

# PBF November 2024 Project Progress Report



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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

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## » Report Submission

Type of report \*

- ☐ Semi-annual
- ☒ Annual
- ☐ Final
- ☐ Other

Date of submission of report \*

2024-11-15

**2024-11-15**

Name and Title of Person submitting the report \*

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**Lauren Burke**

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

*You should normally ensure that the PBF Secretariat or the PBF focal point have an opportunity to review.*

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

### » Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border project? \*

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please select the geographical region in which the project is implemented

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Asia and the Pacific         | <input type="radio"/> Central & Southern Africa | <input type="radio"/> East Africa                     |
| <input type="radio"/> Europe and Central Asia      | <input type="radio"/> Global                    | <input type="radio"/> Latin America and the Caribbean |
| <input type="radio"/> Middle East and North Africa | <input checked="" type="radio"/> West Africa    |   |

Country of project implementation \*

- |                                      |  |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Benin          | <input type="radio"/> Burkina Faso       | <input type="radio"/> Cote D'Ivoire |
| <input type="radio"/> Gambia         | <input type="radio"/> Ghana              | <input type="radio"/> Guinea        |
| <input type="radio"/> Guinea-Bissau  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Liberia | <input type="radio"/> Mali          |
| <input type="radio"/> Mauritania     | <input type="radio"/> Niger              | <input type="radio"/> Nigeria       |
| <input type="radio"/> Senegal        | <input type="radio"/> Sierra Leone       | <input type="radio"/> Togo          |
| <input type="radio"/> Other, Specify |  |                                     |

Other, please specify \*

Project Title \*

- ☐ 00129168: Delivering Peace Dividends in Liberia: Consolidating National, Regional and Local Reconciliation and Social Cohesion Opportunities
- ☐ 00128904: Promoting Inclusive Political Participation and Elimination of Violence Against Women in Politics
- ☐ 00113699: Support to LMPTF-PBF Joint Secretariat: UNDP
- ☐ 00131553: Strengthening the agency of young women in peacebuilding processes and land tenure in Liberia
- ☐ 00133452: Promoting Peaceful Electoral Environment and Community Security in Liberia
- ☒ 00140121: Girls and Young Women Take Action for Peace
- ☐ 00140293: Enhancing Social Cohesion through Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Marginalized Youth in Liberia
- ☐ 00140354: Empowering citizens and communities to foster social accountability and transparency in governance and public service delivery.
- ☐ 00140355: Enhancing peace and social cohesion through the promotion of equitable access to and use of land for rural women in conflict-prone communities and concession areas
- ☐ 00140582: Accelerating Digital Opportunities for Youth Civic Participation as a lever for Building and Sustaining Peace in Liberia
- ☐ Other, Specify

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

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

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

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

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asia and the Pacific         | <input type="checkbox"/> Central & Southern Africa | <input type="checkbox"/> East Africa                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Europe and Central Asia      | <input type="checkbox"/> Global                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin America and the Caribbean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East and North Africa | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West Africa    |  |

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

- ☐ 00130614/5/6: AILP : Appui aux Initiatives Locales de promotion de la Paix
- ☐ 00128878/9: Consolider la Cohésion Sociale transfrontalière entre la Côte d'Ivoire et la Guinée pour une meilleure compréhension et anticipation des risques et le renforcement de la confiance et de la collaboration entre les acteurs locaux
- ☐ 00119702/3: Cross border engagement between Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia to reinforce social cohesion and border security – Phase II
- ☐ 00120162/4/5: Promotion d'une transhumance pacifique dans la région du Liptako-Gourma
- ☐ 00129587/8: Renforcer la gouvernance des zones frontalières pour consolider la cohésion sociale et prévenir les conflits
- ☐ 00129699/700: Supporting Cross-Border Cooperation for Increased Community Resilience and Social Cohesion in The Gambia and Senegal
- ☐ 00140260\_1\_2: Programme d'appui à la prévention des conflits et de l'extrémisme violent dans les zones frontalières du Bénin du Burkina Faso et du Togo Phase 2
- ☐ 00119957\_8: Femmes et gestion des conflits liés aux ressources naturelles
- ☐ 00133730\_1: Projet transfrontalier d'appui au renforcement de la sécurité communautaire à la gestion et la prévention des conflits liés à la transhumance et la gestion des ressources naturelles
- ☐ 00140187\_8: Projet relatif à la promotion de la gouvernance transfrontalière inclusive et au renforcement de la résilience des populations en vue d'atténuer les risques sécuritaires dans les espaces frontaliers
- ☐ 00140412\_3\_4\_5: Promoting CSO-led peacebuilding initiatives in the Lake Chad Basin sub-region
- ☒ Other, Specify

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

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

**00140121**

Please select the countries where this project is being implemented

- ☐ Benin
- ☐ Burkina Faso
- ☐ Cote D'Ivoire
- ☐ Gambia
- ☐ Ghana
- ☐ Guinea
- ☐ Guinea-Bissau
- ☒ Liberia
- ☐ Mali
- ☐ Mauritania
- ☐ Niger
- ☐ Nigeria
- ☐ Senegal
- ☐ Sierra Leone
- ☐ Togo
- ☐ Other, Specify

Other, Please specify

Project Start Date (Date of first transfer)

2023-03-27

2023-03-27

Project End Date

2025-03-26

2025-03-26

Has this project received an extension?

- ☐ YES, Cost Extension
- ☐ YES, No Cost Extension
- ☐ YES, Both Cost and No Cost Extensions
- ☒ NO, No Extensions

Will this project be requesting an extension? \*

- ☐ YES, Cost Extension
- ☒ YES, No Cost Extension
- ☐ YES, Both Cost and No Cost Extensions
- ☐ NO, No Extensions

Is the current project end date within 6 months? \*

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If yes, please select which \*

- ☐ National Trust Fund
- ☐ Regional Trust Fund

## Recipients

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

- ☐ UN entity
- ☒ Non-UN Entity

Please select the convening agency recipient \*

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

Other, Please specify

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Are there other recipients for this project?

