PBF June 2025 Project Progress Report



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Thank you for taking the time to complete the PBF Progress report. For projects with more than one recipient, please consult among co-recipients prior to filling out the form to ensure collaboration on the responses. If you have any questions or require technical assistance in filling out the form, please send an email to gabriel.velasteguimoya@un.org

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» Report Submission

Type of report	*
Semi-annual Semi-annual	
Annual	
Final	
Other	
Date of submission of report	*
2025-06-30	
Name and title of person submitting the report	*
Grace Gaskill	
E-mail of person submitting the report	*
ggaskill@ictj.org	
Name and title of person who approved the report	*
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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	
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» Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border project?
Yes No
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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 Caribean
Middle East and North Africa West Africa
West Africa
Country of project implementation
Benin Burkina Faso Cote D'Ivoire
Gambia Ghana Guinea
Guinea-Bissau Liberia Mali
Mauritania Niger Nigeria
Senegal Sierra Leone Togo
Other, Specify
Other, please specify
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Project Title 00120106: Promoting peace and social cohesion through provision of montal health sonitors and psychosocial well
00130106: Promoting peace and social cohesion through provision of mental health services and psychosocial well- being of SGBV survivors in The Gambia
00120496: Strengthening Community Access to Justice, Community Policing and Effective SGBV Response
00119440: Strengthening community coping mechanisms against risks of climate induced conflicts and to minimize gender related vulnerabilities and tensions in The Gambia
00119603: Strengthening inclusive citizen engagement for more accountable governance in The Gambia
00113472: Strengthening sustainable and holistic reintegration of returnees in the Gambia
00129530: Support to the implementation and monitoring of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission (TRRC) recommendations in The Gambia
00124863: Young women and men as stakeholders in ensuring peaceful democratic processes and advocates for the prevention of violence and hate speech
00134234: Support to a PBF Secretariat in The Gambia to enhance coordination and peacebuilding impact
00134237: Strengthening women's political participation and leadership through reformed legislation community-level leadership and political parties' engagement in The Gambia
00134329: Strengthening the National Infrastructure for Peace to Promote Social Cohesion in The Gambia
00140056: Empowering Gambian youth to voice their demands to duty bearers on issues of governance reconciliation and prevention
00140137: Strengthening Civil Society Organizations to promote gender equality and women's empowerment through implementation of the Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 and the TRRC White Paper Recommendations
00140643: Empowering Communities in The Gambia to prevent mitigate and resolve land related conflicts exacerbated by climate change
00140771: Empowering Marginalized Young People for Inclusion in Civic Space and Local Infrastructures for Peace
00141024: Sustaining The Gambia's peaceful transition by supporting implementation of the Security Sector Reform Strategy
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 geograph			
If the project you are looking for a A limited number of cross border	does not appear in the following projects span multiple geograp	g question, please make s hic regions. For example	sure that you have selected the correct regions. , a cross border project between Niger and
Asia and the Pacific		outhern Africa	East Africa
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Other, Please specify			*
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Project Start Date (Date of 2023-02-28	first transfer)		
Project End Date			*
2025-02-28			
Has this project received a	ın extension?		*
YES, Cost Extension			
YES, No Cost Extension			
YES, Both Cost and No C	ost Extensions		
NO, No Extensions			
Will this project be reques	ting an extension?		*
YES, Cost Extension	ting an extension:		
YES, No Cost Extension			
YES, Both Cost and No C	ost Extensions		
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Will this project be submit	ting a Fund Transfer Requ	uest (FTR) in the nex	kt six months?
Yes			
No			
If so, around which month	do vou expect to submit	the request?	*
January	February	. tric request:	March
April	May		June
July	August		September
October	November		December

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 th	e convening agency a UN age	ncy or a non UN entity?
	UN entity	
	Non-UN Entity	
Pleas	se select the convening agend	
\bigcirc	ACTED	Action Aid UK AAITG (ActionAid the Gambia)
\bigcirc	AEDE	African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)
	Agence de Coopération et de Rec	herche pour le Développement (ACORD)
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	Fundacion Estudios Superior (FES	U) Fundación Mi Sangre (FMS)
	Fundación Nacional para el Desa	rollo de Honduras (FUNADEH) Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa (FLIP)
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	Humanity & Inclusion (HI)	O ICTJ (International Center for Transitional Justice)
	Instituto Holandes para Democra	cia 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 N	fultiparty Democracy) Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
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	Peace Direct	Plan International PNG UN Country Fund
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	Saferworld	Sampan'Asa Momba ny Fampandrosoana (SAF/FJKM)
	Save the Children	Search for Common Ground (SFCG)
	SIHA (Strategic Initiative for Wom	en in the Horn of Africa) SismaMujer
	SOS Sahel Sudan	Stichting Impunity Watch
	The Carter Center, Inc.	Trocaire War Child
	War Childhood Museum (WCM)	World Vision International World Vision Myanmar
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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		
UNDP: United Nations Development Programme IOM: International Organization for Migration		
UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund		
OHCHR: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights		
UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women		
UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund		
FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization WFP: World Food Programme		
UNHABITAT: United Nations Human Settlements Programme		
UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization		
UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme ILO: International Labour Organization		
WHO: World Health Organization PAHO/WHO		
UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime		
UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services		
UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization ITC: International Trade Centre		
UN Department of Peace Operations Other, Specify		
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Implementing Partners

To how many implementing partners has the project transferred money since the project's	
start?	
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To how many implementing partners has the project transferred money during this calendar	
period?	
(for June reports: January-June;	
for November reports: January-December (anticipated);	
for final reports: full project duration)	

