

PBF June 2026 Project Progress Report



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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» Report Submission

Type of report *

- ☒ Semi-annual
☐ Annual
☐ Final
☐ Other

Date of submission of report *

2026-07-27

Name and title of person submitting the report *

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Nanise Saune Qaloewai

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

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☒ Yes

☐ No

Did PBF Secretariat or RCO focal point review the report?

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

» Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border project?

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please select the geographical region in which the project is implemented

☐ Asia and the Pacific

☒ Central & Southern Africa

☐ East Africa

☐ Europe and Central Asia

☐ Global

☐ Latin America and the Caribbean

☐ Middle East and North Africa

☐ West Africa

Country of project implementation

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☐ Angola

☐ Burundi

☐ Cameroon

☐ Central African Republic

☐ Chad

☐ Congo, The Democratic Republic

☐ Gabon

☐ Lesotho

☒ Malawi

☐ Rwanda

☐ Sao Tome and Principe

☐ Zimbabwe

☐ Other, Specify

Other, please specify

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Project Title

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☒ 00140045: Strengthening Malawi's Peace Infrastructure for conflict prevention and sustaining peace in borderland districts

☐ Other, Specify

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please select the countries where this project is being implemented *

Other, Please specify *

Project Start Date (Date of first transfer) *

2023-02-14

Project End Date *

2026-06-30

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?

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☐ January

☐ February

☐ March

☐ April

☐ May

☐ June

☐ July

☐ August

☐ September

☐ October

☐ November

☐ December

Is the current project end date within 6 months?

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☒ Yes

☐ No

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

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☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please select which

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☐ National Trust Fund

☐ Regional Trust Fund

Recipients

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

- ☒ UN entity
- ☐ Non-UN Entity

Please select the convening agency recipient *

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

Other, Please specify *

Are there other recipients for this project? *

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

Please select other UN recipients

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Select all that apply

- ☐ UNDP: United Nations Development Programme ☐ IOM: International Organization for Migration
- ☐ UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund
- ☐ OHCHR: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- ☒ UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
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- ☐ UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services
- ☐ UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization ☐ ITC: International Trade Centre
- ☐ UN Department of Peace Operations ☐ Other, Specify

Other, Please specify

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Please select other non-UN recipients

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

Other, Please specify

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Implementing Partners

To how many implementing partners has the project transferred money **since the project's start ?**

3

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

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

Quasi religious body

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Public Affairs Committee

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 (,)

346669.17

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 (,)

346669.17

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 (,)

0

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner during this calendar period *

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

Not Applicable

2

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 *

Foundation for Civic Education and Social Enhancement - FOCES, and Youth Network and Counselling - YONECO

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 (,)

324000

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 (,)

324000

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 (,)

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Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner during this calendar period *

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

Not Applicable

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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- ☐ International NGO
- ☐ Governmental entity
- ☐ National women's and youth CSO
- ☐ Subnational women's and youth CSO
- ☐ Other

Other, Please specify

A church based organization founded in 1992 to promote human rights, social justice, and lasting peace

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP)

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 (,)

88028.29

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 (,)

88028.29

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 (,)

0

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner during this calendar period

Please limit your response to 1500 characters

Not Applicable

Financial Reporting

» Delivery by Recipient

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

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

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

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

Recipients	Total Project Budget (in full US \$) <i>Please enter the total budget as is in the project document in US Dollars</i>	Transfers to date (in full US \$) <i>Please enter the total amount transferred to each recipient to date in US Dollars</i>	Expenditure to date (in full US \$) <i>Please enter the approximate amount spent to date in US dollars</i>	Implementation rate as a percentage of total budget (calculated automatically)

UNDP: United Nations Development Programme	2200000	2200000	2200000	100%
				%
UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerme nt of Women	700000	700000	700000	100%
UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund	600000	600000	600000	100%
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				%
				%

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	*	*	*	%
TOTAL	3500000	3500000	3500000	100 %

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **100%**. Can you confirm that this is correct?

