

Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund
ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT TEMPLATE 2023
(Regular Funding Cycle)

Country	Submitted by PUNO(s) UN Women or NUNO(s)¹
Sudan	Name of Entity: UN Women Name of Representative: Adjaratou Fuatu Ndiaye
MPTF Project Number	Implementing Partners
00134255 00134254	Lead Organization Blue Nile Women Network for Peace and Development Nuba Women for Education and Development Association (NUWEDA) Helping Vulnerable Communities Organization (HVCO) Sudan Women Development Organization (SWDO) Sudanese Organization for Research and Development (SORO) International Development Agency (IDA) Sudanese Helif for Peace and Development Organization (SHPDO) Rowya for Learning and Communities Development
Reporting Period	
January 2023 – December 2023	
Funding Call <i>Select all that apply</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Funding Cycle <i>Specify Call (CfP 1, 2, 3, etc.)</i> _CfP1 <input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 Emergency Response Window	Lead Organization Adeela for Culture and Art ● Co-implementers Justice Call
	Lead Organization Altigana Organization for Development Women Skills (AODWS) ● Co-implementers Women and Child Development and Protection (WCPDS) as a consortium Gender office of the Darfur Bar Association (DBAG)
	Lead Organization Women Awareness Initiative (WAI) ● Co-implementers Blue Nile Women's Renaissance Organization Peace and Hope Association Peace Ambassadors Organization Meethag Charitable Association Paths of Goodness Association Feminist Solidarity Association Arkawet Charitable Association Women for Peace and Development Alhijra East Women Association

¹ Non-UN Organization. Applicable to Rapid Response Window for Peace Processes

	<p>Lead Organization Sabah Al Sudan for Development Organization (SDO)</p> <p>● Co-implementers Al-Radom Charity Organization Injaz Organization for Gender, Aid and Development</p> <p>Lead Organization United Peace Organization</p> <p>● Co-implementers AMNA</p> <p>Lead Organization Dar Elsalam Women Development Association (DWDA) Peace and Development Center, Elfasher University</p>
<p>WPHF Outcomes² to which report contributes for reporting period <i>Select all that apply</i></p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outcome 1: Enabling environment for implementation of WPS commitments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Outcome 2: Conflict prevention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Outcome 3: Humanitarian response</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outcome 4: Conflict resolution</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Outcome 5: Protection</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Outcome 6: Peacebuilding and recovery</p>
<p>Programme Start Date</p> <p>1 January 2023</p>	<p>Total Approved Budget (USD)</p> <p>\$2,068,605.28</p>
<p>Programme End Date</p> <p>30 April 2026</p>	<p>Amount Transferred to CSOs (USD)</p> <p>Outcome 4=103,581.85 Outcome 1=164,138.85 Total=267,720.70 in 2023</p>

² As per WPHF results framework nested model, WPHF outcome areas are equivalent to the impact level for grantees

Executive Summary

In 1 page, summarize the most important achievements of the Programme during the reporting period. The executive summary should be an analysis and consolidation of the achievements and should serve as a standalone summary of the WPHF country' results for the year. Please include:

- a) Background on WPHF: overview of calls for proposals (CfPs) that were launched (date), and details on NSC meetings, how many CSOs were selected, and when implementation is estimated to begin/has begun*
- b) overall/consolidated WPHF impact at the country level (how WPHF funding has contributed to WPS, gender equality and peacebuilding, gender-responsive humanitarian action etc) and explain if any linkages with national processes (NAPs, humanitarian response, peace processes, etc). and how WPHF funding/grantees contributed.*
- c) one sentence with the consolidated direct and indirect beneficiaries (disaggregated by sex).*
- d) overall challenges*
- e) if the country has received additional funding for capacity building or peer learning initiatives, one sentence on the results of the capacity building project.*

1. Background:

The first National Steering Committee of the Women's Peace Humanitarian Fund (thereafter referred to as "WPHF") for Sudan was held on 22 September 2022, at the offices of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General and Resident Coordinator (DSRSG/RC/HC) and was attended by the following members of the WPHF National Steering Committee (thereafter referred to as "NSC") members including: RCO, UNFPA, UNDP, UN Women, PBF Secretariat, German Embassy, Canadian Embassy and University of Khartoum.

The discussions raised important issues such as:

1. Approval of the terms of reference of the national steering committee
2. Overview of the WPHF and the Sudan call for proposals
3. Presentation of current WPHF projects shortlisted for Sudan
4. Questions and answers, discussions on the projects and selection for funding
5. Presentation and approval of the capacity building project for UN Women.

The Terms of Reference of the Committee was approved during the first meeting and the committee also approved the results of the Call For Proposals which was launched in May 2022. Out of the 40 CSO projects received during the Call for Proposals, 15 were selected as having qualified based on the criteria for selection. In 2023, a total of 14 projects were implemented.

2. Overall Achievements:

The collective Outcomes 1&4 has been transformative, significantly contributing to the overarching goals of WPHF in Sudan, and has fostered a dynamic and inclusive approach to advancing women's roles in peace and humanitarian processes. Through targeted awareness workshops, comprehensive training sessions, and the establishment of women peace committees, the Women Inclusive Stand initiative was established that increased the leadership of gender equality advocates and promoted advocacy for peace as well as promoting the women's peace agenda in Darfur which marked a positive step towards lasting peace and gender equality. Through the Women Inclusive Stand platform, gender equality advocates capacities were amplified to effectively contribute to the implementation of commitments outlined in the National Action Plan for UNSCR 1325. The platform is a fulfillment of the Kampala Declaration and the overall Women Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action agenda in Sudan and has the potential to facilitate spaces for women to have greater influence on peace processes. Hence the peace agreements and humanitarian processes would reach many women and girls and provide them with equal opportunities so that they can equally benefit from these efforts. Hence, expanding opportunities for women and girls participating to shaping peace, resilience, and humanitarian services.

There has been a realization of Sudanese activist women and women's organizations' active participation in conflict resolution and peace negotiations to implement the National Action Plan and the UN resolution 1325 (90) participants (15 Male and 75 Female) who have gained knowledge and skills to implement the Four Pillars

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of 1325: Preventing women and girls from being affected by conflicts, protecting women during and after the conflicts, participation of women in decision making and supporting the role of women and girls in relief operations and post war recovery programs.

The Sudan NAP refers to the need to make a change in the Sudanese laws that will lead to equality, prevent violence against women and contribute to increased participation in reconstruction processes. The NAP seeks to ensure that the objectives are achieved through the WPS Agenda four pillars: participation, prevention, protection, and relief and recovery. The war which erupted in April 2023 in Sudan has played a critical role in rising violence against women, including sexual violence in conflict zones. This situation has brought about the realization of Sudanese activist women and women's organizations' for active participation in conflict resolution and peace negotiations to implement the National Action Plan and the UN resolution 1325. The UN in Sudan having defined the country as Programme Criticality 1&2 in order to concentrate its work on humanitarian action only, has affected the the implementation of the Sudan NAP that is focused on WPS. The present work with Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund has increased skills and knowledge of (90) activists (15 Male and 75 Female) for preventing women and girls from being affected by conflicts, protecting women during and after the conflicts, participation of women in decision making and supporting the role of women and girls in relief operations and post war recovery programs, therefore ensuring that Sudan NAP can be implemented at the grassroots level.

The collective achievement of Outcome 1&4 to fostering a dynamic and inclusive approach for representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and advancing women's roles in peace and humanitarian processes in Sudan. Through awareness workshops, training sessions, and the establishment of women peace committees, the initiative has not only increased the leadership of gender equality advocates but has also provided enhanced role of women led civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability to WPS commitments which demonstrated a tangible commitment to addressing diverse challenges and fostering sustainable impact. These collective efforts increased their capacities to effectively enhance their contribution in advocating and implementation of commitments outlined in the National Action Plan for UNSCR 1325 and signed peace agreements in Sudan, marking a positive step towards lasting peace and gender equality.

The NAP for Sudan has the aim for actively involving women in peace-building, peacekeeping, peace negotiations and decision-making processes at all levels, and in relief, reconstruction and development; Promoting the recognition of women's rights before, during and post armed conflict and; Ensuring the protection of women against any form of gender-based violence, such as rape and sexual slavery, and putting an end to impunity. UN Women support to the CSOs through the Sudan funds from the Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund has ensured active participation of 5 CSOs as at the time of reporting, namely Sabah Al Sudan for Development Organization (SDO), Anjaz Organization for Gender, Aid and Development, Altigana Organization for Women Skills, Sudanese Organization for Research and Development and Dar ElSalaam Women Development Organization to reach 90 women activists (15 Male and 75 Female) in South Darfur, Red Sea and Gezira states to gain knowledge and skills to implement the Four Pillars of 1325: Preventing women and girls from being affected by conflicts, protecting women during and after the conflicts, participation of women in decision making and supporting the role of women and girls in relief operations and post war recovery programs. Research has also began that will show how women perceive peace and security in the targeted regions of Gedaref, Blue Nile and Red Sea States and their experiences on 1325 NAP in these different regions.

The initiatives have not only addressed immediate challenges but have also laid the groundwork for sustainable impact. Community ownership, increased awareness, and the establishment of committees ensure that the positive changes initiated during the reporting period will continue to resonate in the targeted regions. The impacts collectively underscore our commitment to advancing gender equality, justice, and peace, contributing to a transformative journey towards lasting positive change.

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Through targeted awareness workshops, comprehensive training sessions, and the establishment of women peace committees, the initiative has not only increased the leadership of gender equality advocates but has also demonstrated a tangible commitment to addressing diverse challenges including successful integration of efforts to combat hate speech, racist behavior, terrorism, and GBV into public addresses and speeches. These efforts have amplified the capacities of advocates, empowering them to effectively contribute to the implementation of commitments outlined in the National Action Plan for UNSCR 1325 and signed peace agreements through community consultations with 260 women in North, South and East Darfur States that managed to establish a Women's Platform called "Women Inclusive Stand" that promote advocacy for peace and promote women's peace agenda in Darfur, marking a positive step towards lasting peace and gender equality.

Programmatic funding stream summary of partners

In 2023, UN Women's programming achieved a significant outcome-level result, showcasing the successful implementation of commitments on women, peace, and humanitarian action. The most notable outcome was observed in the behavioural and practice shifts, indicating effective capacity building efforts initiated by UN Women. One key contributing factor to this transformative change was in the implementation of WPHF projects with partners implementing programmatic activities, which focused on empowering gender equality advocates to take on leadership roles in influencing legal and policy frameworks.

As a result of strategic capacity building by WPHF partners, gender equality advocates became actively involved in the adoption and implementation of UNSCR 1325 national action plans on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS). This transition from capacity building to active advocacy marked a substantial positive shift in the approach of CSOs toward advancing gender equality. This change in behaviour and practices demonstrates the tangible impact of UN Women's efforts in building the capacities of advocates who play crucial roles in shaping policy landscapes.

In 2023, a concrete example of a significant result at the impact level is the establishment of the "Women Inclusive Stand" platform in Darfur, which represents a substantial stride towards lasting peace, gender equality, and increased resilience in the face of national disasters and conflicts. This achievement resulted from UN Women's support to initiatives that aimed at amplifying the role of women in peace, humanitarian processes, and the prevention of disasters and conflicts.

The Women Inclusive Stand platform was not only a planned result but also a transformative initiative that showcased the success of consultations with 260 women from diverse communities to realize their rights for the leadership in peace building platforms. Through these efforts, the leadership of gender equality advocates was raised, and the capacities of advocates were significantly amplified. This empowered women to actively contribute to the implementation of commitments outlined in the National Action Plan for UNSCR 1325 and signed peace agreements.

