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**PBF PROJECT progress report**

*Updated May 2023*

**COUNTRY:** COSTA RICA

**TYPE OF REPORT: SEMI-ANUAL**

**YEAR of report:** 2024

**Project overview**

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| **Project Title:** Strengthening peaceful coexistence, community integration and institutional response to cross-border communities in the Northern Zone of Costa Rica affected by human mobility.  **Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway: 00140557** | |
| **If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund:**  X Country Trust Fund  Regional Trust Fund  **Name of Recipient Fund:** | **Type and name of recipient organizations:**  **UNDP (Convening Agency)**  **UNHCR**  **IOM** |
| **Date of first transfer:** February 6, 2024  **Project end date:** January 31, 2026  **Has this project received a cost or no cost extension? No**  **Will this project be requesting a cost or no-cost extension? No**  **Is the current project end date within 6 months?** No | |
| **Check if the project falls under one or more PBF priority windows:**  Gender promotion initiative  Youth promotion initiative  Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions  Cross-border or regional project | |
| **Total PBF approved project budget (by recipient organization):**   * *Please enter the total amounts in US dollars allocated to each recipient organization* * *Please enter the original budget amount, amount transferred to date and estimated expenditure by recipient.* * *For cross-border projects, group the amounts by agency, even where transfers are made to different country offices. You can provide the detail in the attached budget.*  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Recipient organisation** | **Budget Allocated ($)** | **Amount Transferred to date ($)** | **Amount spent / committed to date ($)** | | **UNDP** | **799,088.85** | **559,362.20** | **60,645.78** | | **IOM** | **560,910.05** | **392,637.03** | **00** | | **UNHCR** | **640,001.10** | **448,000.77** | **131,410.22** | | **TOTAL** | **2,000,000.00** | **1,400,000.00** | **192,056.00** |   Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget:9,60%  \*ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE\*  **The budget templates are available** [**here**](https://www.un.org/peacebuilding/content/application-guidelines)  **Implementing partners**  To how many implementing partners has the project transferred money to date? **N/A**  Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each to date   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | ***Name of Implementing Partner*** | ***Type of Organisation (ex. Govt, civil society, etc.)*** | ***What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date*** | ***Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner (175 mots)*** | | CENDEROS | ***Civil society*** | 112.916,52 | The CSO has developed the methodological structure for community intervention in terms of identification, management and implementation of the project | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |   **Gender-responsive Budgeting:**  Indicate what percentage (%) of the budget contributes gender equality or women's empowerment (GEWE)? 52,93%  Indicate dollar amount from the project document to contribute to gender equality or women’s empowerment: $1,150,932,93  Amount expended to date on efforts contributing to gender equality or women’s empowerment:  101.649,95 | |
| **Project Gender Marker: 2**  **Project Risk Marker: 1**  **Project PBF focus area: 2.3 Conflict prevention/management** | |
| **Steering Committee and Government engagement**  Does the project have an active steering committee?  Yes  If yes, please indicate how many times the Project Steering Committee has met over the last 6 months?  1  Please provide a brief description of any engagement that the project has had with the government over the last 6 months? Please indicate what level of government the project has been engaging with? (275 words max.)  The project addresses coexistence issues in host communities, requiring coordinated intervention from various public institutions at national and subnational levels, with joint and bilateral agreements.  Before the project's formal start on December 18, 2023, a meeting with northern cantons' mayors and the Minister of Security, Interior, and Police established initial agreements for efficient execution.  On April 8, 2024, a meeting in Upala with current and incoming municipal authorities, along with national institutions and project partners, facilitated a smooth transition and informed new authorities about the project's scope and objectives.  Through local governance tables, progress has been made in presenting and validating the project plan, engaging partners in concrete activities, and agreeing on coordination mechanisms.  Work with Municipal Offices for Women focused on strengthening prevention of violence against women. Additionally, a technical meeting with the National Police, Border Police, and Migration Police coordinated activities in priority communities.  Agreements have also been strengthened with partners such as CENDEROS, an organization with a long history of working in host communities, and with various academic institutions like the Costa Rica Institute of Technology and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences to explore possible areas of cooperation and joint work. | |
| **Report preparation:**  Project report prepared by: UNDP  Project report approved by:  Did PBF Secretariat or RCO focal point review the report: YES | |

