

PBF November 2024 Project Progress Report



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Type of report *

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

Date of submission of report *

2024-11-16

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

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☒ Yes

☐ No

Did PBF Secretariat or RCO focal point review the report?

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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?

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please select the geographical region in which the project is implemented

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

Country of project implementation

- ☐ Ethiopia
- ☐ Kenya
- ☐ Madagascar
- ☐ Somalia
- ☒ South Sudan
- ☐ Sudan
- ☐ Other, Specify

Other, please specify

Project Title

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- ☐ 00130006: Building peace through promoting inclusive and participatory transitional justice processes and mechanisms in South Sudan
- ☐ 00130571: Challenging harmful and patriarchal gender norms for better mental health and peace and security, amongst women and girls and communities in the Wunlit Triangle
- ☐ 00129661: Community Action for Peaceful Resolution of Housing, Land and Property (HLP) Disputes and Conflicts
- ☐ 00113057: Enhancing Women's Access to Land to Consolidate Peace in South Sudan
- ☐ 00120688: Gender mainstreaming in Security Sector Reform
- ☐ 00129659: Secretariat support to the PBF portfolio in South Sudan
- ☐ 00129660: Support to a people-driven and gender responsive permanent constitution making process in South Sudan
- ☐ 00118940: Youth Action for Reduced Violence and Enhanced Social Cohesion in Wau, South Sudan
- ☐ 00134340: Youth Leading Peace: Establishing participatory and inclusive local and national mechanisms for implementation of Youth Peace and Security Agenda in South Sudan
- ☒ 00140011: Women's Leadership and Political Participation During South Sudan's Transitional Period
- ☐ 00140047: Local Solutions to Build Climate Resilience and Advance Peace and Stability in Bor Pibor and Malakal
- ☐ 00140050: Resourcing change: inclusive peacebuilding from the ground up
- ☐ 00140762: Women in South Sudan's Security Sector: A Path to Inclusive and Transformative Leadership
- ☐ 00140802: Community Violence Reduction Partnerships with White Nile and Sobat River Communities to Advance Socioeconomic Cohesion and Peaceful Uses of the White Nile and Sobat River
- ☐ 00140803: Inclusive Governance for Peace: Promoting young women's meaningful political participation in South Sudan
- ☐ Other, Specify

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

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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 type="checkbox"/> West Africa | |

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 Gambia and Senegal

Please select the countries where this project is being implemented *

Other, Please specify *

Project Start Date (Date of first transfer) *

2023-01-24

2023-01-24

Project End Date *

2026-01-22

2026-01-22

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?

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- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

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

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- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If yes, please select which

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- ☐ National Trust Fund
- ☐ Regional Trust Fund

Recipients

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

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- ☒ UN entity
- ☐ Non-UN Entity

Please select the convening agency recipient

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- ☐ 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

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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

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- ☐ 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

- ☐ 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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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 *

EVE Organization for Development

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

85241

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

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

Lobbied for the passage and use of the Women Empowerment Bill, 2022/2023; and popularized the provisions of the Political Parties' Act to women aspirants, particularly on grassroots engagement with political parties.

Conducted dialogue with local leaders and political party leaders for the inclusion of women in political and decision-making process

Trained 80 young women in Juba County on Women's Leadership and Political Participation. The training was structured to equip the participants with essential knowledge, skills, and motivation for engaging in political processes.

Conducted an advocacy meeting with 11 key SPLM women leaders on key issues affecting women participation and opportunities to position themselves for meaningful participation.

Launched a social media (Facebook, X and LinkedIn) campaign with critical messages on peace and women leadership.

Convened the 4th Annual Women Conference in Juba. More than 300 women from across the country placed a collective call for accountability on the National Action Plan - UNSCR 1325 implementation.

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
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- ☐ International NGO
- ☐ Governmental entity
- ☐ Other

Other, Please specify

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Lukluk Community Association for Development (LCAD)

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

40000

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

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

Conducted six (6) intergenerational dialogues reaching 300 (270 F, 30M) young women and men including 10 traditional leaders and the members of two (2) peace structures. The dialogue addressed harmful social norms and violence and increased tools and strategies to address structural barriers that affect women political participation.