The establishment of the Women Inclusive Stand platform is a significant, tangible outcome that addresses structural barriers to equality by providing a platform for women to advocate for peace and advance the women's peace agenda in Darfur. The diversity of beneficiaries is evident in the 260 women from North, South, and East Darfur States who were involved in community consultations leading to the platform's establishment. This showcases a broad-based approach and inclusivity in addressing the challenges faced by women in different regions.

This result leveraged other resources by fostering community ownership, heightened awareness, and the establishment of 3 Peace committees with total membership of 108 women in 3 localities in Dar El Salaam in North Darfur. By actively engaging women in the creation of the Women Inclusive Stand platform, the initiative ensures sustained positive changes in the targeted regions. The platform not only addresses immediate

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challenges but lays a robust foundation for sustainable impact, contributing to the transformative journey towards lasting positive change.

Furthermore, the engagement of men and boys in support of social norms change is implicit in the comprehensive approach of the initiatives. By combating hate speech, racist behaviour, terrorism, and gender-based violence in public addresses and speeches, the initiatives aim to reshape societal attitudes and behaviours. This inclusive strategy recognizes the importance of involving all segments of the community in fostering lasting change.

In summary, the establishment of the Women Inclusive Stand platform is a concrete example of a significant result achieved in 2023. This result, although planned, signifies a transformative journey towards lasting positive change, highlighting UN Women's commitment to advancing gender equality, justice, and peace in a dynamic and inclusive manner.

The collective achievements in Sudan reflect progress towards the coordinated implementation of commitments, fostering a more inclusive and just environment. The observed behavioural change at the outcome level directly resulted from UN Women's sustained support and commitment. The journey from capacity building to active advocacy exemplifies the success of a holistic and sustained approach, reinforcing UN Women's dedication to advancing gender equality, justice, and peace at both community and institutional levels. This outcome aligns with UN Women's broader goal of empowering women and gender equality advocates to influence processes and contribute to systemic changes.

The efforts and outcomes outlined above underscore UN Women's commitment to advancing women, peace, and security in Sudan, even in challenging conflict situations.

In 2023, Sudanese partners reached a total of X direct beneficiaries (X women, X men, X girls, X boys) and approximately X indirect beneficiaries across X regions.

1. Project Profile for Reporting Period

Use the following table for an overview by each project/organization. Also include grants for capacity building received at the country level, as outlined in the Project Document submitted to WPHF. Please add a new row for each project. Refer to definitions in the footnotes.

Funding CFP ³	Lead Organization Name	Type of Organization ⁴	Coverage/Level of Organization ⁵	WPHF Outcome/ Impact Area ⁶	Project Location (State, Province or Region)	Name of Implementing Partner(s) and type of Organisation ⁷	Project Start and End Date as per PCAs ⁸	Total Approved Budget (USD)
CFP1	1. Blue Nile Women Network for Peace and Development	Women/s rights, Other	National	Institutional Funding	Blue Nile	N/A	-27 July 2023-31 July 2024	30,000
CFP1	2. United Peace Organization (UPO)	Other	National	Outcome 1	North and South Darfur	AMNA	10 August 2023-31 July 2025	170,000
CFP1	3. Helping Vulnerable Communities Organization (HVCO)	Women's rights, Women-led	National	Institutional Funding	North Darfur	N/A	-5 August 2023-31 July 2025	27,285
CFP1	4. Sudan Women Development Organization (SWDO)	Women's rights, Women-led	National	Institutional Funding	South Darfur	N/A	-28 March 2023-31 July 2024	19,795
CFP1	5. Sudanese Organization for Research and Development (SORO)	Women's rights, Women-led	National	Outcome 1	East Sudan, Blue Nile	N/A	-30 March 2023-30 June 2025	168,409
CFP1	6. International Development Agency (IDA)	Women's rights, Women-led	National	Outcome 4	South Darfur	N/A	-15 March 2023-31 July 2024	168,700

³ For each grant, indicate if it is Country CFP 1; CFP 2; CFP 3, etc. Please also note if it is a Spotlight WPHF Partnership; Partnership with BMZ on Forced Displacement; or COVID-19 Emergency Response

⁴ Type of organizations are: i) Women's Led; ii) Women's Rights; iii) Both Women-led and Women's Rights; iv) Youth Focused; v) young women led; vi) both youth focused/young women led; vii) LGBTQI+; viii) Other as identified by the CSO.

⁵ Please select from: i) International; ii) National; iii) Sub-National/Regional; or iv) Community-based (local) for each grant. International organizations operate in more than one country. National organizations have a nationwide coverage. Sub-National are organizations that work across multiple provinces/states/regions, but do not cover all provinces/states/regions in the country. Local organizations focus their work at the community level and do not have a sub-national/regional or national scope.

⁶ WPHF Outcomes are Outcome 1: Enabling environment for the implementation of WPS commitments; Outcome 2: Conflict prevention; Outcome 3: Humanitarian and Crisis Response; Outcome 4: Conflict resolution; Outcome 5: Protection; Outcome 6: Peacebuilding and recovery. As per WPHF results framework nested model, WPHF outcome areas are equivalent to the impact level for grantees

⁷ For each co-implementing partner (those on cover page and who received a transfer), state if they are i) Women's Led; ii) Women's Rights; iii) Both Women-led and Women's Rights; iv) Youth-led/focused; or v) Other.

⁸ Use the official PCA for start and end dates. If the project received an extension, please note this.

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CFP1	7. Sudanese Hilef for Peace and Development Organization (SHPDO)	Women's rights, Other	National	Outcome 4	North Darfur	N/A	-19 March 2023-28 February 2025	170,300
CFP1	8. Rowya for Learning and Communities Development	Women's rights, Women-led	National	Outcome 4	Gedaref, Port Sudan	N/A	-15 March 2023-31 July 2025	185,378
CFP1	9. Dar ElSalam Women Development Association	Women's rights, Women-led	National	Outcome 4	North Darfur	Peace and Development Center, Elfasher University	10 March 2023-28 February 2025	180,000
CFP1	10. Nuba Women for Education and Development Association (NuWEDA)	Women's rights, Women-led	National	Institutional Funding	Khartoum, White Nile, South Kordofan, Blue Nile	N/A	10 March 2023-31 July 2025	28,890
CFP1	11. Women Initiatives Group (WIG) ⁹	Women's rights, Women-led	National	Outcome 4	Khartoum, Port Sudan	N/A	10 March 2023-31 July 2024	30,000
CFP1	12. Adeela for Culture and Arts	Youth focused, Young women led	National	Outcome 1	North Darfur, South Darfur, Gedaref, Red Sea	Justice Call	15 March 2023-1 August 2024	167,196
CFP1	13. Altigana Organization for Development Women Skills (AODWS)	Women's rights, Other	National	Outcome 1	North Darfur, East Darfur, South Darfur, West Darfur	Darfur Women Inclusive Stand Gender office of the Darfur Bar Association (DBAG)	10 March 2023-31 July 2024	76,262
CFP1	14. Women Awareness Initiative (WAI)	Women's rights, Women-led	National	Outcome 1	Blue Nile	Blue Nile Women's Renaissance Organization,	13 March 2023-28 February 2025	168,809

⁹ The PCA with WIG was discontinued at the request of the Partner

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						Peace and Hope Association, Peace Ambassadors Organization, Meethag Charitable Association, Paths of Goodness Association, Feminist Solidarity Association, Arkawet Charitable Association, Women for Peace and Development, Alhijra East Women Association.		
CFP1	15. Sabah Al Sudan for Development Organization (SDO)	Women's rights, Women-led	National	Outcome 1	Gezira, Red Sea and South Darfur	Al-Radom Charity Organization, Injaz Organization for Gender, Aid and Development	24 March 2023-31 July 2024	176,763

2. Beneficiaries and Reach (Consolidated)

- a) Complete the Excel spreadsheet called “WPHF Beneficiary Template” for each project and attach it to this report during submission. Instructions for this working sheet are found in the template. The excel sheet tracks beneficiaries by each CSO.
- b) In the table below, provide the consolidated number of direct beneficiaries reached for all projects during the reporting period for each sex/age group in your country. Also select the different intersectionalities (e.g. refugees/IDPs, PWDs or another variable important in your country). Refer to definitions in the footnotes.

	CURRENT REPORTING YEAR			CUMULATIVE		
	Direct Beneficiaries for Year	Indirect Beneficiaries	Number of CSOs, CBOs, women's groups supported	Direct Beneficiaries	Indirect Beneficiaries	Number of CSOs, CBOs, women's groups supported
Girls (0-17)						
Women (18+)	1003			1003		
Boys (0-17)						
Men (18+)	158			158		
LGBTQI+						
Total	1161	4644		1,161	4644	

Select all that apply

Refugees/IDPs
 People/Women living with disabilities
 Survivors of SGBV
 LGBTQI+
 Child/Single Mothers
 Widows
 Youth/Adolescents
 Others, please specify:

***ATTACH WPHF Excel Beneficiary Template.**

3. Context/New Developments

Describe any relevant updates in the peace/security/humanitarian/political/human rights context experienced by the country during the reporting period. Specifically describe how it impacts women and operations at the country level.

Present Context and New Development in Sudan

Displacements in Sudan and neighboring countries have increased in scale and magnitude since 15 April 2023, when armed fighting broke off between two main parties: the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). The clashes, which started in Northern and Khartoum States, have spread to Darfur (Nyala Janoub locality, South Darfur and Al Fasher Locality, North Darfur) and Kordofan (Kadugli Locality) regions. The respect for international human rights, women's rights and humanitarian law has been severely compromised. As of 5 September 2023, about 4,075,9309 individuals (814,518 households) have been recently internally displaced in 3,733 locations across all of Sudan's 18 states and 1,007,11610 into neighboring countries of Central African Republic, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia and South Sudan, with 52 per cent of the displaced in neighboring countries estimated to be women and 48 per cent men. Egypt had 317,230 refugees, of which 75 per cent were estimated to be women and children; Chad had 412,336 refugees, with 85 per cent estimated as women and children. CAR 18,545 refugees and returnees, of which 88 per cent were women and children; South Sudan 258,277 refugees and returnees, of which 73 per cent were estimated to be women and children; and Ethiopia 35,567 refugees, of which 61 per cent were estimated to be women and children. Before this, Sudan had 1.14 million refugees from South Sudan, Chad, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Eritrea, and other nationalities. The crisis has had massive, gendered impacts that touch not only on Sudan but also on countries neighboring Sudan, namely Ethiopia, South Sudan, Chad, CAR and Egypt. Each country struggles with economic, political and climate-related fragility and conflict for CAR, Chad, South Sudan and Ethiopia. The crisis is happening in a region that has not recovered from COVID-19 impacts and regular disease outbreaks, which affect women and men differently, with an overall disempowering effect on women's freedom from violence, health, education, mobility, and economic status.

Some of the key gendered impacts of the crisis identified by three recent assessments conducted by UN Women in Sudan, South Sudan and Chad, in addition to reports from partners, include mass displacements of predominantly women and children in Sudan and the neighboring countries, the loss of social safety nets that

cushions women from adversities, shifts in gender roles for displaced women, acute food and nutrition security with women and children under five-year-old bearing a heavy brunt, Gender Based Violence mainly targeting women and girls, forced recruitment of boys and men, disruption of access to critical sexual and reproductive health-related care, disrupted learning for both boys and girls, disrupted & loss of livelihoods, which heightens the vulnerabilities of mostly women and girls, but also men and boys affected by the crisis.