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each, both since the project's start, and specifically during this calendar 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
National women's and youth CSO
Subnational women's and youth CSO
Other
Other, Please specify
* What is the name of the Implementing Partner Think Young Women
What is the planned total amount (in USD) for the overall duration of the project to be disbursed to this implementing partner? Please use a dot (.) as decimal separator, instead of a comma (,) 44590
*What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner since the project's start ? *Please use a dot (.) as decimal separator, instead of a comma (.) 43777.24
What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner during this calendar period? Please use a dot (.) as decimal separator, instead of a comma (.) 28505.80
Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner during this calendar period Please limit your response to 1500 characters Through this project, Think Young Women engaged 50 youth (26 females and 24 males) including 2 youth with disabilities from 4 districts of North Bank Region (NBR). TYW also engaged 8 members of the region Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each, both since the project's start, and specifically during this calendar period
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National women's CSO
Other National CSO
Subnational youth CSO
Subnational women's CSO
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Governmental entity
National women's and youth CSO
Subnational women's and youth CSO
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Other, Please specify
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What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner during this calendar period? Please use a dot (.) as decimal separator, instead of a comma (.) 28861.93
Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner during this calendar period Please limit your response to 1500 characters Through this project, Fantanka engaged 50 youth (32 females and 18 males) from the Central River Region (CRR).
Fantanka also involved 10 TAC members in its area.

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each, both since the project's start, and specifically during this calendar 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
National women's and youth CSO
Subnational women's and youth CSO
Other
Other, Please specify What is the name of the Implementing Partner
Peace Ambassadors
What is the planned total amount (in USD) for the overall duration of the project to be disbursed to this implementing partner? Please use a dot (.) as decimal separator, instead of a comma (.) 44590
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What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner during this calendar period? Please use a dot (.) as decimal separator, instead of a comma (.) 28279.14
Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner during this calendar period Please limit your response to 1500 characters Peace Ambassadors brought together 50 youth (25 females and 25 males), including 2 youth with disabilities and 10 TAC members in the Lower River Region (LRR).

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each, both since the project's start, and specifically during this calendar 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
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Regional Organisation
International NGO
Governmental entity
National women's and youth CSO
Subnational women's and youth CSO
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Other, Please specify
* Our Nation, Our Voice *
What is the planned total amount (in USD) for the overall duration of the project to be disbursed to this implementing partner?
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What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner during this calendar period? Please use a dot (.) as decimal separator, instead of a comma (,) 28874.80
Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner during this calendar period Please limit your response to 1500 characters Through this project, Our Nation, Our Voice (ONOV) engaged 50 youth including 26 females and 24 males and 10 TAC members in the West Coast Region (WCR).

Financial Reporting

» Delivery by Recipient

Please enter the or recipient.	total amounts in full Utriginal budget amount, a	mount transferred to	date and estimated e	
	rojects, group the amou pportunity to share a m			es are involved.
Recipients	Total Project Budget (in full US \$) Please enter the total budget as is in the project document in US Dollars	Transfers to date (in full US \$) Please enter the total amount transferred to each recipient to date in US Dollars	Expenditure to date (in full US \$) Please enter the approximate amount spent to date in US dollars	Implementati on rate as a percentage of total budget (calculated automatically)
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al Center for Transitional Justice)				
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Indicate what p	onsive Budgeting percentage (%) of (GEWE) as per the pr	the budget contribut oject document?	es to gender equality	or women's
				Empowerment (GEWE) * . Can you confirm that
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ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE. The templates for the budget are available here	
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Project Markers

Pleas	se select the Gender Marker Associated with this project
\bigcirc	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
\bigcirc	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)
Pleas	se select the Risk Marker Associated with this project
	Risk marker 0 = low risk to achieving outcomes
\bigcirc	Risk marker 1 = medium risk to achieving outcomes
\bigcirc	Risk marker 2 = high risk to achieving outcomes
Pleas	se select the PBF Focus Area associated with this project
\bigcirc	(1.1) Security Sector Reform
\bigcirc	(1.2) Rule of Law
\bigcirc	(1.3) Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration
\bigcirc	(1.4) Political Dialogue
	(2.1) National reconciliation
\bigcirc	(2.2) Democratic Governance
\bigcirc	(2.3) Conflict prevention/management
\bigcirc	(3.1) Employment
\bigcirc	(3.2) Equitable access to social services
\bigcirc	(4.1) Strengthening of essential national state capacity
\bigcirc	(4.2) Extension of state authority/Local Administration
\bigcirc	(4.3) Governance of peacebuilding resources (including PBF Secretariats)
	e project part of one or more PBF priority windows? * 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 Steering Committee met three times over the Project period, notably on June 28, 2024, September 27th, 2024, and January 24, 2025. The Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Youth chaired the Committee of 10 members. This was in addition to multiple bilateral meetings with government counterparts.
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 Over the project duration, ICTJ and our Implementing Partners had several engagements with representatives of relevant state institutions at different levels. ICTJ and its implementing partners met with high-level officials, including the Minister of Basic and Secondary Education; the Solicitor General of the Ministry of Justice; the Permanent Secretaries of the Ministry of Youth and Sport and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare; and the Executive Secretary of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). We also invited senior officials of the same institutions) to the national discussion on opportunities, challenges, and strategies for improving the protection and participation of young people in political processes and peacebuilding as well as to the regional youth conference on participation in transitional justice processes, peacebuilding, and governance. At the regional level, we regularly met with governors in the project's five target regions, the Technical Advisory Committee members in those regions, and local representatives of the NHRC. These actors participated in some of the activities of the project, including the local roundtable discussions and meetings with young Gambians.

PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

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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 implement	ation status of the following prelin	ninary/preparatory activities					
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Contracting of partners	(Incitation of	Doublelly Commission					
Not Started	Initiated	Partially Completed					
Completed	Not Applicable						
Staff Recruitment		*					
Not Started	Initiated	Partially Completed					
Completed	Not Applicable						
Collection of baselines		*					
Not Started	Initiated	Partially Completed					
Completed	Not Applicable						
* Identification of beneficiaries							
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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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All preliminary work has been completed. Memorandums of Understanding have been signed with all partners, who receive their subgrant payments on a quarterly basis. Additional staff, including the Program Assistant, have been recruited. The Monitoring and Evaluation system for the project has been developed and implemented.

Describe overall progress under each Outcome made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-December (anticipated); 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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If no, please provide an explanation Please limit your response to 6000 characters Project progress summary

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All activities have been implemented. The project started with a retreat between ICTJ and our partners, which ensured a great representation of young women (54%) and young people with disabilities (4%) in the project.

Under Outcome 1, ICTJ conducted a series of trainings in Banjul with young Gambians on transitional justice, peacebuilding, and sustainable development, which led to the identification of 10 youth peer trainers from the capital and the regions. A total of 276 young people (152 women and 124 men) were trained and affirmed that their understanding and knowledge on the topics had improved: "The training organized by ICTJ was successfully done. I have learned a lot about the process of addressing and resolving human rights abuses in societies transitioning from conflict."

Under Outcome 2, we developed a user-friendly summary of the government's White Paper on the TRRC report. ICTJ reduced the 173-page White Paper into a 21-page version, and we distributed 700 copies, including to schools. The summary was later translated from English into two local languages (Mandinka and Wolof) and turned into podcasts that we disseminated through radio and social media. Our beneficiaries praised the written and podcast versions for their accessibility: "This book is not big, easy to read, and gives information about past events, and I am glad it will be in my school library. I can carry the book anywhere and read about TRRC findings in simple English." – A student in the North Bank Region

Under the same Outcome, we convened 10 roundtable discussions between July 2023 and June 2024, that enabled young Gambians to engage and reflect with local authorities, both administrative and customary, on youth participation in implementing the TRRC's recommendations. The roundtables were unique opportunities to build the capacity of duty bearers on youth policies (regional and national). In total, 118 people attended the discussions (66 men and 52 women; 3 persons with disabilities).

Under Outcome 3, we facilitated young people's participation in governance issues, reconciliation, and prevention through 10 dialogues between young people and relevant local authorities (two per region). These meetings created opportunities for young people to advocate for their needs and priorities directly with duty bearers, who in turn responded to young people's concerns and questions. The 10 dialogues gathered 295 participants in total, including 246 young people (120 young men and 126 young women) and 49 local authorities. After the dialogues, young people reported having more confidence in their ability to interact with local authorities and a better understanding of their roles and responsibilities: "This activity has helped me a lot and now I am comfortable and confident voicing out my demands and engaging the duty bearers peacefully because now I know the steps and procedures to take as a youth all thanks to this activity training." – A young woman in the Central River Region

Local authorities reported committing to valuing young people's inputs and to using their positions of responsibility to try to address young people's concerns and priorities. For example: "I task myself after today to uphold the status of youth with high esteem. Also, to be available as a rep of local government authorities to ensure youth activities are supported" –A Representative of the Governor of the Upper River Region

Through these dialogues, the project facilitated exchanges of information between young people and local authorities on the issues they face in their communities, including security and drug issues; access to health care, especially reproductive health care for young women; access to education; and local development.

Under this Outcome, we also helped our youth beneficiaries to network with other African young people from Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, and Uganda. Our youth conference gathered 109 participants (50 female and 59 male) from across the region, including 5 from other African countries. The event was the first of its kind on transitional justice to be held in The Gambia. In the words of one anonymous participant: "Keep the good work in empowering youths around the continent, especially Gambia in transitional justice and peace building." – A young male conference attendee, Greater Banjul Area

A representative from the African Union's transitional justice unit contributed immensely to informing the young participants about the AU's Transitional Justice Policy (AUTJP) and its provisions regarding young people. This discussion led to a recommendation from the participants to create a West African youth platform or network on transitional justice: "As a staff of the AU, I feel this event has motivated to propose an African All-Youth Forum on Transitional Justice."

Finally, we organized a national youth dialogue, bringing together young people from all five project regions and representatives of different state institutions: the Ministry of Justice; the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education; the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare; the National Human Rights Commission; and governors from across the regions. The dialogue drew 111 participants (62 men and 49 women; 11 people with disabilities), creating a platform for officials to engage with young people from different regions. During the conference, many of the young participants were upset to learn that, out of 262 TRRC recommendations approved by the government, only six have been fully implemented. As one participant put it: "My major takeaways are lingered on the issues around the state of TJ in The Gambia. It is shocking to know that as of now, only 16% of TRRC recommendations are implemented. This shows that we have a long way to go as far as TJ is concerned."

Overall, the participants responded positively to the dialogue. Many were inspired to continue working towards the empowerment of young people to voice their views and demands to duty bearers in The Gambia.

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

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Throughout the project, ICTJ and our partners have continued to prioritize young women's participation in all project activities, including those implemented jointly. We ensured that gender was a key factor in the identification of the project's beneficiaries. The project targeted 40% women participants, and we exceeded this benchmark. Out of a total of 250 direct beneficiaries, 134 (or 54%) were young women and 116 (or 46%) were young men. Importantly, young women took an active role in the discussions with local authorities, asking critical questions and raising key gender specific issues (e.g., access to sanitary pads, reproductive health education, sexual and gender-based violence, and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases). Additionally, the pool of 10 peer trainers included 6 young women and 1 young male with a disability.

The regional dialogues between young Gambians and local authorities provided an opportunity for intergenerational exchanges between young people and adults of all ages, including elders (e.g., local chiefs called Alkalos), about issues and challenges facing their communities.

Is the project 1+ year in implementation?





