PBF June 2025 Project Progress Report

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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» Report Submission

Type of report *

- (●) Semi-annual
- ( ) Annual
- ( ) Final
- ( ) Other

Date of submission of report *

2025-06-15

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

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

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

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

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) Not Applicable

» Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border project? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

Please select the geographical region in which the project is implemented

- ( ) Asia and the Pacific
- ( ) Central & Southern Africa
- ( ) East Africa
- ( ) Europe and Central Asia
- ( ) Global
- ( ) Latin America and the Caribean
- ( ) Middle East and North 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

Project Title *

- ( ) 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

Project Start Date (Date of first transfer) *

2022-12-12

Project End Date *

2027-01-12

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

Will this project be submitting a Fund Transfer Request (FTR) in the next six months? *

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

If so, around which month do you expect to submit the request? *

- ( ) January
- ( ) February
- ( ) 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

Recipients

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

- (●) UN entity
- ( ) Non-UN Entity

Please select the convening agency recipient *

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

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
- [x] 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

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)

0

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***

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*	Implementation rate as a percentage of total budget *(calculated automatically)*
UNDP: United Nations Development Programme	* 1633616	* 743247	* 485074.19	29.69 %
OHCHR: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	* 241108.45	* 120554.23	* 170785.15	70.83 %
TOTAL	**1874724.45**	**863801.23**	**655859.34**	**34.98%**

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **34.98%**. Can you confirm that this is correct? *

(●) Correct ( ) Incorrect

» Gender-responsive Budgeting

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

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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 $ 637406.31**. Can you confirm that this is correct? *

(●) Correct ( ) Incorrect

Amount expended to date on efforts contributiong to gender equality or women's empowerment is **US $ 222992.18**. Is this correct? *

(●) Correct ( ) Incorrect

ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE. *
The templates for the budget are available here

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Project Markers

Please select the Gender Marker Associated with this project *

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

Please select the Risk Marker Associated with this project *

- (•) Risk marker 0 = low risk to achieving outcomes
- ( ) Risk marker 1 = medium risk to achieving outcomes
- ( ) Risk marker 2 = high risk to achieving outcomes

Please select the PBF Focus Area associated with this project *

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

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

Select all that apply

- [ ] Gender promotion initiative
- [ ] Youth promotion initiative
- [ ] Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions
- [ ] Cross-border or regional project
- [x] 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

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

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

The Peacebuilding Fund Portfolio Joint Steering Committee (PBF JSC) in The Gambia continues to be co-chaired by the United Nations Resident Coordinator and now the Secretary to Cabinet (SC), and the Head of Civil Service of the Gambian government. The PBF JSC last met in Dec 2024 and the next meeting is scheduled 25th June, 2025.

During the meeting, the PBF JSC first received a comprehensive update on the PBF portfolio in The Gambia. The updates included the delivery status of ongoing projects, the final PBF SRF 2024-2028 and vital events of the Portfolio efforts within the country. The JSC among other took the following decisions during the meeting:

1. Endorsement of the PBF Strategic Result Framework (SRF) for Gambia 2024-2028
2. Endorsement of the 2025 PBF priority Areas for Gambia
3. Endorsement of the Public Accountability Concept Note

The PBF Portfolio Technical Committee (PTC) has been expanded and strengthened through technical representation of the JSC members to enhance coordination and synergy as recommended by JSC during the last meeting. A three day special retreat was organised by the secretariat which brought together PTC members which resulted in improved understanding of the portfolio projects and building of synergies within and across projects for a more sustainable impact.

The JSC is composed of the UNCT, the Government represented by the SC, development partners (donor countries) regional bodies, IFIs such as the World Bank and CSOs.

PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

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

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

Contracting of partners *

- ( ) Not Started
- ( ) Initiated
- ( ) Partially Completed
- ( ) Completed
- (•) Not Applicable

Staff Recruitment *

- ( ) Not Started
- ( ) Initiated
- ( ) Partially Completed
- (•) Completed
- ( ) Not Applicable

Collection of baselines *

- ( ) Not Started
- ( ) Initiated
- ( ) Partially Completed
- ( ) Completed
- (•) Not Applicable

Identification of beneficiaries *

- ( ) Not Started
- ( ) Initiated
- ( ) Partially Completed
- ( ) Completed
- (•) Not Applicable

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

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

The staff recruitments for all five PBF secretariat Positions were completed and personnel onboard:

1. PBF Programme Coordinator,
2. M&E Specialist,
3. Project Associate admin and finance
4. Knowledge Management Officer
5. Driver

Note: The Driver's position was maintained as SC contract after the recruitment got technically stalled and needed to be readvertised all over again. It was decided that the position would be maintained.

