

PBF November 2024 Project Progress Report



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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» Report Submission

Type of report

- Semi-annual
- Annual
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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

- Asia and the Pacific
- Europe and Central Asia
- Middle East and North Africa
- Central & Southern Africa
- Global
- West Africa
- East Africa
- Latin America and the Caribbean

Country of project implementation

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

Other, please specify

Project Title

00130053: Women4Water&Peace: Promoting civic spaces and empowering women to address water-related disputes and provide access to water in poor communities in Freetown

- 00132863: Promote the creation of an enabling environment for the conduct of peaceful elections and the strengthening of social cohesion in Sierra Leone
- 00134257: Empowering Youth Bike Riders as Sustainable Agents of Peace in Sierra Leone
- 00140111: Youth in Politics and Peacebuilding
- 00140113: Localization and Working-Together for Peace: Repositioning Women-Focused CSOs for Sustainable Peace in Sierra Leone
- 00140663: Enhance strategic direction coordination and peacebuilding impact of PBF portfolio in Sierra Leone
- 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 region. A limited number of cross border projects span multiple geographic regions. For example, a cross border project between Niger and Chad spans both West Africa and Central & Southern Africa

- Asia and the Pacific
- Europe and Central Asia
- Middle East and North Africa
- Central & Southern Africa
- Global
- West Africa
- East Africa
- Latin America and the Caribbean

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

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

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

Please select the countries where this project is being implemented

Other, Please specify

Project Start Date (Date of first transfer)

2022-01-12

2022-01-12

Project End Date

2024-07-10

2024-07-10

Has this project received an extension?

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

Will this project be requesting an extension?

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

Is the current project end date within 6 months?

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

If yes, please select which

- National Trust Fund
- Regional Trust Fund

Recipients

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

- UN entity
- Non-UN Entity

Please select the convening agency recipient

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

Other, Please specify

Are there other recipients for this project?

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

Please select other UN recipients

Select all that apply

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- WHO: World Health Organization PAHO/WHO
- UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization ITC: International Trade Centre
- UN Department of Peace Operations Other, Specify

Other, Please specify

Please select other non-UN recipients

- ACTED
 Action Aid 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 Fampanandrosoana (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
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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)?

5

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

Informal Settlements

What is the name of the Implementing Partner

Federation of Urban and Rural Poor

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

65000

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

With their extensive experience in engaging vulnerable communities, FEDURP activities centered on community and stakeholder engagement, as the main entry point into communities in informal settlements. This included having two ward coordinators in each location to support monitoring and community buy-in, participation and feedback. FEDURP supported the identification and mapping of the water points, community groups, community leaders (traditional, women, youth etc). FEDURP established and trained community savings groups to increase financial inclusion and economic resilience.

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- Other

Other, Please specify

Legal Rights and Justice NGO

What is the name of the Implementing Partner

Institute of Legal Research and Advocacy for Justice

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

95000

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

ILRAJ used the Theatre for Development approach, working with community animators to raise awareness on sexual health, and SGBV in the communities, as well as education campaigns on Sexual Offences legislation, access to justice, and reporting/referral mechanisms. ILRAJ also facilitated participatory, community-led decision-making, with specific focus on women's groups and women-led community-based organisations. This led to gender and conflict-sensitive determination of final locations of water infrastructure. ILRAJ developed the Memoranda of Understanding with the well owners and FCC, and the kiosk operators, with community stakeholders as witnesses to ensure peace and social cohesion. ILRAJ simplified relevant provisions of sexual offences legislation, translated these into several local languages with which they conducted education and information campaigns. ILRAJ raised awareness to support women's role in conflict resolution in the communities.

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- Governmental entity
- Other

Other, Please specify

Peacebuilding NGO

What is the name of the Implementing Partner

West African Network for Peacebuilding - Sierra Leone

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

128371

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

WANEP conducted the Peace and Conflict Analysis, trainings on Peace and Conflict Management, conflict monitoring and supported Women-led CSOs to form civic spaces with refresher trainings. They have supported the promotion of peace and cohesion

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- Governmental entity
- Other

Other, Please specify

Workers Organisation

What is the name of the Implementing Partner

Sierra Leone Labour Congress

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

48174

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

SLLC actively engaged and mobilized women's groups and community stakeholders around promoting decent work and peaceful co-existence through social dialogue. They raised awareness on gender-based violence through community meetings, radio and TV discussions and radio jingle messages. SLLC also engaged male community water-owners on the roles of women in businesses, so as to manage any potential conflicts with women playing key roles in the management of water facilities in their communities. They sensitized communities to support the women operating the water kiosks by buying safe drinking water from them.

