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**PBF PROJECT progress report**

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**COUNTRY -Sierra Leone**

**TYPE OF REPORT: semi-annual, annual OR FINAL – Annual Report**

**YEAR of report:** 2024

**Project overview**

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| **Project Title:** Localization and working together for peace: Repositioning women focused CSOs for Sustainable Peace in Sierra Leone  **Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway 00140113** | |
| **If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund:**  Country Trust Fund  Regional Trust Fund  **Name of Recipient Fund:** UNWomen | **Type and name of recipient organizations:**  **UNWomen (Convening Agency)**  UNDP  World Vison Sierra Leone |
| **Date of first transfer:** 16 March 2023 Second Tranche October 1st, 2024  **Project end date:** 15th March 2025  **Has this project received a cost or no cost extension?** **YES**  **Will this project be requesting a cost or no-cost extension?** **NO**  **Is the current project end date within 6 months?** Yes | |
| **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 full 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 (in full USD)** | **Amount Transferred to date (in full USD)** | **Amount spent / committed to date (in full USD)** | | **UNWOMEN** | **989,813.00** | **989,813.00** | **669,298.84** | | **UNDP** | **560,787.00** | **560,787.00** | **226,245.16** | | **WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL** | **449,400.00** | **449,400.00** | **359,646.00** | | **TOTAL** | **2,000,000.00** | **2,000,000.00** | **1,255,190.00** |   Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget: 63%  \*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 during this reporting period *(for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration)?* 7  Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each during this reporting period:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | ***Name of Implementing Partner*** | ***Type of Organization (ex. Govt, civil society, etc.)*** | ***What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner during this reporting period?*** | ***Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner (1500 characters)*** | | The 50/50 Group SL | Women Civil Society | $27,257.35 | CSOs Coalition members support female candidates to develop their manifestos and carry out effective campaigns at national and at district level leveraging the female aspirant caucuses at the subnational levels | | Women’ Forum for Human right and Democracy (WOFHRAD) | Women Civil Society | $27,691.59 | Provide leadership trainings for women and girl candidates at the national and local level | | WANEP-SL | Women Civil Society | $33,992.02 | CSOs Coalition mobilize opinion leaders, peace ambassadors, mothers’ groups, youth leaders at national and local levels to keep speaking and conscientizing citizens to maintain the peace as well as promote meaningful participation of women.    Engage with security sector to provide special protection for women voters and candidates and observers during the 2023 elections | | Media Matters for Women | Civil Society | $29,672.71 | Organize women peace and security court barrays/ town hall and helping them form rural women’s listeners groups through podcast to generate issues and find solutions as they discussed  Support training of the rural women’s groups in using media equipment and tools to document and share their stories | | Mission for Salone Inter Religious Council | Women Civil Society | $24,985.90 | Support CSOs coalition to engage the media, traditional & religious institutions, including male champions to support female and feminist candidature, address gender-based violence including hate speeches, and bullying. | | Women’s Forum SL | Women Civil Society | $91,000 | Support Mass Sensitization to promote peace and Womens Participation: The Forum conducted over 7 community engagements ranging from community leaders’ engagement to promote peace and women’s participation, radio discussions, market campaigns to mitigate conflict during the elections.  Establishment of Mechanism to Collect Real Time Data: In collaboration with Eminent Women Peace Mediators network, the forum established a women’s situation that recorded 212 cases of violence during elections, including vandalism of market stall. Monitors were trained and deployed at the center and Analyst engaged to ensure peaceful elections.  Engage Security Sector to enhance security for female Leaders: In collaboration with Mano River Union Peace Networks, Women’s Forum conducted a panel discussion with the security sector to understand policy and system gaps for women peace security.  Establish Monitoring Mechanism to Monitor Women’s Participation in Politics: 125 monitors were hired by the forum that monitored the elections in all the districts and documented the level of participation of women in the elections and assess the enabling environment for participation | | Women in The Media Sierra Leone (WIMSAL) | Women Civil Society | $29,000 | Mass Sensitization to enhance Peace: 5 PSA’s and videos were designed and shared on twitter, Facebook, and YouTube to promote peace and social cohesion in Sierra Leone. As a result, over 10,000 people were reached. Vox pop, town hall meetings were held by the partner to mitigate conflict and promote women’s participation.    Document Project Outcomes: The partner trained the coalition on media reporting of project outcomes and in amplifying results in various media platforms |   **Gender-responsive Budgeting:**  Indicate what percentage (%) of the budget contributes gender equality or women's empowerment (GEWE) as per the project document? **87.83%**  Indicate dollar amount from the project document to contribute to gender equality or women’s empowerment **$1756,562.40**  Amount expended to date on efforts contributing to gender equality or women’s empowerment:  **$ 1,110,362.91** | |
| **Project Gender Marker: 3**  **Project Risk Marker: 1**  **Project PBF focus area:** **Conflict prevention/management** | |
| **Steering Committee and Government engagement**  Does the project have an active steering committee/ project board?  YES . The Steering Committee consists of the UN Resident Coordinator, Head of Office UN Women, The Resident representatives of UNDP, the Country Director of World Vision and the Civil Society Coalition Chairperson.  If yes, please indicate how many times the Project Steering Committee has met over the last 6 months?*(3000 characters)*  6  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 *(3000 characters)*.  The project has engaged with the government both at national and local level. At national level, the government through the Ministry of Gender and Children’s Affairs in their capacity as co-chair of the project board continue to provide strategic oversight on the planning and implementation of the project. The Ministry of Gender and Children Affairs, as part of its commitment to support and promote the Women Peace and Security Agenda was engaged in training of coalition members on relevant gender normative WPS frameworks (Beijing 30+, CEDAW, GEWE Act, UNSCR 1325 and subsequent resolutions etc). The Ministry has also been instrumental in providing legislative and policy guidance in the project implementing locations. CSOs have also engaged with various MDAs in their policy advocacy work both at national and local level towards the commemoratiom of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence.  Furthermore, the Ministry of Gender and Children Affairs, in coordination with the CSOs Coalition, with support from the Localisation Project conducted regional consultations, validated and launched the third generation National Action Plan for the full implementation and domestication of the UNSCR 1325. As a result of the coalition’s effective participation throughout the entire NAP development process, they have been well capacitated and started engaging on the popularisation of the new NAP in their various districts in collaboration with the local councils.  The project at local level has been engaged with the Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion (ICPNC) to leverage on the peace building and national cohesion structures at community level by linking up the women focused CSO to the peace commission peace clubs and CSO peace forums to jointly coordinate women peace and security agenda while building national cohesion at local and community level. Moreover, the CSO coalition has been actively engaged with the local councils including ministries at local level to engage in advocacy and awareness raising initiatives on national issues that have the potential to create instability in communities.    Additionally, coalition members engaged the office of the National Security, Sierra Leone Police and the Judiciary to influence national policies and strategies in addressing electoral violence against women and assessing gaps in the policies and legislative frameworks. The recommendations have been used to engage the Human Rights Commission to inform electoral reviews and reforms within Sierra Leone | |
| **Report preparation:**  Project report prepared by: UN Women, UNDP, World Vision  Email: Mariama.jusu-koiyia@unwomen.org  Project report approved by: Head of Office, UN Women  Have all fund recipients for this project contributed to the report? Yes  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 I: 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 – completed |  |
| Staff Recruitment – completed |  |
| Collection of baselines – completed |  |
| Identification of beneficiaries - 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.)*(3000 characters):*