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? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

Project progress summary *

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

During the period under review, the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) Secretariat continued to significantly consolidate national collaboration and coordination to maximise and sustain coherent peacebuilding milestones in The Gambia. Such efforts and initiatives by the secretariat have brought together most of the relevant actors on platforms and decision-making bodies which enhanced collaboration and coherence of the PBF supported initiatives in the country. Below is a comprehensive summary of the progress made from January to June 2025.

Joint Steering Committee and Technical Committee Meetings:
During the reporting period, the PBF Joint Steering Committee (JSC) last convened in December 2024, bringing together key stakeholders from the UN Country Team, the Government (represented by the Secretary to Cabinet), development partners (donor countries), regional bodies, international financial institutions such as the World Bank, and civil society organizations.

The meeting provided members with a comprehensive update on The Gambia's PBF portfolio, including progress on ongoing projects, finalization of the 2024–2028 Strategic Results Framework (SRF), and key events such as the Country Spotlight. Key decisions taken included:
1. Endorsement of The Gambia's PBF Strategic Results Framework (2024–2028).
2. Endorsement of the 2025 PBF priority areas.
3. Endorsement of the Public Accountability Concept Note.
Additionally, the committee recommended increasing the frequency of meetings from two to four annually to strengthen coordination, decision-making, and project monitoring. Two of these will remain focused on JSC matters, while the additional sessions will serve as technical oversight meetings, using flexible formats as required.

In line with this recommendation, the PBF Portfolio Technical Committee (PTC) was expanded and strengthened through enhanced technical representation from JSC members. The inaugural meeting of the expanded PTC was held on 12 March 2025, followed by a three-day retreat (12–14 May) organized by the Secretariat. The retreat resulted in:
• Improved collective understanding of portfolio projects.
• Enhanced collaboration and synergies among implementing partners.
• Strengthened technical oversight and monitoring, supporting more sustainable and impactful programming.

UK Mission:
The PBF Secretariat successfully facilitated a mission from the United Kingdom, providing coordination and logistical support for meetings with government representatives, civil society, and UN implementing partners. These engagements allowed the UK delegation to review progress and challenges within The Gambia's PBF-supported peacebuilding portfolio.

A key takeaway from the mission was the need to reorient focus toward critical national transition priorities—such as transitional justice, governance reforms, and institutional strengthening—rather than primarily on community-level social cohesion and livelihood activities. This feedback is informing ongoing portfolio discussions and shaping future project development to ensure alignment with the country's transitional agenda.

Project Design and Development Support:
The PBF Secretariat provided guidance and support drafting team from OHCHR, UNDP, and UNFPA for the finalization of the Public Accountability and Civic space proposal.

The Secretariat facilitated several consultations and meetings with stakeholders, including government representatives, partners, and UNCT, to develop a $2.5 million project focused on public accountability. These efforts are aimed at enhancing transparency and governance in The Gambia. Not much progress has been made as the proposal is still at concept stage.

Training for PBF Project Staff:
All active PBF projects successfully submitted consolidated semi-annual reports as required. To strengthen reporting capacity, the PBF Secretariat organized a dedicated

session in May 2025 to introduce and train project staff on the updated PBF reporting template.
The training focused on:
• Enhancing understanding of PBF reporting procedures and processes.
• Improving the quality and timeliness of submissions.
• Emphasizing results-based reporting rather than activity-based reporting.
These sessions proved particularly valuable for newly recruited staff, resulting in improved consistency, accuracy, and a results-oriented approach in project reports.

Guidance, Oversight and Reporting Support:
Throughout the reporting period, the PBF Secretariat provided continuous guidance and facilitated key project requests, including tranche disbursements and No-Cost Extensions. It diligently reviewed semi-annual narrative and financial reports from all active projects, delivering timely feedback to enhance quality and compliance.
All active projects successfully submitted their reports via the Kobo platform, with PDF versions uploaded to the MPTFO platform by the PBF secretariat. These processes strengthened accountability, transparency, and efficient use of PBF resources.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Support:
During the reporting period, the PBF Secretariat conducted one ad hoc monitoring visit and supported the I4P project in organizing another. These visits provided valuable insights into project implementation, enabling real-time feedback, learning, and adaptive management.