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

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- International NGO
- Governmental entity
- Other

Other, Please specify

Employers' Organisation

What is the name of the Implementing Partner

Sierra Leone Employers' Federation

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

30939.39

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

SLEF actively raised awareness on GBV and worked with employers and project community members to raise awareness against work-related GBV. They engaged project communities and discussed the important role women play in businesses and as employers, through radio, TV discussions and community meetings

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 \$)	Transfers to date (in full US \$)	Expenditure to date (in full US \$)	Implementation rate as a percentage of total budget <i>(calculated automatically)</i>
	<i>Please enter the total budget as is in the project document in US Dollars</i>	<i>Please enter the total amount transferred to each recipient to date in US Dollars</i>	<i>Please enter the approximate amount spent to date in US dollars</i>	
UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund	868840 *	868840 *	855605 *	98.48%
	*	*	*	%

ILO: Internation al Labour Organizatio n	630230	630230	582822.90	92.48%
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	*	*	*	%
	*	*	*	%
TOTAL	1499070	1499070	1438427.9	95.9 5%

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **95.95%**. 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?

91.07

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 \$ 1365203.05**. Can you confirm that this is correct?

Correct Incorrect

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

Amount expended to date on efforts contributing to gender equality or women's empowerment is

US \$ 1309976.29. Is this correct?

Correct Incorrect

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

ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE.

The templates for the budget are available [here](#)

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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

The Project Committee convened on 28 June 2024 to review the progress achieved to date and finalise preparations for the exit strategy. The meeting also emphasized establishing proper mechanisms for the Freetown City Council (FCC) to ensure the ongoing monitoring and sustainability of the implemented interventions.

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 consistently engaged with the Freetown City Council (FCC) since the Mayor resumed office on 30 October 2023. Collaboration has occurred at multiple levels, including five meetings chaired by the Mayor and three by the Deputy Mayor to review progress and provide strategic guidance. Both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor have led key activities such as site visits, groundbreaking ceremonies, and the graduation event for kiosk operators' entrepreneurship training.

Support from FCC extends beyond the executive leadership, with active involvement from the Chief Administrator and Deputy Chief Administrator. They have guided processes and participated in key activities, including signing Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with water well owners. Regular coordination with FCC technical focal points including the Mayor's Delivery Unit, the Development and Planning Office (DPO), and the City Engineer's Office, has ensured effective co-design and implementation of project activities during the extension period. The DPO closely monitor construction progress and, along with the Chief Administrator, formally approve completed works in collaboration with the UNCDF engineer and project staff. The City Engineers were also deeply involved in the project ensuring that the water kiosks were built in accordance with specification, including ensuring that women kiosk operators have adequate comfortable space when running the kiosks.

Construction oversight has been thorough, with the City Engineer, Chief Administrator, and WASH technical staff reviewing and approving kiosks to ensure compliance with FCC standards. The project has also collaborated with City Councillors, who play a key role in implementation at the community level. Councillors and committee chairs have monitored critical activities, including kiosk construction and operator training.

In the final stages of implementation, weekly meetings with FCC ensure that all measures are in place for the Council to manage kiosk operations and maintain long-term monitoring. This partnership underscores the project's commitment to sustainability and local ownership.

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 Completed
 Initiated
 Partially Completed
 Not Applicable

Collection of baselines

Not Started Completed
 Initiated
 Partially Completed
 Not Applicable

Identification of beneficiaries

Not Started Completed
 Initiated
 Partially Completed
 Not Applicable

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

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

All preparatory activities for the project have been successfully completed. The convening agency, UNCDF, recruited the Project Coordinator in October 2022, building on ILO's earlier recruitment of a National Project Coordinator and a Finance and Administrative Assistant in June and August 2022, respectively. This dedicated team is supported by regional offices of UNCDF and ILO, along with colleagues from the UNCDF SL Blue Peace initiative, which complements the Women for Water and Peace (W4WP) project. Additionally, all implementing partners have been contracted.

During the extension period, the project effectively addressed previous challenges and delays. Key issues with construction procurement were resolved, allowing work to progress at a rapid pace as per the signed contract. The first phase of construction is now complete, marking a significant milestone. With the second tranche of funding received, the project is actively delivering on its commitments to ensure continued progress.

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

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

Yes
 No

If no, please provide an explanation

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

Project progress summary

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

1. Structural and Institutional Changes

The project established 25 solar-powered water kiosks in five marginalized and conflict-prone informal settlements in Freetown, Sierra Leone's capital city, providing equitable access to clean water for the first time to thousands of residents. This infrastructure was built using a community-led approach, ensuring alignment with local needs and fostering ownership. FCC provided technical support, monitored construction, and ensured compliance with municipal standards.

The project facilitated the development and formalization of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) comprising women kiosk operators, creating sustainable mechanisms for managing water resources. Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between FCC, well owners, and kiosk operators were finalized, solidifying institutional accountability and ensuring the sustainability of operations.