☒ Correct ☐ Incorrect

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

» Gender-responsive Budgeting

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

50.67

The dollar amount of the budget contributing to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) based on percentage entered above and total project budget is **US \$ 1773450**. Can you confirm that this is correct? *

☒ Correct ☐ Incorrect

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

Amount expended to date on efforts contributing to gender equality or women's empowerment is **US \$ 1773450**. Is this correct? *

☒ Correct ☐ Incorrect

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

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

PBF Malawi Costed Extension Expenditure report - July 2026 version2-10_12_50.xlsx



Project Markers

Please select the Gender Marker Associated with this project *

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

Please select the Risk Marker Associated with this project *

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

Please select the PBF Focus Area associated with this project

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

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

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Select all that apply

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

Steering Committee and Government engagement

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

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

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

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

The project has not had a steering committee in the last 6 months

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.

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Please limit your response to 3000 characters

Not Applicable

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

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

Staff Recruitment

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

Collection of baselines

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

Identification of beneficiaries

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

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

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Please limit your response to 3000 characters

During the reporting period, no additional recruitments were made as all the technical staff were brought on board in 2023. The baseline survey and capacity assessments were also done in 2023.

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

If no, please provide an explanation *

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

Project progress summary *

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

This report covers the period from 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026 and highlights key results achieved through the implementation of targeted activities under the No - Cost Extension mostly implemented by UN Women. During the reporting period, improved community-level conflict prevention and early warning capacities were observed among targeted women peacebuilders and stakeholders, contributing to reduced tensions and strengthened social cohesion in identified hotspots, including during the post-election period. This change was evidenced by approximately 80 per cent of participants demonstrating enhanced skills in conflict analysis, reporting, and early warning following targeted capacity-building, dialogue, and resilience-strengthening interventions implemented across Mangochi, Machinga, and Karonga districts. A total of 160 participants were reached, the majority of whom were women leaders drawn from 14 women peace groups and actively engaged in local peace structures. Structured community dialogues further provided safe platforms to address key drivers of conflict, including gender-based violence, land disputes, and electoral tensions, thereby fostering greater trust, collaboration, and collective action among community stakeholders.

In addition, strengthened sustainability of women's participation in peacebuilding was observed through enhanced economic resilience, leadership capacity, and institutional engagement at community level. This was evidenced by Village Savings and Loan (VSL) groups reporting improved household incomes, increased financial independence, and strengthened decision-making power among women, reinforcing the link between economic empowerment and peacebuilding outcomes. The establishment of profiling systems and local monitoring mechanisms further contributed to institutionalizing women's leadership and participation in peace structures, while promoting inclusive approaches that actively engage both women and youth. Collectively, these results demonstrate measurable progress toward sustaining peace and preventing conflict through gender-responsive, community-driven approaches.

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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Please limit your response to 3000 characters

Gender equality and women's empowerment remained central to the implementation of the project, with interventions intentionally designed to strengthen women's leadership, agency and participation in peacebuilding and community security. The project adopted a gender-responsive approach that recognized women not only as beneficiaries of peacebuilding interventions but as active agents of conflict prevention, mediation and social cohesion.

Throughout implementation, women peace groups were capacitated to identify, mediate and refer cases of gender-based violence (GBV), child marriage, child trafficking and other community disputes through strengthened community referral pathways and collaboration with formal justice and security institutions. During the reporting period, women continued to apply these skills independently, contributing to the mediation and resolution of community conflicts and facilitating the referral of serious protection cases, including defilement, to the police and judicial system. This demonstrates sustained improvements in women's leadership, confidence and influence within community peace and protection mechanisms.

The project also integrated women's economic empowerment as a strategy for strengthening resilience and sustaining peacebuilding outcomes. Women peace groups established and expanded Village Savings and Loan (VSL) groups and income-generating initiatives, enhancing their financial independence and reducing vulnerabilities that often contribute to gender inequality and conflict. Beyond improving household livelihoods, women reinvested resources into community priorities, including supporting girls whose child marriages had been annulled to return to school and mobilizing local resources to rehabilitate a police facility, thereby strengthening access to justice and GBV referral services. These community-led initiatives illustrate increased ownership, collective action and the sustainability of project results beyond direct project support.