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- ☒ No other recipients
- ☐ Yes, other UN recipients only
- ☐ Yes, other non-UN recipients only
- ☐ Yes, both UN and non-UN recipients

Please select other UN recipients

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Select all that apply

- ☐ UNDP: United Nations Development Programme ☐ IOM: International Organization for Migration
- ☐ UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund
- ☐ OHCHR: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- ☐ UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
- ☐ UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ☐ UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund
- ☐ FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization ☐ WFP: World Food Programme
- ☐ UNHABITAT: United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- ☐ UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- ☐ UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme ☐ ILO: International Labour Organization
- ☐ WHO: World Health Organization ☐ PAHO/WHO
- ☐ UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund ☐ UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- ☐ UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services
- ☐ UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization ☐ ITC: International Trade Centre
- ☐ UN Department of Peace Operations ☐ Other, Specify

Other, Please specify

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## Please select other non-UN recipients \*

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- ☐ Other, Please specify

Other, Please specify \*

## 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)?

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Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each *during this reporting period*

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

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

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner \*

**Rural Women and Girls Promoters for Sustainable Development (RWGP)**

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

71878.37

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

*Please limit your response to 1500 characters*

- Ongoing soft & life skills mentorship program rollout to girls and young women (GYW)
- Provision of small grants for GYW groups to engage in advocacy and networking activities
- County level peacebuilding monthly coordination meetings conducted and supported with feeding, transportation, stationary etc.
- Support provided to local level peacebuilders to network regarding early warning and risk mitigation mechanism reporting.
- Peace Hut (PH) women and GYW engaged community leaders in dialogue, mediation and sensitization on land disputes, violence against women and girls (VAWG) awareness, prevention of drug abuse etc.
- Conduct radio program (talk shows, jingles) at the county and national level to raise awareness (on girls and women rights and the prevention of sexual and gender based violence, domestic violence harmful practices, women's rights, land ownership, women's participation in decision making)
- Trained men and boys to work as Peace Ambassadors and Girls' and Women's rights advocates
- Ongoing mentorship program rollout for Peace Huts (adult learning)
- Mentorship – Partners provided regular business advisory support services to PHs
- Peace Huts construction & renovation works
- Ongoing livelihood support provided to the eight Peace Huts

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each *during this reporting period*

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

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

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner \*

**Women Empowerment for Self-Employment (We4Self)**

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

94848.96

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

*Please limit your response to 1500 characters*

- Ongoing soft & life skills mentorship program rollout to girls and young women (GYW)
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☐ Other subnational CSO  
☐ Regional CSO  
☐ Regional Organisation  
☐ International NGO  
☐ Governmental entity  
☐ Other

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner \*

**Women Solidarity Incorporated (WOSI)**

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

48748.63

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

*Please limit your response to 1500 characters*

- Ongoing soft & life skills mentorship program rollout to girls and young women (GYW)
- Provision of small grants for GYW groups to engage in advocacy and networking activities
- County level peacebuilding monthly coordination meetings conducted and supported with feeding, transportation, stationary etc.
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Financial Reporting

» Delivery by Recipient

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

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

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

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

Recipients	Total Project Budget (in full US \$) <i>Please enter the total budget as is in the project document in US Dollars</i>	Transfers to date (in full US \$) <i>Please enter the total amount transferred to each recipient to date in US Dollars</i>	Expenditure to date (in full US \$) <i>Please enter the approximate amount spent to date in US dollars</i>	Implementati on rate as a percentage of total budget (calculated automatically)
Plan International	1300000	910000	706311.58	54.33%
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	*	*	*	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1300000</b>	<b>910000</b>	<b>706311.58</b>	<b>54.33%</b>

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **54.33%**. Can you confirm that this is correct?

☒ Correct

☐ Incorrect

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

## » Gender-responsive Budgeting

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

85

The dollar amount of the budget contributing to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) based on percentage entered above and total project budget is **US \$ 1105000**. Can you confirm that this is correct? \*

☐ Correct ☒ Incorrect

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

1108434.72

Amount expended to date on efforts contributing to gender equality or women's empowerment is **US \$ 600364.84**. Is this correct? \*

☒ Correct ☐ Incorrect

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

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ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE.  
The templates for the budget are available [here](#) \*

Plan International - Current Approximate Expenditure-20\_26\_57.xlsx



## Project Markers

Please select the Gender Marker Associated with this project \*

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

Please select the Risk Marker Associated with this project \*

- ☐ Risk marker 0 = low risk to achieving outcomes
- ☒ Risk marker 1 = medium risk to achieving outcomes
- ☐ Risk marker 2 = high risk to achieving outcomes



Please select the PBF Focus Area associated with this project \*

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

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

*Select all that apply*

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

## Steering Committee and Government engagement

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

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

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters*

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

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters*

**The project is collaborating closely with four key government ministries: the Ministry of Education (MoE), the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS), the Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Protection (MoGCSP), and the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA). The primary objective of this collaboration is to engage the relevant divisions within these ministries to foster joint ownership and ensure the sustainability of the initiative.**

**The Girls Education Division of the MoE and the Youth Development Division of the MoYS have been engaged under Activity 1.1.2. These divisions have contributed to the development of a consolidated training manual focused on soft and life skills for young women and girls (GYW) aged 18 to 35. Key topics included consist of: Confidence Building, Peer Mobilization, Resilience Building, Leadership, Public Speaking and Organizational Skills, Intra-Personal Skills, as well as Gender and Inclusion. Designated Master Trainers from these ministries have facilitated a six-day Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshop for sixteen young women and girls identified as Girls Mentors, along with the staff of the implementing partners. Pilot testing of the manual as part of the TOT rollout is currently ongoing. After completion of the first training cohort and assessment will be made to ensure the manual is user friendly. Stakeholders will then reconvene to validate the manual which will be made available as a national resource.**

**The project collaborated with the Women Empowerment Division of the MoGCSP, the Liberia Peacebuilding Office (LPBO) of the MIA, and the Alternative Basic Education Division of the MoE. These three divisions have facilitated the engagement of a consultant tasked with developing an integrated, user-friendly training manual for the Peace Hut Women. The training manual encompasses essential topics such as: Self-Awareness/Understanding One's Role as a Mediator; Psychosocial and Counselling Skills; Conflict Prevention and Resolution; Peaceful Coexistence and Community Living; Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); Advocacy and Lobbying; Numeracy Skills, including Counting and Utilizing Numbers; as well as Fundamental Literacy Skills in Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, Spelling, and Comprehension. Feedback was provided to the consultant in May 2024 and incorporated into the finalized peacebuilding manual, which was used to facilitate the . training of trainers (TOT) rollout to 16 Peace Hut Facilitators in July 2024.**

**PIL regularly also attend coordination meetings at the MoGCSP's Women Empowerment Division and the MIA's LPBO when possible, to provide progress updates on the status of the project. These two ministries' meetings mainly focus on building women's networks and empowerment of women to sustain their own engagement initiatives and ability to channel their grievances for durable solution. The team are also in regular consultation with the LPBO at national and county levels**

## PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

### NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

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

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

## Contracting of partners \*

- ☐ Not Started ☐ Initiated ☐ Partially Completed  
☒ Completed ☐ Not Applicable

## Staff Recruitment \*

- ☐ Not Started ☐ Initiated ☐ Partially Completed  
☒ Completed ☐ Not Applicable

## Collection of baselines \*

- ☐ Not Started ☐ Initiated ☐ Partially Completed  
☒ Completed ☐ Not Applicable

## Identification of beneficiaries \*

- ☐ Not Started ☐ Initiated ☒ Partially Completed  
☐ Completed ☐ Not Applicable

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

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- **The project has demonstrated progress in expediting implementation and burn rate after delays at the start of the project. The project will request a no-cost extension to catch up on the time lost at the project inception. A budget revision is also being completed to adjust to the current project status and needs.**
- **All inception activities are completed except for full recruitment of target beneficiaries. Out of 1,140 targeted peace hut women, 945 have been recruited across 8 peace huts. The remaining 195 have not yet been recruited due to low participant numbers in Konia and Yeala Peace Huts in Lofa County, often due to relocation and distance from the Peace Hut. The project proposes recruiting the remaining women from other Peace Huts where women are more actively participating in activities.**
- **Soft and life skills facilitator training modules were developed for GYW. TOT conducted for 16 GYW as mentors, now facilitating mentorship for the first cohort of 432 GYW (ages 18-35).**
- **Small grants for advocacy and networking have encouraged GYW participation in peacebuilding. To date, 814 GYW have shown increased engagement in these activities.**
- **Desk phones and quarterly phone card subscriptions provided to the eight peace huts for timely reporting on security threats and conflict-related cases. This has improved communication with county peacebuilding structures. For example, in Nimba, high levels of drug trafficking were intercepted following a tip-off from peace hut members.**
- **Engaging Men through Accountable Practices (EMAP) training was conducted for 16 peace hut members as facilitators. They are now mentoring 223 out of 400 recruited BYM (ages 18-35).**
- **Peace Hut Women continue to engage community leaders through dialogue, mediation, and sensitization, encouraging participation in peacebuilding. Joint decision-making is now taking place in settling disputes. Community leaders recognize the importance of Peace Huts' work and are committed to collaborating on conflict-related issues. Approximately 513 community leaders (315 women, 198 men) have participated in engagement meetings across eight peace communities. In total, 415 peace hut members are actively engaging with community leaders.**
- **Peace Huts renovation is 77% complete for seven huts in Montserrado, Bong, Lofa, and Nimba Counties.**
- **The joint training on dispute mitigation and electoral early warning has significantly enhanced the knowledge of Peace Huts and County Peacebuilding Actors. They now have skills in organization, negotiation, and conflict resolution. Post-training assessments show an 81% knowledge gain.**
- **Women in Peace Huts are engaged in income-generating activities like Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs), soap making, and agriculture, promoting social cohesion. Regular business mentorship and follow-up support are provided to the Peace Huts to ensure financial sustainability of their livelihood activities.**

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

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If no, please provide an explanation

*Please limit your response to 6000 characters*

The project is off track with outputs as indicated in the work plan. The project was initially delayed due to late recruitment of staff, onboarding of partners, and community entry. Activity 1.1.2 was adapted from the original proposal to have a consultant hired for proposal development to instead engaging the MoE and the MoYS for the development of the Soft and Life Skills module. This proposed change was to ensure stronger collaboration with Ministries for Government ownership, and to make use of existing resources. This has been rectified and implementation is back on track. Another contributing factors change in approach to engage strategic partners to conduct activities 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 as opposed to Plan doing this implementation. While this has encored delay, this approach also hopes to encourage stronger Government and stakeholder ownership of the project, making use of national expertise. This has been approved and the activities will be implemented in the next three months. Another delay was encountered due to the poor market response for the consultancy under Activity 3.1.1 for the development of the integrated peacebuilding manual development. This has been rectified and implementation is back on track. Delays with renovations at the Peace Huts is being addressed with an action plan, and Plan's engineer is supporting the partners to complete the remaining work.

The project will be requesting a no cost extension to ensure the full completion of all activities and results. Plan International will share an updated work plan with the Secretariat. There are also some savings across budget lines and a budget reallocation will be submitted for review.

## Project progress summary

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### Output 1.1: GYW Trained in Soft and Life Skills for Peace Huts

The Soft and Life Skills Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop was completed for 16 Girls and Young Women Peer Facilitators has shown positive results. The participants' average scores improved from 87.1 (pre-test) to 96.8 (post-test), showing a 9.6-point knowledge gain. The ongoing mentorship for the first batch of 432 out of 1080 Girls and Young Women (ages 18-35) is currently ongoing.

### Output 1.2: Alliances Between GYW Groups, Peace Huts, and Community Networks

Small grants for advocacy have empowered Girls and Young Women (GYW) to engage in community initiatives, raising awareness on issues like violence against women, substance abuse, early marriage, and more. The initiative has fostered collaboration, empowering GYW to voice their concerns and build supportive networks. Advocacy and networking activities have increased community involvement from 27.85% to 72.15%, including women from peace huts and Boys and Young Men (BYM) groups. This has led to inclusive decision-making and comprehensive action plans for conflict resolution and peacebuilding efforts.

GYW and BYM groups are working with community members and stakeholders in Montserrado, Bong, Lofa, and Nimba Counties to promote social cohesion and sustainable peace. The advocacy initiatives have reached 1,082 individuals (797 females and 285 males).

However, challenges such as low participation in Peace Hut meetings in Konia, Totota, and Ganta were noted, mainly due to the reluctance of some Peace Hut members to engage GYW in membership and leadership. Partners are engaged to enhance awareness and engagement strategies to boost GYW participation in Peace Hut meetings, ensuring accessibility and convenience. Learnings will also be shared from other Peace Huts that have engaged GYW during the joint learning exchange event to be held in November 2024.

### Output 2.1: Strengthened Collaboration Between Peace Huts and Peacebuilding Structures

The joint training on dispute mitigation and electoral early warning completed has significantly enhanced the knowledge of Peace Huts and County Peacebuilding Actors. Topics included organization, negotiation, and conflict resolution (farm, property, land, boundary, and religious disputes). Post-training assessments showed an increase from 20% to 81%, indicating a 61% knowledge gain.

The project supported county-level peacebuilding meetings, increasing participation from women and youth. Regular participation among Peace Hut members, including girls and young women (GYW), rose from 13 to 41 representatives. This initiative has empowered women and girls to address community issues at the county level, ensuring better representation. For example, two police officers were deployed in Konia, Lofa, to monitor and address crime and violence, a direct result of this engagement.

### Output 2.2: Increased Community Engagement and Support for Peace Hut Initiatives

The "Engaging Men Through Accountable Practices (EMAP)" training for 16 community volunteer facilitators has been transformative, covering gender roles, household responsibilities, violence against women, and healthy relationships. Pre-test scores averaged 65%, while post-test scores rose to 87%, showing significant knowledge gain. The EMAP TOT training effectively enhanced participants' knowledge, with no significant gender differences in scores. To date, 56% (223) of the 400 targeted boys and young men (ages 18-35) have been trained over five months. These individuals are now equipped to serve as Peace Ambassadors and advocates for girls' and women's rights within their communities, representing the inaugural cohort of EMAP participants. These BYM are actively collaborating with the GYW's groups members to raise awareness on gender equality, violence against women and girls, and positive masculinity.