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



If yes, please provide concrete examples of such peacebuilding results

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

As we have explained in our previous reports, authorities at the local and national levels were generally uncomfortable in dealing with young people, fearing their energetic and passionate criticism. Because of this fear, many authorities have been reluctant to engage with youth-led accountability related activities. In the words of one young Gambian in Basse, "when we invite our authorities to meet with us, they refuse to come or they will not appear while they promised to come; in the best scenario, they will just come for the opening ceremony and leave... after that." Another young Gambian expressed a concern that young people "are not invited to the area council meetings! We are not even informed about the meeting schedule." This exclusion has led young people in The Gambia to become frustrated, threatening their relationship with the authorities who have a duty to guarantee their rights.

This project has facilitated and encouraged communication between young Gambians and government authorities, especially local authorities, helping them to identify areas of common interest that they can work together to address. In this way, the project has helped young people to consider peaceful ways to claim their rights, including by participating in dialogues and bilateral meetings. It has also encouraged government authorities to reach out to young people to incorporate them more directly in their work. As the Police Commander of the Upper River Region observed during a project meeting: "We need to work hand in hand to address those issues that we have in common. Only collaborative work can help us. ICTJ's project is very useful as it helped us to understand how certain crimes were perpetrated with the use [by] of certain security personnels [in the past]. Thus, these are lessons and should not be forgotten".

In this way, the project has helped to create a conducive environment for positive, peaceful, and constructive engagement between young people and government authorities in The Gambia. We have organized ten meetings between young people and local authorities, and representatives from both groups have communicated a keen interest in keeping it going after the project ends.

If yes, please provide sources or references (including links) as evidence of peacebuilding results, or submit them as additional attachments.
Evidence may be quantitative or qualitative but needs to demonstrate progress against outcome indicators in the project results framework. Sources may include project surveys (such as perception surveys), monitoring reports, government documents, or other knowledge products that have been developed by the project.
File attachment

PART II: PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK

How many OUTCOMES does this project have					
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Please write out the project outcomes as they are in the project results framework found in the project document					
Outcome 1: Gambian youth are empowered as agents of change					
Outcome 2: Youth have increased capacity to engage duty-bearers and promote accountability					
Outcome 3: Youth can safely and meaningfully participate in governance issues, reconciliation, and prevention					
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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 all **outcome** and **output** indicators in the table below.

- 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: Gambian youth are empowered as agents of change

O C 1	Outcome Indicator s	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress since project's start	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
1.	4 youth and women-led organizations empowered technically and financially	04	04	4	4	Partners have been selected and trained. Also, partners were provided with sub grants to implement some activities throughout the project implementation.
1.	Percentage of young women engaged	00	60%	54%	54%	Throughout the project we engaged 134
	throughout the project participate in peacebuilding initiatives and sustainable development					young women out of a total of 250 beneficiaries. Female youth participation remains a challenge due to numerous cultural, religious and societal barriers. It is crucial to intensify young women's empowerment through targeted and adapted strategies, including dedicated spaces for their participation.
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Output 1.2 A pool of 10 youth trainers is established to conduct training on TJ, peacebuilding and SDG
Output 1.3 Knowledge of 250 young people increased on international and regional policies protecting youth rights, peacebuilding and sustainable development
Output 1.4
Output 1.5
Other Outputs If Outcome 1 has more than 5 outputs, please enumerate the remaining outputs here

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

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1. 1. 2	Number of activities on practical skills and organization capacity delivered	00	04	00	04	
1. 1. 3	Number of members of the youth organizations (male and female) who have a better understanding of the international and regional policies that protect youth rights	00	25 (13 female - 12 male)	00	25 (13 female - 12 male)	1 participant did not complete the training
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» Output 1.2: A pool of 10 youth trainers is established to conduct training on TJ, peacebuilding and SDG

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1. 2. 1	Number of youth peace facilitators trained	00	25 (13 female - 12 male)	00	24 (15 female and 9 male)	1 participant did not complete the training
1. 2. 2	Number of pool members selected and ready to conduct peer to peer activities	00	10 (5 male - 5 female)	09 (05 women and 04 men)	09 (5 women and 4 men)	9 out of 10 remained active throughout the project
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» Output 1.3: Knowledge of 250 young people increased on international and regional policies protecting youth rights, peacebuilding and sustainable development

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2.	Quality participation: Duty-bearers and young participants report an increase in quality of engagement and participation	N/A	70%	78%	78%	Our perception survey shows that 183 out of 241 youth respondents and 44 out of 50 authorities reported an increase in quality of engagements, which comes to a total of 78%.
2.	Number of local strategies developed and designed by the youth	00	05	05	05	We continued discussing the local initiatives, and in each project region, we financed one activity independently piloted by our beneficiaries to engage their communities and leaders.

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2. 3	Changes in attitude and	N/A	70%	89%	89%	On average, around 92% of
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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 all output indicators

» Output 2.1: User friendly version of the white paper developed

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» Output 2.2: Dialogues conducted between local authorities and youth on the TRRC Recommendations and White Paper

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1	young people with local authorities					community dialogues between youth
	locally					and authorities in each region covered by the project

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						understanding of their rights
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						ICTJ and
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						develop action plans including
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» Output 2.3: Youth, including rural youth and young women, are more aware of their rights, the contents of the government whitepaper and TRRC report recommendations on SGBV and women rights

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						planned to conduct 5 roundtables in total, but before the success of the roundtables and that some issues were not adequately covered, youth and authorities Requested a new round. Issues discussed includes access to quality education, medical and reproductive health issues, security and drug issues.
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» Outcome 3: Youth can safely and meaningfully participate in governance issues, reconciliation, and prevention

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3.	Ability to participate in reconciliation and governance issues safely and meaningfully, as perceived by youth stakeholders	N/A	70% report 3 on a 5-point scale	83% of youth beneficiaries	83% of youth beneficiaries	During the project final survey our beneficiaries reported an increased capacity and confidence to engage in governnace issues. The reason according to them is the feeling of security and safety during the activities and the openness of local authorities to listen to them.
3. 2	Duty-bearers at the local authority level commit, produce declarations, or put forward specific initiatives to support youth participation to peacebuilding, TRRC recommendation on gender, reparations and reconciliation.	oo ns	01 engagements and initiatives		02	In URR and NBR, local authorities notably the Governor office and the Police committed themselves to support youth participation to peacebuilding and governance. In URR, the governor promised to ensure that its office (and other administrative offices) is disability friendly to ease youth disability access. In NBR the police agreed to join the youth beneficiaries and engaged in community sensitization and policy.

