SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PEACEBUILDING FUND
PROJECT DOCUMENT TEMPLATE

United Nations Peacebuilding

PBF PROJECT DOCUMENT

Country(ies): Liberia

Project Title: ***Accelerating Digital Opportunities for Youth Civic Participation as a lever for Building and Sustaining Peace in Liberia***

Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway (if existing project):

PBF project modality:	**If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund (instead of into individual recipient agency accounts):**
☒ IRF	☐ Country Trust Fund
☐ PRF	☐ Regional Trust Fund
	Name of Recipient Fund:

List all direct project recipient organizations (starting with Convening Agency), followed by type of organization (UN, CSO etc.):

1. UNFPA - UN
2. UN OHCHR - UN
3. UN Women -UN

List additional implementing partners, specify the type of organization (Government, INGO, local CSO):

a. Government: Ministry of Youth & Sports; Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Protection; Ministry of Internal Affairs; Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Ministry of Justice, Independent National Commission on Human Rights (INCHR); National Commission on Disabilities (NCD).

b. Civil Society Organizations: Liberia youth and women-led organizations:

1. Federation of Liberian Youth (FLY)
2. Liberia National Students Union
3. Mano River Youth Parliament,
4. Motorcyclist and Tricyclist Unions of Liberia
5. Paramount Young Women Initiative
6. National Women in Peace-Hut
7. Women in Peacebuilding Network (WIPNET)
8. iLab Liberia
9. Liberia Women Democracy Radio
10. Young Men Christian Association of Liberia (YMCA)
11. Campaign for Human Rights and Development (CHRD)
12. National Union on Disabilities (NUD)
13. Association of Female Lawyers of Liberia (AFELL),
14. Liberia National Bar Association Legal Aid clinic (LNBA)
15. Arthur Grimes Law School-University of Liberia
16. Prison Fellowship Liberia (PFL)
17. Other: Orange Foundation-Liberia

Project duration in months[1] [2]: 24

Geographic zones (within the country) for project implementation: Montserrado County and Lofa County

[1] Maximum project duration for IRF projects is 24 months, for PRF projects – 36 months.

[2] The official project start date will be the date of the first project budget transfer by MPTFO to the recipient organization(s), as per the MPTFO Gateway page.

Does the project fall under one or more of the specific PBF priority windows below:

☐ Gender promotion initiative[3]
☒ Youth promotion initiative[4]
☐ Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions
☐ Cross-border or regional proj ect

Total PBF approed project budget* (by recipient organization):
UNFPA: $762,575
OHCHR: $621,480
UN WOMEN: $615,946
Total: $2,000,000

**The overall approved budget and the release of the second and any subsequent tranche are conditional and subject to PBSO's approval and subject to availability of funds in the PBF account. For payment of second and subsequent tranches the Coordinating agency needs to demonstrate expenditure/commitment of at least 75% of the previous tranche and provision of any PBF reports due in the period elapsed.*

Any other existing funding for the project (amount and source):

PBF 1st tranche (_%):70%	**PBF 2nd tranche* (_%):**	**PBF 3rd tranche* (_%):**
UNFPA: $533,802 OHCHR: $435,036 UN WOMEN: $431,162 Total: $ 1,400,000	UNFPA: $228,772 OHCHR: $186,444 UN WOMEN: $ 184,784 Total: $ 600,000	UNFPA: $ 0 OHCHR: $ 0 UN Women: $0 Total:

Provide a brief project description (describe the main project goal; do not list outcomes and outputs):
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The project goal is to increase youth participation opportunities in civic decision-making through the digitalization of existing youth and women-led informal platforms. This will be achieved by transforming the youth-led "Atayee centres" and women-led "Peace Huts" into spaces where youth can meaningfully participate in civic discussions, including in political and intergenerational dialogues, interact with political actors, women leaders, mentors, traditional and religious leaders, and other state and non-state actors, and connect to formal civic platforms using a digital interface. "Atayee centres" are established in all 15 counties in Liberia and work as a platform for increased participation and engagement between citizens, especially youth, and policymakers, decision-makers, including political leaders.