In Sudan, the GBV Sub Cluster reports that in conflict affected states, women and girls continue to face heightened GBV risks, with conflict-affected women and girls facing increased risk of Gender-Based Violence during displacement and while in temporary accommodation. More than 3 million women and girls in Sudan were at risk of gender-based violence prior to 15 April 2023. This number has since increased to an estimated 4.2 million people and is projected to be higher under reporting due to fear of reprisal, stigma and shame. Multiple women and girls, including non Sudanese individuals living in Sudan, reported experiencing secondary displacement and psychological impacts of displacement. Humanitarian workers have observed that older women, adolescent girls and women and girls living with disabilities face additional concerns and challenges in this unstable environment. Vulnerable men and boys are also exposed to the risks of GBV. It is reported that the risks of sexual violence and trafficking are higher for women and girls while they are fleeing for safety, signalling the need to ensure that survivors can access holistic GBV services at reception sites in Sudan and in countries receiving those fleeing from Sudan.

Access to psychosocial support is a critical need, considering the magnitude and scale of violence and deprivations that the displaced women, men, boys and girls may have experienced. The Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan includes a plan to respond to GBV, including the provision of psychosocial support. However,

It is noted that livelihood shock, loss of income, and the loss of male heads of households as a result of the conflict compound the vulnerability of already vulnerable female segments of the populations displaced by the conflict in Sudan, which may lead to harmful coping mechanisms including transactional sex, exploitation of women and girl's labour, early and forced marriages, and trafficking. Harmful gender norms and lack of basic services and social safety nets put adolescent girls at risk of food insecurity and protection risks, with the conflict in Sudan having the potential to increase the number of girls who are pushed into child labor, sexual exploitation, drop out of school, enter into early/forced marriages, unintended pregnancies, risks of being trafficked among others. Therefore, it is important to provide services that target households with adolescent girls to address the close links between food insecurity and child protection, to monitor how gender and food insecurity interact continuously and to provide social protection support to affected communities in Sudan to mitigate against potential effects of aggravating gender inequalities.

In times of scarcity, the vulnerability of women and girls to exploitation may heighten during conflict and displacements, leading to transactional sex, conflict-related sexual violence, gender-based violence and trafficking. It is reported that the conflict is leaving along with its destruction of livelihoods of Sudanese women and men, with the worst effect felt among the displaced who arrive at their destinations in South Sudan, CAR, Chad and Egypt without a means of livelihood and with little to no livelihood assets. The loss of livelihoods, loss of income, loss of husbands by women and the emergence of female heads of household who lost their husbands because of the conflict heightens the vulnerability of women and girls in Sudan.

In response to the war, more than 49 women-led peace initiatives, humanitarian initiatives and civil society organizations have formed a network called the Peace for Sudan Platform. Supported by the UN Women Sudan

office, Peace for Sudan includes representatives from across the different regions of the country, facilitating communication and catalyzing collective women-led advocacy efforts.

The war has led to increased coordination among women's groups and the creation of strong solidarity among women across all Sudanese states. Several networks are working at different levels to end the war, such as the Women Against War network and the Mothers of Sudan campaign. These groups document violations, monitor the situation, advocate for peace, and exert pressure on the international community and other parties to support a resolution and achieve peace. They also provide support to affected families, offer shelter to the displaced, facilitate the evacuation of those trapped in Khartoum and provide medical services.

Northern Kordofan is one of the areas most affected by the conflict, as it houses a military airport and serves as a strategic reserve for the Sudanese army. The well-known airport, Al-Abiad, has been destroyed, as has the Social Security Hospital, the region's largest and highest-quality healthcare facility that provides global-standard services. Additionally, the large market has been subject to looting, arson, and road blockades, resulting in the disruption of public movement.

Southern and western Kordofan states did not witness direct conflict; however, they have been affected by road blockades and a scarcity of food, fuel, and clean water, leading to the disruption of essential institutions and banking services. Women have not been spared from security threats and violence; they have been forcibly used to gather information, and some women have been abducted in front of their helpless families due to the overwhelming power of the armed forces and the absence of any impartial authority. These security and economic tensions have limited the work of women's groups, which have resorted to limited coordination through WhatsApp groups despite the weak mobile communication networks.

The ongoing conflict situation in Sudan, especially in Khartoum and West Darfur (El Geneina), has resulted in widespread destruction of infrastructure and the collapse of social and political systems. This has led to the killing of civilians, the rape of women, and an exacerbation of the situation in affected areas. Women and girls have been subjected to various forms of violence, with lasting effects. They lack access to basic services like water, and face challenges in accessing healthcare and economic support. Violations against women have been committed by people wearing military uniforms. There have been alarming reports of sexual assaults against women. Unfortunately, due to challenging circumstances, comprehensive medical support cannot be fully provided to the affected women. According to reports from the Anti-Violence Protection Unit, 11 cases of violence against women have been registered in various areas of Khartoum.

Women's organizations play a vital role in providing shelter, food, water, healthcare, and psychological support, and in monitoring violations and raising awareness to stop the war. They can contribute to peacebuilding by participating in negotiations and encouraging dialogue among the warring parties, promoting peaceful solutions to conflicts in Sudan.

The "Peace for Sudan" platform was formed, focusing on women's initiatives in various states to address the current situation. The network's priorities include promoting dialogue between warring parties, encouraging peaceful solutions, and providing essential support such as shelter, food, water, sanitation, healthcare and education for women and girls affected by the war. The network also empowers women to raise their voices and work with their communities to halt the war and stop violations against women. In addition, the network aims to enhance collaboration among different women's organizations and knowledge sharing.

The community can support these priorities through various means, including by encouraging local organizations and facilitating collaboration and coordination. Additionally, the community can provide support to women and girls affected by the war, and support efforts to find a peaceful solution to the conflict.

Currently, many women cannot make the decisions about their own lives, whether to flee and seek asylum or stay, and they are not allowed to participate in gatherings outside their homes. Women activists are now engaged in providing housing, food, medicine, transportation for the displaced, and psychological support and health services. They are also working to raise women's awareness about the war and their rights within the conflict context and organizing to give women an active role in political decisions.

The “Peace for Sudan” platform, supported by UN Women Sudan, coordinates women-led initiatives in all states of Sudan and facilitates communication among them for collective advocacy efforts. Unifying efforts and demands at this stage will be very critical. Peace for Sudan’s work will be in two phases, the first during the war and the second after its resolution. After the war, efforts will focus on developing strategic plans to ensure continuing support for women.

The international community has a role to play in supporting organizations and youth actors in humanitarian actions and recovery. As the most affected group, it is important to engage women in all processes. Humanitarian aid is a priority at this stage; however, women’s empowerment is key to building a sustainable Sudan.

4a. Overall Results (Impact and Outcomes) Achieved

a) Provide a short, consolidated COUNTRY LEVEL description of the impact and results achieved for all projects (1-2 paragraphs maximum, drawing on the impact level indicators)

b) Following this, report on the results achieved¹⁰ or progress towards¹¹ results for EACH project by WPHF impact area in the country. Also, use any relevant impact and outcome indicators from the CSO results framework to help illustrate the change, including the change from the previous year. Do not describe outputs or activities. Ensure that the linkages between the projects and building peace, gender equality and WPS are explained.

c) If an organization has received funding under two impact areas (e.g., Stream 1 (Impact Area 1) and another impact area), please report them separately.

d) Please note for capacity building projects by UNW/ME, please report this in Section 7.

*For countries with 10 projects or more, you can consolidate the impact and results by WPHF impact area, rather than for each individual project. Complete the Table in **Annex A: Results Framework** for the details and progress against each impact and outcome indicator.*

Overall Impact/Results of Country (1-2 paragraphs drawing on the impact level indicators):

As per the results coming out from the WPHF, the total direct beneficiaries were 1, 161 with women totalling 1003 and Men were 158.

Sabah Al-Sudan for Development Organization (SDO), together with Injaz Organization for Gender, Aid and Development and Alradoam Charity Organization realized increased knowledge for 132 religious leaders (87

¹⁰ Progress achieved of the impact level or of an outcome is defined as actual change in the value of indicators being tracked as well as other indications that the project has had an effect in contributing to the impact/outcome as stated.

¹¹ Progress towards an outcome means the target has not yet been met but there is evidence (through data) of meeting incremental milestones towards the eventual achievement of the outcome.

4a. Overall Results (Impact and Outcomes) Achieved

Male and 45 Female) on combating hate speech, racist behavior, terrorism, and gender based violence against women and girls in order to prohibit all forms of violence against women and girls such as: Child Marriage, Forced Marriage, women and girls sexual exploitation and abuse, forced pregnancy, sexual slavery, forced abortion, forced prostitution as a result of coercion or duress and female genital mutilation. Awareness on the National Action Plan for Sudan and the UN Resolution 1325 to 105 members (90 Male and 15 Female) of CBOs, NGOs, female led CSOs was also realised, that increased knowledge on preventing women and girls from being affected by conflict, protection after conflict and women's leadership in relief operations and post war recovery programmes. Skills in negotiation techniques, peace building, peace keeping and conflict resolution for 154 female activists, feminist leaders and female led organizations was also realised for (12 Male and 143 Female) through dialogue, mediation, reconciliation, facilitation and arbitration.

Altigana Organization for Developing Women Skills created a Womens platform in North, South and East Darfur called "Women Inclusive Stand" with a membership of 260 women that will promote advocacy for peace and promote the women's peace agenda and increase women's participation in conflict negotiations.

Due to the war, most of the partners lost their equipment and furniture and their staff had to work from different locations. The partners therefore moved their headquarter offices to safer cities. In this regard, the partners were negatively impacted and their start of implementation was delayed substantially. However, **Sudan Women Development Organization (SWDO)** increased Skills of the staff to support targeted women beneficiaries was realised for SWDO staff (3 Male and 7 Female) in computer, photocopying, photography, archiving and documentation.

1. Altigana Organization for Developing Women Skills:

WPHF Impact Area 1: *Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments*

Altigana Organization for Developing Women Skills improved women's in accessing their just and equitable rights in accordance with international and regional charters and protocols, UNSCR 1325 and signed peace agreements through community consultations with 260 women in North, South and East Darfur States to establish a Women's Platform called "Women Inclusive Stand" that will promote advocacy for peace and promote women's peace agenda in Darfur. Most of the targeted women were representing women from IDPs camps and the situation rooms. The community consultations sessions discussed the main challenges that affecting women and preventing them from moving forward in different ways, socially, economically, and politically. A total of 233 women were involved in NAP1325 design, budgeting, implementation and monitoring and evaluation

Outcome: Existence of a common agenda on women's participation in Peace & Security processes at local, state level in North Darfur

- **Altigana Organization for Developing Women Skills:** In 2023, a concrete example of a significant result is the establishment of the "Women Inclusive Stand" platform in Darfur, which represents a substantial stride towards lasting peace, gender equality, and increased resilience in the face of national disasters and conflicts. This achievement resulted from UN Women's support to initiatives that aimed at amplifying the role of women in peace, humanitarian processes, and the prevention of disasters and conflicts.

4a. Overall Results (Impact and Outcomes) Achieved

The Women Inclusive Stand platform was not only a planned result but also a transformative initiative that showcased the success of consultations with 233 women from diverse communities to realize their rights for the leadership in peace building platforms. Through these efforts, the leadership of gender equality advocates was raised, and the capacities of advocates were significantly amplified. This empowered women to actively contribute to the implementation of commitments outlined in the National Action Plan for UNSCR 1325 and signed peace agreements.

