PBF June 2024 Project Progress Report

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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» Report Submission

Type of report   *

- ◉ Semi-annual
- ◯ Annual
- ◯ Final
- ◯ Other

Date of submission of report   *

2024-06-14

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Name and Title of Person submitting the report   *

Korto Williams, Leadership and Governance Consultant, UN Women South Sudan

Name and Title of Person who approved the report   *

Rukaya Mohammed, Deputy Representative, UN Women South Sudan

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

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

Did PBF Secretariat or RCO focal point review the report? *

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

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Not Applicable

» Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border project? *

- ○ Yes   ◉ No

Please select the geographical region in which the project is implemented

○ Asia and the Pacific   ○ Central & Southern Africa   ● East Africa

○ Europe and Central Asia   ○ Global   ○ Latin America and the Caribean

○ Middle East and North Africa   ○ West Africa

Country of project implementation *

○ Ethiopia   ○ Kenya   ○ Madagascar

○ Somalia   ● South Sudan   ○ Sudan

○ Other, Specify

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Other, please specify

Project Title *

○ 00130006: Building peace through promoting inclusive and participatory transitional justice processes and mechanisms in South Sudan

○ 00130571: Challenging harmful and patriarchal gender norms for better mental health and peace and security, amongst women and girls and communities in the Wunlit Triangle

○ 00129661: Community Action for Peaceful Resolution of Housing, Land and Property (HLP) Disputes and Conflicts

○ 00113057: Enhancing Women's Access to Land to Consolidate Peace in South Sudan

○ 00120688: Gender mainstreaming in Security Sector Reform

○ 00129659: Secretariat support to the PBF portfolio in South Sudan

○ 00129660: Support to a people-driven and gender responsive permanent constitution making process in South Sudan

○ 00118940: Youth Action for Reduced Violence and Enhanced Social Cohesion in Wau, South Sudan

○ 00134340: Youth Leading Peace: Establishing participatory and inclusive local and national mechanisms for implementation of Youth Peace and Security Agenda in South Sudan

● 00140011: Women's Leadership and Political Participation During South Sudan's Transitional Period

○ 00140047: Local Solutions to Build Climate Resilience and Advance Peace and Stability in Bor Pibor and Malakal

○ 00140050: Resourcing change: inclusive peacebuilding from the ground up

○ Other, Specify

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

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

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

If the project you are looking for does not appear in the following question, please make sure that you have selected the correct regions. A limited number of cross border projects span multiple geographic regions. For example, a cross border project between Niger and Chad spans both West Africa and Central & Southern Africa

☐ Asia and the Pacific   ☐ Central & Southern Africa   ☐ East Africa

☐ Europe and Central Asia   ☐ Global   ☐ Latin America and the Caribean

☐ Middle East and North Africa   ☐ West Africa

Please select the title of the project for which you are submitting the report *

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

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

Please select the countries where this project is being implemented *

Other, Please specify *

Project Start Date (Date of first transfer) *

2023-01-24

2023-01-24

Project End Date *

2026-01-22

2026-01-22

Has this project received an extension? *

○ YES, Cost Extension

○ YES, No Cost Extension

○ YES, Both Cost and No Cost Extensions

⦿ NO, No Extensions

Will this project be requesting an extension? *

○ YES, Cost Extension

○ YES, No Cost Extension

○ YES, Both Cost and No Cost Extensions

⦿ NO, No Extensions

Is the current project end date within 6 months? *

◯ Yes

🔘 No

Is funding disbursed either into a national or regional trust fund? *

◯ Yes

🔘 No

If yes, please select which *

◯ National Trust Fund

◯ Regional Trust Fund

Recipients

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

🔘 UN entity

◯ Non-UN Entity

Please select the convening agency recipient *

◯ UNDP: United Nations Development Programme   ◯ IOM: International Organization for Migration

◯ UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund

◯ OHCHR: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

🔘 UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

◯ UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees   ◯ UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund

◯ FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization   ◯ WFP: World Food Programme

◯ UNHABITAT: United Nations Human Settlements Programme

◯ UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

◯ UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme   ◯ ILO: International Labour Organization

◯ WHO: World Health Organization   ◯ PAHO/WHO

◯ UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund   ◯ UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

◯ UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services

◯ UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization   ◯ ITC: International Trade Centre

◯ UNDPO   ◯ Other, Specify

Other, Please specify *

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Are there other recipients for this project?   *

- ( ) No other recipients

- (●) Yes, other UN recipients only

- ( ) Yes, other non-UN recipients only

- ( ) Yes, both UN and non-UN recipients

Please select other UN recipients   *

Select all that apply

- [x] UNDP: United Nations Development Programme   [ ] IOM: International Organization for Migration

- [ ] UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund

- [ ] OHCHR: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

- [ ] UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

- [ ] UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees   [ ] UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund

- [ ] FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization   [ ] WFP: World Food Programme

- [ ] UNHABITAT: United Nations Human Settlements Programme

- [ ] UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

- [ ] UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme   [ ] ILO: International Labour Organization

- [ ] WHO: World Health Organization   [ ] PAHO/WHO

- [ ] UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund   [ ] UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

- [ ] UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services

- [ ] UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization   [ ] ITC: International Trade Centre