Despite the fact that "Atayee centres" have proven to be an effective platform for youth engagement on societal issues, they have received limited support from international and national institutions to promote engagement in civic discussions. In order to guarantee their full potential, these centres need further support in their management structures and purpose aiming to increase inclusiveness and effectiveness, especially with regards to gender transformation. The Peace Huts on the other hand have received support from the international and national community over the last decades and have proven to be a successful platform to increase women and girls' empowerment within a wide range of sectors, leading to increased participation and leadership in peacebuilding and reconciliation processes, increased participation and meaningful influence over access to livelihood opportunities, and increased digital and technological skills among women. The project will continue to digitalize Peace Huts in Montserrado and Lofa, and build collaborative channels between the Peace Huts, Atayee Centres, and youth- led and

[3] Check this box only if the project was approved under PBF's special call for proposals, the Gender Promotion Initiative
[4] Check this box only if the project was approved under PBF's special call for proposals, the Youth Promotion Initiative

PROJECT SIGNATURES:

Recipient Organization(s)[9] **UNFPA** *Name of Representative:* Bidisha Pillai *Title:* Resident Representative [redacted] *Signature* *Name of Agency:* [redacted]nd *Date & Seal* 18/10/2023.	**Representative of National Authorities** *Name of Government Counterpart:* Minister of Youth & Sports, Hon. D. Zeogar Wilson [redacted]/13/2023 *Signature* *Title:* Minis[redacted]
Recipient Organization(s)[10] **UN Women** *Name of Representative:* Comfort Lamptey P.P. *Title:* UN Women Liberia Cou[redacted] *Signature* *Name of Agency:* The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women *Date & Seal*	**Head of UN Country Team** *Name of Representative* Christine. N. Umutoni [redacted] *Signature* *Title:* Resident Coordinator, United Nations in Liberia *Date & Seal*
Recipient Organization(s)[11] **OHCHR** *Name of Representative* Christian Mukosa [redacted]/2023 *Title:* OHCHR Country *Signature* *Name of Agency:* Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights *Date & Seal*	**Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)** Elizabeth Spehar [redacted] *Signature* Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support *Date & Seal* 29/12/2023

