback on the last semi-annual reports reviewed by the Secretariat and already provided comments.	During this reviewed period, the Secretariat initiated the process of reviewing each project report and subsequently provided essential feedback to the respective agencies through their designated project points.	
1.3.3						
How many outputs does outcome 2 have?						
1 2 3 4 5 more than 5.						
Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 2						
How many outputs does outcome 3 have?						
1 2 3 4 5 more than 5.						
Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 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

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
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Event 1	Joint PBF Portfolio Review Meeting	January 2024	Ganta City, Nimba County	CSO, UN Agencies, PBO	To jointly assess the performance of PBF Portfolio through the presentation of progress by implementing partners.
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Event 2					
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Event 3					
Event 4					

Human Impact

This section is about the human impact of the project. Please state the number of key stakeholders (including but not limited to: Civil Society Organizations, Beneficiaries, etc.) of the project, and for each, please briefly describe:

- i. The challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation
 - ii. The impact of the project in their lives
 - iii. Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group
- This is an optional question. You may leave it unanswered if not relevant*

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

<p>1</p>	<p>Government</p>	<p>Before receiving support from the PBF, the government lacked a peacebuilding mechanism to identify early warning signals and respond to triggers through various interventions. For instance, the ongoing strengthening of the government's Peacebuilding Office (PBO), which serves as a central hub for coordinating government peacebuilding efforts, continues to play a pivotal role in the formulation of national reconciliation frameworks. Initially, the government faced gaps in addressing its peacebuilding needs, encompassing areas such as national reconciliation, social cohesion, rule of law, human rights, gender equality, and women's empowerment. The PBF support has facilitated various initiatives, including the development, and updating of the National Reconciliation Road Map, the initial implementation of the Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Index (SCORE), the creation of county reconciliation plans, the formulation of the Liberia Peacebuilding Plan, training efforts, the decentralization of justice and security</p>	<p>The government consistently recognizes the substantial and ongoing impact of PBF support across various domains, including national reconciliation, social cohesion, the rule of law, and gender equality, among others. During the reporting period, PBF supported the Organization of Liberia Electoral Integrity Conference, the government expressed its gratitude for the continuous support provided by PBF in upholding peace. This sentiment was reaffirmed during a Policy Development Dialogue on Peace and Conciliation organized by Liberia Peacebuilding Office (PBO) in Buchanan City, Grand Bassa County, in October 2023. At this event, the Executive Director acknowledged the significant impact of PBF's support.</p>	
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justice and security services through the regional hub concept, and the development and implementation of the National... Action Plan (NAP) for women peace and security in accordance with UNSCR 1325.

2	Civil Society Organizations	PBF funding has become imperative in addressing challenges faced by CSOs. Many civil society organizations didn't have the capacity to advance advocacy around peacebuilding and national reconciliation. The PBF Secretariat has closely collaborated and continued to collaborate with CSO partners to identify and address challenges through the development of projects supported by the PBF.		
3	Community	Communities are key to our partnership. They initially faced isolation and marginalization in the hands of duty bearers. PBF Secretariat has engaged community members to get involved in the monitoring of their projects, some of which were not initially well managed.		

4	UN	The agencies faced a challenge in getting funding to work with the government and communities to address pressing peacebuilding needs.		
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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)

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

Click here to upload file. (< 5MB)

File 2

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File 3

OPTIONAL

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

OPTIONAL

Link 1

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Link 2

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Link 3

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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.

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

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- ☐ 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.

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.

Not yet. Nevertheless, the team has prepared a comprehensive concept note for the upcoming Joint Monitoring Visit, involving all key stakeholders such as the Government, UN Agencies, Civil Society Organizations, and the secretariat. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing electoral processes in the country, which began with legislative and presidential elections and is now proceeding to a Run-off, all field activities have been minimized until after the completion of these elections. The Joint team plans to initiate the Joint Monitoring Visit in early January 2024, during the first week of the month.

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.

Each of the three outcome indicators of the secretariat project has a baseline. However, a baseline survey has not been conducted to update baseline data, which can obviously be determined by partners based on the work of the secretariat.

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.

Feedback from partners/finding, interviews, increase in portfolio growth.

Has the project launched outcome level data collection initiatives? e.g. perception surveys

☐ yes

☒ no

Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms?

☐ yes

☒ no

» Evaluation

Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation?

☐ yes

☒ no

☐ Not Applicable

Evaluation budget (in USD):

Response required

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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.

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

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.

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The Secretariat has the oversight to manage, coordinate and monitor PBF portfolio to ensure the achievement of high-level results. PBF has supported several dialogues including the recent Electoral Integrity Conference organized by PBO with co-funding from PBF. The primary objective of this activity was to guarantee the active involvement of various actors and stakeholders in the 2023 elections process, with a particular focus on the National Election Commission. The overarching goal was to foster an environment conducive to the conduct of free, fair, and credible elections in Liberia.

By facilitating and supporting this effort, the PBF Secretariat aimed to contribute to the promotion of democratic principles and good governance in Liberia. It recognized the significance of free and fair elections in ensuring political stability, social cohesion, and sustainable peace in the country. Therefore, the PBF Secretariat played a pivotal role in fostering collaboration among diverse entities involved in the electoral process, ultimately working towards the common goal of upholding the integrity of the democratic process in Liberia.

The initiative encompassed a range of activities, including capacity-building, advocacy, and coordination efforts. Through these actions, the PBF Secretariat worked closely with the PBO, UN Agencies and relevant stakeholders to strengthen the election-related mechanisms, enhance transparency, and promote inclusivity in the electoral process. This collaborative approach aimed to create an environment where all citizens had confidence in the electoral system and were encouraged to participate in the democratic process without fear or bias.

Finally, the support provided by the PBF Secretariat to the PBO in facilitating this initiative was instrumental in advancing the cause of free, fair, and credible elections in Liberia. It reflected a commitment to peacebuilding and the promotion of democratic values, which are essential for the long-term stability and development of the nation.

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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 secretariat is collaborating closely with various UN agencies and government partners to further strengthen their peacebuilding coordination, enhance their capacity for designing effective peacebuilding initiatives, and improve their monitoring and evaluation capabilities. This collaborative effort aims to empower these stakeholders to gradually assume a more independent role, with the ultimate goal of transitioning away from the need for the PBF Secretariat's direct support. This process will involve transferring knowledge, expertise, and responsibilities, ensuring that the local entities are fully equipped to continue their peacebuilding efforts effectively without external assistance.

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
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Event 1	Informal donor coordination meeting	• Enhanced donor countries' understanding of PBF interventions and strengthened synergies. • Provided the platform to share critical data on ongoing projects and emerging conflict triggers.	
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