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

» Output 3.1: Local authorities systematically engage young people to discuss issues of governance, development and social rights

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» Output 3.2: ICTJ facilitates a space for interaction between young people and duty bearers after the preparation of the young people (done under outcome 1).

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3. 2. 1	Number of young people and duty bearers who attended the national conference	00	80	111 (62 males, 49 females and 11 PWDs)	(62 males, 49 females and 11 PWDs)	We target 80 people but finally gave the possibility to more youth from the regions to attend the national conference, notably those who were not able to participate to the Regional conference hold a couple of months before. For an important majority of them it was a first time participation in such event.
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» Output 3.3: Youth activists from Cote d'Ivoire and Gambia are interconnected and able to share their experiences and advance their rights to participation and contribute to TJ processes and peacebuilding in their countries

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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)

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Human Impact

This section is about the human impact of the project. Please state key stakeholders (including but not limited to: Civil Society Organziations, 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*

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1 Young women and men

The meetings between young people and local authorities have paved the ground for local accountability processes. The local authorities were delighted to have a platform to clear up misinformation, and young Gambians had the opportunity for the first time to hold their local authorities to account. The meetings provided both with a platform to engage in dialogue and address issues affecting their communities.

In addition to providing a forum for conversations about transitional justice-related matters, activities like the caravan gave individuals a chance to express their worries about socioeconomic conditions that have an impact on women and young people in The Gambia.

The project contributed to the professional development of 09 youth peer trainers, including 1 with a disability, who were selected to conduct trainings with peers in the regions.

The project enabled young people in the regions to gain a broader understanding of the relevant policy frameworks protecting young people's rights. Prior to this project, young people in the regions noted that they never had the opportunity to be exposed to key government documents, such as the TRRC's report and the White Paper. Also, it is important to mention that during the project impact study, the youth, including young women beneficiaries, acknowledged that thanks to the project they were able to know the administrative authorities in their regions, meet and speak with them, and this reduced the fear and increased their confidence.

Also, by disseminating information regarding the findings of the TRRC and harms committed in recent years, the intervention has also contributed to countering

"The youth's commitment and dedication to contributing to national development in any possible way should receive robust support from the state. We, the traditional leaders, maintain an open-door policy and are always prepared to support the youth", Chief Momodou Chatti Cham, Upper Nuimi

"This activity has equipped me a lot. I am now ready to organize my fellow youth to come up with strategies to hold duty bearers responsible in implementing the recommendations of the TRRC. It has also contributed towards my confidence level in advocacy towards the TJ process and Human Right abuses. I am ready to share the knowledge gained", Young woman, Upper River Region.

"When the issue of TRRC and Government white paper comes to our communities it is mostly discussed with the elders, but thank you for coming to discuss this with us the youths", Female participant

"The training of ICTJ was successfully done. I have learned a lot about the process of addressing and resolving human rights abuses in societies transitioning from conflict", Female participant

"Through this project, my advocacy for human rights has reached new heights. The project has equipped me with the knowledge to navigate every aspect of The Gambia's Transitional Justice Process, empowering me to understand the institution responsible for transitional justice. Thanks to this project, we are fully informed about the TRRC recommendations and their implementation processes", Peer trainee

"I can now say I am very comfortable voicing my concerns regarding issues of governance, reconciliation, and peacebuilding. This activity is very important, and I hope to receive more of this from other youths in the country so we

existing raise narratives about the dictatorship.

In addition, the school outreach activities have had a great impact on the civic education of these students. The project provided 1,400 students in remote parts of the country with information about the country's transitional justice process. They felt that the engagement enhanced their capacity and came at the right time, as the country is in a critical stage of its transitional justice process. Finally, the project created safe spaces and platforms for young people to engage in and establish working relationships with relevant duty-bearers, as well as a conducive environment to hold them

accountable.

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"Generally, the book is very reader-friendly, and it gives straight-to-the-point answers to the works of the TRRC and especially on the sexual and gender base violence that was happing during this period", Female student

Youth testimony on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/story.php? story_fbid=1095200275985613&id=100064869510808&rdid=ck0rVZ1Sbll9iDqC

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Duty-bearers and local authorities

Regional authorities expressed their gratitude to the project for giving them a forum to debate governance, reconciliation, and peacebuilding with young people from their regions during the regional roundtable conversations with duty bearers. Although they stated that they are unable to finance such an event, the project gave them the chance to discuss with their young people the value of youth involvement in government and the duty bearers' role in achieving the nation's transitional justice goals. Also, our recent memorization meeting with regional duty-bearers and authorities have helped to dispel their illusions about the transitional justice process in the regions, as they pointed out that they are excluded from talks on matters linked to transitional justice.

The project has a total reach of 3,540, of whom 150 were community leaders and regional local authorities.