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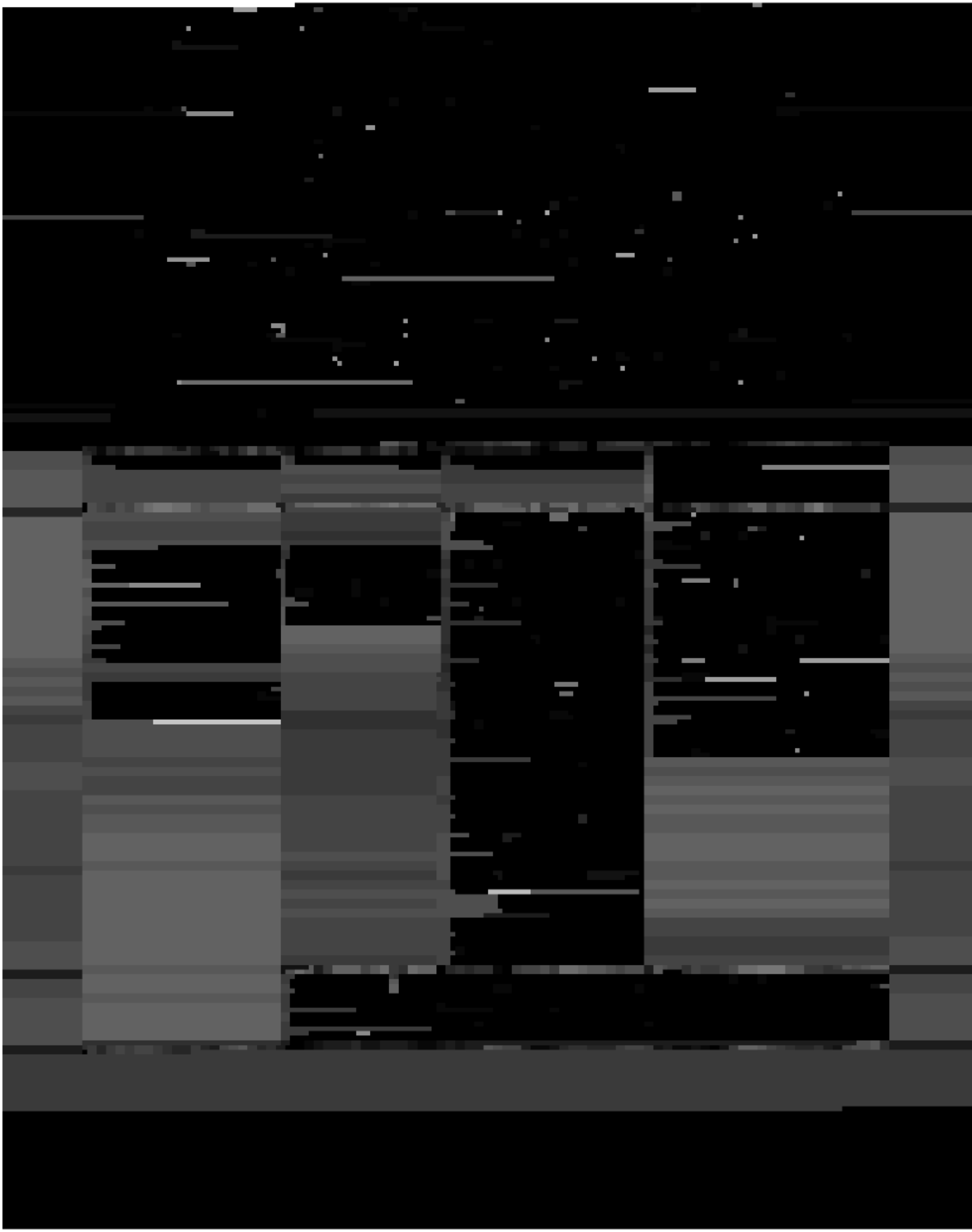