- [ ] UN Department of Peace Operations   [ ] Other, Specify

Other, Please specify   *

Please select other non-UN recipients *

- [ ] ACTED
- [ ] Action Aid
- [ ] AEDE
- [ ] African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)
- [ ] Agence de Coopération et de Recherche pour le Développement (ACORD)
- [ ] American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
- [ ] Avocats Sans Frontières
- [ ] Avocats Sans Frontières Belgium
- [ ] Avocats sans frontières Canada
- [ ] CARE International UK
- [ ] Centre d'étude et de coopération internationale (CECI) - BF
- [ ] Christian Aid Ireland
- [ ] COIPRODEN
- [ ] Concern Worldwide
- [ ] Conexion Guatemala
- [ ] COOPI - Cooperazione Internazionale
- [ ] CORD Burundi
- [ ] CORDAID
- [ ] Corporacion Sisma Mujer
- [ ] CRS - Catholic Relief Services
- [ ] DanChurchAid
- [ ] Fund for Congolese Women
- [ ] Fundacion Estudios Superior (FESU)
- [ ] Fundación Mi Sangre (FMS)
- [ ] Fundación Nacional para el Desarrollo de Honduras (FUNADEH)
- [ ] Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa (FLIP)
- [ ] HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation
- [ ] Humanity & Inclusion (HI)
- [ ] ICTJ (International Center for Transitional Justice)
- [ ] Instituto Holandes para Democracia Multipartidaria (NIMD)
- [ ] Integrity Watch
- [ ] International Alert
- [ ] International Rescue Committee
- [ ] Interpeace
- [ ] Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation
- [ ] Life and Peace Institute (LPI)
- [ ] MDG-EISA - Institut Electoral pour une Démocratie Durable en Afrique (EISA), bureau de Madagascar
- [ ] Mercy Corps
- [ ] MLAL - ProgettoMondo
- [ ] MSIS-TATAO
- [ ] NIMD (Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy)
- [ ] Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
- [ ] ONG Adkoul - ONG Adkoul
- [ ] ONG AZHAR
- [ ] OXFAM
- [ ] Peace Direct
- [ ] Plan International
- [ ] PNG UN Country Fund
- [ ] Red de Instituciones por los Derechos de la Niñez
- [ ] ROI - Roza Otunbayeva Initiati
- [ ] Saferworld
- [ ] Sampan'Asa Momba ny Fampandrosoana (SAF/FJKM)
- [ ] Save the Children
- [ ] Search for Common Ground (SFCG)
- [ ] SismaMujer
- [ ] SOS Sahel Sudan
- [ ] Stichting Impunity Watch
- [ ] Tearfund
- [ ] The Carter Center, Inc.
- [ ] Trocaire
- [ ] War Child
- [ ] World Vision International
- [ ] World Vision Myanmar
- [ ] ZOA
- [ ] blank_placeholder
- [ ] Other, Please specify

Other, Please specify *

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Implementing Partners

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

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1

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

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

○ National youth CSO
◉ National women's CSO
○ Other National CSO
○ Subnational youth CSO
○ Subnational women's CSO
○ Other subnational CSO
○ Regional CSO
○ Regional Organisation
○ International NGO
○ Governmental entity
○ Other

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

EVE - Organization for Women Development

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date during this reporting period *

155732

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *
Please limit your response to 1500 characters
• Lobbied for the passage and use of the Women Empowerment Bill, 2022/2023
• Popularised the provisions of the Political Parties' Act to women aspirants, particularly on their engagement with the political parties at the grassroots level
• Conducted dialogue with local leaders and political party leaders for the inclusion of women in political and decision-making process

2

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

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

○ National youth CSO

● National women's CSO

○ Other National CSO

○ Subnational youth CSO

○ Subnational women's CSO

○ Other subnational CSO

○ Regional CSO

○ Regional Organisation

○ International NGO

○ Governmental entity

○ Other

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Lukluk Community Association for Development (LCAD)

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date during this reporting period *

95000

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

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

Locations: Malakal and Pibor
The following activities are planned to be carried out.
• Build capacity of young women and young men's grassroots networks to participate in intergenerational dialogues with traditional leaders and local peace structures
• Undertake mapping of women aspirants in Parliament and at the grassroots and train them in elections and peacebuilding
• Strengthen the alignment of community radio stations and information sharing platforms priorities on peacebuilding messaging

3

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

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

○ National youth CSO

○ National women's CSO

◉ Other National CSO

○ Subnational youth CSO

○ Subnational women's CSO

○ Other subnational CSO

○ Regional CSO

○ Regional Organisation

○ International NGO

○ Governmental entity

○ Other

Other, Please specify

Media organization

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

National Press Club South Sudan (NPCSS)

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date during this reporting period *

83791

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

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

Location: Juba
The following activities are planned to be carried out.
• Conduct stakeholder's workshop on promoting women's participation in leadership and role of women in peacebuilding
• Lead a multi-stakeholder campaign on the impact of harmful and violent norms on women leadership and political participation
• Support radio talk shows through engaging female parliamentarians and regional experts to discuss issues related to women and girls' equal and full participation in politics and leadership as well as issues related to misinformation and disinformation
• Organize Round Table on women political participation and peacebuilding with political and religious leaders and other stakeholders

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

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

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

Other, Please specify

Charity based organization

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Helping Hands

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date during this reporting period *

20790

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

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

• Dialogue with local leaders and political party leaders and persons with disabilities for the inclusion of women with disabilities in political and decision-making process