### Output 3.1: Increased Capacity of Peace Hut Members for Community Peacebuilding

The integrated peacebuilding TOT for 16 community peace hut facilitators. The mentorship program rollout is ongoing, with 360 of the 945 recruited Peace Hut Women participating. This group is the first to receive training in peacebuilding, literacy, and numeracy.

### Output 3.2: Enhanced Capacity of Peace Huts and CSOs for Sustainability

Women in the Peace Huts initiative are engaged in income-generating activities (IGAs) essential for financial sustainability of the peace huts. These activities include soap making, country cloth weaving, tie-dyeing, and agriculture, which support their peace initiatives and promote social cohesion among women, community members, elders, leaders, and youth. During a recent joint monitoring visit, actions were agreed upon to encourage community leaders to identify sites and provide legal documentation for constructing shelters for agro-processing

equipment for oil, rice, and cassava processing. The Peace Huts have also been supported with Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) programming to support sustainable access to finance.

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

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The empowerment of GYW groups has been facilitated through the provision of quarterly small grants aimed at engaging in peacebuilding advocacy. This initiative has significantly increased their motivation to participate actively in peacebuilding efforts within their communities. The advocacy messages disseminated have encompassed critical issues such as the prevention of violence against women and girls, drug and substance abuse, as well as land and tribal disputes.

These grants have enhanced advocacy and networking among GYW groups, thereby strengthening their public speaking skills. According to key informant interviews conducted during the monitoring visit, GYW have reported that their endeavours to enhance visibility have garnered increased community support for gender equality issues, thereby fostering a more empowered and influential presence within their communities.

Furthermore, GYW have indicated that this initiative has led to heightened respect from community members, local leaders, peers, and fellow group members. They also report increased support and willingness from community members, elders, and leaders to jointly address issues pertinent to their demographic since the commencement of the project. Other support include active participation in peace hut meetings to jointly discuss issues affecting peace in their communities.

Additionally, GYW have been given further empowerment opportunities through a workshop designed for trainers on soft and life skills. This workshop has equipped 16 GYW, currently serving as mentors, to conduct soft and life skills mentorship programs for their peers.

This initiative has significantly enhanced participants' understanding of their bodily autonomy and has improved their leadership capabilities, enabling meaningful involvement in peacebuilding initiatives. A key empowerment opportunity offered is the "Training of Trainers" workshop focused on peacebuilding, literacy, and numeracy skills, which engaged 16 women currently serving as peace hut facilitators. These individuals are now effectively conducting mentorship rollouts on peacebuilding, literacy, and numeracy skills for their peers.

The workshop entitled "Engaging Men through Accountable Practices" (EMAP) provided training for 16 community members (8 females and 8 males) who have subsequently facilitated EMAP sessions for 223 of the 400 targeted young males aged 18 to 35 years. These young men have evolved into allies for women and girls by adopting positive masculinities that promote gender equality, while also successfully transforming negative attitudes towards women and girls.

The provision of livelihood support for peace hut women, including activities such as Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA), soap making, tie-dyeing, country cloth weaving, and farming, represents an additional empowerment opportunity. This support equips peace hut members to effectively address violence-related cases, such as providing assistance to victims of gender-based violence, maintaining peace, and addressing the socio-economic needs identified within their communities.

Is the project 1+ year in implementation?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

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

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

☒ Yes

☐ No



If yes, please provide concrete examples of such peacebuilding results

*Please limit your response to 6000 characters*

**The project is demonstrating outcome-level peacebuilding results, achieving significant societal and structural changes, including altered attitudes, behaviors, and institutions as evidenced by the following:**

**Outcome 1: Girls and young women (GYW) actively participating in peacebuilding and leadership**

Before the project, GYW were not actively involved in peacebuilding activities. As a result of the project, there have been considerable advancements in the engagement of GYW aged 18 to 35 within peacebuilding initiatives. 14 out of the 16 targeted GYW groups were successfully reached through the small grant's component, sustaining their engagement initiatives in advocacy which address the mitigation of violence against women and girls, challenges associated with drug and substance abuse, and the resolution of disputes regarding farm boundaries and property ownership within their various communities. Data indicates that 60% (653 out of 1,080) of the targeted GYW actively participated in these initiatives, which included advocacy and networking activities facilitated through small grants and a mentorship program. Building upon the prior engagement of 417 GYW, the cumulative number of GYW involved reached 872, resulting in an overall engagement rate of 80.7%.

GYW groups member are now collaborating with various community stakeholders, including community leaders, Peace Hut leaders, traditional councils, county security councils, local government officials, and Peace Hut members. These efforts aim to advocate for their rights, engage in discussions on pressing issues, and contribute to decision-making processes. The advocacy carried on by GYW within their various communities has resulted to reduced domestic, sexual, and gender-based violence cases, as reported by GYW and community leadership from Yeala and Konia Peace Hut in Lofa County during the Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) conducted. Their regular meetings with Peace Hut leaders to deliberate on peacebuilding and conflict resolution further highlight the significance of these engagements in promoting peace, gender equality, and community development. The Zontuo Peace Hut has effectively engaged young people in its activities and developed leaders from within the GYW group, with the current chair lady being a youth. This highlights the impactful leadership development and community involvement fostered through these initiatives.

**Outcome 2: Active participation of peace hut and community members to promote an enabling environment that encourages social cohesion**

Prior to the project's intervention, there was no engagement from Peace Hut women, nor any involvement of GYW and BYM in the county-level peacebuilding meetings. Through their participation, Peace Hut members have established better connections with the county-level peacebuilding structures and are now regular attendees at meetings. The regular participation among Peace Hut members, and GYW, rose from 13 to 41. This development has empowered women and girls to bring forward issues from their communities for resolution at the county level, ensuring enhanced representation of women in meetings. For instance, before the initiation of this project, there was no police officer stationed in Konia, Lofa. Following this engagement, two police officers are now deployed in the locality to monitor and address crime and violence effectively. In Nimba County, the Security Council has successfully established coordination with local police in communities experiencing high levels of drug abuse, facilitating the reporting of drug trafficking incidents for prompt intervention. This has led to more coordinated efforts by county leadership, including the security council, to promote peace within both district and community contexts.

The provision of communication devices and monthly phone cards has significantly enhanced the frequency of reporting on insecurity issues, threats, and other potential incidents of violence that could impact peace and security at county, district, and community levels.

The EMAP Graduation event, conducted in seven of the eight targeted peace hut communities marked a significant milestone. This celebrated the completion of training for the first cohort of 223 BYM (18 to 35), who have been equipped to serve as accountable peace ambassadors within their communities. The graduation event not only acknowledged the efforts of participants and facilitators but also reinforced community relationships and provided valuable insights for future initiatives. The EMAP mentorship rollout pre-test result was 49.0 points, while the post-test result was 67.6 points, indicating a significant improvement in participants' understanding of the EMAP topics discussed during the training.