All the preliminary preparatory activities including recruitment of staff and contracting of partners have been concluded since the last quarter. In addition to current status of the project the Women Focused CSO coalition has been launched and the secretariat is now fully operational across the project six districts. Executive and general meetings both at national and district level are held regularly in line with the Coalition’s Terms of Reference and the Working Together Manual. The coalition continues to gain visibility and recognition in different platforms at local, district, and national level on issues related to women, peace and security. Various capacity development activities have been conducted for the coalition including on the working together manual, conflict transformation, resource mobilisation, group dynamics, advocacy and communication. The project has also supported a series of advocacy and capacity building activities implemented jointly by the coalition at district level towards promoting women, peace and security. Mentorship guidelines have been developed and validated by the coalition and the mentorship programme is currently being rolled out. An information hub to digitalise the work of the coalition is in progress to be launched.

*Describe overall project progress 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

If no, please provide an explanation *(6000 characters)*:

Project progress summary *(6000 characters)*:

Outcome 1:

**Integrated approach to coordination** -36 coordination meetings have been held by the Women Focused Coalition Organisations established in the 6 project locations. Their engagement with religious, traditional leaders, the justice sector and security apparatus both at local and national level resulted in enhancing:

* speedy trial of GBV cases
* access to services for GBV survivors
* protection of women from compromises
* Provision of victim support
* Women’s involvement in decision making and leadership
* Participation in peace building processes both at community and national level
* Engagement in localised advocacy initiatives
* Joint coordination and synergies
* Institutional and technical capacity strengthening for CSO Coalition Members

The secretariat has been providing a joint platform for the administrative and full operationalization for a joint coordination in resource mobilisation and advocacy. The adherence to the coalition’s Terms of Reference and the working Together Manual enhanced coalition members’ commitment to transparency, accountability, and good governance, thus inspiring coalition CSOs to effectively communicate and address group dynamics.

**Coordinated advocacy and influencing –** The coalition at district level has been engaged in coordinated advocacy and outreach processes. In Pujehun 800 participants including students, teachers, community leaders etc were engaged by the coalition on GBV reporting mechanism for women and girls, while 300 women and 100 men respectively were engaged on the 3 Gender Acts within the district. Furthermore, engagements were done by the coalition in Bombali by organising a peace march of over 1,000 participants on the effects of drugs use and domestic violence within the district. Additionally, similar engagements were done in Western Area Urban on public education for market women in 4 communities on the GEWE Act and the Child Rights Act.

This proactive engagement of the coalition at local, district and national levels has elevated the coalition’s visibility and recognition as key players in promoting women, peace, and security. It is now recognised as a key player in advocating for women’s rights and peace building. The coalition has been able to collaborate with two police divisions of Tankaro and Motema in Kono District to be following up on all cases of domestic violence while also securing two hours free airtime on the widely used radio station in 3 districts to promote the women peace security agenda. Additionally, the coalition has been able to coordinate and collaborate with the Sefadu Magistrate Court and correctional centre to monitor and follow up on the welfare of inmates and other cases involving women. For instance, based on the intervention of the Coalition Members in Karene District, a GBV survivor was able to get justice and the perpetrator, a key figure in the community (police officer) was dismissed from service and sentenced to jail.

The coalition actively contributed both at district and national level in the development, validation and launch of the third generation National Action Plan 1325 (NAP III). The joint advocacy and capacity building activities at the district level have yielded tangible results. The coalition actively engages with local stakeholders including traditional leaders in advocating and campaigning for emerging issues such as drug abuse (e.g., kush). Coalition members are increasingly being involved in supporting survivors of sexual and gender-based violence to access services, providing logistical and transport support for survivors to access services. They have also been actively involved in alternate local dispute resolution on matters that could spark violent conflict.

**Capacity Development** – The project’s investment in capacity building has empowered coalition members in the following areas 1) Conflict transformation, 2) resource mobilization, 3) group dynamics, 4) Advocacy and communication 5) Relevant Normative Policy Frameworks 6) Institutional Strengthening and financial management etc. These trainings have contributed to enhancing the skills and capabilities of CSO members in advocating for gender-sensitive policies and contributing to conflict prevention and dispute resolution. These skills have provided a platform for coalition members in Karene District to jointly develop a grant proposal that is currently being reviewed. One (1) mentorship guide has been developed. 120 coalition members have been trained in mentoring. As a result, coalition members have been mentoring each other on the development of their financial and audit reports to donors, resource mobilization, human resources management, programme implementation and joint coordination.