• Document issues impacting on women with disabilities to support the development of a media and communications strategy to advocate for increased women's participation in politics and decision-making

Financial Reporting

» Delivery by Recipient

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

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

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

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

Recipients	Total Project Budget (in full US $) *Please enter the total budget as is in the project document in US Dollars*	Transfers to date (in full US $) *Please enter the total amount transferred to each recipient to date in US Dollars*	Expenditure to date (in full US $) *Please enter the approximate amount spent to date in US dollars*	Implementation rate as a percentage of total budget *(calculated automatically)*
UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women	1500000 *	600000 *	304563.36 *	20.3%
	*	*	*	%
UNDP: United Nations Development Programme	1500000 *	600000 *	310046.71 *	20.67%

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TOTAL	3000000	1200000	614610.07	**20.49%**

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **20.49%**. Can you confirm that this is correct?　*

(●) Correct　　(○) Incorrect

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

» Gender-responsive Budgeting

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

99

The dollar amount of the budget contributing to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) based on percentage entered above and total project budget is **US $ 2970000**. Can you confirm that this is correct?　*

(●) Correct　　(○) Incorrect

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

Amount expended to date on efforts contributiong to gender equality or women's empowerment is **US $ 608463.97**. Is this correct?　*

(○) Correct　　(●) Incorrect

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

614610.07

ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE.
The templates for the budget are available here　*

PBF Budget and Expenditure_Women Political Participation_UNW-UNDP 15 June 2024-19_54_27.xlsx

Project Markers

Please select the Gender Marker Associated with this project   *

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

Please select the Risk Marker Associated with this project   *

- ○ Risk marker 0 = low risk to achieving outcomes
- ● Risk marker 1 = medium risk to achieving outcomes
- ○ Risk marker 2 = high risk to achieving outcomes

Please select the PBF Focus Area associated with this project   *

- ○ (1.1) Security Sector Reform
- ○ (1.2) Rule of Law
- ○ (1.3) Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration
- ○ (1.4) Political Dialogue
- ● (2.1) National reconciliation
- ○ (2.2) Democratic Governance
- ○ (2.3) Conflict prevention/management
- ○ (3.1) Employment
- ○ (3.2) Equitable access to social services
- ○ (4.1) Strengthening of essential national state capacity
- ○ (4.2) Extension of state authority/Local Administration
- ○ (4.3) Governance of peacebuilding resources (including PBF Secretariats)

Is the project part of one or more PBF priority windows?   *

Select all that apply

- ☐ Gender promotion initiative
- ☐ Youth promotion initiative
- ☐ Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions
- ☐ Cross-border or regional project
- ☑ None

Steering Committee and Government engagement

Does the project have an active steering committee/ project board? *

○ Yes

● No

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

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

Please provide a brief description of any engagement that the project has had with the government over the last 6 months. Please indicate what level of government the project has been engaging with. *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

• Development of the Gender Equality Fund Strategy (March - May 2024): The Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare (MGCSW) at national and state level were engaged in the development of the Gender Equality Fund Strategy to provide input on the draft strategy.

• Review of the Women Empowerment Bill (April 2024): The MGCSW and the Women Empowerment Bill Technical Committee comprised on Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, the MGCSW and technical persons from the civil society, collaborated to review the feedback on the Women Empowerment Bill from the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.

• Learning Visits (April 2024): The MGCSW participated in learning visits to Kenya and Ethiopia to gather lessons and best practices for establishing funds for women's empowerment and political leadership.

• Technical Committee Meeting (May 2024): The Ministry of Peacebuilding co-chaired the project's Technical Committee meeting comprising of 11 members, representing the Government of South Sudan, the UN, members of the Women Peace and Security Working Group, academia and civil society (Undersecretaries (Ministry of Peace Building, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and MGCSW), UN Peacebuilding Secretariat (South Sudan, UN Women, UNDP, the Government of Norway, the Government of Canada, National Transformational Leadership Institute - University of Juba, UNMISS (Political Affairs Unit, Gender Affairs Unit), South Sudan Democratic Engagement, Monitoring and Observation Programme, and the South Sudan Women Coalition)

• Baseline Study (January - May 2024): The Ministries of Gender, Child and Social Welfare, Peacebuilding, Parliamentary Affairs and the Transitional National Legislative Assembly (TNLA) at both national and Upper Nile State were actively involved in the project's baseline study through interviews, data collections, review and validation processes, as well as partners' onboarding.

• Gender Observatory Platform (May 2024): A multistakeholder platform was established as a gender observatory for advocacy and learning within the context of peacebuilding and women political participation. This platform is co-led by the TNLA and a Civil Society Organization (CSO). It includes 12 organizations working with electoral actors to empower communities, deter violence during elections, and build capacity for social cohesion and peace.

• Launch of the WPC Strategic Plan (May 2024): Several strategic partners of the government participated in the launch of WPC Strategic Plan 2023-2027. Notable attendees including Hon Mary Nawai, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, who delivered a keynote address, and the Rt. Hon. Dr. Jemma Nunu Kumba, Speaker of the Revitalized National Legislative Assembly, who officially launched the Strategic Plan.

PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

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

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

Contracting of partners *

- ○ Not Started
- ○ Initiated
- ○ Partially Completed
- ● Completed
- ○ Not Applicable

Staff Recruitment *

- ○ Not Started
- ○ Initiated
- ○ Partially Completed
- ● Completed
- ○ Not Applicable

Collection of baselines *

- ○ Not Started
- ○ Initiated
- ○ Partially Completed
- ● Completed
- ○ Not Applicable

Identification of beneficiaries *

- ○ Not Started
- ○ Initiated
- ○ Partially Completed
- ● Completed
- ○ Not Applicable

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

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

• Completed the project baseline study. The study revealed that women's political participation in South Sudan remains low despite legal provisions guaranteeing their representation in various political structures. Barriers identified include cultural norms that limit women's role in public life, lack of resources and support structures, and limited access to education and economic opportunities. The findings and recommendations from the study will be used to refine the strategies and activities aimed at enhancing women's participation in politics and peacebuilding.

• Partnership Agreements and Low Value Grant Agreement have been finalized with five Responsible Partners. These partners have been onboarded to support project implementation. (Please refer to Implementing Partners reported above).

• A national Program Analyst specializing in Women Political Participation has been recruited for UN Women. She will serve as the project's technical focal point, supporting and coordinating the multi-stakeholder platform.

• A multi-stakeholder platform has been established to function as a gender observatory and an entry point for advocacy and learning within the context of peacebuilding and women political participation in Juba County, Malakal, and Pibor.

• The selection of an international consultant to conduct a mapping study and develop the Gender Equality Fund Strategy has been finalized. This consultant is supporting the MGCSW in developing the strategy.

• The recruitment process for a national consultant as an Advisor, specializing in Women, Peace and Security has been finalized. This consultant will support the MGCSW. Although there has been an operational delay, the process is expected to be finalized by the end of June 2024.

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

Is the project on track for the timely completion of outputs as indicated in the workplan? *

◉ Yes

○ No

If no, please provide an explanation *

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

Project progress summary   *

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

Policy environment for gender equality improved: The Women Empowerment Bill has been resubmitted to the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs for finalization and tabling in parliament. This followed a review by the Women Empowerment Bill Technical Committee members on the feedback provided by the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs. The bill aims to promote women's empowerment and establish a legal framework for enforcing the 35% affirmative action for women's representations, as stipulated in 2018 Revitalized Peace Agreement, the interim Constitution, the Political Parties Act, and the Election Law. The Women Empowerment Bill also includes provisions for establishing a Gender Equality Fund and an independent authority to oversee its implementation. Due to the project's advocacy efforts, leaders have demonstrated increased ownership and commitment to supporting the bill's passage into law. For example, the Deputy Speaker expressed his commitment to advocate for the bill's passage and to work with parliament to enact into law. Advocacy meetings were held with the following leaders: Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, Norwegian Ambassador to South Sudan, Minister of Gender, Child and Social Welfare, Chairperson on Legislation and Justice committee of the TNLA, Chairperson of the Special Committee of Gender, Child Social and Religious Affairs, the TNLA, Chairperson of Women Parliamentary Caucus.

Additionally, on 25th April, the WPC launched its Strategic Plan 2023-2027. This strategic plan outlines a roadmap for promoting women's participation in decision-making processes, advocating for gender-responsive policies, and addressing systemic barriers that hinder women's full participation in society.

Gender Equality Fund Strategy developed ahead of the upcoming elections: In May 2024 the MGCSW developed the Gender Equality Fund Strategy through consultations with key stakeholders, including ministries, women and youth organizations, and community leaders at the national and state level. These engagements enhanced the stakeholders' ownership of the policy documents. In April 2024, prior to developing the strategy, the MGCSW (the Minister and 3 senior staff) participated in learning visits to Kenya and Ethiopia to learn lessons and best practises in establishing funds for women empowerment and political leadership.
Key messages and recommendations from the strategy development process includes:
1. The Government of South Sudan should expedite the establishment of the Gender Equality Fund and an independent commission or authority to administer the fund, through a provisional order.
2. The Government should allocate 5% of the national total revenue per year to ensure the fund's sustainability.
3. Clear eligibility criteria should be established for women to access the fund.
4. Political Parties, the National Elections Commission, and party leaders should earmark funds for female candidates within their respective institutions and parties.

Inclusivity in Women's Leadership Enhanced: The project facilitated an engagement platform, between political parties, local leaders and persons with disabilities (PWDs), which increased the agency and voice of women with disabilities, enabling them to hold the leaders accountable for promised political positions. Strategies and approaches for increasing women's participation and leadership were discussed during the dissemination of the Political Parties Act, highlighting the affirmative action provisions for women, youth and PWDs. The engagement brought together representatives from organizations like Equatoria States Association of the Deaf (ESADD), South Sudan Association of the visually impaired (SSAVI), Jubek State Union of the Visually Impaired (JSUVI), Union of the Physical Disabled (UPD), South Sudan Association of the Deaf (SSNAD), and South Sudan Paralympic Association.
Key recommendations from these discussions included:
• Developing gender- sensitive guidelines and policy framework for political parties.
• Forming lobby teams within political parties to advocate for women's issues.
• Organizing states and regional women leaderships conferences ahead of election process.
• Providing financial support to female candidate for their campaigns.