Undertook a mapping exercise of 40 women aspirants in the Parliament to inform policymakers about the current state of women's political participation and underrepresentation. The women aspirants were trained on leadership roles, public speaking to support and improve expansion of the number of women candidates and leaders in political parties and in other leadership positions.

Strengthened the alignment of three (3) community radio stations and information sharing platforms priorities on peacebuilding messaging

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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 *

National Press Club (NPC)

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

35000

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

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

Conducted a three-day stakeholder's workshop to 66 persons (46F & 20M) on promoting women's participation in leadership and in peacebuilding.

Currently implementing two campaigns on harmful cultural norms that perpetuate violence against women and hinder their political participation and document cultural and traditional practices that promote women's leadership and prevent violence against women. The campaign also engages the key Government Ministries to support their messaging to electoral stakeholders.

Established partnerships with five (5) radio talk shows on equal participation, and the impact of misinformation and disinformation on meaningful participation.

Organized a one-day round table with 50 participants (20M & 30 F) on women political participation and peacebuilding with political and religious leaders.

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 *

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- ☐ 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 *

Helping Hands

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

20790

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

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

Conducted dialogue with local leaders and political parties leaders and persons with disabilities on gender inclusion and Leave No One Behind (LNOB) issues in political and decision-making process. This engagement has been critical to documentation of impact of marginalization for women with disabilities, and will feed into a media and communications strategy development.

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)
UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerme nt of Women	1500000	600000	546646.28	36.44%
				%

[illegible]

	*	*	*	%
	*	*	*	%
TOTAL	3000000	1200000	1054537.54	35.15%

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **35.15%**. 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? *

99.67

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 \$ 2990100**. 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 \$ 1051057.57**. 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](#)

Copy of PBF Budget and Expenditure_Women Political Participation_UNW-UNDP_31st August 2024 Submission REV (C) 

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

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- ☐ (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?

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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?

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- ☐ 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

From March to November 2024, the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare (MGCSW) at national and state level were engaged in the development of the Gender Equality Fund Strategy to provide input on the draft strategy. The ministry took lead in the consultative and cross-learning process that contributed to the draft strategy. The strategy is under review at the National Ministry.

In October 2024, the MGCSW convened the first ever Gender Equality Forum, that brought together the state ministers and their deputies (Director Generals).

From April to November 2024, the MGCSW and the Women Empowerment Bill Technical Committee collaborated to review the feedback on the Women Empowerment Bill from the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs. This Bill was submitted to the National Cabinet for endorsement.

Technical Committee meetings were held in May 2024 and September 2024 with the Ministry of Peacebuilding co-chairing the meetings. The September meeting focused on the impact of the extension of the transition period and the critical need to document lessons learned and visibility products.

In May 2024, the Ministries of Gender, Child and Social Welfare, Peacebuilding, Parliamentary Affairs and the Transitional National Legislative Assembly (TNLA) at both national and Upper Nile State were actively involved in the project's baseline study. The findings of the baseline study have been critical to the Gender Observatory (GO) design. The 14-organization Gender Observatory will monitor and document the implementation of the minimum 35% affirmative action for women.

In October 2024, the project continued the onboarding of the GO CSO partner.

In July 2024, two (2) Women Parliamentary Caucus members attended Democracy Forum in Switzerland and joined discussions on democratic governance and explore ways to build trust and foster peaceful dialogue.

The project supported the International Day of Peace in September 2024.

From May to July 2024, the National Press Club held ten (10) meetings with different line ministries, including the Ministry of Peace Building, Ministry of Gender, and state parliamentarians (Women Parliamentary Caucus) in Juba and Malakal.

The 4th Annual Women Conference from 22 to 23 October 2024, organized by EVE, was supported by UN Women, UNMISS, and several civil society organizations.

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

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

Collection of baselines

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

Identification of beneficiaries

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- ☐ 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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Please limit your response to 3000 characters

Completed the project baseline study (May 2024). The study revealed that women's political participation in South Sudan remains low despite legal provisions guaranteeing their representation in various political structures. Barriers identified include cultural norms that limit women's role in public life, lack of resources and support structures, and limited access to education and economic opportunities. The findings and recommendations from the study will be used to refine the strategies and activities aimed at enhancing women's participation in politics and peacebuilding.