"This has contributed to creating a good relationship between the office of the Governor and the youth. From the engagements, we are opportune to know the problems confronting the youth of URR and we look forward to working hand in glove with them in addressing." -Representative from Governor's Office in Upper River Region (Male Respondent)

"I task myself after today to uphold the status of youth with high esteem. Also, to be available as a rep of local gov't authorities to ensure youth activities are supported." -Male Authority, Upper River Region

"I have increased comfort due to new skills and insights gained from the discussions due to the interactive nature of the discussions and the openness of the youth. These discussions have improved mutual understanding between authorities about youth issues. There is a need for regular sessions like these and I suggest that the project should be a continuous activity, regardless of the availability of monetary resources. The project can create awareness and foster support among participants"

-Director of Education, North Bank Region

"It is crucial that we abandon the top-down approach. However, the youth Should eschew violence and adopt the proper methods when interacting with authorities." -Governor of Basse, Upper River Region

"It [the project] has equipped me with a lot of knowledge that will help me to have a conducive working relationship with the youths" - Central River Region Local Authority

"It helped me understand that the youth need us to participate in all their development work, build understanding between duty

pearers and youths, and have greater and more collaboration and understanding between my office and the youth" – North Bank Region Local Authority

"I have learned about youth policies. It made me understand the rights of young people in NBR. This discussion can help me know some of the problems of youths and how to find a better way forward" – North Bank Region Local Authority

Youth-led organizations partners

The project positively impacted youth-led organization partners, technically, financially, and programmatically.

Financially, the subgrants helped our partners to extend their scope of work to regions most of them did not cover before or reinforced their presence in regions where they already had some activities.

Moreover, it allowed them to benefit from the assistance of the 10 youth peer trainers (developed through the project), as additional staff to support the implementation of the project activities.

Programmatically and technically, the project helped to increase the understanding, knowledge, and interest in the importance of M&E as part of project implementation. Initially, our partners did not have any M&E system, but thanks to the project they systematically provided an evaluation at the end of their activities, and they are aware of data collection with a focus on gender. This allowed us to statistically collect and analyze the results of the partners' activities. By the end of the project, they affirmed having learned a lot from ICTJ's assistance and have an improved capacity in terms of projects management.

Following a request from our partners, we conducted an internal capacity building meeting on M&E and reporting to further increase their understanding and capacity to collect data and report on the activities implemented with a result-based approach.

Also, the guidance we provided for developing the user-friendly version of the White paper, based on ICTJ comparative experience, further "The project helped build our capacity as staff in the process of training our beneficiaries in important aspects of the various youth policies and international frameworks. The Caravan also gave us the opportunity to expand our network to other areas in the regions"

-Tijan Jow, Fantanka

"The project...has greatly increased the capacity of the staff, and this has improved in service delivery in the organization. Also, the project avails the staff the opportunity to understand issue surrounding SGBV, Government white paper and how to account duty bearers and our staff were able to have face to face dialogue with duty bearers. In summary, this kind of project is good because it creates awareness and I have no iota of doubt that, it has so much impact in the organization's work, because seen after the training the staff have great understanding of the issues of SGVB. Government paper, Nation Youth Policy, AU, ECOWAS, and civic rights, and political processes" Juju Jallow, Peace Ambassadors

"The project has boosted the capacity of ONOV by providing capacity building training and opened avenues for us to meet government institutions.... Now we have gained recognition from government institutions as a youth-led organizations. The project has also made us find other ways and approaches of interventions and coming up with new ideas to push the agenda of empowering youths in the Gambia", Modou Mass, ONOV Coordinator

"This project has contributed substantial improvements in my presentation, communication, and networking skills, all of which have contributed immensely to my personal and professional

contributed to their increase in growth -reer trainee knowledge and self-confidence. Finally, while most of them had "When we began the limited participation in the first discussions the confidence I phase of the transitional justice process, they feel more had in myself was low but involved in the second phase, when I joined the discussion thanks to their increased and my understanding was understanding of the broadened my confidence is government's policy (White now high. I'm so confident of paper), its impact on their myself and I know the current and future life, and the responsibilities I have as a need for their participation. youth of this country" -Young person, Central River Region 4 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. There are many other positive impacts and externalities for which we have initial evidence. Some worth mentioning are: Improved skills, livelihood, training, and practical experience gained by peer trainers that could contribute to the sustainability of the impact of this work down the line. Increased awareness and demand for knowledge and discussion about SGBV, transitional justice, and civic education, which are part of this intervention's outreach strategy. For example, we originally planned to target 1,000 youths in the rural regions, and the project has reached a total of 3,540 people. Through the caravan, the project engaged citizens from all segments of society. Many of them praised the initiatives as it helped some to have a knowledge of the government White Paper's content, the government engagement and the importance of this official document in the development of the country, promotion of human rights and peacebuilding. It also provided them with the space to share their opinions and views on the accountability process in the country, governance, social and security issues. 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 * ICTJ Website Piece-9_53_42.pdf File 2

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Following the numerous trainings and community dialogues, we encouraged our beneficiaries to identify activities they wish to implement in their communities. This approach will increase their self-confidence, interest, and participation in their communities' development.
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We mobilized additional resources from UNDP/OHCHR post-TRRC project (funded by UNPBF) to complement some initiatives inspired by the project, including a child-friendly version (cartoon format) of the government White Paper and school outreach activities in response to the request from schools that were not covered by the project.]