On 1st of March 2024, 12 organizations established a multi-stakeholder platform as a gender observatory to prevent, monitor, document, and respond to structural barriers which affect women's rights to political participation, leadership and decision-making during the transition process. The platform had five meetings to discuss on development of ToR and planning of launch of the platform. Establishing the multi-stakeholder platform was one of the recommendations from the 68 (55 women, 13 men) electoral stakeholders who were trained on violence against women in elections and politics (VAWE/P) in 2023 by the project. This platform is an accountability mechanism for the conduct of evidence-based advocacy for women right to participation and leadership in public life. The platform, in collaboration with the National Press Club, will also build the media's capacity (online, digital and print) to address social norms that reinforce negative perceptions and promote the exclusion of women in leadership and

political participation, as well as counter VAWE/P.

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured by the project to date *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

The deliberate engagement of women with disabilities has enhanced the project's inclusivity, addressing the multiple layers of marginalization they face in public and private life. This marginalization is especially severe in political leadership, which is predominantly patriarchal, and male-dominated. Following the popularization of the Political Parties Act, women who were previously hesitant to join political movements were encouraged and gained confidence during discussions about the prospects and consequences. Some young people are now ready to step in as supporters or candidates themselves. Further, the Women Empowerment Bill provides for youth representation to push for the youth agenda in the proposed Gender Authority envisaged to oversee the implementation of the Bill and the proposed gender equality fund.

Is the project 1+ year in implementation? *

- ⦿ Yes
- ◯ No

FOR PROJECTS 1+ YEAR IN IMPLEMENTATION ONLY:

Is the project demonstrating outcome-level peacebuilding results? *

Outcome-level peacebuilding results entail results achieved at the societal or structural level, including changed attitudes, behaviours or institutions.

- ◯ Yes
- ⦿ No

If yes, please provide concrete examples of such peacebuilding results *

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

If yes, please provide sources or references (including links) as evidence of peacebuilding results, or submit them as additional attachments.

Evidence may be quantitative or qualitative but needs to demonstrate progress against outcome indicators in the project results framework. Sources may include project surveys (such as perception surveys), monitoring reports, government documents, or other knowledge products that have been developed by the project.

File attachment

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PART II: PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK

How many OUTCOMES does this project have   *

1   2   3   4   5   more than 5.

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

Outcome 1:   *

Enhanced quality and quantity of women participation in decision making, in particular in the National and State Parliament

Outcome 2:   *

Positive shift in perceptions and attitudes regarding women capacity to lead and make decisions in politics and peacebuilding

Outcome 3:   *

Gender-sensitive and gender-inclusive laws, policies and practices are increased

Outcome 4:   *

Outcome 5:   *

Outcome 6:   *

Outcome 7:   *

Outcome 8:   *

Additional Outcomes   *

If the project has more than 8 outcomes, please enumerate the remaining outcomes here

INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments, provide an update on the achievement of key **outcome** and **output** indicators in the table below.

- If the outcome has more than 3 indicators, select the 3 most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight.
- If the outcome has more than 5 outputs, please select 5 of the most relevant outputs per outcome, and provide an update on the progress made against 3 most relevant output indicators.
- Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (500 characters max per entry)

» Outcome 1: Enhanced quality and quantity of women participation in decision making, in particular in the National and State Parliament

Outcome 1	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
1.1	**% of Women parliamentarians that reported participation in gender responsive policy dialogue, review and design**	**25%**	**40%**	**0%**	**The result will be collected at the end of the project.**
1.2	**% of women parliamentarians that show increase in level of engagement**	**20%**	**30%**	**0%**	**The result will be collected at the end of the project.**
1.3					

How many outputs does outcome 1 have?

1   2   [3]   4   5   more than 5.

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

Output 1.1

Women, especially young women are capacitated to work effectively in government and political parties

Output 1.2

Increased opportunities and spaces for women leaders to engage with their constituencies, thereby strengthening accountability and linkages between center and periphery

Output 1.3

Increased advocacy to augment the number of women candidates and leaders in political parties through democratic and transparent means

Output 1.4

Output 1.5

Other Outputs

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

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

» Output 1.1

Output 1.1: Women, especially young women are capacitated to work effectively in government and political parties	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
1.1.1	**# of training manual developed on gender sensitive legislation including gender responsive budgeting**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**Project will not develop a training manual but utilize available manuals.**
1.1.2	**# of grassroot legislators, young women and community members mobilized and engaged by women parliamentarians**	**0**	**450**	**0**	**0**	**Parliamentarians were on official recess from December 2023 to April 2024. The constituency visit by women parliamentarians is planned for July 2024.**

1.1.3	# of state level Parliamentary Caucuses trained and mentored on policy and gender-sensitive legislation	0	10	0	0	The training and mentorship are planned in Q3 and Q4 in 2024.

» Output 1.2

Output 1.2: Increased opportunities and spaces for women leaders to engage with their constituencies, thereby strengthening accountability and linkages between center and periphery	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
1.2.1	**# of women parliamentarians and young women, CSOs, local leaders and the wider community that participated in exchange forums**	0	15	0	0	**Delay in onboarding of partners had a consequential effect on this activity and indicator**

| 1.2.2 | Measures for the protection of women and young women in political participation are adopted | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | The delay in onboarding partners and the non-registration of political parties had a consequential effect on this activity and its indicator. However, 27 political parties have now been registered, and three partners responsible for leading on related activities have been onboarded. |
| 1.2.3 | | | | | | |

» Output 1.3

Output 1.3: Increased advocacy to augment the number of women candidates and leaders in political parties through democratic and transparent means	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
1.3.1	**# of publication or Research study completed on WPS**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**Consultations and interviews with different stakeholders are currently ongoing**
1.3.2	**# of coordination meeting held on WPS**	**0**	**9**	**7**	**7**	**7 dialogues with 225 (133F, 92 M) political party and local leaders on women's participation and leadership**
1.3.3						