2. Societal-Level Changes

Placing women at the forefront has led to transformative societal shifts within the communities. By empowering women as water kiosk operators and community leaders, the project has not only elevated their status in local decision-making processes but also redefined traditional gender roles. Women, once primarily seen as water carriers, are now recognized as entrepreneurs and pivotal figures in managing essential community resources. This shift has fostered greater respect and trust in their leadership on broader community issues, from conflict resolution to economic development.

Crucially, the presence of women in these roles has contributed to a significant reduction in gender-based violence around water access points. Previously, when men dominated the management of water resources, women fetching water were more vulnerable to harassment and exploitation. Now, with women in charge of kiosk operations, the likelihood of such violations has dramatically decreased. This change has also promoted peaceful coexistence, as women-led management structures are often more inclusive and responsive to community needs.

The project empowered 200 young women and 45 women leaders as entrepreneurs that will be the water kiosk operators, providing them with skills in business management, conflict resolution, and financial literacy. These women now operate the water kiosks as microenterprises, generating livelihoods while addressing power imbalances in water resource management. This economic empowerment has fostered greater social cohesion and resilience within communities. Skills from the training will help them for other business ventures.

3. Contributions to Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion

The project mitigated water-related conflicts by promoting gender-sensitive civic spaces and conflict resolution mechanisms. Training sessions and awareness campaigns were conducted on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), conflict mitigation, and governance, engaging over 7,500 community members. Women-led dialogue forums and peer-to-peer working groups addressed underlying tensions and promoted peaceful coexistence.

The "Theatre for Development" approach was used to illustrate the lived experiences of water-related conflicts and SGBV, raising awareness and encouraging dialogue within communities. This innovative method, combined with grassroots mobilization, enabled communities to collectively identify and address conflict drivers. While a post-project survey or independent monitoring and evaluation (M&E) has yet to be conducted, future assessments are expected to highlight the project's significant impact on community attitudes and perceptions towards women's leadership and violence against women. Preliminary feedback from women during community engagements already

leadership and violence against women. Preliminary feedback from women during community engagements already indicates positive shifts in these areas. Additionally, forthcoming data will likely demonstrate a measurable reduction in water-related conflicts, reflecting the broader societal changes driven by the project.

4. Institutional Coordination and Collaboration

The project strengthened institutional collaboration between UNCDF, ILO, FCC, and CSOs. Key partners like FEDURP and ILRAJ contributed to community mapping, training, and awareness-raising efforts, while WANEP facilitated peace and conflict analyses and established dialogue platforms.

FCC played a pivotal role in sustaining the project outcomes by ensuring continued monitoring of kiosks and supporting women operators through capacity-building initiatives. This partnership between local government and communities created a model for replicable, inclusive water governance.

The W4WP project has successfully addressed structural inequalities and reduced water-related conflicts by empowering women and fostering inclusive community-led governance. By transforming access to water into a tool for peacebuilding and economic empowerment, the project has laid a foundation for long-term social cohesion and resilience in Freetown's informal settlements.

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

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

All of the interventions under this Outcome are contributing to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. Further awareness and understanding of SGBV, especially related to water conflict, means communities discussing and tackling this issue much more openly than before, and agreeing the equal role of women is key. Consultations with CSOs, especially women-led community-based organisations, have empowered women to take a leading role in community decision-making, most particularly in determining the locations of the water kiosks to ensure sustainability, women's empowerment, and peacebuilding impact.

To mitigate the risk of GBV against women managing the water kiosks, men - and male water owners specifically - are targeted for engagement and discussions around water related GBV and how this can be prevented.

Other community members, primarily young people, will also be involved in the construction of the water kiosks, to ensure an inclusive, participatory, transparent, conflict-sensitive and gender-responsive process. Women will be empowered socially and economically following the construction, with capacity building for water management. Finally, UNCDF will establish Community Savings Groups in the area of each water kiosk. The Savings Groups will increase economic resilience and enhance social cohesion and will include both the kiosk operators and other community members, including women and youth, ensuring the project has even greater impact.

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 and institutions.

Yes

No

If yes, please provide concrete examples of such peacebuilding results

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

The project has made notable progress in achieving Outcome 1 by promoting gender-sensitive civic spaces and fostering conflict mitigation mechanisms. These spaces are led and organised by women in the communities, and they continue to meet even after the end of the project. Continuous community engagement, training for women-led organizations, and establishing social dialogue platforms have been pivotal. A focus of these engagements and training sessions was to equip women with the skills and knowledge needed to collaborate effectively on community issues beyond the lifespan of the project. Women were provided with practical tools and strategies to ensure that the platforms and networks established remain sustainable and adaptable.

WANEP's peace and conflict analyses identified drivers of water-related disputes and facilitated solutions, which were used to reduce tensions and foster dialogue in target communities. Women and men now openly discuss water-related sexual violence, abuse of power, and inequitable access to water in public forums. Survivors of sexual violence, who were previously stigmatised, now voice their concerns and challenge community leaders, FCC, and water-well owners to address these issues. This cultural shift not only tackles water-related violence but also other forms of SGBV and abuse of power, contributing to greater social cohesion.