The project has also contributed to shifts in local policies and bylaws that promote women's involvement in peacebuilding and security. In Kamabai, local leaders committed to including women on local court juries, a role previously limited to men. These policy changes underscore the project's influence on traditional norms, paving the way for greater gender inclusivity and support for women’s roles in governance and community justice

**Movement Building & Networking -** The coalition has not only been networking within their districts, but also nationally and regionally with other CSOs from the West African and the Sahel region. The coalition members recently took part in the regional annual working group session on the women youth peace and Security hosted in the country with representatives from Benin, Burkina-Faso, Chad, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo. This led to increased knowledge on Identifying strategies for positioning and anchoring regional, national, and local levels peace building intervention. recommendations were proffered, including capacity building on conflict negations skills. and best practices and lessons learnt for a more concreate strategies in implementing UNSCR 1325 within the region.

A significant achievement of the project was the successful development of the National Strategy document, which has since become an essential tool for the coalition. The strategy empowers coalition members by strengthening their network-building, amplifying their collective voice, advancing their advocacy efforts, and increasing their involvement in decision-making processes. Civil society organizations now regularly reference this strategy to guide their daily programmatic activities and advocacy initiatives, using it as a framework to ensure their actions align with shared goals and contribute to peacebuilding and women’s security

Outcome 2

The project has contributed to increasing women's participation at the chiefdom, district, and national governance levels of which 573 female aspirants were trained on electoral processes and leadership skills for the positions of Members of Parliament and Councilors in the six project locations. 16 became Members of Parliament and 68 became councilors in the 2023 elections. During the reporting period further engagement on inter and intra party cooperation and dialogue have been strengthened through engaging the female parliamentary caucus to increase their effectiveness in parliament by organizaing interractive retreat and capacity building on working together and including conflict prevention and relevant frameworks on gender mainstreaming.

The project has further contributed to institutional changes that promote peacebuilding and social cohesion. This includes the establishment of inclusive platforms for consultation, such as stakeholder meetings and community forums, where diverse stakeholders, including women, youth, and community leaders, come together to discuss and address key issues affecting their communities. In addressing Women Peace Security Matters, a National Coalition Strategy has been developed by the Women’s groups, adopting an advocacy toolkit for engaging different stakeholders on WPS.

The CSO Coalition has been applying skills acquired from the various trainings and capacity development to conduct extensive policy advocacy and outreach activities on issues related to the NAP, GEWE Act, Child Rights Act etc. In Kono for instance, as a direct result of the project’s interventions, local women successfully advocated for access to land to establish a marketplace, demonstrating their improved capacity and hands on skills to advocate for change. In Kamabai discussions the women, the Paramount Chief and local authorities revealed a groundbreaking change: they have agreed to include women on the jury for local court proceedings, a role previously reserved only for men.

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 *(3000 characters):*

The project contributed towards increasing female representation in politics from 14.5% to 30.4% in Parliament and 19% to 34% in local councils during the 2023 general elections. During the period under review, the project design, planning and implementation have ensured the equal participation of women, youth, and people with disabilities by applying age and gender considerations in all activities.

Further impact was witnessed with CSOs involvement in the development and launching of the National Action Plan third generation for the full implementation of the UNSCR 1325 and its domestication. Local leaders' commitment to provide women with access to land to construct a market in Koidu town signifies the strengthening of women's rights to own land, particularly in rural areas. In Kamabai, the project contributed to increasing women's participation in the jury by the chiefdom authority to have women seat on jury and actively participate in local court proceedings along with men. This has enhanced women’s inclusion in local dispute resolution structures.

Engaging CSOs and Women’s groups working in Peace and security is a priority. The project have been engaging with traditional leaders at community level including (Mamie Queens, Chiefs, youth leaders, etc) in providing awareness raising and popularization on the GEWE ACT, this have provided significant changes within the project implementing location by having a female town chief in Pujehun district Gbanga chiefdom and the inclusion of 2 female jurors in Karene district local court.

Is the project 1+ year in implementation? **Yes**

**FOR PROJECTS 1+ YEAR IN IMPLEMENTATION ONLY:**

**Is the project demonstrating outcome-level peacebuilding results?** YES

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

If yes, please provide concrete examples of such peacebuilding results *(6000 characters)*:

The Localization and working together for peace project are contributing to outcome level peacebuilding results under the framework of the sustainable development goals. The project contributed to the peaceful and inclusive general elections in 2023. This was achieved through mitigating conflict by reaching 211,064 people through Facebook, twitter YouTube, community markets, and public places with peace messages. This was done by developing and sharing videos, jingles, and radio discussion programs in Bombali, Karene, Pujehun Western Area Urban and rural. 800 individuals including students, stakeholders, and CSOs, were reached in Pujehun districts while 1000 community leaders were engaged in peace march advocating against the use drugs and other harmful substance especially on youth and women in Bombali. Additionally, the Women Focused CSO coalition has conducted joint advocacy and campaign in addressing issues that could spark violence in their various districts. The district level interventions influenced non-violent conflict resolution promoting peaceful coexistence and social cohesion. Coalition members have also been raising awareness about the National Unity agreement thus contributing to demystifying false information and growing tensions in communities. The women focused CSOs are playing significant role in providing recommendations and advocating for cyber bulling hate speech and misinformation in their communities for inclusive, transparent, and accountable governance processes at all levels. Further contributions have been archived through the inclusive and participatory process in the consultation and finalization of the National Action Plan (NAP III) for the implementation of UNSCR 1325.