» Output 1.4

Output 1.4:	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 1.5

Output 1.5:	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Outcome 2: Positive shift in perceptions and attitudes regarding women capacity to lead and make decisions in politics and peacebuilding

Outcome 2	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
2.1	**% of Parliamentarians and Women lead CSO' members who perceived women's participation in politics is vital for peacebuilding disaggregated by sex**	**50% female Parliamentarian, 100% male parliamentarians, 86% Female CSO leaders, 98% male CSOs**	**80% female Parliamentarian, 100% male parliamentarians, 86% Female CSO leaders, 98% male CSOs**	**0**	**Activities to contribute to this result are planned to be started in Q3 in 2024**
2.2	**# of trained CSOs, WROs and Grassroots organizations actively promoting women's rights**	**0**	**20**	**0**	**Activities to contribute to this result are planned to be started in Q3 in 2024**
2.3					

How many outputs does outcome 2 have?

    1   [2]   3   4   5   more than 5.

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

Output 2.1

Increased capacity and awareness of stakeholder groups, including CSO's, Women Rights Organizations (WROs), media, community influencers, male allies, and political leaders to create an enabling environment for women's political leadership

Output 2.2

Expanded space for dialogue and exchange of ideas on women's participation in political and peacebuilding decision making (townhalls, meetings, dialogues, forums, consultations)

Output 2.3

Output 2.4

Output 2.5

Other Outputs

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

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

» Output 2.1

Output 2.1: Increased capacity and awareness of stakeholder groups, including CSO's, Women Rights Organizations (WROs), media, community influencers, male allies, and political leaders to create an enabling environment for women's political leadership	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*

2.1.1	# of CSOs, WROs and grassroots organizations trained in women's rights and advocacy	0	20	0	0	The delay in onboarding responsible partners has significantly impacted this activity and its corresponding indicator. Trainings are planned in Q3 – Q4 in 2024.
2.1.2	# of HeForShe events organized in the targeted areas of intervention	0	33	0	0	The delay in onboarding responsible partners has had a significant impact on this activity and its associated indicator. Trainings are planned in Q3 – Q4 in 2024.
2.1.3	# of media practitioners trained and mentored by media type [Radio/Print/Social media]	0	67	0	0	The delay in onboarding responsible partners has had a consequential effect on this activity and its indicator. Trainings are planned in Q3 – Q4 in 2024.

» Output 2.2

Output 2.2: Expanded space for dialogue and exchange of ideas on women's participation in political and peacebuilding decision making (townhalls, meetings, dialogues, forums, consultations)	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
2.2.1	**# of CSOs, WROs and grassroot organizations, women's networks that held consultations for requests and recommendations to be shared with decision-makers centered on policies and issues of priority**	0	20	0	0	**Trainings are planned in Q3 – Q4 in 2024**

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2.2.3						

» Output 2.3

Output 2.3:	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 2.4

Output 2.4:	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 2.5

Output 2.5:	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Outcome 3: Gender-sensitive and gender-inclusive laws, policies and practices are increased

Outcome 3	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
3.1	**# of gender-inclusive laws, amendments and policies that are passed**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**The Women Empowerment Bill has been reviewed and resubmitted to the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs for finalization and tabling in parliament.**
3.2					
3.3					

How many outputs does outcome 3 have?

1   2   3   4   5   more than 5.

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

Output 3.1

Passing and commencement of implementation of a Gender Equality Affirmative Action Bill 2022 for women's representation in the Republic of South Sudan that includes an enforcement mechanism for women's representation

Output 3.2

Strengthned capacity of the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare to oversee implementation of gender equality legislation

Output 3.3

Output 3.4

Output 3.5

Other Outputs

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

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

» Output 3.1

Output 3.1: Passing and commencement of implementation of a Gender Equality Affirmative Action Bill 2022 for women's representation in the Republic of South Sudan that includes an enforcement mechanism for women's representation	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*

3.1.1	# of legislators and government representatives engaged and mobilized for the passing of the affirmative action bill	67	50	30 (30% F)	30 (30%F)	Implementation is on track
3.1.2	Annual monitoring on adherence to relevant laws and regional and international commitments conducted	No	Yes	No	No	Annual Forum planned for 3rd quarter
3.1.3	# of young women leaders, state legislators and male champions sensitized on the affirmative action bill at the national and states level	0	200	60 (40%F, 40% state legislators, 20% male champions)	60 (40%F, 40% state legislators, 20% male champions)	Implementation is on track

» Output 3.2

Output 3.2: Strengthned capacity of the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare to oversee implementation of gender equality legislation	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
3.2.1	**# of publication or Research study completed on WPS**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**Consultations and interviews with various stakeholders are currently ongoing**
3.2.2	**# of coordination meeting held on WPS**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**Meetings will be held in July/August 2024**
3.2.3						

» Output 3.3

Output 3.3:	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 3.4

Output 3.4:	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 3.5

Output 3.5:	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Outcome 4:

Outcome 4	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
4.1					
4.2					
4.3					
How many outputs does outcome 4 have? 1 2 3 4 5 more than 5.					
Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 4					