The Secretariat also facilitated portfolio-wide data collection, including support to the Country Spotlight exercise, which held two national consultations (November 2024 and June 2025) to assess the impact of PBF and other interventions on The Gambia's transitional justice process.

Additionally, the Secretariat supported evaluations of projects nearing completion, such as the Women's Political Participation, Post-TRRC, and Cohort Evaluation for Mental Health project. Lessons generated from these evaluations are being applied to improve ongoing and future programming.

Currently, the Secretariat has started collecting baseline data for The Gambia's Strategic Results Framework (SRF) using desk reviews, national data sources, online data indices, surveys, key informant interviews (KIIs), and focus group discussions (FGDs).

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

In line with recommendations from the portfolio evaluation, the PBF Secretariat adopted an inclusive and proactive approach to ensure gender equality, women's empowerment, and youth inclusion are central to all PBF interventions.

Gender sensitivity is systematically integrated throughout the project cycle, from concept note development to final implementation plans, ensuring potential disparities are identified and addressed for equitable outcomes. Women's civil society and youth organizations are actively engaged during consultations, guaranteeing their perspectives inform project design and execution.

The Secretariat collaborates closely with UN gender focal points to embed gender considerations in all project reviews, consultations, and evaluations. Efforts also prioritize women's and youth participation in workshops, training sessions, and decision-making forums, fostering meaningful contributions to peacebuilding initiatives.

Gender and youth inclusion indicators are incorporated into project monitoring and evaluation frameworks, ensuring that peacebuilding outcomes are achieved through a gender-responsive and youth-inclusive lens.

Is the project 1+ year in implementation? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

FOR PROJECTS 1+ YEAR IN IMPLEMENTATION ONLY:

Is the project demonstrating outcome-level peacebuilding results? *

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

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

If yes, please provide concrete examples of such peacebuilding results *

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

The PBF Secretariat strengthened collaboration and coordination among peacebuilding stakeholders in The Gambia, ensuring that some actors are not left behind in shaping PBF programme priorities. Through sustained consultations, planning sessions, and joint design processes, the Secretariat facilitated inclusive participation from government institutions, civil society (including women's and youth organizations), and development partners.
These inclusive processes contributed to a shift in institutional behaviour, with UN agencies now adopting more joint programming approaches and engaging diverse stakeholders, including vulnerable groups in project design and implementation. This has increased ownership, enhanced the relevance of interventions, and laid the foundation for more sustainable peacebuilding outcomes. The Secretariat:
• Continuous technical support in planning, design, and implementation improved the quality and alignment of new peacebuilding initiatives with national priorities.
• Strengthened M&E systems, including baseline data collection for The Gambia's Strategic Results Framework (SRF), informed evidence-based programming and cross-learning.
• Targeted capacity-building initiatives improved results orientation (reporting) and fostered stronger collaboration across implementing partners.

The operationalization of the PBF Joint Steering Committee (JSC) and Technical Committee has improved institutional capacity for coordinated decision-making and strategic oversight of peacebuilding investments. Co-chaired by the Government and UN, and inclusive of civil society, development partners, and the private sector, these mechanisms have institutionalized participatory decision-making and fostered greater accountability in peacebuilding governance.
• Regular JSC and technical committee meetings enhanced coordination, accelerated decision-making, and improved alignment of portfolio priorities.
• Stakeholder representation—including women, youth, and marginalized voices—ensured that peacebuilding processes reflect diverse perspectives and needs.
• JSC decisions endorsed key portfolio instruments, such as the 2024–2028 Strategic Results Framework, 2025 priority areas, and the Public Accountability Concept Note, reinforcing shared strategic direction.

By facilitating regular consultations, joint planning, and collective monitoring, the PBF Secretariat fostered a culture of collaboration and transparency among peacebuilding stakeholders. These practices enhanced coherence of interventions and strengthened their responsiveness to the priorities of the Gambian people.
This collaborative approach has increased the visibility and credibility of PBF interventions, directly contributing to catalytic financing, such as the EU's €9 million commitment to expand transitional justice programming initiated by the PBF. The secretariat:
• Continued to support the Country Spotlight exercise and national consultations to generate evidence of peacebuilding impact, particularly on transitional justice.
• Expanded dissemination of results and lessons learned, enabling stronger advocacy and informed resource mobilization.
• Promoted gender equality and youth inclusion as cross-cutting priorities, ensuring that peacebuilding processes are inclusive and equitable.