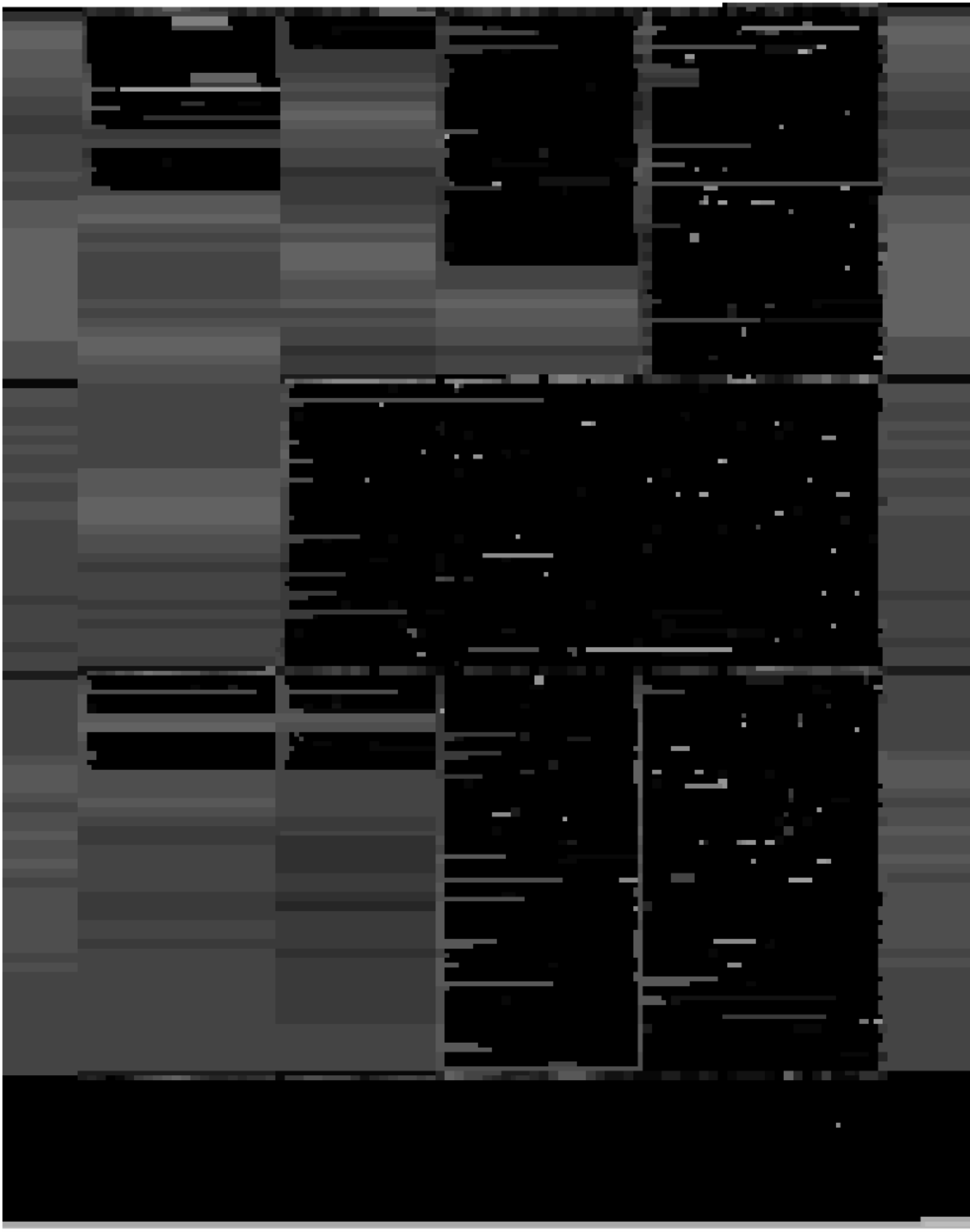

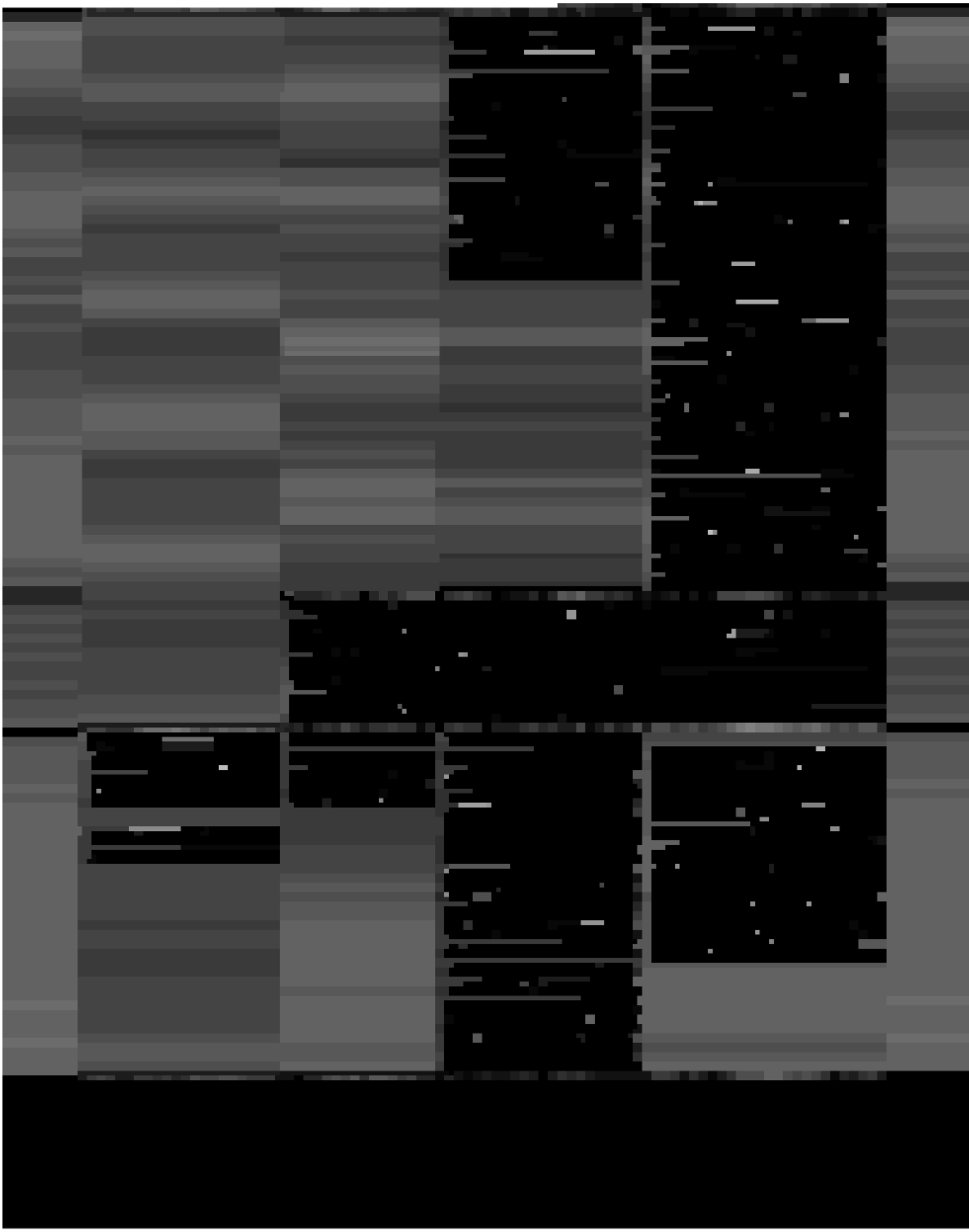

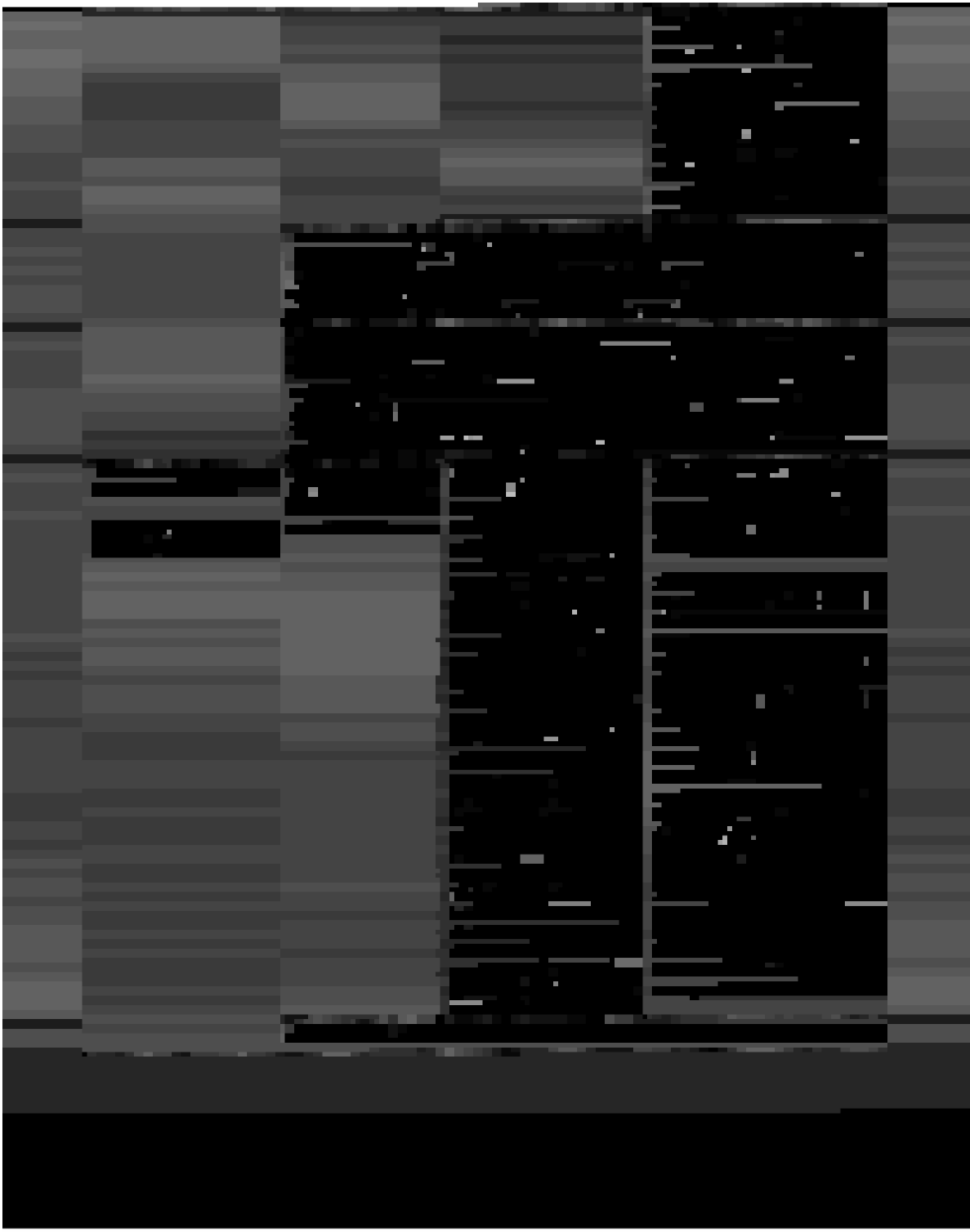

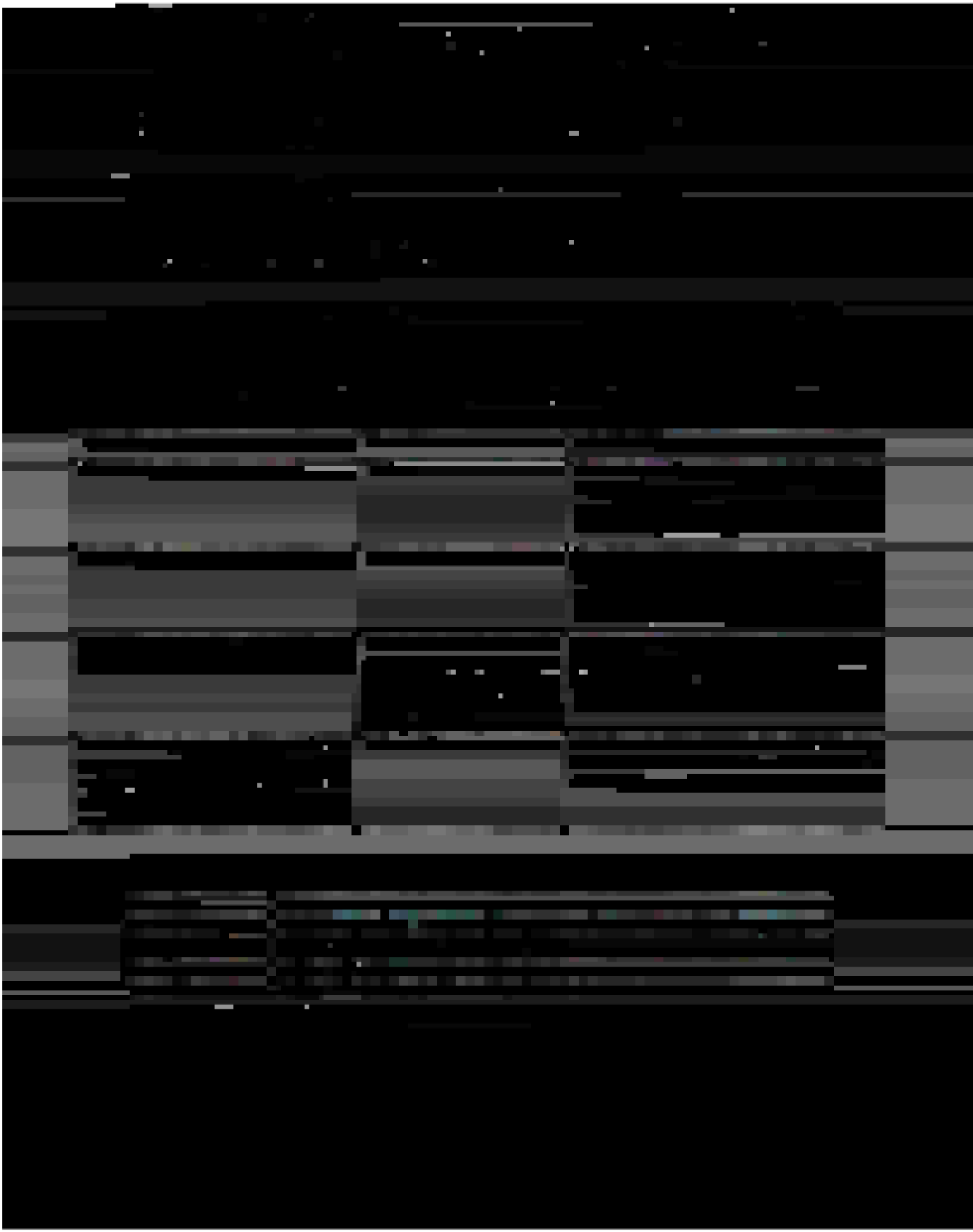

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Totals				
	UNFPA	UNOHCHR	UN Women	Totals
1. Staff and other personnel	$ 70,000	$ 45,000	$ 60,000.00	**$ 175,000**