Partnership Agreements and Low Value Grant Agreement (August 2024) have been finalized with four Responsible Partners and grantees. These partners have been onboarded to support project implementation. (Please refer to Implementing Partners reported above).

The selection of an international consultant (September 2024) to develop the Gender Equality Fund Bill and the Gender Authority Bill has been finalized and will commence the assignment in November 2024.

The recruitment process for a national consultant as an Advisor, specializing in Women, Peace and Security was finalized in June 2024 and the consultant continues to support the MGCSW.

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?

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- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If no, please provide an explanation

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

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Project progress summary

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

Introduction

The project addresses women's the marginalization of women in decision-making roles and the violence they endure, which poses significant challenges to the democratic processes and peace in South Sudan. With one year remaining before the project's completion, and in light of the current political climate, both UN Women and UNDP are committed to enhancing women's participation in political spheres, peacebuilding initiatives, and decision-making processes. Ongoing progress encompasses several targeted initiatives:

Capacity strengthening and engagement

The three implementing partners under UN Women carried out capacity-building initiatives in Juba County, Malakal, and Pibor. They trained 180, representing 40% of the total project target, however, only 3 of 20 state-level Parliamentary Caucuses were trained and there are plans to scale up capacity building and mentoring for parliamentarians on policy and gender-sensitive legislation. In Juba, EVE organization trained 80 young women who now participate in a mentorship program and held an advocacy meeting with 11 key SPLM women leaders in Juba on the minimum 35% affirmative action for women. The Lukluk Community Association for Development (LCAD) held a three-day stakeholder workshop for 66 participants (46 women; 20 men) from Malakal, Pibor Administrative area, and Juba to expand the space for dialogue, and undertook a mapping of 40 parliamentarians for capacity building support. LCAD conducted a mapping and training program for 40 women parliamentarians, political aspirants, candidates, and leaders to promote the representation of women within political parties and peace structures. The mapping of women aspirants and political leaders in the regions of Malakal and Pibor is essential to enhancing women's participation in peace initiatives and political dialogues at the subnational level. The LCAD organization also conducted six intergenerational dialogues, with a total participation of 300 individuals (270 females and 30 males).

Advocacy

The National Press Club runs two campaigns to address detrimental societal norms and violence against women and to systematically document cultural and traditional practices that support and advance female political participation and leadership. The event drew the attention of several reputable media outlets, including Voice of America (VOA), and was featured on the South Sudan Focus News. Recognizing the media's role in shaping public opinion, the project engagement with the media will increase and extend to 2025 considering the media's strategic role in addressing negative perceptions of women leadership.

Throughout the year, UN Women supported the Women Parliamentary Caucus (WPC). Specific outputs of the support include the development of its multi-year Strategic Plan. UN Women has also recruited a Gender Advisor to provide technical leadership on the plan's roll-out. One example of how this roll-out has positively contributed to the WPC's engagement and decision-making is the establishment of the Gender Observatory (GO), which the WPC now co-leads.

The Women Empowerment Bill was submitted in September 2024 by the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs to the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs for approval and endorsement to be tabled in parliament. The purpose of this Bill is to protect and promote women's rights including their inclusion and participation, promote gender equality, and establish a legal framework for the enforcement of the minimum of at least thirty - five percent (35%) representation of women at all levels of governance, public and private sectors as stipulated in 2018 Revitalized Peace Agreement, the interim Constitution, the Political Parties Act, and the Election Law. The Women Empowerment Bill also includes provisions for establishing a Gender Equality Fund and an independent authority to oversee its implementation. In May 2024 the MGCSW developed the Gender Equality Fund Strategy through consultations with key stakeholders, including ministries, women and youth organizations, and community leaders at the national and state level. These engagements enhanced the stakeholders' ownership of the policy documents. In April 2024, before developing the strategy, the MGCSW (the Minister and 3 senior staff) participated in learning visits to Kenya and Ethiopia to learn lessons and best practices in establishing funds for women's empowerment and political leadership. The draft strategy is under review by the MGCSW, with completion planned for December 2024.