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

Click here to upload file. (< 10MB)

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 portfolio and project level programming through effective support from PBF Secretariat on strategic planning, design, implementation, M&E, partnerships and cross learning

Outcome 2: *

Operational PBF Joint Steering Committee supporting strategic guidance, monitoring and advocacy around PBF projects

Outcome 3: *

Improved visibility and evidence-based advocacy to support catalytic effects

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: Enhanced portfolio and project level programming through effective support from PBF Secretariat on strategic planning, design, implementation, M&E, partnerships and cross learning

OC1	Outcome Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress since project's start	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
1.1	**Level of compliance of all PBF projects in The Gambia ensured through the operations of the PBF Secretariat for optimum peacebuilding impact**	**Secretariat is in place and functional**	**Improved coordination and understanding of PBF procedures by concerned stakeholders and enhanced synergies between projects.**	**on track**		
1.2	**Level of stakeholders' satisfaction with the PBF Secretariat**	**Medium**	**High**			
1.3						
1.4						

1.5						

How many outputs does outcome 1 have?

1 2 3 4 5 more than 5.

Please list all outputs for outcome 1

Output 1.1

All PBF projects leverage PBF comparative advantage and comply with PBF project management standards in close collaboration with RCO, UNCT/AFPs and PBSO

Output 1.2

Strengthened portfolio-level support and multi-stakeholder cooperation

Output 1.3

Sustained coordination, information-sharing and synergy-building with key partners

Output 1.4

Continuous support to project/portfolio-level monitoring and evaluation

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

» Output 1.1: All PBF projects leverage PBF comparative advantage and comply with PBF project management standards in close collaboration with RCO, UNCT/AFPs and PBSO

1.1	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*

1.1.1	**PBF project scoring above medium with the use of internal evaluation grid with average compliance scores**	**Medium**	**High**	**85% compliance among projects**	**85%**	
1.1.2	**# of training or consultation sessions organized or facilitated by the PBF secretariat for project teams on quality design, impl, M&E and result reporting of PBF funded projects.**	**3 consultations on 2022 projects design targeting UN, govt & CSOs**	**5 consultations targeting PBF project teams & partners on design, impl, M&E and reporting of PBF funded projects**	**5 consultations including spotlights**	**13 -The secretariat has intensified engagement with govt and CSOs, DPG, IFIs besides the UN agencies**	
1.1.3	**# technical support missions or consultants on PBF programming received**	**3 (2 mission & 1 consultant - 2019 to date)**	**2**	**0**	**2**	
1.1.4	**proportion of total PBF funds allocated to GEWE in 2023.**	**29%**	**30%**	**56%**	**56%**	
1.1.5	**implementing partners and other key partners engaged and capacitated on the PBF portfolio and requirements now with better understanding willingness to take ownership**	**3**	**15 (govt department and CSOs**	**7**	**69 (Govt depts and CSOs engaged through consultations workshops and meetings**	

» Output 1.2: Strengthened portfolio-level support and multi-stakeholder cooperation

1.2	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
1.2.1	**Gambia peacebuilding priority areas for investment in the new eligibility phase identified through multistage consultations with stakeholders and in lin with eligibility request/ SRF (govt, CSOs UNCT)**	**0**	**at least 2 consultations organized for any prioritization process (partners, UNCT levels)**	**SRF with 4 priority areas validated and approved by JSC**	**SRF validated 4 -SRF and PBF priority areas consultations with national stakeholder & UNCT conducted in Nov & Dec 2023**	
1.2.2	**# of ongoing conflict analysis supported with gov't and CSOs**	**1CDA report 2018 (updated 2019)**	**contributes to the next CDA update 2023 2024 and overarching peacebuilding indicators**	**Supported design and Printed 120 copies of the full report and abridged versions for distribution/popularization**	**designed and printed 120 copies during the validation workshop**	
1.2.3	**PBF portfolio evaluation and re eligibility assessment and renewal process for the Gambia supported**	**Gambia eligible up to 2023**	**A Portfolio evaluation and re eligibility assessment supported. Re eligibility package prepared in consultation with all stakeholders, leading to new eligibility granted. A PBF SRF prepared in consultation with all stakeholders.**	**Evaluation completed and re eligibility declared until Dec 2028**	**Evaluation completed and re eligibility declared until Dec 2028**	
1.2.4						