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	$ 32,000	$ 23,000	$ 15,000.00	**$ 70,000**
3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture (including Depreciation)	$ 64,718	$ 9,000	$ 70,650.00	**$ 144,368**
4. Contractual services	$ 110,969	$ 259,000	$ 125,000.00	**$ 494,969**
5. Travel	$ 76,000	$ 46,000	$ 45,000.00	**$ 167,000**
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	$ 296,000	$ 156,000	$ 235,000.00	**$ 687,000**
7. General Operating and other Costs	$ 63,000	$ 42,822	$ 25,000.00	**$ 130,822**
Sub-Total	**$ 712,687**	**$ 580,822**	**$ 575,650**	**$ 1,869,159**
7% Indirect Costs	**$ 49,888**	**$ 40,658**	**$ 40,296**	**$ 130,841**
Total	**$ 762,575**	**$ 621,480**	**$ 615,946**	**$ 2,000,000**

Performance-Based Tranche Breakdown					
	UNFPA	UNOHCHR	UN Women	TOTAL	Tranche %
First Tranche:	$ 533,802	$ 435,036	$ 431,162	**$ 1,400,000.00**	**70%**
Second Tranche:	$ 228,772	$ 186,444	$ 184,784	**$ 600,000.00**	**30%**
Third Tranche:	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	**0%**
TOTAL	**$ 762,575**	**$ 621,480**	**$ 615,946**	**$ 2,000,000.00**	