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	Women
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>	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. Interviews to collect data regarding young people and local authorities' perspectives on governance, transitional justice and the project contribution to building synergies between local authorities and young people. Survey questionnaires were distributed to assess young people's and authorities' level of preparedness, confidence, and passion regarding youth participation in governance and peacebuilding initiatives. Also, the survey was meant to assess the quality of engagements between young people and authorities. This assessment was conducted for both the vouth and local authorities. We distributed t-shirts, caps, wrist bands, copies of the User-Friendly Summary books etc. to keep track of the total number of people reached during the caravan. 2 coordination meetings with all partners to report on the project's progress and plan future activities. At the end of the project, we organized a retreat with our partners, representatives of the beneficiaries, the steering committee, and the PBF secretariat. During the retreat, we discussed the project's overall impacts and sustainability plan. We also organized an impact study to assess project outcomes and outputs and progress made by our beneficiaries in all regions covered by the project. This study included a series of surveys among the youth who were project beneficiaries and some local and customary leaders to identify changes in their communities and sources of verification 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. Some indicators were defined during the project's design phase. For those which were not, a baseline survey of the project was initiated through our annual survey. We developed and sent a questionnaire to our partners and various stakeholders working on transitional justice, youth, and gender issues to collect their perceptions on the key issues targeted by the project, including the post TRRC process and government implementation of the TRRC recommendations, youth capacity and participation in governance, and specifically the transitional justice process. 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. Responses from post-activity interviews Survey scripts and analyses Caravan stock inventory Minutes of coordination meetings Partners' reports Final retreat Impact study Has the project launched outcome level data collection initiatives? e.g. perception surveys Perception survey is a formal collection of information from a randomly selected sample of respondents through their responses to standardized questions. See PBF Guidance Note for more information <u>link</u> Yes

Please provide a brief description

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Although there are no formal feedback mechanisms, there has been feedback collected from young people, authorities, and other stakeholders throughout, as described above. This has led to some programmatic adjustments such as additional roundtable discussions and the local initiatives led by the youth. Also the expressed need of capacity building for our partners led us to organize some trainings and an exit retreat for the project.

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» Catalytic Effect

Catalytic Effect (financial): Has the project mobilized additional non-PBF financial resources since the project's start?
● Yes
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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? Please refer to PBF Catalytic Effect Guidelines for more information. 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.*

Some catalytic effects have been perceived in the regions. For instance, in the North Bank Region (Kerewan and Essau), young people and authorities have established a framework for collaboration between the Youth Committee, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Gambia Immigration Department to reduce drug abuse and criminal activities among young people. The regional Youth Committee and the police commissioner are planning to call for a similar meeting in Barra in the coming days (after Kerewan and Essau, which have been covered by the project).

Also, in all project regions, our youth beneficiaries have selected a committee of 10 youth representatives to continue engaging with the local authorities, participating in community gatherings, and coordinating their initiatives. In two regions (Sintet in the West Coast Region and Basse in Upper River Region) our youth beneficiaries have plans to go further and establish formal youth-associations to promote their rights, make the authorities accountable regarding their needs, and contribute to the development of their communities. Community radio stations in some project regions (i.e., Soma, Basse) reported on the nationwide caravan and some of the dialogues between young people and local authorities.

Additionally, in some schools visited by the project, some students have been inspired to create "Civic Clubs" to leverage the sustained momentum of youth involvement in civic activities.

These initiatives need to be supported and sustained.

Sustainability

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

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Although some duty bearers flagged their financial incapacity to organize gatherings with young people as one of the key challenges they face in involving more youth in their work and activities, we believe that the opportunity to engage with young people from their communities can have a catalytic effect. It can encourage duty bearers to systematically involve young people – beyond youth wings of political parties or young people who are already politically engaged – each time they organize a meeting, town hall, or any other gathering. During the impact study, many Governors expressed their satisfaction regarding the quality of the youth engagement and agreed on the need to involve more vulnerable youth in such conversations. They confirmed their offices' availability to apply an opendoor policy and continue such engagements. In fact, they are now more aware of available resources and can play an important role in behavior change in both the mid- and long term.

This project created a conducive environment for collaboration between young people and local authorities, sharing ideas on how they can continue engaging each other, including through regular monitoring, information sharing, and participating in meetings organized by local authorities, among other approaches. Notably, most of the local authorities invited to the project activities were present.

The user-friendly White Paper, in both its written and podcast form, was widely distributed through social media and to schools. This resource ensures the sustainable dissemination of knowledge about the TRRC's findings and recommendations, as well as the government's commitments to implement them. The user-friendly formats lend themselves to be used during school activities or discussions with children and youth to sensitize them and promote human rights at an early age.

Finally, the project encouraged and supported the young beneficiaries to define, organize, and implement some youth-led initiatives in their communities, including sensitization, advocacy, meetings with local authorities, and even school donations. These activities are strong evidence of the sustainability of the project as the young people demonstrated their will and ability to continue engaging for the wellbeing of their communities and the promotion of their rights.

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

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N/A

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 Interviews and Perception Survey

An interview session was conducted during the meetings between youth and authorities to continue assessing the impact of the project on beneficiaries

Perception surveys were shared with both youth and authorities to gauge their knowledge and passion for governance, peacebuilding and reconciliation.

Comparative Findings on Knowledge and Engagement

The survey results align with earlier interviews, indicating significant improvements in participants' knowledge of transitional justice (TJ), human rights, and peacebuilding. Additionally, both young people and local authorities reported increases in their confidence and capability in engaging with one another on governance issues. This shift suggests that the intervention successfully bridged gaps in trust and skills, empowering young people to articulate demands and enabling authorities to recognize their role as stakeholders.

Key Insights

The data collected points to a strong willingness among young people and authorities to sustain a dialogue on governance and peacebuilding beyond the project's conclusion. Notably, the high proportion of young people (83-86%) who now feel confident engaging authorities reflects a transformative change in self-perception-from passive observers to active participants in civic processes.

Shape

Youth Perspectives

(241 respondents: 44% male, 56% female; 7% persons with disabilities):

After training, 84-86% of youth reported feeling prepared, confident, and safe engaging in governance, with 83% feeling motivated to participate. However, only 41% believed authorities listen to young people, revealing a critical confidence-receptiveness gap. While 86-87% noted

improved skins and passion for participation, 13% saw no change in their ability to engage.