Awareness-raising campaigns by WANEP, ILRAJ, SLLC, and SLEF amplified these changes through jingles, radio discussions, and posters. These campaigns emphasise women's roles in family, community, and economic life, advocating for their protection and empowerment. SLLC involved male community members, including water well owners, to spread messages of gender equality, while SLEF engaged employers through media to highlight the societal benefits of empowered women.

The project has also seen a visible reduction in water-related disputes. Community members increasingly resolve conflicts through dialogue and community channels, with trained women applying their conflict resolution skills to defuse tensions. Sexual harassment and abuse at water points have decreased, aided by deterrent posters and community members acting as "watchdogs".

FEDURP's multi-stakeholder engagement has strengthened community ownership and stakeholder coordination. With two ward coordinators per location, community-wide meetings and stakeholder engagements have reached over 750 participants, ensuring collaborative decision-making and sustainability of project outcomes (Output 1.2).

Although the project does not totally address water shortages, it has significantly reduced disputes and fostered mutual respect, organisation, and non-violent conflict resolution, transforming social dynamics in the communities

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.

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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:

Sources of water-related disputes, notably around water scarcity and access, are identified and reduced through the promotion of gender-sensitive civic spaces.

Outcome 2:

Women are empowered to become agents of change through inclusive and sustainable livelihood opportunities, contributing to strengthen social cohesion and peace.

Outcome 3:

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)
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» **Outcome 1: Sources of water-related disputes, notably around water scarcity and access, are identified and reduced through the promotion of gender-sensitive civic spaces.**

Outcome 1	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
1.1	Change in percentage of community members reporting that water shortages cause conflict	93% (Female: 94%; Male 91%)	73%	84.6% (Female: 87.2%; Male: 80.7%)	End of project survey and M & will provide data on this
1.2	Percentage of community members reporting women's equal involvement in conflict resolution	49% (Female: 46.9%; Male: 54.4%)	69%	31.1% (Female: 35.4%; Male: 24.4%)	End of project survey and M & will provide data on this
1.3					

How many outputs does outcome 1 have?

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

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

Output 1.1
Establishment of local community conflict resolution bodies/civic spaces and mechanisms in targeted areas.

Output 1.2
Continued community dialogue and collaborative decision-making processes are promoted about the construction, business case, employment opportunities and management of water infrastructure to ensure sustainability and inter- community collaboration and understanding.

Output 1.3
Increased awareness among community members on the importance of women’s involvement in local conflict resolution

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: Establishment of local community conflict resolution bodies/civic spaces and mechanisms in targeted areas.	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	Mapping of existing and potential conflict drivers and existing resilience and socially inclusive mechanisms available	0	1		1	
1.1.2	Number of community-based social dialogue forums/civic space on water formed/strengthened/enhanced	0	5		5	
1.1.3	Number of beneficiaries participating in awareness-raising activities on gender-based violence	0	100	500 (ILRAJ) 550 (SLLC & WANEP)	7550	The project targeted a wider range of beneficiaries, especially through the use of radio, tv, posters with awareness raising messages, and workshops

» Output 1.2

<p>Output 1.2: Continued community dialogue and collaborative decision-making processes are promoted about the construction, business case, employment opportunities and management of water infrastructure to ensure sustainability and inter-community collaboration and understanding.</p>	<p>Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i></p>	<p>Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i></p>	<p>End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i></p>	<p>Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i></p>	<p>Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i></p>	<p>Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i></p>
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1.2.1	Number of multi-stakeholder consultations conducted to determine water needs and opportunities to address them	0	5		20	
1.2.2	Analysis on opportunities for cooperative business development around water kiosks available	0	1		1	
1.2.3	No. of people sensitized on the role of women in business	0	200	625 (UNCDF) 500 (ILO)	1,550	

» **Output 1.3**

Output 1.3: Increased awareness among community members on the importance of women's involvement in local conflict resolution	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>
1.3.1	Percentage of community members who believe women should be given responsibility to manage water-related conflicts	33% (Female: 34%; Male: 31%)			85.1 (Female: 87.2%; Male: 81.7%)	
1.3.2	No. of copies of awareness materials produced and disseminated		2,550			
1.3.3						

» Output 1.4

Output 1.4:	Performance Indicators Describe the indicator	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>
1.4.1
1.4.2
1.4.3

» Output 1.5

Output 1.5:	Performance Indicators Describe the indicator	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>
1.5.1
1.5.2
1.5.3

» Outcome 2: Women are empowered to become agents of change through inclusive and sustainable livelihood opportunities, contributing to strengthen social cohesion and peace.