The establishment of the Women Inclusive Stand platform is a significant, tangible outcome that addresses structural barriers to equality by providing a platform for women to advocate for peace and advance the women's peace agenda in Darfur. The diversity of beneficiaries is evident in the 260 women from North, South, and East Darfur States who were involved in community consultations leading to the platform's establishment. This showcases a broad-based approach and inclusivity in addressing the challenges faced by women in different regions.

In summary, the establishment of the Women Inclusive Stand platform is a concrete example of a significant result achieved in 2023. This result, although planned, signifies a transformative journey towards lasting positive change, highlighting UN Women's commitment to advancing gender equality, justice, and peace in a dynamic and inclusive manner.

2. Adeela for Culture and Arts:

WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments

- Impact will be reported in the next phase

Outcome 1: Improved advocacy capacity of Local young men and women for issues at a local, national and international level

- **Adeela for Culture and Arts**, gathered valuable insights, feedback and recommendations on peace issues related to each state after conducting five focus group discussions with 20 X project beneficiaries, including activists, CSOs, and women's rights activists and groups.

3. Women Awareness Initiative (WAI):

WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments

Women Awareness Initiative Through advocacy workshop WAI promoted the role of 20 female and 5 male civil society organizations, government staff, Sudanese police on their accountability to women peace and security and to use the formal and informal partners to advocate for Blue Nile state plan on the implementation of the SCR 1325.

Outcome 1: Local civil society organizations including grassroots organizations are empowered and their role and engagement in ensuring accountability on WPS are enhanced

- **Women Awareness Initiative** reached 25 (20 female, 5 male) civil society organizations and other grassroots organizations in their role to promote accountability to WPS

4a. Overall Results (Impact and Outcomes) Achieved

4. Sudanese Organization for Research and Development (SORD):

WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments

- Impact to be reported in next phase

Outcome 1: enhanced level of understanding and comprehension of WPS framework from a feminist perspective that is informed by the contextual realities of Sudanese women led CSOs in the targeted states

- **Sudanese Organization for Research and Development** undertook research and data collection and surveys were done on how women perceive peace and security in the targeted regions and their experiences on 1325 NAP in different region. Survey data collection and check list for collecting data were produced and used for the research three states of Gedaref, Blue Nile and Red Sea State.

5. United Peace Organization:

WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments

- *Impact to be reported in next phase*

Outcome 1: Civil society organizations and Hakamat in North and South Darfur effectively engage in Women Peace and Security processes and commitments

- 15 communities' influential singers (Hakamat) were engaged and spread messages on the rights of women, prevention of violence against women, as well contribute to spread anti-war culture that discourages involvement in conflicts, positive peaceful co-existence among different groups and acceptance of different cultures and tribes.

- 30 CSOs representatives have adopted peace building knowledge and started spreading positive peaceful co-existence and acceptance messages and promote recognition and acceptance of different cultures.

6. Sabah Al-Sudan for Development Organization (SDO):

WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments

- **Sabah Al-Sudan for Development Organization (SDO)** engagement of 85 men and boys out of a total of 132 in support of social norms change is implicit in the comprehensive approach of the initiatives. By combating hate speech, racist behaviour, terrorism, and gender-based violence in public addresses and speeches, the initiatives reshaped societal attitudes and behaviours. This inclusive strategy recognizes the importance of involving all segments of the community in fostering lasting change.

4a. Overall Results (Impact and Outcomes) Achieved

Outcome 1: Empower and develop the skills of civil society organizations, grass root associations and female activists to effectively participate and take leading roles in peace processes, decision making positions, influence policies and legislation reform, and advocate for human rights to foster a sustainable environment of peace.

- **Sabah Al-Sudan for Development Organization (SDO)**, together with **Injaz Organization for Gender, Aid and Development** and **Alradoam Charity Organization** increased Sudanese activist 45 women and women's organizations' active participation in conflict resolution and peace negotiations by combating hate speech, racist behavior, terrorism, and gender based violence against women and girls in order to prohibit all forms of violence against women and girls such as: Child Marriage, Forced Marriage, women and girls sexual exploitation and abuse, forced pregnancy, sexual slavery, forced abortion, forced prostitution as a result of coercion or duress and female genital mutilation.

- The support also created awareness on the National Action Plan for Sudan and the UN Resolution 1325 to 105 members (90 Male and 15 Female) of CBOs, NGOs, female led CSOs with increased knowledge on preventing women and girls from being affected by conflict, protection after conflict and women's leadership in relief operations and post war recovery programmes.

- The support also provided skills in negotiation techniques, peace building, peace keeping and conflict resolution for 154 female activists, feminist leaders and female led organizations (12 Male and 143 Female) through dialogue, mediation, reconciliation, facilitation and arbitration.

7. Rowya for Learning and Communities Development :

WPHF Impact Area 4: Increased representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and/or implementation of peace agreements.

Outcome 1: Strengthened women networks that enabled them to advocate for their effective participation in politics

-ROWYA has only bought the lost equipment, furniture and opened new offices and are still implementing their projects which are not finalised enough for reporting.

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8. International Development Agency (IDA):

- **International Development Agency (IDA)** project activities were not implemented as they have not yet opened their account to receive funds from UN Women due to complications in the area of operations.

9. Sudanese Helif for Peace and Development Organization (SHPDO):

WPHF Impact Area 4: Increased representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and/or implementation of peace agreements

-Impact to be reported in next phase

4a. Overall Results (Impact and Outcomes) Achieved

Outcome 1: Improved promotion of peace at locality level through proper management of natural resources and promote women participation in conflict resolution

- **Sudanese Helif for Peace and Development Organization** coordinated series of meetings with the community leaders, women groups, and government relevant stakeholders including Humanitarian Aid Commission, Ministry of Social Welfare, community networks and organizations working in the same field benefited from their experiences. Furthermore, SHPDO management also communicated with University of Alfasher and discussed the possibility the future prospective on implementation of the project activities.

10. Dar El Salam Women Development Association:

WPHF Impact Area 4: Increased representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and/or implementation of peace agreements

Dar El Salam Women Development Association (DWDA) has created 3 women's Peace Committees in Dar El Salam in North Darfur State with a total membership of 108 members that are platforms for peace negotiations, reconciliation and peace building as well as confidence building for women's leadership.

Outcome 1: Strengthened Women's mechanisms in the Dar ElSalaam locality are functional and able to sustain and build peace

- **Dar El Salam Women Development Association (DWDA)** increased skills of women's peace committees to enable them to create communication channels between the components of the local communities of Dar El Salam in North Darfur State by establishing 3 women Peace Committees with a total membership of 108 members that are platforms for peace negotiations, reconciliation and peace building as well as confidence building for women's leadership. 106 members of the Peace Committees had their skills built on networking, communication, peace building and community organizing. Through the Women Peace Committees, awareness sessions were provided to 200 (30 Male and 170 Female) IDPs, Host Communities, farmers, pastoralists and the disabled on peace building and co-existence.

Institutional Funding Partners

11. Blue Nile Women Network for Peace and Development:

Impact will be reported in next phase as they have not yet opened their account due to complications in the areas of operation.

12. Helping Vulnerable Communities Organization (HVCO):

- Impact will be reported in the next phase

Outcome 1: *Qualified staff with relevant skills advocate for women rights and protection*

- **Helping Vulnerable Communities Organization** Increased skills for seven staff (7) (6 female and 1 male) were increased during a training workshop for 5 days on Human Resources and finance Management as well as

4a. Overall Results (Impact and Outcomes) Achieved

Financial Principle (Basic & Advance), General Quality Management, Advance Financial Management, Human Resources Management, General Administration and Logistic Management

13. Nuba Women for Education and Development Association (NUWEDA):

Outcome 1: Improved NuWEDA's staff capacity and operation

- **Nuba Women for Education and Development Association (NUWEDA)** improved staff programme and operational performance that enabled 3 female staff who had moved from Khartoum (Program Manager, Finance Manager and M&E coordinator) to continue work from branch office in White Nile (Kosti).

staff to work in the projects to improve women situation.

14. Women Initiatives Group (WIG): ****The PCA has been cancelled for WIG

15. Sudan Women Development Organization (SWDO):

Impact will be reported in the next phase

Outcome 1: Qualified staff with relevant skills advocate for women rights and protection

- **Sudan Women Development Organization (SWDO)** increased skills of the staff to support targeted women beneficiaries. Skills were developed for SWDO staff (3 Male and 7 Female) in computer, photocopying, photography, archiving and documentation. In addition, one displaced women increased their income through SWDO by utilizing the equipment and utensils provided to boost her shop for income generation.

4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

Summarize the progress on OUTPUTS and key activities in narrative form by each project. Describe how these outputs were reached (or in progress) and explain if any variance in achieved versus planned results during the reporting period. Ensure all data is disaggregated if reporting on training, capacity building or other outputs. Please put organization names in the same order as Section 4a.

*Please note that you **DO NOT** need to complete Annex A for the output level. For countries with 10 projects or more, you can consolidate the outputs by outcome area.*

1. Altigana Organization for Developing Women Skills:

● **Output Statement 1.1: Security and peace process forums established at locality level**

Activity 1.1.2: Preparatory and community consultation meetings and community dialogues to identify women needs, challenges and recommendations at the local level.

- On the period from 4/October/2023 to 03/December/2023, Altigana Organization for Developing Women Skills, conducted a series of community consultations for 106 women in North and East Darfur States. The main objective of the community consultations was establishing an organization called Women Inclusive Stand for Darfuran women as part of the interest of UNWOMEN and the CSOs for empowering women in Sudan. The consultations were designed to find all Darfuran women's concerns and the different ways of promoting peace and advocating for women's agenda locally regionally and at international level.

- On the 03/December/2023. AODWS concluded in Elfasher town all the consultations with Darfuran women, which targeted women from Kutum, Tawila, Nyala North, Nyala South, Elfasher Rural, and in East Darfur State, which targeted women from Yassin and Eldain locality. The community consultations targeted a total 233 women

4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

from the above-mentioned states and localities -South Darfur state - Nyala North and Nyala south Locality 50 women; -East Darfur State - Eldain and Yassin Localities 50 women; North Darfur State: Kutum,Tawila, Maleet, Darelsalam 100 women and Elfasher Rural 3 women and 30 women from Elfasher locality. Most of the targeted women were representing women form IDPs camps and the situation rooms. The community consultations sessions discussed the main challenges that affecting women and preventing them from moving forward in different ways, socially, economically, and politically.

2. Adeela for Culture and Arts:

- **Output Statement 1.1: Research and data collection identifying the peace issues relevant to each state in a comprehensive manner.**

Activity 1.1.1: Research design which clarifies methodology, sample size, scope, analysis plan etc, Data collection and analysis, Report Production, Training for direct beneficiaries.

- To gather valuable insights and feedback, five focus group discussions have been conducted with project beneficiaries, including activists, CSOs, and women's rights activists and groups. These discussions have aimed to discuss the project, gather recommendations, and understand the specific needs of the beneficiaries.

- **Output Statement 1.2: Localized guide on gender and conflict sensitivity (with the bases of the 60 youth bodies and individuals are oriented and provided with a space where they can plan and implement peace oriented advocacy efforts.e WPS and relevant commitments in Sudan) is developed and accessible to direct beneficiaries.**

Activity 1.2.1: Development of the resource.

- The project research team has started the mapping of feminist and women organizations and individuals that are still in Sudan after the war.

Activity 1.2.2: Training for direct beneficiaries.

- The project is currently focused on workshop preparation, refining objectives, organizing logistical details, as well as the activism curriculum development to be used in the workshops.