The project has contributed significantly to the increased female representation in parliament from 14.5% to 30.4% and in local council from 19% to 34% during the 2023 general elections which has amplified the voices of women. This has led to increased urgency, confidence, and assertiveness among women in governance processes as more women enhance their willingness to take up decision making positions. In addition, further support has been provided to the female parliamentary caucus to foster inter and intra party cooperation and dialogue in promoting gender equility and women’s empowerment at the ligislative level.

there has been an increase in positive attitudes and perceptions towards women’s leadership thus promoting women’s participation in governance processes. Successful candidates are serving as role models, inspiring other women in the various districts to aspire for political positions. The district CSO coalition jointly organised high level stakeholder engagements with peace institutions, community peace promoters and government stakeholders in promoting peace and cohesion at district level in commemoration of the International Peace Day.

Coalition members are now collaborating and being part of the CSO peace group in coordination with the Peace Commision at local level, same have been apply at national and regional by contributing to a regional working group session on the women youth peace security agenda in the region of which local CSO groups have been incorporated as members.

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.*

**PART II: PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK**

**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: Outcome1: Women-focused CSOs Coalition are coordinated and have the requisite capacity to promote and sustain peacebuilding and women participation in Sierra Leone. SDG Targets: 5.1, 5.2, 16.1, 16.6, 16.7**

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| **Outcome Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| Outcome Indicator 1a: Collaboration and communication among women- focused civil society organization | 59% | 99% | 72.2% | Source: Mapping report and Rapid Assessment |
| Outcome Indicator 1b: Increase in the number of actions taken by Coalition members (Disaggregated by National and District Level) | National - 0  District - 0 | National - 5  District - 15 | National - 1  District - 29 | Source: CSO coalition database |

**Output 1.1: Output 1.1: Coalition of women- focused CSOs working on conflict prevention/mitigation and meaningful participation of women established and functional Indicative activities**

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| **Output Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline*)*** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress for reporting period*)*** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| Output Indicator 1.1.4: Number of meetings conducted at national and district level by the CSO coalition | National – 0  District - 0 | National – 1  District - 12 | National – 3  District - 34 | National – 4  District - 40 | Source: CSO coalition database |
| Output Indicator 1.1.5: Number of women-focused CSO members trained on monitoring and advocacy techniques (disaggregated by sex, age, disability) | Women - 0  Men – 0  Disabled - 0  Age (18 – 35) - 0  Age (36 Above) - 0 | Women - 100  Men – 20  Disabled - 0  Age (18 – 35) -  Age (36 Above) - 0 | Women - 5  Men – 7  Disabled - 0  Age (18 – 35) - 2  Age (36 Above) - 10 | Women - 5  Men – 7  Disabled - 0  Age (18 – 35) - 2  Age (36 Above) - 10 |  |
| Output Indicator 1.1.6: Number of information hub setup | National – 0  District - 0 | National – 2  District - 6 | National – 3  District – 7 | National – 3  District - 7 | Web-based information management system is in progress |

**Output 1.2: Technical capacity of Women- focused CSOs coalition on a range of normative frameworks, messaging, advocacy, ICT and other requisite knowledge and skills enhanced**

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| **Output Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress for reporting period** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| Output Indicator 1.2.1: Number of trained coalition members demonstrating skills and techniques in using the ‘Working Together Manual and Tool Kit’ (disaggregated by sex, age, disability) | Women - 0  Men - 0  Disabled - 0  Age 18 to 35 - 0  Age 36 & above - 0 | Women - 100  Men - 20  Disabled - 2  Age 18 to 35 - 80  Age 36 & above - 40 | Women - 77  Men - 43  Disabled - 3  Age 18 to 35 - 66  Age 36 & above - 54 | Women - 77  Men - 43  Disabled - 3  Age 18 to 35 - 66  Age 36 & above - 54 | Source: Program Report, output tracker |
| Output Indicator 1.2.2: Number of coalition members trained as TOT on relevant normative frameworks; UN Resolution 1325, Beijing Declaration, Platform for Action and CEDAW (disaggregated by age, sex, disability) | Women - 0  Men - 0  Disabled - 0  Age 18 to 35 - 0  Age 36 & above - 0 | Women - 0  Men - 0  Disabled - 0  Age 18 to 35 - 0  Age 36 & above - 0 | Women - 73  Men - 56  Disabled - 2  Age 18 to 35 - 43  Age 36 & above - 86 | Women - 73  Men - 56  Disabled - 2  Age 18 to 35 - 43  Age 36 & above - 86 | Source: Program Report, output tracker |
| Output Indicator 1.2.5: Number of CSOs coalition members who benefit from the mentorship and coaching program | Women - 0  Men - 0  Disabled - 0  Age 18 to 35 - 0  Age 36 above - 0 | Women - 90  Men - 30  Disabled - 2  Age 18 to 35 - 50  Age 36 above - 70 | Women - 82  Men - 38  Disabled - 2  Age 18 to 35 - 51  Age 36 & above - 69 | Women - 82  Men - 38  Disabled - 2  Age 18 to 35 - 51  Age 36 & above - 69 | Source: Program Report, output tracker |

**Output 1.3: Women-focused CSOs coalition ability to develop quality proposals for joint programme and sustainability are enhanced**

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| **Output Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress for reporting period** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| Output Indicator 1.3.2: Number of knowledge product generated by partners and coalition members | 0 | 20 | 15 | 27 | Source: Program report |
| Output Indicator 1.3.5: Number of women-focused CSO trained on financial literacy skills | Women - 0  Men - 0  Disabled - 0  Age (18 to 35) - 0  Age (36 above) - 0 | Women - 80  Men - 40  Disabled - 2  Age (18 to 35) - 65  Age (36 above) - 55 | Women -158 Men - 80  Disabled - 3  Age (18 to 35) - 110  Age (36 above) - 128 | Women -158 Men - 80  Disabled - 3  Age (18 to 35) - 110  Age (36 above) - 128 | Source: Program report |
| Output Indicator 1.3.6: Number of Coalition and Donor Liaison Meetings conducted | National - 0  Subnational - 0 | National - 5  Subnational - 5 | National - 2  Subnational - 0 | National - 3  Subnational - 0 | Source: Program Report, output tracker |