Outcome 2	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
2.1	Number of inclusive and participatory community water management and infrastructure plans available	0	5	5	
2.2	Number of improved water sources available to community members	0	25	20	FCC putting security measures in place before handover of site to the communities
2.3	Percentage of community members reporting women are involved in water management structures	65% (Female: 66%; Male: 61%)	80%	100%	Higher than project target as women manage these water kiosks making them part of the water management structures

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

Inclusive and participatory community water management and infrastructure plans are developed or reinforced with the participation of women-led community organisations and small businesses per catchment area

Output 2.2

Support the creation of inclusive and decent livelihoods for community members, especially women, in the development and maintenance of water infrastructure

Output 2.3

Women entrepreneurs are empowered in the selected areas to become agents for change and peace

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

<p>Output 2.1: Inclusive and participatory community water management and infrastructure plans are developed or reinforced with the participation of women-led community organisations and small businesses per catchment area</p>	<p>Performance Indicators</p> <p><i>Describe the indicator</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Indicator Baseline</p> <p><i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>End of Project Indicator Target</p> <p><i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Indicator progress for reporting period</p> <p><i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Indicator progress to date</p> <p><i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any)</p> <p><i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i></p> <p>.....</p>
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2.1.1	Number of consultations held with civil society organizations and citizens on the types of water infrastructure to invest in and where to locate them	0	10		10	
2.1.2	Indicator 2.1.2 Assessment of water value chain available	0	1		1	
2.1.3	Sustainable business plans for the water management systems available	0	5		1	One was only needed as it is replicated for all the water kiosks. Initially, since there were 5 communities, there was a target of 5, but that was deemed unnecessary

» Output 2.2

Output 2.2: Support the creation of inclusive and decent livelihoods for community members, especially women, in the development and maintenance of water infrastructure	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	Number of community members involved in the rehabilitation/construction of catchment areas and water kiosks, disaggregated by sex	0	60	10		

2.2.2	Number of water kiosks rehabilitated/built	0	25	8	8	
2.2.3	Number of beneficiaries trained on vocational, business development and social cohesion skills	0	200 (80% female)	200 (80% female)	200	

» **Output 2.3**

Output 2.3: Women entrepreneurs are empowered in the selected areas to become agents for change and peace	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>
2.3.1	Number of women community leaders identified	0	25	30	45	
2.3.2	Number of men, community leaders, local chiefs, government officials and private sector actors sensitized on water issues	0	100			
2.3.3	Number of local and women-led organizations capacitated	0	10	30	40	

» Output 2.4

Output 2.4:	Performance Indicators Describe the indicator	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>
2.4.1
2.4.2
2.4.3

» Output 2.5

Output 2.5:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any)
	<i>Describe the indicator</i>	<i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	<i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	<i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	<i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	<i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
2.5.1						
2.5.2						
2.5.3						

» Outcome 3:

Outcome 3	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
3.1					
3.2					
3.3					

How many outputs does outcome 3 have?

- 1 2 3 4 5 more than 5.

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

Output 3.1

Output 3.2

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:	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						
3.1.2						
3.1.3						

» Output 3.2

Output 3.2:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any)
	<i>Describe the indicator</i>	<i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	<i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	<i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	<i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	<i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
3.2.1						
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3.2.3						

» Output 3.3

Output 3.3:	Performance Indicators Describe the indicator	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>
3.3.1
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3.3.3

» Output 3.4

Output 3.4:	Performance Indicators Describe the indicator	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>
3.4.1
3.4.2
3.4.3

» **Output 3.5**

Output 3.5:	Performance Indicators Describe the indicator	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>
3.5.1						
3.5.2						
3.5.3						

» **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 <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>
4.1.1						
4.1.2						
4.1.3						

» Output 4.2

Output 4.2:	Performance Indicators Describe the indicator	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 Describe the indicator	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>
4.3.1
4.3.2
4.3.3

» 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>
4.4.1						
4.4.2						
4.4.3						

» **Output 4.5**

Output 4.5:	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to date	Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any)
	<i>Describe the indicator</i>	<i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	<i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	<i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	<i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	<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.)

<p>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)</p>	<p>Event Description</p>	<p>Tentative Date</p>	<p>Location</p>	<p>Target Audience</p>	<p>Event Objectives (900 characters)</p>
<p>Event 1</p>					
<p>Event 2</p>					
<p>Event 3</p>					
<p>Event 4</p>					

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:

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

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

Human Impact	Type of stakeholder	What has been the impact of the project on their lives?	Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from the stakeholder
1	FEDURP (CSO)	The Federation of Urban and Rural Poor (FEDURP) has experienced transformative impacts through its involvement in the project. As a critical implementing partner, FEDURP has not only enhanced its capacity to engage in community-led development but has also built trust and strengthened relationships with stakeholders across Freetown's informal settlements. By serving as a bridge between the project and the communities, FEDURP has significantly contributed to addressing water-related conflicts and promoting social cohesion. One major impact has been FEDURP's ability to foster meaningful multi-stakeholder engagement. With two ward coordinators in each project location, FEDURP has facilitated over 750 community-wide meetings	Yirah Oryanks Conteh, National Chairperson of the Federation of the Urban and Rural Poor (FEDURP), has emphasized the organization's commitment to inclusivity stating: "FEDURP has been working in the communities organizing and supporting savings groups for some time. We now make a new commitment to ensure all of our work is inclusive and to bring disabled people into our organizing structure."