***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.*

*- In the results table, please be concise, you will have 3000 characters, including blank spaces to provide your responses*

**PART 1: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS**

**Please rate the implementation status of the following preliminary/preparatory activities** *(Not Started, Initiated, partially Completed, Completed, Not Applicable):*

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| --- | --- |
| Contracting of Partners | Initiated |
| Staff Recruitment | Partially completed |
| Collection of baselines | Initiated |
| Identification of beneficiaries | Partially completed |

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.) (250 word limit):

To date, specialists in Monitoring and Evaluation, Women's Empowerment and Gender-Based Violence Prevention, and Risk Management have been hired. Progress has been made in the hiring process for the Project Coordinator and the Communication Specialist.

Significant progress has also been made in identifying implementing partners: formal agreements have been established with CENDEROS to support capacity building in host communities. Additionally, discussions have begun with the Costa Rica Institute of Technology, which has extensive experience working with northern zone municipal governments, to support the implementation of digital tools to improve OFIM management and develop accessible and relevant instruments for managing the early warning system.

A partnership with FLACSO has been initiated to explore possibilities for supporting the communication campaign and strengthening the technical capacities of OFIM and other organizations involved in gender-based violence prevention.

FOR PROJECTS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF COMPLETION: summarize **the main structural, institutional or societal level change the project has contributed to**. This is not anecdotal or a list of individual outputs or activities, but a description of progress made toward the main purpose of the project where evidence[[1]](#footnote-2) of contribution to outcomes is available if requested. (550 word limit):

N/A

**PART II: RESULT PROGRESS BY PROJECT OUTCOME**

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

* *“On track” refers to the timely completion of outputs as indicated in the workplan.*
* *“On track with peacebuilding results” refers to higher-level changes in the conflict or peace factors that the project is meant to contribute to. These effects are more likely in mature projects than in newer ones.*

**How many outcomes does the project have? 2**

**Outcome 1: Hate speech, xenophobia, discrimination and misogynistic behavior reduces for greater peaceful co-existence in target communities.**

**Rate the current status of the outcome progress: On track**

**Progress summary:** *(350 word limit)*

The hiring of specialized personnel for the development of the communication component will allow the generation and sharing of personal stories in synergy with the xenophobia barometer at the national level in relation to the prioritized analysis of the northern zone in the cantons of Upala and Los Chiles. A specialist was hired to develop a mixed study (quantitative and qualitative), with a gender and youth focus, on populations in human mobility, as well as narratives from communal, social, non-governmental and institutional actors, which will provide the analysis of the contributions, opportunities and challenges of the various populations in human mobility in the cantons of Upala and Los Chiles, in the Northern Zone of Costa Rica.

Significant progress has been made in collecting and analysing updated evidence to create messages that counteract hate speech and violence promotion. This includes information on the involvement of people in human mobility in violent incidents, percentages of migrant populations in prison, and victimization of people in human mobility according to various types of crimes, among other data.

Bilateral coordination has been established with the OFIM and the Network for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (Redes VIF) in the cantons of Upala, Los Chiles, Guatuso, and La Cruz to assess capacities and establish training and institutional strengthening needs. A workshop has been scheduled with these counterparts for June to set a work agenda. The National Institute for Women, as the national authority on this matter, is also involved.

Regarding the construction of community projects, progress has been made in identifying community leaders and actors, ensuring the participation of women and young people. Visits to prioritized communities in Los Chiles (Isla Chica, El Amparo, Combate, Santa Fe, La Virgen) and Upala (Yolillal and México de Upala) have been conducted. These visits have helped identify sources of community tensions and conflicts, as well as gain a better understanding of community coexistence and dialogue dynamics to promote the best ways to reach agreements. This work has been carried out with the support of CENDEROS.

Additionally, a list of reliable suppliers has been prepared for consideration in bidding processes for construction activities.

**Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome:** *(350 word limit)*

A major effort has been made to make the problems, gaps and challenges of women and young people visible in all activities. In terms of communication, it is understood that it is essential to make visible, through disaggregation of data, the situation of exclusion and the opportunities for empowerment of women and young people. Likewise, in community activities, affirmative actions have been planned so that women's and young people's leadership is recognised within the community, and that their visions and needs are taken into account when making decisions about projects. Regarding the strengthening of the OFIM and other resources for the prevention of violence against women, provisions have been made to ensure the participation of young women.

**Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments- provide an update on the achievement of key outcome indicators for Outcome 1 in the table below**

* If the outcome has more than 3 indicators, select the 3 most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight.
* Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (3000 characters max per entry)

Two months after the start of the project implementation, it is not possible to accurately record significant and sustainable changes in the achievement of the proposed indicators.

| **Outcome Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Indicator 1.a  Number of government-led sustainable mechanisms of collective governance in host communities, after project closure, that include women equal participation and youth participation. | **0** | **11** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 1.b  Percentage of public opinion that is positive about migration and migrants and migrants' contributions to local/national development (disaggregated by region, country) | **N/A** | **75%** | **N/A** | **N/A** |

**How many Outputs does Outcome 1 have? 3**

Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 1 and 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: An information, awareness-raising and training strategy on the prevention and countering of hate speech, xenophobia and discrimination, and misogyny is implemented in the Northern Zone.**

| **Output Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress for reporting period** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Indicator 1.1.1  Number of people reached with communication pieces produced to counter hate speech, xenophobia, and discrimination against women, with a gender perspective, disaggregated by gender and age (in order to distinguish youth from others) | **0** | **5,000** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 1.1.5  Number of government officials and/or media professionals supported by IOM demonstrating improved skills, knowledge and understanding of the need to counter misinformation, disinformation and fear-based narratives on migration and migrants (disaggregated by type of actor, gender and age, distinguishing young age group) | **0** | **20** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 1.1.6  Number of coordinated messaging and/or campaigns geared at countering xenophobia and discrimination of migrants (disaggregated by leading actor with UNNM separate; scale, type of initiative) | **0** | **1** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |

**Output 1.2: Public institutions' technical capacities to promote gender equality and uphold the rights of women (in their diversity) in target communities is strengthened.**

| **Output Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress for reporting period** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Indicator 1.2.1  Number of community agendas developed and adopted for the prevention and response to all forms of violence against women. | **0** | **3** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 1.2.2  Percentage improvement of Municipal Women's Offices’ (OFIM) technical capacities to address all forms of violence against women with a gender perspective. | **N/A** | **75%** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 1.2.3  Percentage improvement of institutions’ technical capacities to register and analyze data on gender-based violence. | 0 | **75%** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |

**Output 1.3: Spaces for dialogue and consensus building are created in target communities.**

| **Output Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress for reporting period** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Indicator 1.3.1  Number of agreements adopted through community dialogue and consensus-building processes. | **0** | **6** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 1.3.2  Number of community projects designed and implemented with technical and financial support. | **0** | **11** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 1.3.3  Percentage of community members trained in conflict prevention and management demonstrating a high level of improvement in their knowledge and confidence in applying course materials, disaggregated by gender and age (distinguishing young age group) | **0** | **85%** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |

**Outcome 2: Peaceful community co-existence increases in target communities through better democratic governance.**

**Rate the current status of the outcome progress: On Track**

**Progress summary:** *(350 word limit)*

Various inter-institutional preparatory meetings have been held in order to establish agreements and a roadmap for the implementation of the project. A meeting in April brought together the current authorities and those due to take office in May to promote an orderly and informed transition that would not affect the development of the Joint Programme. In addition, the new authorities were able to familiarise themselves with the content of the project, recognise their leadership role in its implementation and make contact with other project partners at national and subnational level, many of which are part of the Territorial Roundtable.

In addition, coordination rooms have been set up with specialised municipal offices related to relevant project themes, with the aim of involving them in the implementation of Joint Programme activities. These include planning or IT offices that manage municipal statistical data, OFIMs, community action offices and similar bodies. This has made it possible to identify opportunities for cooperation in the development of local public policies, the availability of the necessary information and statistical management for the design of the Human Security Risk Early Warning System, as well as community care capacities. At present, the early warning system has a conceptual framework and a set of proposed indicators to develop spaces for discussion, validation and feedback with local stakeholders and communities.