**Outcome 2: Outcome 2: Coalition of Women-focused CSOs initiate and lead conflict prevention, mitigation and promote women’s participation before, during and after the 2023 elections SDG targets: 5.1, 5.2, 5.5,16.1, 16.3, 16.6, 16.7, 16a**

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| **Outcome Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| Outcome Indicator 2a: Number of joint actions taken by women-focused CSOs coalition to prevent conflict and promote meaningful participation of women (Disaggregated by National and District level actions) | National – 0  District - 0 | National – 5  District - 20 | National – 1  District - 29 | Source: CSO coalition database |
| Outcome Indicator 2b: Proportion of seats in parliament and local councils held by women | Female Parliamentarian – 14.5%  Female Local Council – 19% | Female Parliamentarian - 30%  Female Local Council - 30% | Female Parliamentarian – 30.4%  Female Local Council - 34% | **Source:** [**European Union Eleciton obervation report,**](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eom-sierra-leone-2023/sierra-leone-2023-final-report-general-elections-june-2023_en?s=410315)[**Inter-palimentary union**](https://www.ipu.org/news/news-in-brief/2023-07/record-number-women-mps-elected-in-sierra-leone) |
| Outcome Indicator 2d: Number of women-focused CSOs participating in policy dialogue processes that seek to increase women participation and representation in decision making at local and national level | National – 0  District - 0 | National – 10  District - 120 | National - 0  District - 38 | Source: CSO coalition database |

**Output 2.1: Capacity of Coalition of women- focused CSO to jointly plan, design and carry out coherent advocacy messages to relevant partners and stakeholders before the 2023 elections enhanced**

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| **Output Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress for reporting period** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| Output Indicator 2.1.1: Number of people reached through mass sensitization using community and social media platforms, sign a media pack with media houses, bloggers, and influencers with messages on peaceful electioneering (disaggregated by sex) before, during and after | Women - 0  Men - 0  Disabled - 0  Age 18 to 35 - 0  Age 36 above - 0 | Women - 73500  Men - 35000  Disabled - 10  Age 18 to 35 - 65100  Age 36 above - 43400 | Women - 1705  Men - 1417  Disabled - 38  Age 18 to 35 - 1717  Age 36 above -1405 | Women – 92,000  Men – 119,064  Disabled - 50  Age 18 to 35 – 122,323  Age 36 above – 88,741 | Source: count form media transcript and partner reports, media links, videos |
| Output Indicator 2.1.2: Number of joint advocacies undertaken by the project to promote meaningful participation. | National - 0  Subnational - 0 | National - 5  Subnational - 15 | National - 0  Subnational - 7 | National - 1  Subnational - 7 | Source: program report |
| Output Indicator 2.1.3: Number of engagement forums organized by CSO coalitions to discuss women participation in election processes | National - 0  Sub-national - 0 | National - 10  Sub-national - 10 | National - 0  Sub-national - 25 | National - 7  Sub-national - 45 | Source: CSO coalition database |

**Output 2.2: Coalition CSO members mobilize support for female candidates, aspirants and create enabling platforms for women meaningful participation and protection during the 2023 elections enhanced**

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| **Output Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress for reporting period** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| Output Indicator 2.2.4: Number of opinion leaders, peace ambassadors, mothers’ groups, youth leaders mobilized by the project to sensitize citizens on peaceful coexistence before, during and after the elections. (disaggregated by sex, Disabled) | Women - 0  Men - 0  Disabled - 0  Age (18 to 35) - 0  Age (36 above) - 0 | Women – 50  Men - 50  Disabled - 2  Age (18 to 35) - 58  Age (36 above) - 32 | Women - 253  Men - 294  Disabled - 10  Age (18 – 35) - 301  Age (36 above) - 246 | Women - 1039  Men - 631  Disabled - 17  Age (18 - 35) - 943  Age (36 above) - 727 | Source: Partner reports, social media links, videos. |
| Output Indicator 2.2.7 Number of engagement meeting held to promote peaceful coexistence (Disaggregated by level) | National – 0  District - 0 | National – 5  District - 30 | National – 0  District - 26 | National – 2  District - 26 | Source: Partner reports |
| Output Indicator 2.2.8: Number of newly elected (successful) women candidates supported to settle into office through training and mentorship | Parliamentarians – 0  Councilors- 0 | Parliamentarians – 16  Councilors- 68 | Parliamentarians – 42  Councilors - 128 | Parliamentarians – 42  Councilors- 128 | Source: Partner reports |

**Output 2.3: Coalition CSO members ability to initiate reconciliation, provide counselling and psychosocial support and access to justice for aspirants, affected women and girls after the 2023 elections enhanced**

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| **Output Indicators** | **Indicator Baseline** | **End of project Indicator Target** | **Indicator progress for reporting period** | **Indicator progress to Date** | **Reasons for Variance/ Delay**  **(if any)** |
| Output Indicator 2.3.2: Number of actions undertaken to address post-election violence and peace building | 0 | 10 | 6 | 6 | Source: partner report |
| Output Indicator 2.3.5: Number of actions taken to promote reconciliation and linkages to alternative dispute resolution mechanism | 0 | 10 | 6 | 6 | Source: partner report |