Output 4.1
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Output 4.2
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Output 4.3
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Output 4.4
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Output 4.5
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Other Outputs
If Outcome 4 has more than 5 outputs, please enumerate the remaining outputs here
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For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against 3 most relevant output indicators
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» Output 4.1

Output 4.1:	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 4.2

Output 4.2:	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 4.3

Output 4.3:	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 4.4

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

» Output 4.5

Output 4.5:	Performance Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress to date *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of project*	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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If the project has more than 4 outcomes, use this space to describe progress on progress on indicators for the remaining outcomes

PART III: Cross-Cutting Issues

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

If yes, please state how many, and for each, provide the approximate date of the event and a brief description, including its key objectives, target audience and location (if known)	Event Description	Tentative Date	Location	Target Audience	Event Objectives (900 characters)
Event 1	**Launch of Multi-stakeholder platform (Gender observatory)**	**June 14**	**Juba**	**Electoral stakeholders, Elections Management Bodies, peace structures, Government of South Sudan**	**• The official launch of the observatory will serve as pivotal entry point for advocacy and learning within the contexts of peacebuilding and women's political participation.**

Event 2	National and state dialogues on peace building and political participation	July 8-12	Juba, Malakal	Women leaders, young people, media, faith-based institutions and political leaders	State and national level dialogues aim to enhance the capacity of young people and local leaders to actively engage in peacebuilding and political processes.
Event 3	Constituency Engagement by Women Parliamentarians	June 25	June 25 5 locations (Central Equatoria, Greater Bahr el Gaza and Upper Nile states and 2 Administrative Areas)	Women parliamentarians	Women parliamentarians seek to address the center-periphery gap with their constituencies. The visits highlight the importance of information sharing and elevating the voices and position of South Sudan citizens into national discourse on peace and political participation.
Event 4	Launch of Campaign on addressing social norms and VAWE/P	July 1	Juba	Women, youth, men, community leaders	The campaign will address harmful social norms and exclusionary perceptions related to women and young people right to participation.

Human Impact

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

i. The challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implemantation
ii. The impact of the project in their lives
iii. Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

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

Human Impact	Type of stakeholder	What has been the impact of the project on their lives?	Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from the stakeholder

1	**Individual (woman with disability)**	**South Sudan is a new country, has gone through cycles of conflicts that have particularly excluded women, especially those with disabilities, from political and decision making spaces. The project facilitated a discussion for political parties and local leaders to engage with women with disabilities regarding their involvement in leadership. This initiative has increased understanding and commitment to the include persons with disabilities in parliament at both national and state levels. The engagements involved members of parliament (MPs) who read a motion during the discussions that they will be presenting to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Planning, Investment and Infrastructure, and the Minister of Gender, Child and Social Welfare, to address the structural challenges affecting persons with disabilities, including women, that limit them from engaging in leadership. The motion made reference to the Transitional constitution of South Sudan on the right of PWDs. Further, the MPs requested capacity building on how to pass good laws for persons with disabilities and also on how MPs and Ministers can work together in advancing with rights of PWDs.**	**"Women should be given the opportunity to work within the government without facing discrimination. This message is directed to the Government of South Sudan to promote the inclusion of people with disability and ensure they are not neglected." – Jacklyn Reento – Member of the Union of Persons with Disability. Hon. Naomi Hisiaha Thomas expressed commitment that... "I will continue to make sure there are policies for protecting PWDs...."**
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In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had.

Please limit your response to 4000 characters.

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

OPTIONAL

File 1
OPTIONAL

Kenya mission report 16-18 April 2024 MOG-23_24_38.pdf

File 2
OPTIONAL

Ethiopia mission Report 22-26 April 2024 MOG-23_24_43.pdf

File 3
OPTIONAL

Photo File - PBF women's political leadership project rev-23_25_59.pdf

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

Link 1
OPTIONAL

Link 2
OPTIONAL

Link 3
OPTIONAL

Please tick the applicable change based on above narrative.

How we worked: *

Please select up to 3.

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

Please explain

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

The project engages with the diverse stakeholders through the multi-stakeholder platform. The platform serves as an entry point on advocacy and learning within the context of peacebuilding and women's political participation. Platform members will focus on deterring the use of violence during elections and build capacity for social cohesion and peace through prevention, documentation, capacity building, monitoring and response to harmful social norms which serve as structural barriers to women political participation and leadership on peacebuilding mechanisms/structures. The multi-stakeholder platform will elevate the discussions and actions on peacebuilding ranging from early warning to documentation.

Please explain

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

The project has been instrumental in attracting additional resources and is a concrete example of the catalytic nature of the Peacebuilding Fund. UN Women was able to secure funding from the Government of Norway which complements and enforces the project.

Please explain

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

The project supported the revision of the Women Empowerment Bill, which creates an enabling policy environment for gender equality and women's empowerment, especially on political leadership.

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

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

Please explain

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

Advance Africa Initiative, Young Women Christian Association, Women for Justice and Equality, Action for Humanitarian Support and Recovering, South Sudan Network for Democracy and Elections, and Men4Women and Youth) are members of the multi-stakeholder platform and the Center for Inclusive Governance, Peace and Justice serves as an informal resource organization to the project.

The project is partnering with the MGCSW in implementation which demonstrates political will from the government

Leave No one Behind

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

Mandatory

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

PART IV: Monitoring, Evaluation and Compliance

» Monitoring

Please list key monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

The baseline study has been finalised which assesses the current situation of key project elements, including barriers to women and young women's full and equal participation such as social norms, access to financial resources, conflict, and other crises. The baseline data was provided for measuring project progress and results.