The joint training on mitigating disputes and providing electoral early warning has significantly enhanced the knowledge of Peace Huts and County Peacebuilding Actors in addressing conflicts and disputes. Knowledge gained include training on organization, negotiation and conflict/disputes (farm and property, land, boundary and religious disputes) mitigation. resolution including early warning signs. This approach has established a foundation for

promoting an enabling environment that fosters social cohesion.

**Outcome 3: Capacity and sustainability of Peace Huts and CSOs strengthened to mediate, mitigate, and manage conflicts to sustain peace in their groups and communities**

The project has achieved a 44% engagement rate among 415 out of the targeted 945 Peace Hut members. These women have been actively involved in community-level dispute resolution and income-generating activities (IGAs) such as Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLAs), soap making, tie and dye, weaving, tailoring, and farming (cassava, rice, oil palm production, etc.). These activities not only support the sustainability of their Peace Huts but also enhance their peacebuilding efforts, fostering increased engagement.

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

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

File attachment

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## PART II: PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK

How many OUTCOMES does this project have \*

1    2    **3**    4    5    more than 5.

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

Outcome 1:

**Girls and young women are actively participating in peacebuilding and leadership**

Outcome 2:

**Active participation of peace hut and community members to promote an enabling environment that encourages social cohesion**

Outcome 3:

**Capacity and sustainability of Peace Huts and CSO's strengthened to mediate, mitigate and manage conflicts to sustain peace in their groups and communities.**

Outcome 4:

Outcome 5:

Outcome 6:

Outcome 7:

Outcome 8:

Additional Outcomes

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

INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

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

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

## » Outcome 1: Girls and young women are actively participating in peacebuilding and leadership

Outcome 1	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
1.1	Outcome Indicator 1a :Percentage of targeted girls and young women (age 18-35) engaged in peacebuilding initiatives	62%	80%	80.7%	On track
1.2	Outcome Indicator 1b : # of GYW groups are active and carrying out own advocacy initiatives	11	16	14	On track: Activities by RWGP in Tiapa have been halted due to Yar River overflow. The alternative route via the Plantation road has also been inaccessible during the rainy season. The remaining two groups in this location activities are pending validation once the community is accessible.

1.3	Outcome Indicator 1c : # of GYW groups that collaborate effectively with relevant stakeholders.	11	16	14	On track: Activities by RWGP in Tiapa have been halted due to Yar River overflow. The alternative route via the Plantation road has also been inaccessible during the rainy season. The remaining two groups in this location activities are pending validation once the community is accessible.
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How many outputs does outcome 1 have?

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more than 5.

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

Output 1.1

GYW are trained in soft and life skills for participation in Peace Huts

Output 1.2

Fostered alliances between girls/young women’s groups, peace huts and community peacebuilding networks

Output 1.3

Output 1.4

Output 1.5

Other Outputs

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

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

» Output 1.1

Output 1.1: GYW are trained in soft and life skills for participation in Peace Huts	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1.1.1	Percentage of GYW (18 to 35) who participate in at least 75% of peace huts meetings	21%	50%	26%	51%	On track
1.1.2	# of GYW who report enhanced skills and confidence to engage as active members in peace huts	648	864	0	0	Data to be collected and verified doing next monitoring visit where the post questionnaire will be administered to analyze results.

1.1.3	% of GYW identified as deputies for leadership positions	33%	50%	3%	3%	Low participation of girls and young women (GYW) in Peace Hut meetings has been a challenge across three Peace Huts, primarily due to a lack of acceptance of GYW into the membership structure and leadership positions. Partners are engaging Peace Hut leaders to support GYW members be engaged in the leadership structures. Furthermore, the planned annual joint learning exchange and experience sharing workshop will be used to encourage GYW leadership in peace hut through action point development and learnings where this has been successful.
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## » Output 1.2

Output 1.2: Fostered alliances between girls/young women's groups, peace huts and community peacebuilding networks	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1.2.1	# of GYW groups' members (18-24) (25-35) with increased capacity in advocacy, influencing and community mobilization skills	28( GYW age18-24) 27 (GYW age 25-35)	216 (20% OF 1080 GYW members)	0%	0	This indicator is pending based on the completion of Activity 1.2.1. Delay was caused due to change in approach to engage WANEP as strategic partner to conduct this activity. This change has been approved and will be completed in December 2024.



1.2.2	# of GYW groups' members (18-24) (25-35) with improved skills in conflict resolution	28 (GYW age 18-24) 27 (GYW age 25-35)	216 (20% OF 1080 GYW members)	0	0	This indicator is pending based on the completion of Activity 1.2.2. Delay was caused due to change in approach, the team will now engage the Liberia Peacebuilding Office under the MIA as recommended by the Secretariat in January 2025.
1.2.3	# of advocacy and networking initiatives carried out by GYW groups	0	1 initiative per group, per quarter	41	61	On track

## » Output 1.3

Output 1.3:	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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» Output 1.4

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

Output 1.5:	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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» **Outcome 2: Active participation of peace hut and community members to promote an enabling environment that encourages social cohesion**

Outcome 2	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
2.1	# of joint peacebuilding initiatives conducted by the county peacebuilding structures in collaboration with Peace Hut members	7	8	4	On track
2.2	# of county stakeholders report's reflecting Peace Hut's activities and joint collaborations	3	6	0	Activities supporting this indicator have been completed, data needs to be verified during the next monitoring visit in December 2024.
2.3	# of community-level initiatives undertaken and supported in respective communities	0	2	0	Activities supporting this indicator have been completed, data needs to be verified during the next monitoring visit in December 2024.

How many outputs does outcome 2 have?

1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ more than 5.

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

Output 2.1  
**Strengthened collaboration between peace huts district and county level peacebuilding structures**

Output 2.2  
**Increased community engagement and support for Peace Hut initiatives**

Output 2.3

Output 2.4

Output 2.5

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

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

» Output 2.1

Output 2.1: Strengthened collaboration between peace huts district and county level peacebuilding structures	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
2.1.1	# of Peace Hut representatives and county peacebuilding members have increased knowledge and skills in mitigating disputes and electoral early warning	26	46	81	81	On track

2.1.2	# of electoral early warning and risk mitigation mechanisms strengthened/established for referrals from Peace Huts to district and county level structures	2	4	3	3	On track
2.1.3	# of Peace Hut representatives actively engage in county peacebuilding structure's meetings	24	32	28	41	On track

## » Output 2.2

Output 2.2: Increased community engagement and support for Peace Hut initiatives	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
2.2.1	# of jointly organized activities between Peace Huts and communities	6	16	14	14	
On track. One of the locations information has not yet been verified due to the lack of access to Tiapa, Nimba county due to the community being blocked off by the river overflow. This will be validated once the community is accessible.						
2.2.2	# of BYM's groups' members (18-35) with increased knowledge and skills in Engaging Men in Accountable Practices (EMAP)	0	400	223	223	This indicator was delayed due to the delayed start of implementation. The second cohort of 200 BYM are currently undergoing the EMAP training and will be graduating in February 2025.
2.2.3						

» Output 2.3

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

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

Output 2.5:	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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2.5.3						

» **Outcome 3: Capacity and sustainability of Peace Huts and CSO's strengthened to mediate, mitigate and manage conflicts to sustain peace in their groups and communities.**

Outcome 3	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
3.1	# of Peace Hut members engaged in dispute resolution at community level	643	912	415	Due to the overall delay of implementation of this activity the indicator target is not yet reached. This number will be reached with the completion of the next training cohort.
3.2	# of Peace Huts with improved financial viability	1	8	0	On track. The project will begin assessing the financial viability of the Peace Huts in December 2024.
3.3					

How many outputs does outcome 3 have?