- **Output statement: 1.4: 60 youth bodies and individuals are oriented and provided with a space where they can plan and implement peace oriented advocacy efforts.**

Activities 1.4.1: Strategic development, 4 training sessions in each state with 80 beneficiaries, Follow-up reflection session in one year

- Strategic planning meetings have been conducted with Justice Call, the project partner, to align strategies, coordinate efforts, and ensure effective collaboration. These meetings have focused on identifying common goals, discussing potential challenges, and developing strategies to overcome them.

3. Women Awareness Initiative (WAI):

4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

- **Output Statement 1.1: *Strengthening governance and internal control of the project's formal and informal partners***

Activity 1.1.1: Conducting one training workshop on good governance and internal control for a local organization

-In the period between 17-19/January 2024, WAI also conducted three-day workshop on internal control and governance and was attended by 20 women representing different women organizations and initiatives in Damazine Blue Nile state.

-The first advocacy workshop was conducted on 30, January,2024 the main objective is to promote women civil society organizations and government staff role and accountability on women peace and security. 20 women and 5 men including police attended the workshop, this workshop its was chance to use the formal and informal partners to advocate for Blue Nile state plan on the implementation of the SCR 1325.

4. Sudanese Organization for Research and Development (SORD):

- **Output Statement 1.1: Survey conducted on how women in different states perceive peace**

Activity 1.1.1: Conduct survey on how women perceive peace and security in the targeted regions.

- SORD conducted a survey on how women perceive peace and security in the targeted region and their experiences on 1325 NAP in different region. All the women interviewed conceptualised peace as stemming from the micro-level regarding their abilities to feel safe from violence within the home and have freedom of mobility. Women also discussed peace at the more macro-level regarding feeling secure in the workplace and not being subjected to discrimination and violence from the state as well as conceptualised peace as economic and social safety and security. A lead researcher and 6 data collectors were recruited to undertake the survey data collection and produce a check list for collecting data from the three states of Gedaref, Blue Nile and Red Sea State.

Activity 1.1.2: Conduct 3 three workshops to disseminate and validate survey results in the targeted regions

- Data collectors were trained through a two-day virtual workshop organized by the lead researcher targeting the data collectors. During the workshop, they developed a check list and finalized with each state team the numbers of women to be part of the group discussions and also identified key informants in each state. Data collection is currently ongoing in the 3 states under the direct supervision of the lead researcher.

5. United Peace Organization:

- **Output Statement 1.1: New initiatives on WPS by CSOs supported and implemented**

Activity 1.1.4: Conduct training including 8 advocacy focus workshops for key female influencers (Hakamat)

4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

- In coordination with the Higher Council for Culture and Information conducted training for 15 influential Hakamas on peace building, acceptance of others among the communities and promotion of peaceful co-existence. The training coincided with the 16-days activities to combat violence against women that was celebrated during the period from 26th November to 10th December 2023.

- **Output Statement 1.2: Capacity development opportunities for of identified CSOs and women groups on WPS, peace building and governance conducted.**

Activity 1.2.1: Conduct sensitization meetings with local CSOs and grassroots women groups

Activity 1.2.2: Conduct basic preparatory and introductory training.

Activity 1.2.3: Conduct twelve workshops for 120 participants on good governance, peace building, women security, political participation, and public speaking skills, advocacy, and dialogue engagement.

- UPO in coordination with the High Council of Culture and Information conducted training 30 members of civil society organizations (CSOs) on peacebuilding and the importance of recognizing and appreciating the role the civil society organizations can play in stabilizing peace at grass roots level. The workshop also stressed on the role of women's CSOs and other organizations in promoting women security, political participation, and public acquiring speaking skills to present and conveys women's messages and lead advocacy on women's rights and encourage women's engagement. Also highlighted the importance of recognizing and appreciating the role the civil society organizations can play in stabilizing peace at grass roots levels.

6. Sabah Al-Sudan for Development Organization (SDO):

- **Output Statement 1.2: 140 civil society and grass root organizations have received capacity building on influencing legislations and policies, participating in policy dialogue and lobbying for gender sensitive policies.**

Activity 2.1: Conduct (1 day) 5 awareness raising workshops about the National Action Plan for the implementation of resolution 1325 and advocate for its incorporation in government plans and policies at the targeted localities.

- **SDO in collaboration with Al Radom Charity Organization again held on the 12th of September, 2023, a training workshop was conducted on how to support and implement the National Action Plan and the UN resolution 1325 in the city of Al Radoam.** The (28) participants (11 Male and 17 Women) were introduced to the Four Pillars of 1325: Preventing women and girls from being affected by conflicts, protecting women during and after the conflicts, participation of women in decision making and supporting the role of women and girls in relief operations and post war recovery programs. The workshop was attended by, CBOs ,NGOs and female led CSOs and grassroots organizations and representatives from the Ministry of Social and Women Development.

- In Port Sudan, Red Sea State, **on the 7 October, 2023, SDO held a training workshop was conducted on how to support and implement the National Action Plan and the UN resolution 1325.** The participants were able to know the four pillars of 1325: Preventing women and girls from being affected by conflicts, protecting women during and after the conflicts, participation of women in decision making and supporting the role of women and girls in relief operations and post war recovery programs. The workshop was attended by 34 female activists, feminist leaders and female led CSOs.

4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

- In Medani, Gezira State, **on 9 October, 2023, SDO held a training workshop was conducted on how to support and implement the National Action Plan and the UN resolution 1325.** The National Action Plan was approved by the Honorable Council of Ministers. Other partners are the Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Development and Social Welfare, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Defense in addition to a number of civil society organizations and civil actors. The participants are able to know the four pillars of 1325: Preventing women and girls from being affected by conflicts, protecting women during and after the conflicts, participation of women in decision making and supporting the role of women and girls in relief operations and post war recovery programs. The workshop was attended by 28 participants (4 Male, 24 Female) CBOs grassroots organizations and, feminist leaders and female led CSOs.

Activity 2.2: Conduct (2day) 5 capacity building workshops for NGOs and CBOs on binding legislation and national laws to be consistent with international and regional conventions that protect women and girls from all forms of gender-based violence without any discrimination, especially against women with disabilities.

- In Damazine/ Blue Nile State a workshop was also held by SDO **on the 21 October, 2023, a workshop was held on participation of women in decision making and supporting the role women and girls play in relief operations and post war recovery programs.** The workshop was attended by 31 participants (26 Female, 5 male) participants included CBOs grassroots organizations and female led CSOs.

- **Output Statement 1.3: 140 civil society and grass root organizations have received capacity building on peace planning and building, reconciliation, conflict resolution and prevention.**

Activity 3.1: Conduct (5day) 5 training workshops to build the capacity of local NGOs and CBOs on skills of establishing peace, conflict resolution and prevention, peace education and planning.

- SDO also held **a ten days training workshops were held - 14th – 23th September, 2023 on Negotiations Techniques, Peace Building, Peace Keeping, Conflict Resolution and Prevention in Al Radoam.** The workshop was attended by (56) female activists, feminist leaders (8 Male, 48 Female) n the city of Al Radom. The Training and Workshop focused on the techniques of negotiations and conflict resolution through dialogue, mediation, conciliation, facilitation or arbitration and concentrating on peace building, peacemaking, and peace protecting.

- In Damazine, Blue Nile State, SDO also held in **22 to 26 October 2023, a 5 Day training workshop was conducted on Negotiations Techniques, Peace Building, Peace Keeping, Conflict Resolution and Prevention.** The workshop was attended by female activists, feminist leaders and female led CSOs. The Training and Workshop focused on the techniques of negotiations and conflict resolution through dialogue, mediation, conciliation, facilitation or arbitration and concentrating on peace building, peacemaking, and peace protecting. A total of 29 participants (25 female and 4 male) participants attended the workshop.

- In Port Sudan, Red Sea State, In addition, **on 8 – 12 October, 2023, SDO held a 5 Day Training workshop was conducted on Negotiations Techniques, Peace Building, Peace Keeping, Conflict Resolution and Prevention.** The workshop was attended by 32 female activists, feminist leaders and female led CSOs. The Training and Workshop focused on the techniques of negotiations and conflict resolution through dialogue, mediation, conciliation, facilitation or arbitration and concentrating on peace building, peacemaking, and peace protecting.

- In Medani, Gezira State, **on the 10 October 2023, SDO held a training workshop was conducted on Negotiations Techniques, Peace Building, Peace Keeping, Conflict Resolution and Prevention.** Participants

4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

included the Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Development and Social Welfare, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Defense in addition to a number of civil society organizations and civil actors. The participants were able to know methods of preventing women and girls from being affected by conflicts, protecting women during and after the conflicts, participation of women in decision making and supporting the role women and girls in relief operations and post war recovery programs. The workshop was attended by 37 female activists organizations, MoWSD and Humanitarian Affairs Commission.

- **Output statement 2.3: Sensitize the community to establish and adopt a culture of societal reform to decrease and end violence against women and girls.**

Activity 2.3.1: Conduct (1day) 5 training workshops targeting 125 Imams, Sheikhs, preachers, and priests on how to include combating violence against women and girls in their public address and speeches.

- In Radoam, South Darfur, **SDO in collaboration with Al Radom Charity Organization organized five (5) training workshops on 11 September, 2023. Two days public awareness workshops were conducted on combating hate speech, racist behavior, terrorism, and gender based violence against women and girls.** The main objective of the workshop was to include combating violence against women and girls in public addresses and speeches in South Darfur in the city of Al Radoam. The workshop was attended (50) participants (32 Male and 18 Female) comprising of Imams, Sheikhs, and priests, preachers and religious men. The workshops were also attended by representatives of the Ministry of Social Affairs.

- In Damazine, in Blue Nile State, **On 19th of October, 2023, SDO held a public awareness workshop was conducted on combating hate speech, racist behavior, terrorism, and gender based violence against women and girls.** The workshop was attended by Imams, Sheikhs, and priests, preachers and religious men. The focal point of the workshop is the prohibition of all forms of violence against women and girls such as: Child Marriage, Forced Marriage, women and girls sexual exploitation and abuse, forced pregnancy, sexual slavery, forced abortion, forced prostitution as a result of coercion or duress and female genital mutilation. The participants had an interactive participation and committed to include such harmful traditions and customs in their public speeches and awareness campaigns. The workshop was attended by 25 participants (17 men and 8 women).

- In Port Sudan, Red Sea State, **On 6 October, 2023, SDO also held a public awareness workshop was conducted on combating hate speech, racist behavior, terrorism, and gender based violence against women and girls.** The main objective of the workshop was to include combating violence against women and girls in public addresses and speeches in Red Sea State in the city of Port Sudan. The workshop was attended by 32 participants (21 Male, 11 Female) Imams, Sheikhs, and priests, preachers and religious men. The main point of the workshop was the prohibition of all forms of violence against women and girls such as: Child Marriage, Forced Marriage, women and girls sexual exploitation and abuse, forced pregnancy, sexual slavery, forced abortion, forced prostitution as a result of coercion or duress and female genital mutilation. The participants had an interactive participation and committed to include such harmful traditions and customs in their public speeches and awareness campaigns.

- In Medani, Gezira State, **On 8 October, 2023 SDO held a public awareness workshop has was conducted on combating hate speech, racist behavior, terrorism, and gender based violence against women and girls.** The main objective of the workshop is to include combating violence against women and girls in public addresses and speeches in Gezira State in the city of Wad Medani. The workshop was attended by 25 participants (17 Male, 8 Female) Imams, Sheikhs, and priests, preachers and religious men. The focal point of the workshop is the prohibition of all forms of violence against women and girls such as: Child Marriage, Forced Marriage, women and girls sexual exploitation and abuse, forced pregnancy, sexual slavery, forced abortion, forced prostitution as

4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

a result of coercion or duress and female genital mutilation. The participants had an interactive participation and committed to include such harmful traditions and customs in their public speeches and awareness campaigns.