The engagement brought together representatives from organizations like Equatoria States Association of the Deaf (ESADD), South Sudan Association of the Visually Impaired (SSAVI), Jubek State Union of the Visually Impaired

(JSUVI), Union of the Physical Disabled (UPD), South Sudan Association of the Deaf (SSNAD), and South Sudan Paralympic Association. Key recommendations from these discussions included the development of gender-sensitive guidelines and policy framework for political parties; and the formation of lobby teams within political parties to advocate for women's issues.

The deployment of the Women, Peace and Security Advisor to the MGCSW in June 2024 enabled the National and state ministries of Gender to prepare and submit stronger reports, resulting from the capacity strengthening and mentorship by the Advisor. The reports on the achievements of Women, Peace, and Security from all 10 states and 3 administrative areas were presented in the first-ever Annual Gender Equality Forum organized by the MGCSW with support from the project. Between the national and state level ministries aimed at improving implementation and reporting on UNSCR 1325.

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

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Hon. Hellen Ngaidok, a young MP at the Transitional National Legislative Assembly representing Greater Pibor Administrative Area.

Hon. Hellen acknowledged the privilege of her position in parliament given the conditions in her origin, leadership journey, and testified about the impact of mentorship; "What we have learned today is very important to us as young women who have joined politics. There has been a lot of challenges and stereotypes against women in politics and other works of life, but this workshop has actually opened our minds to see the positive part of life than concentrating on the negative part of it. The workshop also captured points on time management, importance of mentorship in politics, and how to participate in politics. Furthermore, we were encouraged to work together as women regardless of our political affiliations, regardless of our regional presentations, and regardless of the ethnic groups that we all come from. This workshop should be extended to areas that mostly need this project especially Greater Pibor Administrative Area.

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

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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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https://youtu.be/fu1mNzeqKpo?si=GIQgs_OOnbVkFgxB**

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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: *

Enhanced quality and quantity of women participation in decision making, in particular in the National and State Parliament

Outcome 2: Positive shift in perceptions and attitudes regarding women capacity to lead and make decisions in politics and peacebuilding	*
Outcome 3: Gender-sensitive and gender-inclusive laws, policies and practices are increased	*
Outcome 4:	*
Outcome 5:	*
Outcome 6:	*
Outcome 7:	*
Outcome 8:	*
Additional Outcomes <i>If the project has more than 8 outcomes, please enumerate the remaining outcomes here</i>	*

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: Enhanced quality and quantity of women participation in decision making, in particular in the National and State Parliament**

Outcome 1	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
1.1	% of Women parliamentarians that reported participation in gender responsive policy dialogue, review and design	25%	70%	-	An update on the outcome indicators will be provided in the 2025 progress report.
1.2	% of women parliamentarians that show increase in level of engagement	20%	30%	-	An update on the outcome indicators will be provided in the 2025 progress report.
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

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Output 1.1

Women, especially young women are capacitated to work effectively in government and political parties

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Output 1.2

Increased opportunities and spaces for women leaders to engage with their constituencies, thereby strengthening accountability and linkages between center and periphery

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Output 1.3

Increased advocacy to augment the number of women candidates and leaders in political parties through democratic and transparent means

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: Women, especially young women are capacitated to work effectively in government and political parties	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	# of training manual developed on gender sensitive legislation including gender responsive budgeting	0	1	0	0	With PBO approval, a decision has been made that UN Women will utilize existing VAW training materials to avoid the duplication
1.1.2	# of grassroots legislators, young women and community members mobilized and engaged by women parliamentarians	0	450	0	180	Project on track to meet end of project indicator target.