Do outcome indicators have baselines? *

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

(●) Yes

(○) No

If yes, please provide a brief description. If not, explain why not and when they will be available. *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

All indicators have baseline after the baseline study. The study was conducted by an international independent consultant (lead) and a national independent consultant (assistant), in February and March 2024 to assess the current status and barriers to women and young women's full and equal leadership and political participation such as social norms, access to financial resources, conflict, and other crises.

Elaborate on what sources of evidence have been used to report on indicators (and are available upon request) *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

The baseline data was used from the results of the baseline survey. Other evidence are attendance lists, minutes, events and activity reports, partners' reports.

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

(●) Yes

(○) No

Please provide a brief description *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

The baseline assessment has shed light on the perceptions surrounding women's leadership in politics and peacebuilding in South Sudan. While there is widespread recognition among CSO leaders and parliamentarians regarding the importance of women's participation, there remains a concerning perception of unequal opportunities for men and women in these domains. This disparity underscores the need for deeper reflection within leadership circles and concerted efforts to address systemic barriers hindering women's leadership roles. With only 20% of women parliamentarians (at national and state levels) reporting an increase in roles and responsibilities in leadership and parliament committees, this highlights the urgent need to address barriers (representation, knowledge and technical skills) hindering women's engagement in parliamentary activities, such as knowledge and technical skills for specialized committees, confidence to lead such committees, and expertise required to navigate male-dominated political processes.

Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms? *

◯ Yes

🔘 No

Please provide a brief description *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

» Evaluation

Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation? *

◯ Yes

◯ No

🔘 Not Applicable

Evaluation budget (in USD) included in the project budget: *

Response required

65000

If project will end in next six months, and the overall project budget is above USD 1.5 million, is your upcoming evaluation on track?

◯ Yes

◯ No

🔘 Not Applicable

Please describe the preparations

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Contact information	Name	Organization	Job title	Email
Please mention the focal person responsible for sharing the final evaluation report with the PBF:				

» Catalytic Effect

Catalytic Effect (financial): Has the project mobilized additional non-PBF financial resources to date? *

🔘 Yes

⚪ No

How many funders has the project received additional non-PBF funding from? *

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Indicate name of funder and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since it started. *

Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately

Name of Funder *

The Government of Norway

Amount in USD *

766900

Catalytic Effect (non-financial): Has the project enabled or created a larger or longer-term peacebuilding change to occur, in addition to the direct project changes? *

⚪ Yes

🔘 No

If yes, please select the relevant option below: *

⚪ Some catalytic effect

⚪ Significant catalytic effect

If relevant, please describe how the project has had a (non-financial) catalytic effect, i.e. removed barriers to unblock stalled political, institutional or other peacebuilding processes at different levels in a country, and/or created the conditions to establish new processes to do so *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Sustainability

Does the project have an explicit exit strategy?

Please describe any steps that have been taken to ensure the sustainability of peacebuilding gains, including any mechanisms, platforms, networks and socio-economic initiatives supported, beyond the duration of the project *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

During the life of the project, key legal frameworks have been promulgated to support long-term efforts on gender equality and women's empowerment. The Women Empowerment Bill was reviewed and is set to be a cornerstone for the sustainable participation of women in politics and decision-making structures.

The MGCSW is leading the implementation of major project activities, with CSOs complementing the Ministry's work. This collaboration strengthens ownership and ensures the sustainability of these initiatives.

The WPC Strategic Plan is crucial for ensuring accountability among its members regarding their oversight roles. It focuses on institutionalizing a culture of gender responsive law-making and contribution to addressing the center-periphery fragmentation that significantly impacts women's political participation and decision-making in peacebuilding processes. The strategic plan extends beyond the scheduled elections, serving as a key tool for monitoring the Caucus's contribution to creating an enabling environment for the conduct of free, fair and credible elections.

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

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Monitoring and Oversight Activities

Please describe any key event related to monitoring and oversight. Please click next if no activities have yet taken place.
Events include Steering Committee meetings, Monitoring visits, Third party monitoring, Community based monitoring, any data collection, Perception or other survey findings, evaluation reports, audit or investigations.

Monitoring and oversight activities	Name of the Event	Summary	Key Findings
Event 1	**Project Audit – EVE organisation**	**Unqualified Report**	**No concerns on financial management**

Event 2	Baseline Survey	The baseline study was conducted in February and March in 2024 by 1 international consultant and national consultant to assess the current status and barriers to women and young women's full and equal leadership and political participation in Juba and Malakal.	Gender disparities in leadership and political representation in South Sudan, have improved from 25% (2011) to an average of 31% (2024). This progress is partly due to affirmative action, and an increasing number of women seeking elective office. However, this improvement has also led to the nomination of women leaders with limited capacity; Only 20% of women parliamentarians at the national and state levels report an increase in roles and responsibilities within leadership and parliamentary committees. This underscores the urgent need to address barriers that hinder women's full engagement in parliamentary activities; Significant challenges inhibiting women's participation, includes patriarchal systems, lack of skills and knowledge, low political rewards, sexual exploitation, and cultural barriers.
Event 3			
Event 4			
Event 5			
Event 6			
Event 7			

Event 8			
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Final Steps

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