7. Rowya for Learning and Communities Development:

Output Statement 1.1: Skills training on coexistence, civic education, GA and leadership conducted with women and young women

Activity 1.1.5: 3-day training workshop on time management & risk analysis for 80 women in Gadaref and Red Sea states (2 workshops)

- Rowya for Learning and Communities Development: Despite the unpredictable security situation, was able to purchase all office equipment, ie one computer lap top, computer desk top, 2 office desks, 3 chairs, 1 projector, paid office rent and salaries, in addition, for the programme activities, Rowya is working on sensitization of the communities in the targeted states to be ready for the upcoming programme in the second quarter.

8. International Development Agency (IDA):

- Because of the challenges with the conflict situation, IDA were not able to open their account in time in order to receive funds. However, they have informed us that there is a positive outcome they will soon open the bank account.

9. Sudanese Helif for Peace and Development Organization (SHPDO):

Coordination:

- **Coordination of project activities:** During the reporting SHPDO has coordinated series of meetings with the community leaders, women groups, and government relevant stakeholders including Humanitarian Aid Commission, Ministry of Social Welfare, community networks and organizations working in the same field benefited from their experiences. Furthermore, SHPDO management also communicated with University of Alfasher and discussed the possibility the future prospective on implementation of the project activities.

- **Community mobilization and sensitization:** Through the team at field level SHPDO has organized field visit coordinate with community leaders, key person and representatives of community members and oriented them about project interventions, objectives and the anticipated results. However, the target beneficiaries' the project target communities' members were communicated and sensitized to secure their participation in implementation of this project.

Staffing:

- **Staff and resource mobilization:** To ensure the project quality implementation SHPDO organization mobilized the resources, recruited the project staff. The staff was fully oriented about the project intended objectives, outcomes and the strategies of the implementing the planned activities.

Equipment:

- SHPDO started the process of purchasing of the vehicle for the project but due lack required specification of the vehicle in the local market coupled with limited number suppliers but although we identify the vehicle and purchased the vehicle and completed.

10. Dar El Salam Women Development Association:

4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

- **Output Statement 1.1: Women's peace committees from the influential segments of society for each administrative unit are established and trained**

Activity 1.1.1: Training of 3 established women's peace building committees from the influential segments of society one/per committee each administrative unit

- DWDA conducted intensive 3 training workshop for selected peace building members (106) women of three locations as one committee at Dar el salam town. They were trained on networking, communication, peace building and community organizing, and facilitated by facilitators from Peace Studies and Development Center of Elfasher University.

- DWDA also conducted three separate training workshops for three administrative units, and attended by 108 women members of 3 peace committees as each group has 36 members. Training was held at the administrative head offices covering training on reconciliation, negotiations and peace building and facilitated by Peace Center and Development Studies of Elfasher University, for three days.

- **Output Statement 1.6: Awareness sessions to raise women's awareness about the importance of communication between women in administrative units are undertaken**

Activity 1.6.1: Conduct 9 awareness sessions for 150 women to raise women's awareness about the importance of communication between women in administrative units

- DWDA Conducted community mobilization and sensitization of the project activities and objectives in three administrative units in Dar el salam Locality. The event was attended by community leaders as well as women, youth, and disabled, and explained in details the project activities, coverage area, objectives, targeted beneficiaries, and duration, then made selection based on selection criteria of three women peace committees for each administrative unit of 36 women each to be at grassroots level making a total of 108 members to be at Dar el salam Locality, aiming to bring all three location together for re-communication and interaction as one group to restore the confidence and building of peace within the communities.

- **Output Statement 1.7: Women Peace forum established**

Activity 1.7.1: Conduct 6 open days (women peace event)

- DWDA again conducted three awareness sessions on peace building and co-existence in Dar el salam town, and attended by more the 200 (30 Male, 170 Female) participants from different community categories included IDPs, Host Community, Farmers, pastoralists, Disables.

11. [Blue Nile Women Network for Peace and Development:](#)

- Blue Nile is yet to open their bank account in order to receive their funds. They have informed us that they are making progress and should be able to open these soon.

12. [Helping Vulnerable Communities Organization \(HVCO\):](#)

- **Output Statement 1.1: Staff retention continued for 24 months**

4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

Activity 1.1.1: Staffing

- Recruited 7 staff (6 female and 1 male) and paid staff salaries.

- **Output Statement 1.2: The organization improved capacity to operate in new geographical areas**

Activity 1.2.1: Staff development (Staff development activities include training on financial management, proposal writing, advocacy, human resource management and monitoring and evaluation
Target: 13 staff/volunteers)

- Conducted training workshop for seventh staff (7) (6 female and one male) for 5 days on Human Resources and finance Management as well as Financial Principle (Basic & Advance), General Quality Management, Advance Financial Management, Human Resources Management, General Administration and Logistic Management

13. Nuba Women for Education and Development Association (NUWEDA):

Procurement of furniture:

- Purchased two laptop and Tablet to assist to improve the operation performance to NuWEDA. After the war of 15 April 2023, NuWEDA lost its main office and lost all NuWEDA equipment and some of the staff or main staff moved to branch office in White Nile and continues their work in that office without laptops or any equipment for work, and some staff working from home therefore the fund from Women's Peace Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) helped NuWEDA to improve the operational performance and enable the 4 staff to work in the projects to improve the institutional capacity of NUWEDA.

14. Sudan Women Development Organization (SWDO):

- **Output Statement 1.2: The organization improved capacity to operate in new geographical areas**

Activity 1.2.1: Staff development (Staff development activities include training on project financial management, proposal writing, advocacy, human resource management and monitoring and evaluation

A training workshop was implemented for 10 staff members (3 male and 7 female) for capacity building and computer skills development.

Part of the economic support activity was implemented and provided selling equipment utensils to one of the displaced women targeted in the project.

5. A Specific Story (1/2 page maximum)

Include a profile of an individual beneficiary or CSO partner, success story or case study to highlight a concrete example that has been important during the reporting period. It can be at the programmatic level (a specific achievement) or an individual story. Attach photos to illustrate the story and include captions (close-up photo portraits of individual beneficiaries and CSO partners being profiled are encouraged). The story should illustrate the main objective of the project (WPHF impact area).

**Please ensure that consent has been obtained from the individual beneficiary or CSO partner to use the story and photo in the WPHF global annual report, website, community of practice and/or social media. Also, consider using a pseudonym (not the person's real name) to ensure protection/security. If obtaining a story could cause an individual harm/emotional stress, please consider doing a story on an organization instead.*

None

6. Knowledge Products and Communications/Visibility

a) Report on any new knowledge products and communication materials produced by UNW or ME during the reporting period. This can include case studies, major surveys/research, evaluations, or assessments conducted during the reporting period. This section should also include a list and description of any new products (websites, policy briefs, social media, case studies etc.) developed to increase visibility of the projects and programme, and of WPHF.

b) List any public knowledge product developed by CSO partners (e.g. research, case studies, etc.) that would be relevant for other WPHF partners.

* Please attach a copy of the study/evaluation/survey/assessment as an Annex and include the weblinks in this section, if available.

None

7. Capacity Building of CSOs by UNW Country Office/Management Entity

Briefly describe any capacity building sessions (webinars, in-person, workshops, etc.) that were conducted by the Country Office, Management Entity or other external agencies with CSOs/grantees. DO NOT include capacity building that was conducted by CSO grantees as part of their projects (except for the Women Have Wings Award¹²). *If your country has received additional funding from WPHF for capacity building initiatives, please report against your prodoc in this section.

For CB initiatives Indicate i) the topic/subject; ii) who conducted the capacity building; iii) where (virtual/in person) and when it took place; iv) number of WPHF partners and CSO representatives that participated (disaggregated by sex). Describe any results from pre and/or post training surveys that may have been completed. Finally, if any capacity building materials were produced and would benefit other CSOs, please share these with WPHF Global L-Hub team.

a) Finance Management and Reporting Training Session 18 June and 28 June 2023

As part of the capacity building project developed with WPHF funding for WPHF CSO partners and other UNW partners working in the field of WPS-HA, UN Women finance team organized 2 capacity building sessions for WPHF implementing partners. The sessions focused on financial management and reporting. The organizations selected 2 staff members for finance and program to attend the training sessions. Microsoft Teams was used for the training which was held on the 18 June and 28 June 2023 respectively. 10 partners representing 5 organizations attended the training.

The finance training included the following topics for both of the days:

- Comprehensive session on liquidation requirements and financial reporting, that included basic financial management knowledge and the documentation required from both programmatic and finance staff. (60-90 minutes).
- Session on general notions/tips of financial management to strengthen the quality of their performance. (30-45 minutes).
- The last part was held for discussion on implementation challenges and documentation problems in addition to providing suggestions and alternative solutions. (30-45 minutes).

b) RBM and Financial Management Training and Partner Consultations

In the effort to continuously support its partners for the effective implementation of projects, UN Women Sudan has invited programme and finance teams of the WPHF supported organization to attend an online training session on Results-Based Management (RBM) and on the UN Women Financial & administrative procedures pertaining to project management. This was a great opportunity for UN Women to clarify expectations in terms of qualitative and quantitative results and the timelines and templates for narrative and

¹² For grantees that have been engaged in the Women Have Wings Awards, please use this section to report on the main results and activities completed as aligned with the Project Document.

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financial reporting. These were held on the 27 August and 28 August 2023 respectively. 12 staff representing 6 organizations attended the training while 5 other organizations representing 12 staff were reached with online one to one training

The trainings covered the following:

Training session	Date	Time
Results-Based Management Training	Sunday August 27th	9:00 am- 12:00 (noon)
UN Women Financial & Administrative procedures	Monday August 28th	9:00 am- 12:00 (noon)

➤ **Training methods:**

- PPT presentations.
- Group discussion.
- Practical sessions.
- Online presentation.

➤ **Training input:**

Training modules.

Training modules was prepared based on UN WOMEN RBM training. It was modified to fit the level of the IPs and their TORs. A ppt presentation was prepared along with the reporting template and the practical session guidance. Finance tools were made ready for the training and presentations prepared to fulfil the training requirement.

Training venue:

Training room was prepared with facilities for ppt presentations, board, seats that can be used for group discussion and with online connection to receive online participation.

Training output:

In addition to WPHF CSO partners, The RBM capacities of eight members from the PBF implementing partners were built. They gain the knowledge on M&E date quality, reporting, result based approach and UN women reporting requirements. On top of that their skills were improved in reporting by practicing the report generation process as required by UN Women.

The participant's capacity was built on.

- Learning of the Face Form/ requesting new fund and reporting.
- Financial management and controls.
- Budget control and management.
- Reporting financial reports.
- Liqutation process.

The UN Women M&E and Finance teams also reached out to a 5 partners individually to touch base with them as they kick started the implementation of the WPHF project. They held short online sessions on TEAMS between Thursday August 10 to 15 August 2023. This was a great opportunity for both entities to

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quickly exchange on the project planning and to better organize the implementation, monitoring and reporting both programmatic and financial.