Meetings have also been held to coordinate efforts with the National Police, Border Police and Migration Police, with the aim of strengthening violence prevention in priority communities through local coexistence plans and coordination between communities and police forces. With these police forces, a training activity was held on 23 April to strengthen border management capacities, with an emphasis on the articulated approach and response to the crimes of human trafficking and migrant smuggling, with a focus on gender and human rights. On this occasion, 17 men and 3 women participated.

**Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome:** *(350 word limit)*

Coordination spaces with municipalities, other public institutions and police forces have emphasised the gender perspective and youth approach of the Joint Programme. Agreements have been reached that recognise the inequality and exclusion affecting women and young people, manifested in various forms of violence and limited opportunities for their participation in decision-making at municipal and cantonal level. It has been agreed that the project must contribute to eliminating the asymmetries affecting women and young people, and that the public policies and instruments developed within the framework of the project must recognise these gaps and establish measures to eliminate them. Similarly, the early warning system, as a public policy instrument, must explicitly recognise the risks and threats faced by women and young people in the cantons. Similarly, plans for citizen security and community coexistence must identify risk factors for violence against women and young people and establish measures to address them.

**Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments- provide an update on the achievement of key outcome indicators for Outcome 2 in the table below**

* If the outcome has more than 3 indicators, select the 3 most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight.
* Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (3000 characters max per entry)

| **Outcome Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Indicator 2.a  Number of policy processes for transition, recovery and/or development promoting social cohesion and prosperity that included participation of migrants, displaced persons and their communities (disaggregated by type of process, region) | **0** | **2** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 2.e  Number of early warning systems for human security adopted by target communities, that include gender perspective and youth approach | **0** | **2** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 2.f  Number of community harmonious coexistence and violence prevention plans designed and under implementation, that include gender perspective and youth approach | **0** | **7** | **N/A** | **N/A** |

**How many Outputs does Outcome 2 have? 3**

Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 2 and 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: Target communities have the tools and skills to strengthen local democratic governance.**

| **Output Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress for reporting period** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Indicator 2.1.1  Number of interinstitutional proposals implemented to improve the quality, relevance, and timeliness of services (disaggregated by canton) | **0** | **2** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 2.1.2  Percentage of improvement in the technical capacities of public officials on rights, risks, and ways of addressing the challenges of human development in host communities, with an intersectional gender perspective. | **0** | **75%** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 2.1.4  Number of government officials and/or civil society stakeholder who have capacities, resources and/or tools to protect the rights of vulnerable migrants using a survivor-centered, gender-sensitive, human rights-based approach (disaggregated by type of actor, gender and age, distinguishing young age group) | **0** | **60** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |

**Output 2.2: An early warning system for human security risks is established in target communities.**

| **Output Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress for reporting period** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Indicator 2.2.2  Number of government officials supported in the development and/or identification of tools, systems and strategies to identify and/or address drivers of conflict (disaggregated by type, tool/system/strategy, actor, level of government) | **0** | **15** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 2.2.3  Number of community risk indicators developed in a participatory manner with host communities, that consider gender perspective and youth approach | **0** | **30** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 2.2.5  Level of improvement in the capacities of municipal public officials, security forces, and justice operators for the prevention and response to risks to human security (disaggregated by gender, age - distinguishing young age group - and nationality of participants). | **0** | **5** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |

**Output 2.3: Local coexistence and violence prevention plans** **are developed/strengthened and implemented in coordination with law enforcement, community members and violence prevention institutions.**

| **Output Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress for reporting period** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Indicator 2.3.2  Number of community platforms or networks to address violence risk factors created and functional | **0** | **2** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 2.3.2  Number of local participants targeted by cultural, sport, or socialization activities / events (disaggregated by gender, migration status, and age, distinguishing young age group) | **0** | **50** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
| Indicator 2.3.5  Positive perception of law enforcement Index (disaggregated by gender, migration status, and age, distinguishing young age group). | **N/A** | **70%** | **0** | **N/A** | **N/A** |

**Please repeat the outcome level and output level reporting for each outcome and its respective outputs**

**PART III: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES**

Is the project planning any significant events in the next 6 months (eg. national dialogues, youth congresses, film screenings, etc.) Yes

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)