1.1.3	# of state level Parliamentary Caucuses trained and mentored on policy and gender-sensitive legislation	0	20	-	3	Project partners has engaged state level caucuses and will report increase in training and mentorship in 2025 progress report.
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» Output 1.2

Output 1.2: Increased opportunities and spaces for women leaders to engage with their constituencies, thereby strengthening accountability and linkages between center and periphery	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 women parliamentarians and young women, CSOs, local leaders and the wider community that participated in exchange forums	0	500		686	

1.2.2	Indicator 1.2.2 Measures for the protection of women and young women in political participation are adopted	3	5		0	
1.2.3						

» **Output 1.3**

Output 1.3: Increased advocacy to augment the number of women candidates and leaders in political parties through democratic and transparent means	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	# of publication or Research study completed on WPS	0	3		0	Development of the draft Policy brief on WPS is ongoing, to be finalized in December 2024

1.3.2	# of coordination meeting held on WPS	3	9	7	7	7 dialogues with 225 (133F, 92 M) political party and local leaders on women's participation and leadership. More coordination meetings planned for first and second
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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: Positive shift in perceptions and attitudes regarding women capacity to lead and make decisions in politics and peacebuilding**

Outcome 2	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
2.1	% of Parliamentarians and Women lead CSO' members who perceived women's participation in politics is vital for peacebuilding disaggregated by sex	50% female Parliamentarians, 86% female CSO leaders	80%	-	An update on the outcome indicators will be provided in the 2025
2.2	# of trained CSOs, WROs and Grassroots organizations actively promoting women's rights	0	20	-	An update on the outcome indicators will be provided in the 2025 progress report.
2.3					

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

Increased capacity and awareness of stakeholder groups, including CSO's, Women Rights Organizations (WROs), media, community influencers, male allies, and political leaders to create an enabling environment for women's political leadership

Output 2.2

Expanded space for dialogue and exchange of ideas on women’s participation in political and peacebuilding decision making (townhalls, meetings, dialogues, forums, consultations)

Output 2.3

Expanded space for dialogue and exchange of ideas on women’s participation in political and peacebuilding decision making (townhalls, meetings, dialogues, forums, consultations)

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: Increased capacity and awareness of stakeholder groups, including CSO's, Women Rights Organizations (WROs), media, community influencers, male allies, and political leaders to create an enabling environment for women's political leadership	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 CSOs, WROs and grassroots organizations trained in women's rights and advocacy	0	20		26	Reached target and will deepen engagement with target groups in 2025
2.1.2	# of HeForShe events organized in the targeted areas of intervention	0	0		0	An update on the outcome indicators will be provided in the 2025 progress report.
2.1.3	# of media practitioners trained and mentored by media type [Radio/Print/Social media]	0	67		16	Project on course to meet end of project indicator target.

» Output 2.2

Output 2.2: Expanded space for dialogue and exchange of ideas on women's participation in political and peacebuilding decision making (townhalls, meetings, dialogues, forums, consultations)	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 CSOs, WROs and grassroots organizations, women’s networks that held consultations for requests and recommendations to be shared with decision-makers centered on policies and issues of priority	0	20	26	Reason for variance (exceeded target). In October 2023, 11 CSOs with UN Women support, led an advocacy action on a gender inclusive reconstitution of Elections Management Bodies. This action was a response to the potential impact of the delay in the implementation of the Peace Agreement. The work with the organizations was not a part of the original capacity development plan of CSOs.
2.2.2					
2.2.3					

» Output 2.3

Output 2.3: Expanded space for dialogue and exchange of ideas on women's participation in political and peacebuilding decision making (townhalls, meetings, dialogues, forums, consultations)	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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» **Outcome 3: Gender-sensitive and gender-inclusive laws, policies and practices are increased**

Outcome 3	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Current Indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
3.1	# of gender-inclusive laws, amendments and policies that are passed	0	1	0	The Women Empowerment Bill has been reviewed and submitted to Ministry of Cabinet Affairs for Endorsement and tabling in Parliament. Expected endorsement by December 2024.
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

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Output 3.1

Passing and commencement of implementation of a Gender Equality Affirmative Action Bill 2022 for women's representation in the Republic of South Sudan that includes an enforcement mechanism for women's representation

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Output 3.2

Strengthened capacity of the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare to oversee implementation of gender equality legislation

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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: Passing and commencement of implementation of a Gender Equality Affirmative Action Bill 2022 for women's representation in the Republic of South Sudan that includes an enforcement mechanism for women's representation	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 legislators and government representatives engaged and mobilized for the passing of the affirmative action bill	0	50	30 (30% F)	30 (30% F)	Implementation is on track
3.1.2	Annual monitoring on adherence to relevant laws and regional and international commitments conducted	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	One Annual Forum held in October 2024
3.1.3	# of young women leaders, state legislators and male champions sensitized on the affirmative action bill at the national and states level	0	200	60 (40% F, 40% state legislators, 20% male champions)	60 (40% F, 40% state legislators, 20% male champions)	Implementation is on track