**PART III: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES**

Is the project planning any significant events in the next 6 months (e.g., 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 (900 characters)*** |
| Launching of the mentorship programme | 16 January 2025 | Freetown | CSO Coalition members and mentor organizations | To officially launch the mentorship programme and officially introduce the mentors to the mentees |
| Launching of the WPS Information Hub | January 2025 | District level; National level in Freetown | Coalition Members; | To officially launch the WPS information hub |
| 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence | November 25th to December 10th, 2024 | District level; National level in Freetown | General public; CSOs; policy makers; national and local stakeholders | * To raise awareness about the prevalence and impact of GBV; To mobilise individuals, organisations and institutions to advocate for stronger policies and measures to prevent and respond to GBV |
| International Women’s Day | March | Nationwide | Women, youth, PWDs, policy makers, stakeholders | To mobilise individuals and communities to advocate for policies and actions that support gender equality; To engage with policymakers, organisations, and the public for a more inclusive society |
| Policy Dialogue for stakeholders | December | Project Districts | Women | To engage stakeholders to discuss the root causes of conflict and violence in communities and come up with context specific strategies for dealing with these |
| End of year learning and reflection for the coalition | December | Freetown | CSO Coalition | To review and celebrate the accomplishments of the coalition; To openly discuss challenges and develop strategies to overcome them; To facilitate sharing of best practices, innovative solutions and exchange knowledge; To foster strong collaboration |

**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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| Type of stakeholder | What has been the impact of the project on their lives (2000 characters) | Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from the stakeholder (2000 characters) |
| CSO coalition members | The project has strengthened the capacity of women focused CSOs to effectively advocate for and implement the WPS agenda. The CSOs advocacy capacity has been strengthened, thus amplifying their voices and their involvement in peace and security issues at local and national level. The CSOs capacity to design, implement and monitor WPS initiatives has improved enabling them to attract funds and increase their overall effectiveness. Networking and collaboration have improved among coalition members thus they now share best practices, strategies and resources. As a united front, Coalition CSOs, have in their districts been collectively addressing complex issues relating from SGBV, discrimination against women and women’s involvement in decision making, peace building processes; and national cohesion. | “As a rural woman myself, I feel more empowered now to speak up and act on issues of peace and security within my community. Now, I am not only part of the conversation when it comes to peacebuilding in my District (Bombali) but also a strong pillar in ensuring our voices as women are heard and respected. Thanks to the trainings I received from UN Women, World Vision and UNDP.” said Betty......., Chairperson, Bombali District |
| CSOs (non-coalition members) | Coalition members are sharing acquired knowledge and skills with their broader networks including non-coalition CSOs. This is enhancing the overall capacity and effectiveness of the civil society sector. The advocacy efforts are extending beyond the coalition leading to increased advocacy and action by non-coalition CSOs. Opportunities for collaboration between coalition and non-coalition CSOs have been created and this has been explicit with increased CSOs involvement in responding to SGBV and peacebuilding efforts. | ‘We wish this programme will scale up to other districts so that CSOs will benefit from the capacity building and joint coordination process.’ said ....Ariefa Kamanda; Falaba – Director, Her Future Foundation |
| Government | The project has provided platforms for the government to interact with civil society at both national and district level. This has led to increased collaboration and CSOs involvement in national peace building efforts as demonstrated by CSOs involvement in policy developing and review, for instance the NAP for the implementation of UNSCR1325, Beijing +30 and other relevant policy documents. | “As a country, we have demostrated consistent committment in promoting the women, peace and security agenda through the adoption of successive National Action Plans for the implemetation of the UNSCR1325” Dr. Isata Mahoi, Minister of Gender and Childrens’s Affairs  “The SiLNAP III aligns with existing national and international frameworks on WPS and seeks to build on progress made during the implementation SiLNAP II” said, Dr. Isata Mahoi, Minister of Gender and Childrens’s Affairs |
| Traditional and faith leaders | As a result of their engagement in the project, traditional and faith leaders are now using their leadership positions to promote peace and security. The project has also enabled traditional and faith leaders to strengthen their relationships with women focused CSOs and community people, including women and youth. In addition, traditional and faith leaders are now actively involved in preventing and responding to conflict and violence as a result of the coalition’s advocacy efforts. They have also been integrating WPS issues with cultural and religious teachings contributing to enhancing peace, justice and security in their communities. | “In my Mosque, during naming ceremonies, weddings etc. I often preach on the importance of women peace and security. Bringing to light the significant role women played during our eleven years Civil War. As a regious person, I will continue talk more on the WPS agenda.” **Sheik ...........** |

In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had *(4000 characters)*:

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/or provide links to online resources (OPTIONAL).

**Social Media Links**

**PBF Twitter Links**



Attached is the Third generation national action plan 1325 including other tools

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

How we worked:(please select up to 3) *(3000 characters in each selected option)*

Enhanced digitization [please explain]

Innovative ways of working[[1]](#footnote-2) [please explain]

Mobilized additional resources [please explain]

Improved or initiated policy frameworks [please explain]

Strengthened capacities [Capacity of CSO Coalition strengthened in various normative frameworks including institution and advocacy]

Partnered with local/grassroots civil society organizations

The project works with local CSSO groups in a form of coalition to work in a coordinated and coherent manner in promoting the women peace security agenda] Partnered with local/grassroots civil society organizations. The coalition of 120 Women Focused CSOs working on conflict prevention/mitigation and meaningful participation of women was established with structures at national and district level. A Working Together Manual, and Terms of Reference are in place guiding the operations of government. Launched by the Minister of Gender and Children’s Affairs, the coalitions’ leadership was formed, and communications platform established for all of the districts. Coalition members share a common vision of a peaceful and inclusive society for the benefit of all women and girls in Sierra Leone. Their mission, as espoused in their ToR is to work in a holistic manner to drive locally grounded and inclusive interventions that promote women and girls’ participation in peace building at all levels. Following the recommendations of the assessment report, several capacity development activities have been implemented to empower the CSOs with various skills including resource mobilisation, advocacy, communication, and group dynamics among others. The project is working with the coalition to advance women, peace and security issues, gender equality and women empowerment.