1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ more than 5.

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

Output 3.1

**Increased capacity of peace hut members to carry out peacebuilding work at community levels**

Output 3.2

**Enhanced sustainability of peace huts and CSOs**

Output 3.3

Output 3.4

Output 3.5

Other Outputs

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

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

### » Output 3.1

Output 3.1: Increased capacity of peace hut members to carry out peacebuilding work at community levels	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
3.1.1	# of peace huts members (F aged 18+) with increased capacity and skills for peacebuilding and dispute resolution	26	46	60	60	On track
3.1.2	# of Peace Hut annual reflection meetings	0	2	0	0	This has been rescheduled for completion in November 2024.
3.1.3						

## » Output 3.2

Output 3.2: Enhanced sustainability of peace huts and CSOs	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
3.2.1	# of peace huts supported with renovations/construction	1	8	7	7	One of the Peace Huts in Todee, Montserrat needs complete construction due to the weather damage to the pre-existing structure. Budget revision is being completed to identify savings to be submitted in a budget revision to the Secretariat.
3.2.2	# of Peace Huts supported with IGA activities	3	8	8	8	On track
3.2.3	# implementing partners supported with capacity strengthening activities	0	3	0	3	On track

» Output 3.3

Output 3.3:	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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3.3.3						

» Output 3.4

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

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

Outcome 4	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
4.1					
4.2					
4.3					

How many outputs does outcome 4 have?

1      2      3      4      5      more than 5.

Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 4

Output 4.1

Output 4.2

Output 4.3

Output 4.4

Output 4.5

Other Outputs

If Outcome 4 has more than 5 outputs, please enumerate the remaining outputs here

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

» Output 4.1

Output 4.1:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any)
	Describe the indicator	State the baseline value of the indicator	State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project	State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period	State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project	Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant
4.1.1						
4.1.2						
4.1.3						



» Output 4.2

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

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

Output 4.4:	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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» Output 4.5

Output 4.5:	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
4.5.1						
4.5.2						
4.5.3						

If the project has more than 4 outcomes, use this space to describe progress on progress on indicators for the remaining outcomes

PART III: Cross-Cutting Issues

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

If yes, please state how many, and for each, provide the approximate date of the event and a brief description, including its key objectives, target audience and location (if known)	Event Description	Tentative Date	Location	Target Audience	Event Objectives (900 characters)

<b>Event 1</b>	Annual joint learning exchanges and experience sharing event between 8 Peace Huts	November 19 – 21, 2024	Gbarnga, Bong County	Peace Hut members; GYW; BYM; implementing partners; Community leaders; Peacebuilding actors and strategic partners; Government partners (MoGCSP, MIA, LPBO)	To provide opportunity for Peace Huts to demonstrate good practices and share learnings on community mobilization, member retention and participation in Peace Huts activities and successful advocacy initiatives etc. The event aims to demonstrate success stories from Peace Hut that have engaged GYW in the membership and leadership to act as encouragement for other Peace Huts.
<b>Event 2</b>					
<b>Event 3</b>					
<b>Event 4</b>					

## 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:

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

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

Human Impact	Type of stakeholder	What has been the impact of the project on their lives?	Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from the stakeholder
1	Kuku Joseph, age 35yrs, Chairlady at Zontuo Peace Hut	Kuku is the first lady member of the GYW that is now serving as a chairlady for the Zontuo Peace Hut as a result of the projects intervention and engagement of GYW.	"I have increased my confidence as peace hut leaders as a result of the soft and life skills training I have learned"
2	Kebbeh Sumo, Girls' Mentor for soft and life skills training in Yeala, Lofa County	Kebbeh Sumo is a member recruited and trained as one of the Girls Mentors to rollout the soft and life skills training to her fellow youth counterparts. She has proved to herself that she is a strong facilitator and is being admired by her GYW counterparts during sessions.	"I never knew that I was ever going to stand in front a group of over fifty participants to facilitate training. I thank UNPBF, Plan International and WOSI for this opportunity".
3	Founding member of the Tiapa Peace Hut	Tiapa Peace Hut has not only experienced economic benefits but has also fostered unity among women, thereby establishing a robust community bond that enables the collective addressing of issues with the support of local leaders.	"We delve into the heart of conflicts, seeking solutions that will allow everyone to live together in peace."
4	County Commander - Arm Forces of Liberia (AFL) Lofa County Detachment (Major George, Saenyenekon)	Holding regular Peacebuilding meetings involving the County Security Council has been a good initiative supported by the project in addressing. peacebuilding issues.	"I am glad to be here to as a Joint Security member to make maximum use of the 4Cs (coordination, communication, cooperation and consultation)."

In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had.

*Please limit your response to 4000 characters.*

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

**OPTIONAL**

File 1

**OPTIONAL**

Click here to upload file. (< 10MB)

File 2

**OPTIONAL**

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File 3

**OPTIONAL**

Click here to upload file. (< 10MB)

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

**OPTIONAL**

Link 1

**OPTIONAL**

Link 2

**OPTIONAL**

Link 3

**OPTIONAL**

Please tick the applicable change based on above narrative.