1.2.5						

» Output 1.3: Sustained coordination, information-sharing and synergy-building with key partners

1.3	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
1.3.1	**Joint Government UN-Donor Steering Committee on PBF established and regular meetings instituted.**	**0 (no JSC solely on PBF yet, PBF matters used to be discussed under the UNDAF SC)**	**JSC established and at least 2 PBF JSC meetings a yr**	**1 meeting held the Dec and next to be held 25th June 2025**	**JSC established 4 meeting held so far (2023- Dec 2024)**	
1.3.2	**A Technical Coordination Committee (UN agencies, Govt, CSOs and PBF) established and meetings instituted**	**0**	**Committee set up and meets quarterly, # of key synergies created**	**TC expanded to mirror the JSC and 2 Meeting held**	**Established TC was expanded in 2025 and 6 meeting held so far**	
1.3.3	**# of PBF learning workshops organized for synergy building and learnings from projects**	**2 (2020 and 2022)**	**1 annual learning workshop/retreat 2023**	**1 (Dec 2023)**	**2 Dec 2024 /May 2025**	
1.3.4	**A summary booklet of PBF projects' results and lessons produced and disseminated through the annual retreat and other forums**	**1 printed and disseminated during 2022 retreat**	**1 booklet per year**	**0**	**On-going development of a 2025 booklet due in Q3**	**1 is being prepared**

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» Output 1.4: Continuous support to project/portfolio-level monitoring and evaluation

1.4	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
1.4.1	**A consolidated M&E plan for all active PBF projects compiled and shared with agencies to encourages synergies and joint field visit**	**0**	**1 consolidated M&E plan compiled**	**1**	**1 Joint field Monitoring visit supported**	
1.4.2	**# of projects' M&E plans/activities (baselines, CBM, field visit missions, and final evaluation) supported or organized by the secretariat**	**4**	**5**	**2 (PBF sec and Joint visit with I4P project**	**6 field visits supported 7 evaluations supports (SRF, WPL, cross border, Portfolio Ev, Gov, youth project& rule of law)**	
1.4.3	**Timely submission of quality reports ensured through timely follow up, reviews, feedback to projects.**	**100% of projects are submitted on time**	**100% timely submission ensured**	**Achieved**	**Achieved**	

1.4.4	**Timely submission of annual strategic report after consultation with government, CSOs and UNCT and with analysis of progress against the PBF SRF**	**2 reports submitted (2020 &2021)**	**Annual**	**1 30th Dec 2024**	**1**	
1.4.5	**# of dialogue sessions facilitated between the JSC and sampled beneficiary communities through CBM**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**JSC has been established and attended the Tabanding border post launching**	**I to be held Sept 2025**

» Outcome 2: Operational PBF Joint Steering Committee supporting strategic guidance, monitoring and advocacy around PBF projects

OC2	**Outcome Indicators**	**Indicator Baseline**	**End of Project Indicator Target**	**Indicator progress for reporting period**	**Indicator progress since project's start**	**Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)**
2.1	**Evidence of increased engagement and enhanced strategic guidance role of the Joint Steering Committee on the PBF portfolio in the Gambia.**	**Medium level**	**high level**	**3 endorsements made by JSC meeting in the Dec 2024,**	**several decisions and approvals taking by the JSC and approving of portfolio related decisions**	
2.2	**No of JSC Meetings and Field Monitoring Visits organised**	**0**	**2 JSC meeting and a visit**	**1 meeting in Dec 2024 and 1 ad hoc field to attend the launch of a border post**	**4 JSC meetings was held in August, November 2023 and Feb, Dec 2024**	
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How many outputs does outcome 2 have?

1 2 3 4 5 more than 5.