and stakeholder dialogues involving community chairpersons, women and youth leaders, water well owners, and local government representatives. These dialogues have empowered communities to collectively address water-related disputes, creating a sense of ownership and inclusion. Community members now view FEDURP as a trusted mediator capable of guiding them toward sustainable solutions. FEDURP's efforts to establish Community Savings Groups near water kiosks have also been impactful. These groups promote financial inclusion and economic resilience, particularly among women, by providing a platform for saving, borrowing, and investing in small-scale enterprises. This initiative has improved the economic stability of beneficiaries and fostered solidarity within the communities. Through its collaboration with project partners, FEDURP has also contributed to changing community perceptions about gender roles and power dynamics. By actively engaging women and youth in decision-making processes and promoting their leadership in water management, FEDURP has helped shift traditional norms. Women are now seen as leaders and agents of change.

... agenda of change, challenging long-standing inequalities. The visible reduction in water-related conflicts is another critical outcome linked to FEDURP's interventions. Communities increasingly use dialogue and non-violent methods to resolve disputes, reflecting the effectiveness of FEDURP's sustained engagement. The organisation's role in promoting peaceful interactions and building trust has helped transform relationships among stakeholders, reducing tensions and fostering collaboration. Overall, FEDURP's involvement in the project has not only enhanced its capacity to advocate for the urban poor but has also positively impacted the communities it serves by promoting peace, equity, and resilience in addressing water-related challenges.

<p>2</p>	<p>Beneficiaries</p>	<p>200 beneficiaries who benefitted from the Financial Management & Entrepreneurship training expressed how this training has capacitated them to start and manage their own individual businesses , as well as the water kiosks.</p>	<p>The Mayor of Freetown stated during the graduation ceremony of the 200 women trained on GET Ahead, that "this is contributing to the broader agenda of transforming Freetown and Changing lives". These Young women are our hope for tomorrow".</p>
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3	Sierra Leone Employers' Federation (Implementing Partner)	This project is one of the very first which has trained and empowered employers to engage in a hands on community awareness raising and engagement activity. It offered an opportunity to understand the challenges better, and empowered SLLC for future work	"Through this project, the ILO continued to demonstrate its belief in our abilities, and offered us an opportunity to make a change, at a different level" A Project Officer from SLLC stated
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In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had.

Please limit your response to 4000 characters.

- 1. Empowering Women as Leaders.** The project has elevated women from traditional roles as water carriers to respected leaders and entrepreneurs. Through training in conflict resolution and water resource management, women have gained increased authority in community decision-making. This shift is reflected in midline surveys showing a rise in women’s participation in conflict resolution processes. Women now manage water kiosks, lead dialogues, and influence community governance, enhancing both their social standing and community trust.
- 2. Strengthening Local Organisations.** Beyond individual empowerment, the project built the capacity of local civil society organisations, particularly FEDURP, a community-based, volunteer-led organisation embedded in Freetown’s informal settlements. Training covered budgeting, project management, monitoring, and reporting for both senior and administrative staff. A Training of Trainers initiative prepared 20 FEDURP members, from national chairpersons to community mobilisers, to establish Community Savings Groups. These groups have become crucial tools for promoting financial inclusion and resilience.
- 3. Financial Inclusion and Economic Resilience for Women.** The project established 25 Community Savings Groups with 8 members each, benefiting 200 community members through improved financial literacy, peer-to-peer lending, and access to credit. These groups have enhanced household incomes and promoted solidarity, especially among women, creating a foundation for sustained economic development.
- 4. Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Development.** A total of 200 women were trained under the ILO’s Gender Entrepreneurship Together (GET Ahead) program, gaining practical skills in business management, financial literacy and entrepreneurship. The program was tailored to be accessible even to non-literate participants, ensuring inclusivity. As a result, participants have developed the confidence and skills to manage both individual businesses and community water kiosks, transforming their livelihoods and contributing to local economies.
- 5. Reducing Gender-Based Violence and Promoting Social Cohesion.** A significant outcome of the project has been the reduction of GBV around water access points. Previously, women fetching water faced harassment and exploitation, particularly under male-dominated management structures. With women now operating the kiosks, the incidence of harassment has dramatically decreased. This shift has fostered a safer environment for women and challenged traditional gender norms, promoting respect and inclusivity in the broader community.