How we worked: ★

*Please select up to 3.*

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

Please explain one of the selected options

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters.*

**PIL supported three civil society organizations with capacity strengthening on use financial supporting documentation, quality reporting, procurement, data collection, audit and internal control requirements and financial management, and child and youth safeguarding.**

Please explain one of the selected options

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters.*

**Plan International is partnering with three women-led civil society organizations to support them to take ownership of the project activities being implemented with Peace Huts and to strengthen their networks with peacebuilding structures.**

Please explain one of the selected options

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters.*

**During the reporting period the project team strengthened its coordination with UN Women. Collaboration centered around the establishment of a digital center at the Fishmarket Peace Hut in Montserrado. The renovations were completed by Plan International and the digital inputs were provided by UN Women. This initiative serves as a means of further engaging youth into the Peace Huts.**

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

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

## Please explain

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters*

**The project is working with the Women in Peacebuilding Network (WIPNET) program under the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) as a strategic partner to provide the joint training on to Peace Huts and peacebuilding structures and training on conflict management.**

## Leave No one Behind

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

*Mandatory*

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



## PART IV: Monitoring, Evaluation and Compliance

### » Monitoring

Please list key monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period \*

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters.*

**From March 22nd to April 4th the team visited seven of eight Peace Huts to gather success stories and testimonies from GYW, BYM, and Peace Hut members participating in project activities. Technical M&E support was provided for data collection and verification. Key informant interviews and a structural questionnaire collecting information from key peacebuilding stakeholders was conducted. Output indicators included the number of jointly organized activities and dispute resolution at the community level.**

**A joint monitoring visit, was conducted from July 8 to July 21 and July 30, 2024, covering Nimba, Bong, Lofa, and Montserrado counties. The joint monitoring team comprised of two Plan staff, two partners staff each from the WRGP, WOSI and We4Self, and one representative from the MIA and MOG from each of the counties met. Discussions were held with 264 stakeholders (Males 136 and Females 128), including community leaders, and members of various peace huts. The primary objectives of the joint monitoring were to assess project progress, verify data, and identify challenges.**

**A joint monitoring visit was completed in October 2024 with the UNPBF Secretariat, Plan, implementing partners, the County's Gender Coordinators, representatives from the LPBO and local government officials. Issues were identified at the following Peace Huts and recommendations were made by the various participants. These recommendations were captured in an action plan to be completed by December 15th, 2024.**

Do outcome indicators have baselines? \*

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters.*

**Yes, outcome indicators have baselines as gathered during the initial baseline data collection. Follow-up was conducted with the implementing partners on the recruitment for the three targeted groups of participants which include GYW, BYM, and the Peace Hut women.**

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

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters.*

**Yes, outcome indicators have baselines as gathered during the initial baseline data collection. Follow-up was conducted with the implementing partners on the recruitment for the three targeted groups of participants which include GYW, BYM, and the Peace Hut women.**

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please provide a brief description \*

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters.*

Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms?

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- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Please provide a brief description

\*

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

» Evaluation

Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation?

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not Applicable

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

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Response required

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Not Applicable

Please describe the preparations

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Contact information

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**» Catalytic Effect**

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

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

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If yes, please select the relevant option below: \*

- ☐ Some catalytic effect
- ☐ Significant catalytic effect

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

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters.*

## Sustainability

Does the project have an explicit exit strategy?

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

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters.*

Over the reporting period, the Plan International Liberia has provided a range of supports to sustain peace activities in the eight Peace Huts. This included ToT capacity strengthening for members of the Peace Huts and GYW to be empowered with the relevant knowledge and skills to lead on initiatives beyond the project. The renovation and refurbishment of peace huts buildings has provided extra security to the buildings ensuring a safer space is for peace huts activities. Provision and refurbishment of solar light equipment has provided the Peace Huts with more reliable electricity allowing them to do activities in the evening and further expanding their opportunity for income generation. The IGA training and support provided is allowing the Peace Huts to generate increased income to support peacebuilding activities and support with case referrals. The implementing partners continue to provide ongoing business mentorship for the partners to ensure sustainability of efforts beyond the project duration.

The project has encouraged the integration of Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA's) within the Peace Huts. This savings-based, microfinance programme provides financial services (loans, savings and insurance) to the women who often lack access to more formal banking services. This strategy allows the Peace Hut to operate with multiple sources of income, enhancing their financial sustainability.

The project has worked to foster stronger linkages between Peace Hut members, GYW groups, and relevant stakeholders, the county levels to strengthen coordination beyond the project. The strengthening of collaboration between peace huts and district and county level peacebuilding mechanisms will ensure efforts are sustained after the intervention phases out. Similarly, having adapted some activities to better engage relevant line ministries and national stakeholders, the project is ensuring stronger ownership of the project.

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

*Please limit your response to 3000 characters.*

- Change in plan to work closely with some key strategic partners WANEP and the LPBO to support the conduct of two key training activities advocacy and conflict management trainings has caused delay. This has been approved and the activities will happen in December and January.
- The budget for the renovations at the Peace Hut in Todee, Montserrado Peace Hut was insufficient due to weather damage and full construction is now needed. Savings have been identified to support the construction and a budget revision will be submitted for approval. Renovation work earmarked to be completed by implementing partners still remain incomplete in some locations due one contractor doing many of the renovation works. As a result, renovation work as specified in the Bill of Quantity is currently at 77% completion on the seven peace huts renovated. Plan have identified an engineer to support the partners to complete the remaining work.
- Shelters were not provided for the agro-processing equipment's procured by implementing partners for the peace huts income generation. A tender bid has now been advertised for the construction of agro-processing equipment shelters for cassava, rice and oil mills. The selection of the contractors will be completed by the 25th of November 2024.
- Project has faced challenges with elder women accepting GYW participation in some Peace Huts. Measures have been taken for the partners to increase sensitizations to encourage the older women to accept GYW participation for collaboration and leadership. Efforts will also be made to ensure that meeting times and locations are accessible and convenient for the GYW. The project has also engaged the county level MoGCSP and MIA to support with encouraging the women.