Expanding coalitions & galvanizing political will [please explain]

Strengthened partnerships with IFIs [please explain]

Strengthened partnerships within UN Agencies [please explain]

Who are we working with (in addition to the Implementing Partners) *(3000 characters)*:

☐ Strengthened partnerships with IFIs [please explain]

☐ Strengthened partnerships within UN Agencies [please explain]

x☐ Partnered with local civil society organizations [please explain]

☐Partnered with local academia [please explain]

☐Partnered with sub-national entities [please explain]

☐Partnered with national entities [please explain]

☐Partnered with local volunteers [please explain]

**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

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**

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| **Monitoring:** Please list key monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period *(3000 characters)*:  The Project Monitoring and Evaluation has a defined approach for monitoring and evaluating the program throughout its life cycle in addition to the agency level M&E systems. For the period under review, the project team has delivered on the following monitoring activities;     1. Rapid Assessment: UN Women, UNDP & WV conducted a joint rapid assessment in the 6 project locations to collect progress data to report on the result indicators, address critical data gaps, assess the situation of women-focused CSOs and how PBF interventions contributed to the results. The assessment highlighted key findings including; showing 72.2% of the CSOs reported improved collaboration among CSOs. The CSOs jointly organised advocacy sessions to promote women’s participation in peace building and national cohesion. 8 joint advocacies were organised by the CSOs at district and national level. 2. Spot-check visit: Spot checks conducted on key activities to assess if activities were implemented as planned using a standard quality checklist. The visits highlighted areas for improvement including enhancing coordination among agencies and improving partner monitoring of funds. 3. Field Monitoring visit: UNDP alongside the CSOs conducted a monitoring field visit to gain insights into the key elements of the work halfway through implementation. The visit provided valuable information regarding the project's achievements, challenges, and areas for improvement, including identification of strengths and weaknesses in project implementation, recommendations for enhancing project effectiveness and assessment of progress against project indicators. Key findings for women representation at local level including women holding positions of Town Chiefs in both Pujehun, Kono, and Bombali Districts, women now sit on the jury committee in the local courts in Bombali and Kono, and enhanced support from stakeholders for women's rights and empowerment initiatives. 4. Outcome harvesting: Using UNW outcome harvesting approach, the project communication unit collected most significant change stories. Key impact areas investigated were 1) results of the increased capacity of partners on resource mobilization 2) significant change stories for the successful female parliamentarians and councillors 3) success of the wider engagement on peaceful electioneering process 4) WPS coalition. 5. Partner Financial Monitoring: World Vision finance unit conducted a finance monitoring using agency-level financial monitoring checklist/indicators assessing the cost effectiveness by comparing activities implemented versus cost expended. Some of the key findings were: 1) Inaccurate payment voucher and attendance sheets not capturing the required finance fields 2) The need to strengthen documentations of activity implementation with unit coding structure and align with outputs. | Do outcome indicators have baselines?  If yes, please provide a brief description *(3000 characters)*:  YES, all the 6 outcome indicators have baseline figures.  Outcome 1 has two measurable indicators to track the performance of the project as per the outcome area;   * Outcome Indicator 1a (% Increase in the level of collaboration and communication among women- focused civil society organization) – According to the Mapping exercise, 59% of CSOs who reported participating in a women groups and networks were satisfied with the level of collaboration and communication among the CSOs which was the baseline figure for this indicator. * Outcome Indicator 1b (Increased in the number of actions taken by Coalition members) - The existing networks reported during the mapping exercise haven’t implemented any action point that promotes women peace and security in SL showing 0% baseline.     While Outcome 2 has four indicators to track progress of the outcome area. Below are the baseline figures;   * Outcome Indicator 2a (Number of joint actions taken by women-focused CSOs coalition to prevent conflict and promote meaningful participation of women) - The WPS CSO coalition is the first ever coalition to promote women peace and security agenda in SL. Therefore, the baseline figure was 0. * Outcome Indicator 2b: Proportion of seats in parliament and local councils held by women) 14.5% female elected as parliamentarians and 19% as councillors during the 2018 general elections as baseline for this indicator. * Outcome Indicator 2c (Number of cases of violence against girls and women reported during the elections cycle) – Data sourced from ECSL report on the 2018 general elections as baseline. Eminent women peace call centre report (women situation room) was used to report on the progress. * Outcome Indicator 2d: (Number of women-focused CSOs participating in policy dialogue processes that seek to increase women participation and representation in decision making at local and national level) – This indicator has a direct contribution from the CSO coalition. Therefore, the baseline figure was 0.   If not, explain why not and when they will be available *(3000 characters)*:  Elaborate on what sources of evidence have been used to report on indicators (and are available upon request) *(3000 characters)*:  The following sources have been used to report on progress as against the indicators:     1. Output Trackers: The output tracker is a standard progress tracking tool used by the project to collect output data (disaggregated direct reach data) per output indicator. 2. Program and partner reports: As per UN compliance, the programme team compiles activity reports for each activities implemented, documenting activity progress as against the activity objectives. These reports were used to report on majority of the output indicators and contribute to the narrative report. The partners as well as the national and district WPS CSO coalition chapters submit progress reports which form part of the donor reporting 3. WPS coalition Monitoring tool/data base: Regular tracking of joint actions implemented by the CSO coalition, meetings and engagements conducted and assess the level of participation in policy dialogues that promote WPS agenda in Sierra Leone. The tool provides progress data for outcome Indicator 1b, 2a, 2d, Output Indicator 1.1.4, 2.1.3. 4. Monitoring reports: Assessment conducted and analysed data for key indicators especially outcome level to report on progress achieved. 5. Social Media Platforms: using transcripts, media, media links, videos as evidence for advocacy activities.   Has the project launched outcome level data collection initiatives e.g. perception surveys  YES, Rapid Assessment was jointly conducted by UN Women, UNDP & WV in the 6 project locations to collect progress data for the result indicators, address critical data gaps for reporting, assess the situation of women-focused CSOs and how the PBF programme has contributed. The assessment highlighted key findings including; 72.2% of CSOs reported an improved collaboration among CSOs which has contributed to the effectiveness of the CSOs in promoting women’s peace and security agenda. CSOs now jointly organise advocacy initiatives to promote WPS agenda in Sierra Leone.  Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms?  YES  If yes, please provide a brief description *(3000 characters)*:  The project’s implementing partners and some of the CSO coalition members have functional community feedback mechanisms including the use of office-line, suggestion boxes and conducting regular focus group discussions to report on issues of GBV, Women’s access to resources and general project management feedback. |
| **Evaluation:** Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation? | Evaluation budget included in the project budget (response required): YES, $50,000  If project will end in next six months, and the overall project budget is above $1.5 million, is your upcoming evaluation on track?  YES, we are on track with the project Endline Evaluation  Please describe the preparations *(3000 characters)*:  UN Women as the lead agency alongside conducted consultations with key stakeholders (including CSOs, MOGCA and Project team) and UN Women Regional M&E unit to inform the preparatory activities of the endline evaluation. Afterwards, an evaluation [Terms of Reference](https://unwomen-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/abdul_conteh_unwomen_org/EcY90iBuuRZMoOnDQIgWmQoBdkh3wmm4mtFBj_vYApkxuA?e=ctwfkl) for the conduct of an endline evaluation for the Localization and Working Together for Peace Project was developed participatorily in line with [UN Women evaluation policy](https://www.unevaluation.org/document/detail/2150) and UNEG [ethical standards](https://www.uneval.org/document/detail/102) and [code of conduct](https://www.unevaluation.org/document/detail/100). The TOR has been validated and approved by the UN Women Regional office. The team is seeking clarification on the agency leading the evaluation (either UN Women or the Donor). Additionally, [Evaluation Reference Group TOR](https://unwomen-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/personal/abdul_conteh_unwomen_org/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7BCAB1B678-87FA-47E2-BD0E-C84E9B985C49%7D&file=Evaluation%20Reference%20Group_ERG_%20Terms%20of%20Reference_V2.docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true) was also established to facilitate the participation of relevant stakeholders in the design and review of the evaluation products, raising awareness of the different information needs, quality assurance throughout the process, and in disseminating the evaluation results. The evaluation is scheduled to take place from January – March 2025  Please mention the focal person responsible for sharing the final evaluation report with the PBF: *Name*: Setcheme Mongbo  *Organization: UN Women*  *Job title*: Head of Office  *Email*: [setcheme.mongbo@unwomen.org](mailto:setcheme.mongbo@unwomen.org) |
| **Catalytic effects (financial):**  Has the project mobilized additional non-PBF financial resources to date?  If yes, please indicate name of funding agency and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since it started. | Name of funder: Amount (in USD): |
| **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?  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 *(3000 characters)*: |
| **Sustainability:** 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 *(3000 characters)*:  This project's overall objective is to build the capacity of local CSOs and women’s groups in Women Peace and Security. Local stakeholders, authorities, and community members have been integral to the design and implementation of the project, ensuring ownership and continuation of the activities in the long term. The project team has constantly consulted with all active actors, aiming to prioritise issues of Women Peace and Security. The activities are not stand-alone but integrated into a broader context and address needs at different levels.    Sustainability is ensured by building strong networks and creating peer support systems that will maintain collaboration and mutual support beyond the life of this project. The capacity-building of CSO partners within the region has been prioritized by the project through the provision of logistical equipment and the setting up of a secretariat at each district hosted by a CSO organization. In addition, the project invests in developing the leadership skills of women and other groups, such as youths, who can ensure the continuation of activities.  Furthermore, CSO coalition members have established a mechanism that was jointly agreed by them as an initiative to mobilize recourses through individual organizational contribution on a quarterly basis to serve as seed funds to jointly implement advocacy initiative at their various communities.  Overall, project activities will have a lasting impact by increasing the capacity of community led CSOs engaged in women peace and security by providing a platform where they jointly co-create proposal and concept initiatives and linked them with donor partners with the aim of resource mobilizing and building network. | |
| **Other:** Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? *(3000 characters)*: | |