» Output 3.2

Output 3.2: Strengthened capacity of the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare to oversee implementation of gender equality legislation	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 publication or Research study completed on WPS	0	3	0	0	Development of the draft Milestones booklet on WPS is ongoing, to be finalized in December 2024. More publications planned for 2025.
3.2.2	# of coordination meeting held on WPS	0	3	0	0	Meetings will be held in November 2024 to March 2025
3.2.3						

» 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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» 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 <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 4.2

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

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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)

Event 1	Constituency visit (Women Parliamentary Caucus)	11-15 November 2024	Malakal, Yambio	Representatives from Local Administration, Customary Courts, Cultural/ Religious leaders, Members of Parliament at state level; the Referral Pathway (Police, Health, Education, Gender and Social Services and Courts	The overall objective of the consultation is to undertake advocacy and lobbying for support to women's preparedness and increased participation in final constitutional making process, politics, general elections / electoral cycle and peace building
Event 2	Policy learning mission to Ghana	18-21 November 2024	Accra, Ghana	Ministry of Peacebuilding, ministry of parliamentary affairs, ministry of Gender, Child, and Social Office of the Vice President.	The main purpose of this activity is to facilitate knowledge transfer and experience sharing between the senior leadership and staff of the Ministry of Peacebuilding in South Sudan and the relevant government agencies, civil society and international organizations in Ghana.
Event 3	Organize 5 advocacy meetings with key political parties actors	November 2024	Juba	100 young women and high-level political leaders and community elders	To addresses barriers for women political participation

Event 4	Organize 6 dialogues with local leaders and political party leaders for their inclusion in political and decision-making processes	November 2024	Juba	women leaders, young women, political parties' leaders and secretary generals, community leaders	To discuss the importance and challenges of women political participation
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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 Organizatiions, Beneficiaries, etc.) of the project, and for each, please briefly describe:

i. The challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implemantation

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	Individual (woman with disability)	<p>South Sudan is a new country, has gone through cycles of conflicts that have particularly excluded women, especially those with disabilities, from political and decision-making spaces. The project facilitated a discussion for political parties and local leaders to engage with women with disabilities regarding their involvement in leadership. This initiative has increased understanding and commitment to the include persons with disabilities in parliament at both national and state levels. The engagements involved members of parliament (MPs) who read a motion during the discussions that they will be presenting to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Planning, Investment and Infrastructure, and the Minister of Gender, Child and Social Welfare, to address the structural challenges affecting persons with disabilities, including women, that limit them from engaging in leadership. The motion made reference to the Transitional constitution of South Sudan on the right of PWDs. Further, the MPs requested capacity building on how to pass good laws for persons with disabilities and also on how MPs and Ministers can work together in advancing with rights of people with disability</p>	<p>“Women should be given the opportunity to work within the government without facing discrimination. This message is directed to the Government of South Sudan to promote the inclusion of people with disability and ensure they are not neglected.” Jacklyn Reento – Member of the Union of Persons with Disability. Hon. Naomi Hisiaha Thomas expressed commitment that... “I will continue to make sure there are policies for protecting PWDs....” “More women in the system mean total peace into the Country” said Hon. Adeng member of parliament. Ms. Akanyo Nancy a teacher at St. Lawrance secondary school express that the mentorship has made her to have the will to change politic “ before attending this workshop I use to think politics is just a dirty field but after attending this mentorship workshop I am now ready to join politic and do my best to serve my community”</p>
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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.

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

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File 3

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

OPTIONAL

Link 1

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Link 3

OPTIONAL

Please tick the applicable change based on above narrative.