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| ***Event Description*** | ***Tentative Date*** | ***Location*** | ***Target Audience*** | ***Event Objectives (150 word limit)*** |
| Interdisciplinary meeting of institutional specialists to review and validate early warning system indicators. The indicators will be developed with counterparts, partners and local communities, but will require a technical analysis process to assess the feasibility of their implementation based on data availability and analytical capacity. | September 18 | Northern Zone | Project partners, institutional counterparts, institutional specialists | 1. Presentation of the conceptual and methodological design of the Early Warning System for Human Security Risks.  2. Analysis of the design from an interdisciplinary perspective.  3. Identification of best practices.  4. Review of indicators.  5. Reviewing data availability.  6. Identifying alternative data.  7. Identify training needs in information management and analysis.  8. Identify existing training resources. |
| Community of practice for managing violence against women from within the communities, based on the experience of Talamanca. UNDP and UNFPA supported the women of Talamanca in developing a feminist agenda to address violence against women. This initiative is recognized as a novel and valuable exercise to empower women in the communities to coordinate with institutions on the prevention and response to gender-based violence. Therefore, the project proposed facilitating an exchange between Talamanca and the border cantons to share and expand this experience. | November 25 | Northern Zone | Women from the communities of Upala, Los Chiles, Guatuso, and La Cruz, OFIM staff, the health system, and other organizations working to prevent gender-based violence. | 1. Develop a space for exchanging experiences and best practices between Talamanca and the border cantons of the northern zone.  2. Identify the main violence risks that women face in all areas of coexistence.  3. Identify institutional response weaknesses.  4. Initiate the process of developing a common agenda to address violence against women.  5. Identify the responsibilities of each involved party.  6. Establish communication and monitoring mechanisms. |
| Community mural | July 31, | Los Chiles center | Members of the host community, migrants in transit | 1. Raise awareness about the risks of the crime of human trafficking  2. Raise awareness about the risks of the crime of illicit trafficking of migrants  3. Create spaces of social cohesion between the host population and the migrant population in transit in Los Chiles center.  4. Raise awareness in the central canton of Chiles about the crimes of human trafficking and illicit trafficking of migrants and their risks. |
| Sports and recreational activities in border communities (Tablets) with adolescent population on prevention of violence, trafficking and trafficking and migration | TBC (on September) | Los Chiles, Tablillas | Project partners, institutional counterparts, Members of the host community, | 1. Generate spaces with the adolescent population on the prevention of violence, trafficking and migration.  2. Strengthen the knowledge and capacities of the host community about the risks of gender violence, the crime of human trafficking and migrant smuggling from a participatory approach.  3. Strengthen the capacities of community leaders for the prevention of domestic violence |

**Human Impact**

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

1. The challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation
2. The impact of the project on their lives
3. Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

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| Key stakeholder | What were the challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation? (350 words max) | What has been the impact of the project on their lives (350 words max) | Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group (350 words max) |
| Municipal authorities | Limited capacities for local governance and institutional coordination. Limited resources to strengthen institutional capacities and to innovate local management, promote peaceful coexistence and identify and neutralise risk factors for interpersonal violence. There are important opportunities to strengthen innovative spaces for inter-institutional coordination at the local level through the Territorial Roundtable. | Considering that the project only has a two-month execution period, significant changes in the lives of these stakeholders cannot be adequately recorded. | N/A |
| Host communities | Various situations affect harmonious coexistence in host communities: hate speech, xenophobia, interpersonal distrust, precarious public services in the communities, limited institutional presence, lack of employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, lack of skills for dialogue and agreement building, among other problems, all within a framework of shared poverty and inequality. | IDEM | N/A |
| Women | Violence against women is a widespread and alarming problem throughout the country. In border cantons it faces additional challenges, including weak institutional care, social norms that tolerate it and deep cultural biases based on patriarchy. This represents a challenge to women's development and the full exercise of their rights. Violence against women affects their possibilities to develop their life projects, to achieve economic, physical and political autonomy, as well as to contribute the maximum of their potential to collective development. This is a common problem for all women, regardless of their migratory status. | IDEM | N/A |
| Youth | Young people in border cantons on average have significantly fewer opportunities for personal development, including educational, employment and entrepreneurial options, than young people in the centre of the country. In addition, there are barriers for them to participate in local public policy decision-making and to exercise community leadership. This situation of exclusion deepens their exposure to a range of risk factors, including crime and interpersonal violence. | IDEM | N/A |