Please list all outputs for outcome 2

Output 2.1

Support the Steering Committee and other relevant partners (including at the technical level) to ensure supervision and monitoring of PBF portfolio

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

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2.1	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*

2.1.1	**# of meetings and PBF priorities /proposals assessed, and strategic decisions taken at the level of the Joint Steering**	**0**	**2 meetings and decisions taken**	**3 endorsements in Dec meeting**	**6. SRF, public Acc concept note and 2025 priorities endorsed; Climate land conflict project Endorsed SSR project = Endorsed Cost Extension of the PBF secretariat project, includes support to 50% salary of the Senior HR Officer at the RCO =Endorsed The Road map for the re eligibility process= Endorsed**	
2.1.2	**# of M&E missions facilitated for Joint Steering Committee members to assess PBF portfolio implementations progress**	**0**	**2**	**1 mission in sept**	**1 mission facilitated to CRR border post launch in Oct 2023**	
2.1.3	**capacity needs assessment for JSC and training(s) facilitated**	**0**	**25 persons trained**	**members oriented**	**2 targeted presentations to enhance understanding of the PBF Portfolio conducted for members**	
2.1.4	**# of PBF monitoring and PBC missions supported**	**ongoing**	**1 Monitoring/Technical missions supported**	**2 PBSO mission and UK M&E mission**	**2- PBSO mission and UK M&E mission**	
2.1.5						

» Outcome 3: Improved visibility and evidence-based advocacy to support catalytic effects

OC3	Outcome Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress since project's start	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
3.1	Evidence of increased in visibility and collaboration of the PBF programme with stakeholders and more catalytic effects registered.	minimal interaction with other potential donors	enhanced interaction with World Bank, EU and other potential donors through RC donor forums with partners showcasing the achievements of the PBF fund	Specific engagements with donors in the JSC and outreach meetings with donor countries (UK, EU, US, France) have increased awareness among stakeholders	consultations on the Spotlight, climate security project design and SSR consultation were attended by World Bank and Germany.	
3.2	No of donor forums/pledging events organized	0	1	0		Not yet started
3.3						
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How many outputs does outcome 3 have?

1 2 3 4 5 more than 5.

Please list all outputs for outcome 3

Output 3.1

Develop a communication strategy to promote visibility of the PBF activities and results in the country and among a range of stakeholders

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

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3.1.1	**Evidence of increased in visibility and collaboration of the PBF programme with stakeholders and more catalytic effects registered.**	**Ad-hoc plan in use**	**1 strategy developed with details on communication products**	**Communication strategy developed**	**Strategy being implemented. PBF Sec closely working with UNCG**	
3.1.2	**Evidence of online and offline articles and stories, videos, social media post, TV and radio spots, billboard,**	**200 booklets of projects results, branded materials – field jackets, notebooks, pens, with logos etc**	**produce online and offline products**	**2 online articles published; visibility materials bought.**	**3 online result publication, 5 social media posts of joint PBF projects, created, and posted**	

3.1.3	**Evidence of conference organized for networking and partnership building for catalytic effects**	**None**	**1 conference**	**0**	**No conference yet. But many of the donor countries' representatives and bodies such as the EU, UK Germany and WB are either in the JSC or participating in PBF meeting and consultations**	
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3.1.5						

How many outputs does outcome 4 have?

1 2 3 4 5 more than 5.

Please list all outputs for outcome 4

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)

Events	**Event Description**	**Tentative Date**	**Location**	**Target Audience**	**Event Objectives** (900 characters)

Event 1	**PBF Joint Steering Committee**	**June 25th 2025**	**Conference Centre**	**UN, Govt, CSOs, development partners**	**Bring together JSC members deliberate on PBF Portfolio matters and take decisions**
Event 2	**JSC monitoring field visit**	**Sept 2025**	**Across the country**	**JSC, beneficiaries' communities and institutions**	**JSC to interact with direct beneficiaries to assess the effects of the PBF on them**
Event 3	**PBF partner/Donor visit to the Gambia**	**Dec 2025**	**Across the Country, Gambia**	**Donor countries, beneficiaries' communities and institutions**	**For partners to witness the impact of the PBF support in the Gambia**
Event 4					