6. Fostering Institutional and Community Partnerships. The project's success has been driven by strong partnership between local communities, civil society organisations, and government entities. FEDURP played a key role as a mediator and facilitator of community dialogues, while Freetown City Council (FCC) ensured project sustainability through technical support and policy alignment. Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between FCC, well owners, and kiosk operators have formalised these relationships, ensuring accountability and long-term success.

7. Community Testimonials and Lasting Impact. The project's human impact is best illustrated through the voices of its beneficiaries. During the graduation ceremony for the 200 women trained on entrepreneurship, the Mayor of Freetown remarked, "This initiative is contributing to the broader agenda of transforming Freetown and changing lives. These young women are our hope for tomorrow." FEDURP leaders have also highlighted how the project has strengthened their capacity to advocate for sustainable community development and social cohesion.

8. A Sustainable Model for Inclusive Development. The Women for Water and Peace project has created a sustainable model for inclusive community development. By integrating gender-sensitive approaches, community-led resource management, and conflict resolution, the project has laid the foundation for long-term peacebuilding, economic empowerment, and social cohesion. The project's holistic approach has not only addressed immediate challenges but also fostered a cultural shift towards gender equality and community resilience.

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

1. Women trained to manage water kiosks pledge to combat gender-based violence-18_33_55.mp4



File 2

OPTIONAL

3. Full operation of water kiosk-18_38_43.mov



File 3

OPTIONAL

3. Newspaper on W4WP event-18_40_4.jpg



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
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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.
The project has established the first-ever community-led and community-operated private water infrastructure in target areas affected by water conflicts. This initiative is supported by an innovative business model designed to ensure the long-term sustainability of operations.

Please explain one of the selected options
Please limit your response to 3000 characters.
The project has focused on capacity building for implementing partners, water kiosk operators, women leaders, and savings group members, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to ensure effective implementation and sustainability.

Please explain one of the selected options

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

FEDURP is a volunteer based organisation comprised of residents of informal settlements advocating for and implementing development projects in those areas.

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

Freetown City Council is the key government partner, and will oversee, monitor and support the water infrastructure into the long term.

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.

To ensure monitoring and evidence, UNCDF used Performance Based Agreements for both implementing partners. This ensures the partners receive further tranches only once they have met the outlined deliverables and provided sufficient evidence. UNCDF has monitored their activities in person, to ensure activities are implemented as designed and agreed, and to ensure that the evidence provided under the PBA is reliable and accurate. To further improve accountability, the implementing partners have attended each other's community-level activities where possible. Therefore, monitoring activities were conducted throughout the reporting period, including women-led organisations determining the kiosk locations, the awareness raising activities, the community mapping etc. Additionally, UNCDF and FEDURP facilitated monitoring by FCC Development and Planning Officer and the colleague liaising between FCC and the Ministry of Local Government. They interviewed key stakeholders on the process so far, lessons learned and recommendations going forward

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.

The Peace and Conflict Analysis conducted by WANEP included surveying 500 community members to provide the project baseline. Elaborate on what sources of evidence have been used to report on indicators (and are available upon request): ILRAJ is conducting an Endline Survey that provides data on the project indicators. The results are expected in February 2025. An Endline Survey has yet to be conducted to ascertain the impact of the project. However, although the survey results are not available continued interactions with the communities indicate massive improvements, including reduction in water conflicts, reduction in violence against women and increased livelihoods for 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.

Information from events undertaken for the project and water kiosks built

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.

WANEP conducted a midline survey

Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms?

Yes

No

Please provide a brief description

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

WANEP established social dialogue forums, with community conflict monitors. FEDURP has 2 coordinators who live in each community and provide a feedback mechanism. UNCDF and ILO have a communication forum with community councillors and other stakeholders which has been used as a feedback mechanism.

» Evaluation

Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

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

Response required

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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.

Funds are already committed – ILRAJ will conduct an endline impact survey. Independent evaluation to be done as part of GYPI Cohort Evaluation by PBSO.

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.

The project is leveraging and collaborating with the UNCDF Blue Peace project, which is also building water infrastructure in Freetown. By doing so, both projects should have greater overall impact for the communities targeted, with potential spill over into more wards in Freetown, particularly at the boundaries between wards/communities/groups.

By leveraging Blue Peace, the W4WP is able to construct water kiosks at a unit cost \$100,000 less than would otherwise be the case.

Regarding peacebuilding impact, Blue Peace is adopting some of the W4WP approaches, including conflict-sensitive MoU, and awareness raising around SGBV and water conflicts.

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.

Sustainability is ensured in a number of ways. First, the business cases and plans developed with and for the women who will manage the water kiosks will include cost recovery and maintenance, and provide sufficient incentives for vendors to guarantee continuous operation. The water value chain analysis includes the payment capability of the local community. Additionally, the kiosks use solar energy to remove the reliance on fuel for generators, which is particularly important given the extreme increase in global fuel prices.