How we worked:

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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 engages with the diverse stakeholders through the multi-stakeholder platform. The platform serves as an entry point on advocacy and learning within the context of peacebuilding and women's political participation. Platform members will focus on deterring the use of violence during elections and build capacity for social cohesion and peace through prevention, documentation, capacity building, monitoring and response to harmful social norms which serve as structural barriers to women political participation and leadership on peacebuilding mechanisms/structures. The multi-stakeholder platform will elevate the discussions and actions on peacebuilding ranging from early warning to documentation.

Please explain one of the selected options

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

The project has been instrumental in attracting additional resources and is a concrete example of the catalytic nature of the Peacebuilding Fund. UN Women was able to secure funding of NOK 40,000,000 from the Government of Norway which complements, enforces and scales up some project components. Further, UNDP was able to secure funding of US\$ 105,604 from internal resources that have been set aside to conduct the state level women leadership conferences recommended by the Gender Equality Fund Strategy Consultations supported by this Peacebuilding Fund project.

Please explain one of the selected options

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

The project supported the revision of the Women Empowerment Bill, which creates an enabling policy environment for gender equality and women's empowerment, especially on political leadership

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

Government ministries-Ministry of Peace Building Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare and Ministry of parliamentary Affairs are strategic partners to UN Women and UNDP.

Leave No one Behind

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

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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.

During the project period, regular field visits was conducted to project sites to observe program implementation firsthand. These visits allowed for direct engagement with beneficiaries and local partners, providing insights into the challenges faced on the ground. Observations included assessing the quality of services provided, such as t sessions for women leaders or community dialogues aimed at increasing inclusivity of women in community and leadership processes.

The baseline study has been finalised which assesses the current situation of key project elements, including barriers to women and young women's full and equal participation such as social norms, access to financial resources, conflict, and other crises. The baseline data was provided for measuring project progress and results.

The project also established robust reporting mechanisms to track progress against key performance indicators (KPIs) outlined in project proposals. Regular reports were generated that documented achievements, challenges encountered during implementation, and recommendations for future actions. These reports were shared with stakeholders (Ministry of Peacebuilding) to maintain transparency and accountability.

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 baseline data was used from the results of the baseline survey. Other evidence are attendance lists, minutes, events and activity reports, partners' reports.

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.

Baseline survey

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please provide a brief description

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Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

The baseline assessment has shed light on the perceptions surrounding women's leadership in politics and peacebuilding in South Sudan. While there is widespread recognition among CSO leaders and parliamentarians regarding the importance of women's participation, there remains a concerning perception of unequal opportunities for men and women in these domains. This disparity underscores the need for deeper reflection within leadership circles and concerted efforts to address systemic barriers hindering women's leadership roles. With only 20% of women parliamentarians (at national and state levels) reporting an increase in roles and responsibilities in leadership and parliament committees, this highlights the urgent need to address barriers (representation, knowledge and technical skills) hindering women's engagement in parliamentary activities, such as knowledge and technical skills for specialized committees, confidence to lead such committees, and expertise required to navigate male-dominated political processes.

Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms?

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☒ Yes

☐ No

Please provide a brief description

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Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Baseline survey

» 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

65000

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	Name	Organization	Job title	Email
Please mention the focal person responsible for sharing the final evaluation report with the PBF:	Korto Williams	UN Women South Sudan	Program Specialist, Women Political Participation	korto.williams@unwomen.org

» Catalytic Effect

Catalytic Effect (financial): Has the project mobilized additional non-PBF financial resources to date? * <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
How many funders has the project received additional non-PBF funding from? * 2		1
Indicate name of funder and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since it started. <i>Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately</i>		
Name of Funder * UNDP (internal)		
Amount in USD * 105604.00		2
Indicate name of funder and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since it started. <i>Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately</i>		
Name of Funder * Government of Norway		

Amount in USD

3600408

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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?

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☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please select the relevant option below:

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☒ 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

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Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

The project has expanded the space for dialogue with multiple stakeholders, creating the opportunity for diversity of positions and solutions, especially as it relates to harmful social norms, cultural and structural barriers that hinder women's political participation. The project also provides new tools and strategies for community engagement to build social cohesion. The baseline survey has been critical as an evidence-based tool to map the changes to women representation in Government.

For instance, a focus on women political participation has encouraged female participation in local governance structures, ensuring that women have a seat at the table. These initiatives have not only addressed gender inequalities but also enriched the decision-making process with diverse perspectives. This inclusivity has led to some solutions that address the needs of communities.