**Monitoring and Oversight Activities[[2]](#footnote-3)**

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| **Name of the event** | **Summary** | **Key findings** |
| Rapid Assessment: | progress tracking of the program result indicators and address critical data gaps for reporting, assess the situation of women-focused CSOs and how PBF has contributed. | The assessment highlighted key findings including; 72.2% of CSOs reported increased in their level of collaboration and communication among CSOs which has considerably improved their effectiveness in promoting women’s participation in peace building and national cohesion. |
| Spot-checks | Spot checks conducted on key activities to assess if activities are implemented as planned, using a standard quality checklist. | The spot-checks highlighted areas for improvement including enhancing coordination among agencies and improving partner monitoring of funds. |
| Field Monitoring visit | 2 Field monitoring field visits were conducted to gain insights on the significant changes achieved by the project. The visit provided valuable information regarding the project's achievements, challenges, and areas for improvement, including identification of strengths and weaknesses in project implementation, recommendations for enhancing project effectiveness and assessment of progress against project indicators. | Key findings were; **1)** Changes in women representation at local level including 2 (two) women holding positions of Town Chiefs in Pujehun, Kono, and Bombali District, **2)** groundbreaking change for women in Kamabai, allowing Women to sit on the jury committee for local court proceedings which was a role previously reserved **3)** Increased stakeholders’ commitment to support women's rights and empowerment initiatives in Pujehun, Kono, and Bombali **4)** access to land for a market place provided by the town chiefs through women advocacy demonstrating improved capacity and hands on skills to advocate for change. |
| Monthly Technical Team Meeting | The monthly technical team meeting comprised of the project’s technical staff from the three agencies regularly meet to pause, reflect, review the project interventions allowing adaptive management throughout the project lifecycle | Findings and key action points from the technical meetings were; 1) The first meeting of the year revealed the need for a more coordinated activities across partners which was improved overtime 2) delay in the payment of participant’s DSAs and transport refunds 3) Dispute among CSOs was a challenge during the first month after the launching of the Coalition. Dispute resolution & conflict management training was held which remedied the issues. |
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1. 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-2)
2. 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-3)