8. Risks and Mitigation

Using the table below, identify any risks that occurred during the reporting period and assess their i) risk level; ii) likelihood of it occurring; and iii) the impact this risk would have on the project, programme, or country. What are the mitigation measures to minimize the risk to prevent it or respond to it if it occurs? Consider risks related to COVID-19, new or escalating conflict/tensions, climate change, programmatic or institutional risks, monitoring and evaluation and Do No Harm

Risk Area (contextual, programmatic, institutionally, briefly describe)	Risk Level 4=Very High 3=High 2=Medium 1=Low	Likelihood 5=Very High 4=Likely 3=Possible 2=Unlikely 1=Rare	Impact 5=Extreme 4=Major 3=Moderate 2=Minor 1=Insignificant	Mitigation Mitigating measures undertaken during the reporting period to address the risk
Securitized disabling environment given the current political unrest, the shrinking civic spaces, restrictive environment for CSOs and ongoing conflicts especially where targeted organizations operate, delays could be experienced in implementation of the project	3	4	3	For this reason, UN Women stayed with the chosen states in Sudan whether the conflict was severe or not. The training's took place with limited disturbance but online communications was not difficult.
Human Resources risk: some of the relevant employees of the CSOs will face difficulties in acquiring the new set of advanced knowledge and skills due to gaps in logistics, infrastructure and/or personal capacity	2	3	3	Capacity building was undertaken online for some partners on Finance, and Results Based Management and M&E. The design activities that address the different levels of personal capacity and skills has been fulfilled for the CSO programme staff and finance staff.
Logistics risks: risks related to logistics and infrastructure i.e.: electricity, internet connectivity could limit delivery of programme activities	2	3	3	Funds for communications and internet has been provided for the CSO partner and the mode of communications with the partners has been through emails and whatsapp as well through telephones. UN Women used online platforms for training and dissemination of tools on WPS.

9. Delays and Adaptations/Revisions

If there were delays at the country level, please explain the delays and reasons/factors for contributing to the delay, actions taken to mitigate future delays, and adaptations made to account for the delays. Indicate any major adjustments in strategies, targets or key outcomes that took place. This section should also include information on contracting and programmatic changes related to COVID-19 or other crisis.

At the Project Level:

a) The primary challenge in Sudan is the ongoing conflict and political instability in various regions of the country. Armed conflicts and violence pose a threat to the safety of all staff of the UN Women and CSO partners. A number of CSO staff members are presently working from outside Sudan. CSOs have been advised to move their offices to safer cities and many have relocated these offices already.

9. Delays and Adaptations/Revisions

- b) One of the most important challenges is that supported CSOs lost their project's working team after training them because they moved to different states after the war erupted on the 15 April 2023. The office work items, finance books and furniture also were lost paralysing the offices' operation systems. Most CSOs were forced to start afresh in other neighboring states. The WPHF provides funds for institutional development of the partners and the UN Women CSO partners under the WPHF have been encouraged to apply for these additional funds through the latest Call for Proposals advertised in September 2023.
- c) It is important to note that in 2023, the Women Initiative Group discontinued their operations and the Project Cooperation Agreement with UN Women was discontinued at their request. The funds totalling \$30,000 will be moved to benefit partners for Cfp2.

At the Country Level :

- a) Programme implementation for the 14 WPHF CSOs was affected due to the eruption of war in Sudan which affected the banking system in Sudan. Funds which had been disbursed to the CSO partners could not be accessed due to closure of the banks and Central Bank Clearing House. Programme activities had to be put on hold by the partners. UN Women took action to amend the cooperation agreements with the CSO partners pushing the finishing dates by up to 3 months with resumption on 1 August 2023. CSO partners were requested to only open bank accounts with 2 operating banks in Sudan. Up to now, only 9 out of 15 partners have managed to open these accounts and when they did this, it was way into the first quarter. Reports being received for the annual report are for the first quarter of the partners implementation.

10. Lessons Learned¹³

What challenges and lessons were learned during the reporting period at both the project and country level? Include those lessons that can benefit other WPHF countries and of the fund overall. For each challenge, identify and describe the challenge, provide details on what are the factors that may have contributed to it occurring, describe how the challenge was addressed in the reporting period, or will be addressed in the future, and summarize the key lesson that can help inform the project, or improve in the future. These should include both programmatic and operational challenges. Add rows as required.

Identify Challenge/Describe <i>Challenges can be programmatic or operational affecting the country program and/or of projects.</i>	What are the factors/reasons contributing to this challenge?	How was the challenge addressed? What was done differently, or what will be done to address the challenge?	Key Lesson Learned <i>As a result of the challenge what did you (and partners) learn from the situation that has helped to inform the project, or improve how the project is implemented or for future interventions?</i>
Armed conflicts and violence pose a threat to the safety of all staff of the UN Women and CSO partners.	A number of CSO staff members are presently working from outside Sudan. Also, UN Women staff have relocated to safer states and outside Sudan with their families.	CSOs have been advised to move their offices to safer cities and many have relocated to these offices already. UN Women staff are supported to work remotely for those outside Sudan and those in other states outside Port Sudan are working	The movement of the CSO offices did not affect the implementation of project activities. Working remotely affects monitoring and evaluation of the project activities but this is now the norm in Sudan and the CSO partners were advised to invest in online communication as much as possible with the project funds.

¹³ A lesson learned is a systematic reflection of challenges (or successes) that have occurred during the reporting period which has resulted in a change, adaption, or improvement as a result of the challenge, or a planned change or adaptation in the future.

10. Lessons Learned¹³			
		from other UN offices or other International Organizations in the states where they have relocated in Sudan.	
One of the most important challenges is that supported CSOs lost their project's equipment and working team.	After training their staff, they moved to different states after the war erupted on the 15 April 2023. The office work items, finance books and furniture also were lost paralyzing the offices' operation systems for many of the partners. Most CSOs were forced to start afresh in other neighboring states.	The WPHF provides funds for institutional development of the partners and the UN Women CSO partners under the WPHF have been encouraged to apply for these additional funds through the latest Call for Proposals.	The CSO partners that lost their equipment, furniture and operations systems were requested to purchase these with the project funds as already budgeted.
Programme implementation for the 14 WPHF CSOs was affected due to the eruption of war in Sudan which affected the banking system in Sudan.	Funds which had been disbursed to the CSO partners could not be accessed due to closure of the banks and Central Bank Clearing House. Programme activities had to be put on hold by the partners	UN Women took action to amend the cooperation agreements with the CSO partners pushing the finishing dates by up to 3 months. CSO partners were requested to only open bank accounts with 2 operating banks in Sudan	The banking system which collapsed in Sudan contributed to late start of the project and therefore UN Women worked with UNDP to cancel the original transfer of funds and identified 2 banks with central bank clearance to be used by the partners. As a result, 12 partners out of 14 have opened the bank accounts and are now in operation.

11. Innovations and Best Practices¹⁴

Please include information on any innovative practices (programmatic and operational) that emerged during the reporting period, especially those that can be beneficial for other WPHF countries, expand the body of knowledge on women, peace, and security and humanitarian action. Innovations and best practices can be from projects or country level. Please provide details such as CSO name, location, etc.

a) Innovations:

¹⁴ A best practice is strategy, approach, technique, or process that has proven to work well and deemed to be effective or appropriate for addressing a problem based on experience, evaluation or in comparison to other practices, and is therefore recommended as a model. It is also a practice that has been tested and validated and has potential to be replicated and there is value in sharing with others working in similar contexts, sectors, or with similar target groups.

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In Sudan, **Altigana Organization for Development of Women Skills** has fostered a dynamic and inclusive approach to advancing women's roles in peace and humanitarian processes. Through targeted awareness workshops, comprehensive training sessions, and the establishment of women peace committees, the “Women Inclusive Stand” initiative was established that increased the leadership of gender equality advocates and promoted advocacy for peace as well as promoting the women’s peace agenda in Darfur which marked a positive step towards lasting peace and gender equality. Through the “Women Inclusive Stand” platform, gender equality advocates capacities were amplified to effectively contribute to the implementation of commitments outlined in the National Action Plan for UNSCR 1325. The platform is a fulfillment of the Kampala Declaration and the overall Women Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action agenda in Sudan and has the potential to facilitate spaces for women to have greater influence on peace processes. Hence the peace agreements and humanitarian processes would reach many women and girls and provide them with equal opportunities so that they can equally benefit from these efforts. Hence, expanding opportunities for women and girls participating to shaping peace, resilience, and humanitarian services.

b) Best Practices:

The NAP for Sudan has the aim for actively involving women in peacebuilding, peacekeeping, peace negotiations and decision-making processes at all levels, and in relief, reconstruction and development; Promoting the recognition of women’s rights before, during and post armed conflict and; Ensuring the protection of women against any form of gender-based violence, such as rape and sexual slavery, and putting an end to impunity. UN Women support to the CSOs through the Sudan funds from the Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund has ensured active participation of 5 CSOs as at the time of reporting, namely **Sabah Al Sudan for Development Organization (SDO), Anjaz Organization for Gender, Aid and Development, Altigana Organization for Women Skills, Sudanese Organization for Research and Development and Dar ElSalaam Women Development Organization** to reach 90 women activists (15 Male and 75 Female) in South Darfur, Red Sea and Gezira states to gain knowledge and skills to implement the Four Pillars of 1325: Preventing women and girls from being affected by conflicts, protecting women during and after the conflicts, participation of women in decision making and supporting the role of women and girls in relief operations and post war recovery programs. Research has also began that will show how women perceive peace and security in the targeted regions of Gedaref, Blue Nile and Red Sea States and their experiences on 1325 NAP in these different regions.

12. Auditing and Financial Management

Mention if any projects were audited during the reporting period and provide a brief summary of results. Do not include detailed findings of the audit as reports are public. Alternatively, you can share an audit report with your programme lead, if relevant.

None

13. Next Steps and Priority Actions

In bullet form, please list the priority actions for the coming year including onboarding of new grantees, monitoring missions or other planned initiatives related to WPHF.

1. Finalization of Financial reports by the partners

13. Next Steps and Priority Actions

In bullet form, please list the priority actions for the coming year including onboarding of new grantees, monitoring missions or other planned initiatives related to WPHF.

2. *Follow up with IDA and Blue Nile CSOs to open the bank accounts*
3. *Monitoring of partners progress remotely*
4. *Capacity building of partners through the CB project.*

ANNEX A: Results Framework

Expected Results	Indicators ¹⁵	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator ¹⁶)	Reason for Variance against plan (if any)
1. CSO Name: Adeela for Culture and Arts (Adeela)			
WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments	Indicator 1: Number/Percentage of supported CSOs involved in NAP1325 design, budgeting, implementation and monitoring and evaluation	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 2: Number/types of propositions by civil society that are included into policy documents	To be reported in the next phase	
Outcomes	Indicator 1: 1060 number of people directly benefiting from the response	Adeela for Culture and Arts , gathered valuable insights, feedback and recommendations on peace issues related to each state of North and South Darfur, Gedaref, and Port Sudan after conducting five focus group discussions with 20 project beneficiaries per state, including activists, CSOs, and women's rights activists and groups.	
	Indicator 2: 1000 number of people indirectly benefiting from the response	To be realised in the next phase	
2. CSO Name: Altigana Organization for Development of Women Skills (AOWDS)			
WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments	Indicator 1: Number of supported CSOs involved in NAP1325 design, budgeting, implementation and monitoring and evaluation	Altigana Organization for Developing Women Skills improved women's in accessing their just and equitable rights in accordance with international and regional charters and protocols, UNSCR 1325 and signed peace agreements. A total of 233 women were involved in NAP1325 design, budgeting, implementation and monitoring and evaluation	
	Indicator 2: Number/types of plans by civil society that are included into policy documents	To be realised in next phase	
Outcomes: Existence of a common agenda on women's participation in Peace & Security processes at local, state level in North Darfur	Indicator 1: -number of women led organizations and groups represented, that have gained knowledge on peace building and reconciliation tools and techniques	A concrete example of a significant result is the establishment of the "Women Inclusive Stand" platform in Darfur established by AODWS. The diversity of membership is evident in the 260 women from North, South, and East Darfur States	

¹⁵ Use the indicators from the project document's results framework, ensuring that the disaggregation of the indicator is also included.