Monitoring and Oversight Activities

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

Monitoring and oversight activities	Name of the Event	Summary	Key Findings
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<b>Event 1</b>	<b>Monitoring Visit and Success Story Gathering (March to April 2024)</b>	<p>The team visited seven out of eight Peace Huts along with partner offices in Nimba, Bong, Lofa, and Montserrado counties to capture success stories and testimonies from GYW, BYM, and PH members participating in project activities. Technical M&amp;E support was provided to partner M&amp;E officers on the collection of EMAP Baseline survey data, gathering data on project indicators, and verifying data against indicators. The field monitoring ran from March 22 to April 4, 2024, with key informant interviews conducted with Peace Hut Leaders, community leaders, GYW leadership, and BYM leadership. The structural questionnaire gathered information from key peacebuilding stakeholders, including Peace Hut leaders and members, about their views and perceptions of their inclusion in peacebuilding processes in the county and community. The team also gathered data on output indicators, such as the number of jointly organized activities between Peace Huts and communities and the number of Peace Hut members engaged in dispute resolution at the community level.</p>	<p>GYW across seven peace huts play a vital role in conflict transformation and peacebuilding processes within the Peace Hut Community. They contribute to community engagement, advocacy, and peacebuilding, while also promoting awareness and addressing conflicts among their peers. GYW currently carry awareness and advocate for current issues and concerns affecting girls and young women in their community. The Peace Hut women from Nimba, Bong, Lofa, and Montserrado have been actively involved in community level peacebuilding over the past six months. Their initiatives include raising awareness, resolving disputes by actively promoting understanding and dialogue with local leaders, generating income through activities like waving, tie-dyeing, and soap-making, and establishing a Village Savings Loan Association for financial sustainability. The project has organized a training program for direct project participants, focusing on the EMAP rollout. The training has equipped both men and boys with the skills and knowledge to serve as peace ambassadors and advocates for girls' and women's rights within their communities. The participation of GYW in peace hut meetings and community leadership is a topic of interest. Participants suggest that</p> <p>6/15/24, 11:04 PM PBF June 2024 Project Progress Report</p>
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			<p>65/67 the Peace Huts should recognize more members and encourage them to volunteer. Training in soft and life skills can help them become more engaged in peace-building processes. Additionally, holding more meetings with the GYW can help them feel more connected to the Peace Hut. To increase the number of GYW holding leadership roles, respondents suggest encouraging them to volunteer, complete all training offered, and join the hut membership. Most participants reported occasional partner visits to the project community, indicating moderate engagement with less frequent interaction and consistent presence. To increase project visibility, partners should engage more frequently and maintain a consistent presence.</p>
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<b>Event 2</b>	Regular monitoring (July 2024)	<p>The joint monitoring visit, conducted from July 8 to July 21 and July 30, 2024, covered Nimba, Bong, Lofa, and Montserrado counties. The joint monitoring team comprised of two Plan staff, two staff from each partner, representatives from the county peacebuilding office and gender focal point person from each of the counties. Discussions were held with 264 stakeholders (Males 136 and Females 128), including community leaders, and members of various peace huts. The primary objectives of the joint monitoring were to assess project progress, verify data, and identify challenges. The team held one meeting at each piece of the eight (8) peace huts . Namely, Ganta border, Tiapa, Zontuo, Totota, Yeala, Konia, Todee and Fish Market to address land disputes, agro-processing equipment storage, donor visibility, and the sustainability of peace huts. The acquisition of land for cassava farming in Ganta faced cultural interferences, leading to a new agreement for land identification by October 2024. A resolution was reached to refund the Peace Hut women's VSLA money spent on clearing the farmland, with payment completed on July 20, 2024. During the visit, the Counties Peacebuilding Committee focal point and the County Gender Coordinators were linked to the peace huts and the partners office as point of contact.</p>	<p><b>Advocacy Grant Clarity:</b>  <b>Key Finding:</b> The small advocacy grants (\$300) were seen as inconsistent, with concerns about transparency since only one GYW leader at each Peace Hut in Nimba was signing for the grant.  <b>Solution:</b> Clarify the distribution and use of grants. The grant amount of \$300 per group (\$150 per peace hut) will be disclosed to GYW leaders, and an activity plan must be submitted before receiving funds. Partners will assist in developing sustainability plans for each group, and an MOU addendum will be made due to leadership changes.</p> <p><b>Cassava Farming Land Acquisition: Key Finding:</b> Land for cassava farming at the Ganta Peace Hut is delayed due to cultural interference, and the Peace Hut already spent funds on site clearing.  <b>Solution:</b> Refund money spent on clearing, with an MOU signed by July 2024. The Peace Hut will identify new land by October 2024 and ensure legal documentation. Future conflicts will be addressed with help from MIA and MoGCSP before escalating further.</p> <p><b>Low Participation of Girls and Young Women in Peace Hut Meetings: Key Finding:</b> Low engagement of girls and young women in peace hut activities and leadership positions.  <b>Solution:</b> Encourage more young women to take leadership roles, conduct awareness campaigns to educate communities on the importance of youth participation, and establish support systems such as mentorship and</p>
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			<p>funding opportunities.</p> <p>Storage for Agro-processing Equipment: Key Finding: Lack of suitable storage for agro-processing equipment, particularly during the rainy season. Solution: A processing plant will be constructed at Ganta Peace Hut.</p> <p>Agreements have been made to procure cassava from local farmers for processing over the next three months. Renovation of Peace Huts: Key Finding: Ongoing renovations at seven peace huts are hindered by missing iron bars for window glass installation and roof leaks at Yeala Peace Hut due to solar system installation. Solution: Involve the community in the renovation process to foster ownership and reduce theft. A full assessment of damage to solar batteries and roof leaks at Yeala Peace Hut will be completed.</p> <p>Coordination Issues: Key Finding: Lack of coordination between the general working group, Peace Hut, and the new administration. Solution: Regular meetings and open communication will improve coordination. The team emphasized the importance of patience and understanding during the leadership transition to resolve challenges.</p>
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<b>Event 3</b>	<b>Joint Monitoring Visit (October 2024)</b>	<p>A joint monitoring visit was completed in October 2024 with the UNPBF Secretariat, Plan, implementing partners, the County's Gender Coordinators, representatives from the LPBO and local government officials. Issues were identified at the following Peace Huts and recommendations were made by the various participants. These recommendations were captured in an action plan to be completed by December 15th, 2024.</p>	<p><b>Challenge: Inconsistent Distribution and Transparency of Advocacy Grants Recommendation:</b> Provide clear guidelines on the distribution and usage of the \$300 advocacy grant, ensuring all GYW group leaders and members across peace hut communities are informed. An activity plan must be submitted before disbursement, and the leadership of the Peace Hut and community leaders should be present during grant disbursement. Partners will also assist in developing sustainability plans for each group, and any leadership changes will be addressed through an MOU addendum.</p> <p><b>Challenge: Delay in Land Acquisition for Cassava Farming Recommendation:</b> Refund the money already spent on land clearing, with an MOU formalizing the agreement by July 2024. New farmland will be identified by October 2024, and legal documentation will be obtained. Future conflicts should be addressed by involving the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) and Ministry of Gender (MoGCSP) before escalating to other partners.</p> <p><b>Challenge: Low Participation of Girls and Young Women in Peace Hut Meetings and Leadership Recommendation:</b> Encourage more young women to take leadership roles in Peace Hut activities and provide mentorship. Conduct awareness campaigns to educate the community and Peace Hut leadership on the importance of girls and young women's participation in decision-</p>
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			<p>making. Establish support systems, including small grants, mentorship, and networking opportunities, to help young women engage in advocacy and leadership. Challenge: Lack of Storage for Agro-Processing Equipment</p> <p>Recommendation: Construct a processing plant at the Ganta Peace Hut for safe storage and installation of the cassava processing machine. Agreements have been made to procure cassava from local farmers for processing over the next three months, ensuring the equipment is utilized properly during that time. Challenge: Incomplete Renovations and Maintenance Issues at Peace Huts</p> <p>Recommendation: Involve the local community in the renovation process to create a sense of ownership and responsibility, which may reduce theft. Conduct a full assessment of the damage to solar batteries and roof leaks, particularly at the Yeala Peace Hut, and address these issues promptly. Challenge: Coordination Issues Between the Working Group and Peace Hut, Especially with the New Administration</p> <p>Recommendation: Regular meetings and open communication between the general working group, Peace Hut, and new administration will improve coordination. The transition to new leadership should be managed with patience and understanding to facilitate smoother operations and better</p>
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