10 local technicians have also been trained to undertake regular maintenance and repairs on the water kiosks with manuals provided by the contractors, so that they would understand how to troubleshoot the system. Copies of these manuals are also provided for all the women groups operating the water kiosks.

The contractor also has a one-year period to undertake repairs if there are any issues with the water kiosks.

Most importantly, the water management plans ensure an appropriate and equitable distribution of quality, affordable water into the long term, which will significantly reduce water-related conflicts within and between communities. From conception, through design, implementation and exit, this project has engaged, consulted and supported community members to take ownership and decisions regarding this project, and this ownership and belief in the model will sustain the established mechanisms into the future.

Additionally, the UNCDF Blue Peace Project continues to have oversight over the project in the years to come.

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.

During the implementation of the project, several capacity-related challenges were identified within the women's groups and community structures that could impact the long-term sustainability of the project's outcomes. While the women kiosk operators and community members demonstrated strong leadership and engagement throughout the project, there are areas where continued support and capacity building are essential to ensure the durability and scalability of these achievements.

One key area is the need for ongoing technical training for the women operating the kiosks. Although they received comprehensive instruction in business management, resource allocation, and conflict resolution, further support in areas such as financial planning and technical maintenance of the kiosks will enhance their ability to operate these microenterprises sustainably. Building these skills will also empower women to diversify their business ventures and expand into other sectors.

Financial literacy and management skills remain crucial for sustaining the economic impact of the project. While initial training provided a strong foundation, continued mentorship and refresher courses in budgeting, profit reinvestment, and savings strategies will ensure that women can effectively manage and grow their businesses. Additionally, strengthening the Community Savings Groups established during the project will be critical to promoting long-term financial resilience within the communities.

Furthermore, fostering stronger community governance structures is necessary to maintain the peacebuilding and conflict resolution mechanisms initiated by the project. Consolidating formal leadership frameworks within the women's groups will help ensure that decision-making processes remain inclusive, transparent, and effective. This includes creating pathways for younger women to assume leadership roles and promoting intergenerational knowledge sharing.

The continuation of the UNCDF Blue Peace project will be crucial in sustaining and expanding the gains made under the W4WP initiative. By supporting inclusive water governance and community-led resource management, Blue Peace will reinforce the skills of women kiosk operators and community groups in financial management, conflict resolution, and infrastructure maintenance. Its focus on sustainable financing will create opportunities to scale successful models and attract new investments, integrating W4WP's lessons into broader water governance frameworks. This ongoing support will help preserve the project's achievements in gender empowerment, social cohesion, and economic resilience within the communities.

Monitoring and Oversight Activities

Please describe any key event related to monitoring and oversight. Please click next if no activities have yet taken place.

Events include Steering Committee meetings, Monitoring visits, Third party monitoring, Community based monitoring, any data collection, Perception or other survey findings, evaluation reports, audit or investigations.

Monitoring and oversight activities	Name of the Event	Summary	Key Findings
Event 1	Performance Based Agreements for 2 Implementing Partners	Ensures comprehensive evidence is provided to prove the deliverables have been met, before further disbursements to partners, ensuring activities are implemented as designed and agreed.	
Event 2	UNCDF & ILO Monitoring	UNCDF staff monitored all activities undertaken by FEDURP in the period, and almost all activities undertaken by ILRAJ. ILO also monitored activities implemented by WANEP and SLLC to ensure conflict sensitivity, effective management of resources, and prevent triggers of conflict through statements, contents and actions by both project participants, community stakeholders and/or implementing partners. UNCDF engineer oversees day-to-day monitoring and quality assurance of the construction works, supported by the Project Coordinator.	Key Findings: In some cases, there were community concerns over the construction works. For example, questions were raised over the colour of the water tanks, the security of the solar panels, the pace and sequencing of the construction work, etc. All have been addressed through site visits, stakeholder engagement and community awareness activities. Key Findings: Construction is on track and aligns with the contract, FCC standards, and the required equipment specifications.

<p>Event 3</p>	<p>FCC Monitoring</p>	<p>UNCDF and ILO have facilitated monitoring by FCC technical staff across multiple departments. The City Engineer monitors the kiosk construction and signs off on test validation prior to completion of the works. The FCC WASH Committee Chairman also monitored and supported the training sessions of the water kiosk operators across locations.</p>	<p>Water kiosks have been built in line with specifications</p>
<p>Event 4</p>	<p>Baseline, Midline and Endline Perception Survey</p>	<p>ILO supported WANEP in conducting the baseline and midline perception surveys, which provided updates for the project indicators. ILRAJ is undertaking a post-project methodology with final results expected in February 2025</p>	<p>From the midline survey, the project has shown progress on key indicators including a reduction in community conflicts related to water shortage; and an increased role of women in conflict management and resolution. The endline survey will validate the results.</p>
<p>Event 5</p>			
<p>Event 6</p>			
<p>Event 7</p>			
<p>Event 8</p>			

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