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.

The project has fostered local ownership and leadership by engaging local communities in the peacebuilding process, allowing them to take charge of initiatives that affect their lives. For example, the multi-stakeholder platforms have been established as a mechanism for ongoing dialogue and collaboration among various actors, including government entities, civil society organizations, private sector representatives, and community members. These platforms facilitate continuous engagement and provide a space for stakeholders to share experiences, challenges, and best practices in peacebuilding. They also serve as a forum for conflict resolution and negotiation, helping to maintain peace long after initial interventions have concluded.

During the life of the project, key legal frameworks have been promulgated to support long-term efforts on gender equality and women's empowerment. The Women Empowerment Bill was reviewed and is set to be a cornerstone for the sustainable participation of women in politics and decision-making structures. The MGCSW is leading the implementation of major project activities, with CSOs complementing the Ministry's work. This collaboration strengthens ownership and ensures the sustainability of these initiatives.

The WPC Strategic Plan is crucial for ensuring accountability among its members regarding their oversight roles. It focuses on institutionalizing a culture of gender responsive law-making and contribution to addressing the center periphery fragmentation that significantly impacts women's political participation and decision-making in peacebuilding processes. The strategic plan extends beyond the scheduled elections, serving as a key tool for monitoring the Caucus's contribution to creating an enabling environment for the conduct of free, fair and credible elections.

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.

Extension of Transitional Period and Postponement of Elections to 2026

In September 2024, the Government of South Sudan formally extended the transitional period and postponed elections to December 2026. This extension is critical to the project’s core objectives and implementation as it presents an opportunity to deepen current project results in Malakal, Juba County and Pibor. In addition, the postponement of the elections presents a substantive period to strengthen the capacity of key electoral stakeholders, especially women, young people and Government partners.

International partners, including the UN Mission in South Sudan, the RJMEC, and the Troika (Norway, UK, and USA) have responded to the extension by highlighting the need for an established, publicly agreed-upon timeline. With the current extension, a roadmap is crucial to provide a legal and operational clarity, and a feasible timeline for achieving major deliverables on security arrangements, constitution-making, civic and voter education, and elections. It is also aligned to the project’s objectives.

While recognizing that the situational analysis on conflict and security, center-periphery fragmentation, harmful social norms and marginalization of women and underrepresented groups from political and public spaces remain consistent, UN Women makes the following proposals to position the project in this new dispensation:

1. Establish a Steering Committee by mid-December 2024 to ensure high-level project oversight.
2. Conduct a discussion, with the PBO (RCO) and Technical Committee, in the first quarter of 2025 to align the project activities to current challenges and opportunities.
3. Employ innovative approaches to learning and documentation, strategy development to strengthen interlinkages between women political participation (WPP), women peace and security (WPS), the humanitarian crisis and climate change, and women economic empowerment (WEE) to reduce potential silos in the implementation of PBF supported projects in UN Women and with other agencies.
4. Commission research to identify opportunities to highlight positive social norms and promote the archiving of communities' stories, perceptions, and learning as a follow-up to the baseline study of 2024. Utilize the catalytic nature of PBF funds to support resource mobilization.

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	Project audit-EVE organization	Unqualified report	No concerns on financial management

Event 2	Baseline Survey (completed in May 2024)	The baseline study was conducted in February and March in 2024 by 1 international consultant and national consultant to assess the current status and barriers to women and young women’s full and equal leadership and political participation in Juba and Malakal.	☐ Gender disparities in leadership and political representation in South Sudan, have improved from 25% (2011) to an average of 31% (2024). This progress is partly due to affirmative action, and an increasing number of women seeking elective office. However, this improvement has also led to the nomination of women leaders with limited capacity. ☐ Only 20% of women parliamentarians at the national and state levels report an increase in roles and responsibilities within leadership and parliamentary committees. This underscores the urgent need to address barriers that hinder women's full engagement in parliamentary activities. Significant challenges inhibiting women's participation, includes patriarchal systems, lack of skills and knowledge, low political rewards, sexual exploitation, and cultural barriers.
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Final Steps

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