In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had. (650 word limit):

N/A

You can also upload up to 3 ﬁles in various formats (picture ﬁles, powerpoint, pdf, video, etc..) to illustrate the human impact of the project and 3 links to online resources (OPTIONAL)

N/A

**Please tick the applicable change based on above narrative.**

**How We Worked: (please select up to 3)**

Enhanced digitization:

Innovative ways of working[[2]](#footnote-3) [please explain]

Mobilized additional resources [please explain]

Improved or initiated policy frameworks [please explain]

Strengthened capacities [please explain]

Partnered with local civil society organizations

Expanding coalitions & galvanizing political will [please explain]

Strengthened partnerships with IFIs [please explain]

Strengthened partnerships within UN Agencies [please explain]

The project is creating spaces for dialogue and agreement-building among various partners, including civil society organizations, academia, local governments, and national institutions, to strengthen municipal governance. Conversations have begun with the new municipal authorities who will take office on May 1, to agree on the development of local public policies aligned with the 2030 Agenda, focusing on strengthening community coexistence conditions and conflict prevention. Additionally, discussions have been held with other United Nations agencies, funds, and programs to strengthen the coordination of actions and projects in the northern zone of Costa Rica.

Who are we working with (in addition to the Implementing Partners):

☐ Strengthened partnerships with IFIs [please explain]

☐ Strengthened partnerships within UN Agencies [please explain]

**☐** Partnered with local civil society organizations

**☐** Partnered with local academia

**☐** Partnered with sub-national entities

**☐** Partnered with national entities

**☐** Partnered with local volunteers

Costa Rica's public universities have strong extension or community outreach programmes, some of them in the northern zone with a focus on peaceful coexistence and community development. Various programmes have been identified with the Universidad Nacional National, the Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica and the Universidad Estatal a Distancia to strengthen opportunities for joint work. Opportunities for joint work with national institutions related to local development have also been identified.

**LNOB – Leaving No one Behind:** Select all beneficiaries targeted with the PBF resources as evidenced by the narrative?

[mandatory]

Unemployed persons

Minorities (e.g. race, ethnicity, linguistic, religion, etc.)

Indigenous communities

Persons with Disabilities

Persons affected by violence (e.g. GBV)