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 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	CSOs	With the support of the PBF Secretariat, stakeholder consultations—particularly with civil society organizations (CSOs)—have significantly improved. CSOs are now engaged from the early stages of project conception through to evaluation, ensuring their full participation in all PBF processes. This inclusive approach has strengthened ownership of the PBF portfolio in The Gambia, with CSOs demonstrating strong interest and commitment to peacebuilding initiatives.	During the PBF Technical Committee retreat, the association of CSOs (TANGO) expressed appreciation for being meaningfully included in the process. Michael Oko Davies, Executive Director of Public-Private Integrity (PPI), emphasized during consultations for the new Accountability Project that "such a consultative approach, bringing all stakeholders on board, is essential in identifying the issues at hand and finding the right solutions. For PPI, this is a great opportunity to network with relevant partners, especially on accountability and transparency."
2	UN Project team	The PBF Secretariat organized reporting trainings in May and October 2024 and May 2025 to strengthen the capacity of new project teams working on PBF-funded initiatives. These sessions were particularly valuable for personnel drafting project reports for the first time, as they clarified reporting requirements, improved understanding of the updated 2025 reporting template, and built confidence in producing results-oriented reports.	Participants praised the trainings for their timeliness and relevance. "This part of the retreat is very useful for me, as this will be my first time reporting on the PBF," said Bridget, ActionAid Project Manager (May 2025). "The session is timely and very useful, especially the section on the online version; now I am confident I can draft a better PBF report," added Alexia (May 2024). Pushpa, a new UNFPA staff member, also noted that the October 2024 training provided her with a clear understanding of PBF reporting expectations and steps.
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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.

With the technical and coordination support of the PBF Secretariat, The Gambia successfully established a PBF Portfolio Joint Steering Committee (JSC) -a multi-stakeholder platform mandated to guide strategic decision-making and approvals for PBF-funded initiatives. This inclusive committee, comprising representatives from government, the UN, civil society, and development partners, has become a key driver of national ownership and oversight of peacebuilding efforts.

As a result of its operationalization, to date, the JSC has taken strategic decisions that directly shape The Gambia's peacebuilding trajectory. These include:

Endorsement of transformative initiatives such as the Climate Land Conflict Project and the Security Sector Reform Project.

Approval of a cost extension for the PBF Secretariat Project, ensuring continuity of technical support, including funding 50% of the Senior Human Rights Officer post in the Resident Coordinator's Office.

Adoption of a roadmap for the PBF re-eligibility process and endorsement of The Gambia's re-eligibility request package for submission to PBSO.

Approval of the PBF Secretariat annual work plan, aligning resources with national peacebuilding priorities.

This functional governance mechanism, nurtured by the Secretariat's continuous support, has strengthened national coordination, enhanced accountability, and deepened stakeholder participation, ensuring that PBF initiatives in The Gambia are nationally owned and impactful.

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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REPORT-PBF Portfolio TC Retreat 12-14 May-2025-14_35_7.docx

File 2

OPTIONAL

Minutes of the PBF JSC Meeting 11-Dec-2024_final-14_35_17.docx

File 3

OPTIONAL

Click here to upload file. (< 10MB)

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

OPTIONAL

Link 1

OPTIONAL

https://www.un.org/peacebuilding/content/youth-motion-sustaining-transitional-justice-gambia

Link 2

OPTIONAL

Link 3

OPTIONAL

Please tick the applicable change based on above narrative.

How we worked: *

Please select up to 3.

- [ ] Enhanced digitization
- [x] 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
- [x] Strengthened partnerships with IFIs
- [x] Strengthened partnerships with UN Agencies

Please explain one of the selected options

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Leveraging external capacitites through online platforms (OUNV) for communications and research support

Please explain one of the selected options

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

] Supported the Resident Coordinator's office's efforts to enable UN partnerships with the WB's TAA for the Gambia

Please explain one of the selected options

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

The PBF has strengthen partnership and joint programming among the UN agencies as more than 90% of the PBF funded projects were jointly developed and implemented by either two or three UN agencies

Who are we working with *

- [ ] Strengthened partnerships with IFIs
- [x] Strengthened partnerships between 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

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Leave No one Behind

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

Mandatory

- [ ] Unemployed persons
- [ ] Minorities (e.g. race, ethnicity, linguistic, religion, etc.)
- [ ] Indigenous communities
- [x] Persons with Disabilities
- [ ] Persons affected by violence (including 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.

1. Ad hoc monitoring field visit to PBF projects sites across the country
2. Supported the I4P project to conduct Monitoring visit to project sites in Foni.

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 outcome indicators had their baselines, most of which were identified during the project development and one indicator that did not have a baseline relating to stakeholders' satisfaction with the PBF secretariat, was done through a short informal perception survey targeting the different stakeholder the PBF secretariat worked with.

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.

Copies of regular briefs/readouts/minutes of meetings, reports, emails on timely submissions, MPTFO records Minutes of the JSC meetings and field visit reports Report of review and consultation meetings, Reports of technical committee meetings, reports of trainings facilitated by the secretariat.