¹⁶ Report on the progress made against each indicator, highlighting the indicator value for the reporting period and any cumulative results. These results should align with the narrative in Section 4a.

Expected Results	Indicators ¹⁵	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator ¹⁶)	Reason for Variance against plan (if any)
		who were involved in community consultations leading to the platform's establishment. This showcases a broad-based approach and inclusivity in addressing the challenges faced by women in different regions.	
	Indicator 2: Number of recommendations/action plans approved for further action by Darfur Women Inclusive Stand (DWIS)	To be realised in the next phase	
	Indicator 3: Total number of direct beneficiaries (disaggregated by sex and age group)	260 women were reached	
3. CSO Name: Blue Nile Women Network for Peace and Development (BNWNPD)			
WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments.	Indicator 1: 12 months' organization is sustained as a result of institutional funding	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 2: 3 permanent members and 12 volunteer staff retained as a result of institutional funding	To be reported in the next phase	
Outcomes: (BNWDP) is a viable and sustainable organization capable of advocating to ensure accountability on WPS commitments	Indicator 1: Types of advocacy efforts conducted by the organization as a result of continuity	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 2: Number of indirect beneficiaries (target population which the organization supports) disaggregated by sex.	To be reported in the next phase	
4. CSO Name: Dar El Salam Women Development Association (DWDA)			
WPHF Impact Area 4: Increased representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and/or implementation of peace agreements	Indicator 1: Number of women that participate in formal and informal peace processes or negotiations	Dar El Salam Women Development Association (DWDA) has created 3 women's Peace Committees in Dar El Salam in North Darfur State that are platforms for peace negotiations, reconciliation and peace building as well as confidence building for women's leadership.	
	Indicator 2: Existence of gender responsive elements/provisions in peace agreements, dialogues, and/or decision-making processes	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 3: Types of strategies used/implemented to participate in and contribute to the peace process and/or implementation of a peace agreement	To be reported in the next phase	
Outcomes: Strengthened Women's mechanisms in the Dar ElSalaam locality are	Indicator 1: 1: 2,500 Number of women and men directly benefiting from the response (by sex, age group, or other variables)	Dar El Salam Women Development Association (DWDA) increased skills for 106 members and additional skills were built to 200 (30 Male and 170	

Expected Results	Indicators ¹⁵	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator ¹⁶)	Reason for Variance against plan (if any)
functional and able to sustain and build peace		Female) IDPs, Host Communities, farmers, pastoralists and the disabled on peace building and co-existence.	
	Indicator 3: Number of conflicts averted, mediated or referred.	To be reported in the next phase	
5. CSO Name: Helping Vulnerable Communities Organization (HVCO)			
WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments.	Indicator 1: 24 months the organization sustained as a result of institutional funding	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 2: 77% of total staff retained as a result of institutional funding	To be reported in the next phase	
Outcomes: Qualified staff with relevant skills advocate for women rights and protection	Indicator 1: 13 staff benefiting from the response 10 female including 1 with physical disability and 3male)	Helping Vulnerable Communities Organization Increased skills for seven staff (7) (6 female and 1 male) on Human Resources and finance Management as well as Financial Principle (Basic & Advance), General Quality Management, Advance Financial Management, Human Resources Management, General Administration and Logistic Management	
	Indicator 2: Expansion of the organization activities into 4 localities	To be reported in the next phase	
6. CSO Name: International Development Agency			
WPHF Impact Area 4: Increase women's representation and leadership in formal and informal peace processes and/or in the implementation of peace agreements	Indicator 1: Number of women participating in formal and informal peace processes or negotiations	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 2: Existence of gender-responsive elements/provisions in peace agreements, dialogues and/or decision-making processes	To be reported in the next phase	
Outcomes: Increased capacities of women, youth and civil leadership actors in peace building and community dialogue	Indicator 1: Number of women participating in peace building and community dialogue and directly benefiting from the response (by sex, age group, or other variables)	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 2: 2000 Number of people indirectly benefiting from the response	To be reported in the next phase	
7. CSO Name: Nuba Women for Education and Development (NUWEDA)			
WPHF Impact Area 4: Enhanced role of NuWEDA in advocating for and ensuring	Indicator 1: 42 staff retained as a result of institutional funding	To be reported in the next phase	

Expected Results	Indicators ¹⁵	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator ¹⁶)	Reason for Variance against plan (if any)
accountability on WPS commitments.			
Outcomes: Improved NuWEDA's staff capacity and operation	Indicator 1: 42 staff and volunteers (24 males and 18 females) directly benefiting from institutional funding	Nuba Women for Education and Development Association (NUWEDA) improved staff programme and operational performance that enabled 3 female staff who had moved from Khartoum (Program Manager, Finance Manager and M&E coordinator to continue work from branch office in White Nile (Kosti).	
	Indicator 2: More than 50 staff of CBOs and Networks indirectly benefiting via knowledge transferring and coaching.	To be reported in the next phase	
8. CSO Name: ROWYA for Learning and Communities Development (ROWYA)			
WPHF Impact Area 4: Increased representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and/or implementation of peace agreements	Indicator 1: Number of women that participate in formal and informal peace processes or negotiations	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 2: Existence of gender responsive elements/provisions in peace agreements, dialogues, and/or decision-making processes	To be reported in the next phase	
Outcomes: Strengthened women networks that enabled them to advocate for their effective participation in politics	Indicator 1: Total number of direct beneficiaries	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 2: Total number of indirect beneficiaries	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 3: Number/types of advocacy initiatives carried out by members of the platform.	To be reported in the next phase	
9. CSO Name: Sabah Al Sudan for Development Organization (SDO)			
WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments	Indicator 1: Number/Percentage of supported CSOs involved in NAP1325 design, budgeting, implementation and monitoring and evaluation	SDO support created awareness on the National Action Plan for Sudan and the UN Resolution 1325 to 105 members (90 Male and 15 Female) of CBOs, NGOs, female led CSOs with increased knowledge on preventing women and girls from being affected by conflict, protection after conflict and women's leadership in relief operations and post war recovery programmes.	
	Indicator 2: Number/types of propositions by civil society that are included into policy documents	SDO support also created awareness on the National Action Plan for Sudan and the UN Resolution 1325 to 105 members (90 Male and 15 Female) of CBOs, NGOs, female led CSOs with	

Expected Results	Indicators ¹⁵	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator ¹⁶)	Reason for Variance against plan (if any)
		increased knowledge on preventing women and girls from being affected by conflict, protection after conflict and women's leadership in relief operations and post war recovery programmes.	
Outcomes: Empower and develop the skills of civil society organizations, grass root associations and female activists to effectively participate and take leading roles in peace processes, decision making positions, influence policies and legislations reform, and advocate for human rights to foster a sustainable environment of peace.	Indicator 1: Number of people directly benefiting from the response (by sex/ age group).	405 (119 male and 288 female) people directly benefited from the response	
	Indicator 2: Number of people indirectly benefiting from the response.	To be reported in the next phase	
10. CSO Name: Sudanese's Women Development organization (SWDO)			
WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments.	Indicator 1: 12 months the organization sustained as a result of institutional funding	SWDO has been sustained for 5 months during 2023 with the institutional funding	
	Indicator 2: 77% of total staff retained as a result of institutional funding		
Outcomes: Qualified staff with relevant skills advocate for women rights and protection	Indicator 1: 12 staff benefiting from the response	SWDO increased skills of staff (3 Male and 7 Female) in computer, photocopying, photography, archiving and documentation in order to deliver on programming for women.	
	Indicator 2: Number/types of quality project documents developed	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 3: Number of successful resource mobilization initiatives.	To be reported in the next phase	
11. CSO Name: Sudanese Helif for Peace and Development Organization (SHPDO)			
WPHF Impact Area 4: Increased representation and leadership of women in formal	Indicator 1: Number of women that participate in formal and informal peace processes or negotiations (disaggregated by age groups)	To be reported in the next quarter	

Expected Results	Indicators ¹⁵	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator ¹⁶)	Reason for Variance against plan (if any)
and informal peace processes and/or implementation of peace agreements	Indicator 2: Existence of gender responsive elements/provisions in peace agreements, dialogues, and/or decision-making processes	To be reported in the next phase	
Outcomes: Improved promotion of peace at locality level through proper management of natural resources and promote women participation in conflict resolution	Indicator 1: 1280 direct beneficiaries from awareness raising campaigns, workshops, livelihood activities.	To be reported in the next quarter	
	Indicator 2: <i>117,437 are indirect beneficiaries of the project activities.</i>	To be reported in the next phase	
12. CSO Name: Sudanese Organization for Research and Development(SORD)			
WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments	Indicator 1: Number/Percentage of supported CSOs involved in NAP1325 design, budgeting, implementation and monitoring and evaluation	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 2: Number/types of propositions by civil society that are included into policy documents	To be reported in the next phase	
Outcomes: Enhanced level of understanding and comprehension of WPS framework from a feminist perspective that is informed by the contextual realities of Sudanese women led CSOs in the targeted states	Indicator 1: At least 300 women and 50 men (age group 18-35 Ys) increased their understanding of the WPS from a feminist perspective	Sudanese Organization for Research and Development undertook research and data collection and surveys were done on how women perceive peace and security in the targeted regions and their experiences on 1325 NAP in different region. Survey data collection and check list for collecting data were produced and used for the research three states of Gedaref, Blue Nile and Red Sea State.	
	Indicator 2: No and diversity of women and youth groups involved in the capacity building WPS framework from a feminist perspective that is informed by the contextual realities of Sudanese women	To be reported in the next phase	
13. CSO Name: United Peace Organization (UPO)			
WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments	Indicator 1: Number of supported CSOs involved in NAP1325 design, budgeting, implementation and monitoring and evaluation	To be reported in the next phase	
	Indicator 1: Number of direct beneficiaries	15 women peace mediators-Hakamas	

Expected Results	Indicators ¹⁵	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator ¹⁶)	Reason for Variance against plan (if any)
Outcomes: Civil society organizations and Hakamat in North and South Darfur effectively engage in Women Peace and Security processes and commitments	Indicator 2: Number indirect beneficiaries		
	Indicator 3: Number and type of initiatives on WPS created and implemented to promote women's inclusion in WPS and peace building	-30 CSOs representatives have adopted peace building knowledge and started spreading positive peaceful co-existence and acceptance messages and promote recognition and acceptance of different cultures. -15 communities' influential singers (Hakamat) were engaged and spread messages on the rights of women, prevention of violence against women, as well contribute to spread anti-war culture that discourages involvement in conflicts, positive peaceful co-existence among different groups and acceptance of different cultures and tribes.	
14. CSO Name: Women Awareness Imitative (WAI)			
WPHF Impact Area 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments	Indicator 1: 15 local CSOs involved in NAP1325 design, budgeting, implementation and monitoring and evaluation	Women Awareness Initiative Through advocacy workshop WAI promoted the role of 20 female and 5 male civil society organizations, government staff, Sudanese police on their accountability to women peace and security and to use the formal and informal partners to advocate for Blue Nile state plan on the implementation of the SCR 1325.	
Outcomes: Local civil society organizations including grassroots organizations are empowered and their role and engagement in ensuring accountability on WPS comments are enhanced	Indicator 1: 2500 women directly benefiting from the response (by sex, age group, or other variables)	25 female and 5 mlale directly benefitted from the response.	
	Indicator 2: 10000 women are indirectly benefiting from the response		

Add rows as necessary, for each CSO.