Women

Youth

Minorities related to sexual orientation and/or gender identity and expression

People living in and around border areas

Persons affected by natural disasters

Persons affected by armed conflicts

Internally displaced persons, refugees or migrants

**PART IV: MONITORING, EVALUATION AND COMPLIANCE**

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| **Monitoring:** Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period (*350 word limit)*    At the monitoring level, monthly follow-up meetings have been held between the implementing partners (IOM, UNHCR, and UNDP) to organize future activities and work plans as well as project indicators. Additionally, some field visits were conducted where initial engagements with both current and incoming municipalities took place, allowing for the generation of strategies and the identification of potential project allies. Furthermore, preliminary capacity assessments have been carried out in both the Municipal Offices for Women (OFIM) and local municipalities to identify strengthening and training needs. | **Do outcome indicators have baselines?** Yes  **If yes, please provide a brief description**    Yes, some of the baseline indicators were established through pre-existing studies by other institutions that have conducted fieldwork in the areas, such as the study on public perception towards migrants and women in the target communities, as well as the initial capacity of local institutions to manage and respond to gender-based violence.  **Elaborate on what sources of evidence have been used to report on indicators (and are available upon request):**    Currently, we do not have established sources of evidence to report the indicators because the project is in its initial stages. We are identifying, ratifying, building and/or developing these sources to ensure accurate and effective data collection based on information gathering tools.      **Has the project launched outcome level data collection initiatives e.g. perception surveys**  In process  To date, work has been done on the development of tools for data collection.    **Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms?** In process    **If yes, please provide a brief description (350 word limit)**    During the first quarter, efforts were focused on coordinating with municipal counterparts, especially those who took office with the change of government, to ratify priority host communities to work with. The prioritized communities include El Amparo, Combate, Santa Fe, and La Virgen in Los Chiles, as well as Yolillal and México de Upala in Upala. For the following phases of the project, it is planned to work on establishing feedback mechanisms with these communities. |
| **Evaluation:** Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation?    Yes / No / Not Relevant  No | Evaluation budget (response required): N/A    If project will end in next six months, and the overall project budget is above 1.5 million, is your upcoming evaluation on track: preparations *(350 word limit)*: No    Please mention the focal person accountable for sharing the final evaluation report with the PBF: N/A *Name* *Email* |
| **Catalytic effects (financial):** Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since it started. | Name of funder: Amount: |
| **Catalytic Eﬀect (non-ﬁnancial):** Has the project enabled or created a larger or longer‐term peacebuilding change to occur?  ***Please select***  x No catalytic eﬀect  Some catalytic eﬀect  Signiﬁcant catalytic eﬀect  Very Signiﬁcant catalytic eﬀect  Don't Know  Too early to tell | **If relevant, please describe how the project has had a (non-ﬁnancial) catalytic eﬀect i.e. ways in which the project has supported the expansion or creation of programs and policies supporting peace, both within and outside the UN system (*Please limit your response to 350 words)***  The project is in the early stages of implementation, so it is too soon to determine the full scope of its catalytic effects. However, initial activities suggest potential for non-financial impacts. The project has facilitated dialogue between local communities and authorities, fostering mutual understanding and collaboration. This has laid the groundwork for the development of policies and programs aimed at reducing hate speech, xenophobia, and gender-based violence. Additionally, capacity strengthening needs have been identified, which could lead to long-term institutional strengthening. The project's emphasis on generating community feedback mechanisms and the upcoming perception surveys is expected to provide data that will inform future peacebuilding initiatives. |
| **Sustainability:** Does the project have an explicit exit strategy?Please describe any steps that have been taken to ensure the sustainability of peacebuilding gains beyond the duration of the project (350 word limit)    According to the project document, the first steps have been taken to ensure the sustainability of the Joint Programme. These include the alignment of the project's objectives, activities and products with the National Development Plan and national and local public policies, as well as the project's influence on the development of new policies, particularly within the framework of the new municipal administrations. Commitments have been made to support the new authorities in participatory processes aimed at reviewing and developing local policies for the coming years, with a focus on human development, gender and strengthening harmonious coexistence. Agreements have also been made to support the instruments that will enable these policies to be implemented. It is important to mention that the project's work plan is presented and validated within the framework of the Human Mobility Roundtables and the Cantonal Inter-institutional Coordination Councils, which ensures the appropriation of the strategy by local institutions and organisations. This means that the impact of the project can be expected to be felt over a long period of time. Similarly, the activities and products aimed at training and capacity building of public officials, including police officers, will transfer knowledge and practices that strengthen violence prevention, conflict management and peaceful coexistence in communities. | |
| **Other:** Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? *(350 word limit)* | |

**Monitoring and Oversight Activities[[3]](#footnote-4) (Select only as relevant)**

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| **Key Monitoring and Oversight Event** | **Findings and Summary** |
| Follow-up Meetings | Follow-up meetings were conducted with implementing partners to review the work plan activities, identify possible areas for joint action to optimize resources, and adjust strategies according to community needs. These meetings have been essential for maintaining effective coordination and understanding the coordinated work being generated, which must respond to the established indicators. |
| Field Visits | A field visit was carried out to the communities in Upala and Los Chiles to introduce the project, gather feedback from key stakeholders, and ensure that the planned activities align with local needs. This allowed for a better understanding of the terrain and how to address the proposed work plan and indicators. |
| Capacity Assessment | Assessments of the capacities of municipalities, Municipal Offices for Women, and other local institutions were conducted to identify necessary strengthening and training in key project areas. This process allowed for the detection of areas needing improvement where additional support is required to meet the indicators and work plan. Furthermore, it facilitated the planning of future training activities and institutional strengthening initiatives. |

1. Evidence can include evidentiary support for results, including but not limited to: Surveys and other data collection initiatives, field mission reports, community based monitoring or other monitoring reports, third party monitoring, pre- and post surveys, photographs, policy and other documents, meeting minutes, evaluations, communication materials etc. PBF may request these documents if needed. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Where innovation is defined as **a product, service, or strategy that's both novel and useful.** Innovations don't have to be major breakthroughs in technology or digital solutions but includes here a new and/or creative approach to solving development challenges. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. These 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)