Local Authorities' Perspectives (50 respondents: 78% male, 22% female; 2% persons with disabilities): Most authorities (82-92%) found that young people were prepared, their discussions were meaningful, and that they had gained a better understanding of young people's concerns. 90% noted improved youth participation and felt more confident engaging with young people posttraining, with only 4% seeing no change. **Authorities valued** enhanced dialogue and policy awareness and were grateful for the engagement.

Key Takeaway: While the intervention successfully built young people's capacity and shifted the authorities' attitudes, the persistent perception gap (41% of youth feeling heard vs. 82-92% of authorities praising engagement) suggests that systemic barriers remain.

Sustainability will depend on addressing this disconnect.

It is important to note the gender disparity (78% male) among authorities, which reflects existing barriers for inclusion in decision making spaces.

Sustainability and Remaining Challenges

Mutual buy-in: Both groups express a strong willingness to continue engagement, a key driver of sustainability.

Authorities' transformed views, not jumping to conclusions: 90% of authorities acknowledge improved youth participation, reducing resistance to future collaboration, at least on paper. Given the disparity between the authorities'

esponse and the young people's perception of authorities' openness, we are not taking these responses at face value these are politicians, after all. However, we have reasons to believe that authorities' engagement with young people and the intervention itself (including this data collection) helped to establish a new standard of what is expected in Gambian politics, such as changing the attitudes of some people in authority positions, opening some room for youth engagement, and raising the cost of exclusion in terms of public perception.

Risk factors: Without ongoing support momentum could wane.

The initiative laid critical groundwork for youth civic engagement, but its longevity hinges on institutionalizing platforms for dialogue and addressing systemic barriers to youth inclusion, particularly those based on gender.

Event 2

Project coordination meeting

Quarterly coordination meetings throughout the project with all partners to discuss the project quarterly activity plans, prepare the activities and report on the project's progress In addition to being a space to plan upcoming project activities, these coordination meetings provided the ground for learning and mentorship.

Challenges were discussed and solutions were proposed. For instance, during the meetings we held discussions about the partners' reports that led to their quality and data analysis being more results oriented.

Event 3

Monitoring Visit

Quarterly coordination meetings throughout the project with all partners to discuss the project quarterly activity plans, prepare the activities and report on the project's progress Following the visits, we discussed our observations with our partners during the next coordination meeting. These visits allowed us to provide technical assistance to the partners on program management, workshop organization and moderation, and evaluation and reporting.

We conducted at least one monitoring visit for each of our 4 partners throughout the project. ICTJ staff visited our implementing partners and participated in the conducting of at least one of their activities to complete this task.

implemented, as well as the success stories and challenges our implementing partners encountered during implementation. It also provided ICTJ with firsthand information on whether the various coordination meetings and trainings were helping improve our implementing partners' ability to operate

and program.

The visit exposed ICTJ to how activities in each of

the regions were being

At the end of the project ICTJ's team, including the head of office, paid a courtesy call visit to all regions covered by the project to engage and reinforce the collaboration with the local authorities.

A member of the Steering Committee monitored one of our activities (meeting between youth and local authorities) on October 14th and 15th in Basse (URR).

And the Chairwoman of the Steering Committee, who represented the MoJ, participated in the project final retreat. The Steering Committee members' feedback on the project was very positive, and they demonstrated their support throughout the project's implementation.

Event 4

Final data collection (impact study)

ICTJ's local team and implementing partners conducted qualitative and quantitative data collection

They visited the 5 regions covered by the project and engaged all beneficiaries (youth) and several community members, including local authorities

A questionnaire was delivered to youth and authority figures. There were also interviews conducted with local authorities and community members.

Focus group discussions were held with youth beneficiaries to identify changes in their communities and sources of verification Regarding changes at the community level the impact study survey results reflect youth's perception regarding attitudes and behavior in their communities. The findings show that youth perceive a difference in people's attitudes in comparison to the situation before the implementation of the project. These changes are particularly in terms of awareness and knowledge regarding key issues, especially gender-related violence.

Interviews and focus groups showed early indications of developed capacity, participation, and a more central role of youth leaders. For example, "People report more issues now. Right now, there is a big case going on in my community that was made known to me", said a male youth in URR.

However, cultural and political bias and barriers persist, undermining youth secured and free participation:

"Many people are voiceless, authorities reluctant to respond, or use intimidation to shut the youth, especially those who are civil servants. Students face a lot of challenges but cannot voice it out. Justice can be used against the youth, [there is a] lack of protective environment".

Youth perceive progress, though, especially in their ability to engage and establish lines for accountability. "A lot of issues became clear to meto what authorities to address these issues, security, SGBV etc. And the fact that the authorities had the opportunity to

respond to some of these issues is great. It has also enhanced my work as a focal person of CSOs in the region, especially in terms of the authorities to engage for specific issues"

There is also a perceived change in attitude regarding gender violence, including more awareness of women's rights and the channels for accountability. However, challenges persist, as local police are not prepared to respond in a gendersensitive manner. A promising development is that authority figures in the communities are now more aware of available resources and can play an important role in behavior change (in the mid and long term)

"Now if you call and ask them what SGBV is and where to go if they are a victim. People are a bit more aware of their rights to address SGBV."

"People tended to report the cases to alakol or imams. Since these authorities were part of this project, it exposed them as well on the official routes to respond to these crimes and advance justice and prevent. People continue to do it but now they are more hidden than before."

"Some challenges remain, at the police officers do not still apply gender sensitive approach, transportation and cost challenge and this is a detriment to responses to SGBV."

"Before people did not care about issues like wife beating, even if the woman is wounded. But now people are more curious

encourage the woman to complain or engage the man, because they understand it is a breach in the law"

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