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 *link*

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms? *

Community feedback mechanism, or community-based monitoring, is an organized system for communities of participants to monitor the local effects and impact of an intervention. Ideally, this system empowers the community to express whether their expectations are being met and to provide suggestions to decision-makers for possible (re)focusing. See PBF Guidance Note for more information. *link*

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

Please provide a brief description *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

While a formal community feedback mechanism is not yet fully established, the PBF Secretariat has incorporated community-based monitoring through field visits. These visits allowed direct engagement with beneficiaries, enabling them to raise concerns and propose solutions, which were subsequently addressed with implementing partners. For example: • During a visit to the Sanda watering point, farmers requested that trench digging and pipe laying be completed before planting season to avoid crop damage and resistance from landowners. • In previous visits to Bisari and Sinchu Gundo watering points, communities highlighted that trough heights were too high for calves. This concern was raised with FAO and corrective measures were explored. These ad hoc feedback practices have ensured community voices are heard and project teams respond, but they remain informal and need strengthening into a structured feedback mechanism.

» Evaluation

Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation? *

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No
- ( ) Not Applicable

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

Response required

50000

If project will end in next six months, is your upcoming evaluation on track?

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No
- ( ) Not Applicable

Contact information	Name	Organization	Job title	Email
Please mention the focal person responsible for sharing the final evaluation report with the PBF:	**Golda Keng**	**UNDP**	**PBF Coordinator**	**golda.keng@undp.org**

» Catalytic Effect

Catalytic Effect (financial): Has the project mobilized additional non-PBF financial resources since the project's start? *

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No

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.

The Secretariat through the project supported the RC's consultations during the visits of the DSG and SRSG on the constitutional process and social cohesion in the country.

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.

The PBF Secretariat has taken deliberate steps to ensure that peacebuilding results achieved under the PBF portfolio are sustained beyond the lifespan of individual projects. Central to this approach is strong government buy-in and inclusive stakeholder participation, which have been embedded in all phases of the project cycle, from idea generation and design to implementation and monitoring. This participatory model ensures national ownership of both the processes and outcomes, reducing reliance on external support and increasing local commitment to maintaining results.

• The establishment and operationalization of the PBF JSC has created a permanent, multi-stakeholder governance mechanism that provides strategic oversight, policy alignment, and coordination of peacebuilding efforts. This platform, co-chaired by the Government and UN, includes representatives from civil society, development partners, and the private sector, ensuring inclusive decision-making and continuity beyond individual projects.

• The Secretariat has supported national CSOs and local peace actors to strengthen their institutional capacity, enabling them to continue peacebuilding initiatives independently. CSOs have demonstrated increased ownership of PBF supported initiatives, including active participation in transitional justice, governance reforms, and community reconciliation processes.

• The PBF Secretariat has facilitated capacity building for project teams on results-based reporting, monitoring and evaluation, and conflict sensitivity. These skills remain within institutions beyond the life of individual projects, improving long-term planning and performance.

• Lessons learned from project evaluations and monitoring have been shared with government partners and CSOs, informing the design of new policies and interventions. Collectively, these steps have built local capacity, strengthened institutions, and empowered communities to sustain peacebuilding gains beyond the duration of PBF supported projects.

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.

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	The PBF secretariat ad hoc monitoring visit to PBF project sites	The new Coordinator with M&E visited various sites in LRR, CRR and URR	came across both completed and stall interventions and follow meeting were conducted with project team especially on the stalled interventions.
Event 2	UK mission to Gambia	As part UK annual visit to PBF funded countries. In the 2025 the UK was in the Gambia and the team visit relevant government institutions and projects sites.	A key takeaway from the mission was the need to reorient focus toward critical national transition priorities such as transitional justice, governance reforms, and institutional strengthening rather than primarily on community-level social cohesion and livelihood activities. This feedback is informing ongoing portfolio discussions and shaping future project development to ensure alignment with the country's transitional agenda.
Event 3	Supported the I4P projects sites	The I4P project team along sites it government partners and implementing CSO embarked on Monitoring visit to project sites in Foni	The communication breakdown on the remaining activities and the usage equipment provided by the project was rectified
Event 4			
Event 5			

Event 6			
Event 7			
Event 8			

Final Steps

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