Youth inclusion was embedded throughout the project by engaging young women and men as partners in conflict prevention, dialogue and peacebuilding. Youth representatives participated in capacity-building initiatives alongside women leaders and local stakeholders, equipping them with knowledge and skills to contribute to community peace, social cohesion and violence prevention. The project promoted intergenerational dialogue and collaboration between youth, traditional leaders, community structures and local authorities, strengthening inclusive participation in local peace and security processes.

The project further promoted inclusive governance by creating spaces where women, youth, political actors, traditional leaders and duty bearers could jointly engage in dialogue and collective action. These inclusive platforms contributed to greater trust between communities and institutions, increased accountability for peaceful conduct during the electoral period, and strengthened community ownership of conflict prevention and human rights protection mechanisms

Is the project 1+ year in implementation?

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☒ Yes

☐ No

FOR PROJECTS 1+ YEAR IN IMPLEMENTATION ONLY:

Is the project demonstrating outcome-level peacebuilding results?

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please provide concrete examples of such peacebuilding results

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

The project continued to demonstrate outcome-level peacebuilding results by strengthening institutional arrangements for conflict prevention and enhancing community capacities to prevent and respond to conflict, particularly violence against women, children and vulnerable groups. The reporting period confirmed the sustainability of investments made throughout project implementation, with national institutions and community structures increasingly exercising ownership of peacebuilding processes.

Outcome 1: Strengthen Malawi's Infrastructure for Peace (National Peace Architecture) to support peacebuilding and human rights protection in borderland communities

During the reporting period, the Malawi Peace and Unity Commission (MPUC) maintained its operational role despite institutional uncertainty arising from the dissolution of parastatal boards. UNDP's support to facilitate strategic engagement between the Commission and the Office of the Chief Secretary contributed to preserving the functionality of Malawi's national peace architecture by clarifying the Commission's institutional position and reporting arrangements under the Peace and Unity Act (2022). This reduced uncertainty surrounding the Commission's mandate and enabled continued coordination of peacebuilding efforts at national level.

The engagement also reinforced government ownership of the national peace architecture and safeguarded progress made in establishing and operationalising peace infrastructures at national and sub-national levels. By ensuring institutional continuity during a period of transition, the project contributed to strengthening the resilience of national conflict prevention mechanisms and protecting earlier investments in local peace infrastructures.

Outcome 2: Strengthen human rights protection mechanisms to prevent sexual and gender-based violence child trafficking and child marriages

The project contributed to sustained behavioural and institutional changes in communities through strengthened capacities of women peace groups, youth representatives and local stakeholders to prevent conflict, protect human rights and facilitate access to justice. During the reporting period, community structures successfully mediated and resolved 16 conflict cases, while serious protection cases, including defilement, were referred through formal justice mechanisms, resulting in successful prosecution and conviction of perpetrators. These outcomes demonstrate strengthened trust in state institutions, improved referral pathways and greater willingness among communities to pursue lawful mechanisms for dispute resolution and protection.

Women's leadership in community peacebuilding and protection continued to expand beyond project-supported activities. In Traditional Authority Mchinguza, women peace group members independently mobilised financial and material resources to rehabilitate a police facility that had been partially destroyed by fire. This community-led initiative restored access to policing services, strengthened gender-based violence referral mechanisms and demonstrated increased local ownership of community security. The action illustrates a sustained shift in community perceptions of women from beneficiaries to leaders and providers of local peace and security solutions.

The project also strengthened women's social and economic agency, reinforcing their ability to participate meaningfully in peacebuilding processes. Women's peace groups expanded Village Savings and Loan (VSL) initiatives beyond the original project beneficiaries, establishing 33 additional groups that continue to operate independently. Income generated through collective livelihood activities enabled women to support vulnerable households, facilitate the return of girls affected by child marriage to school and sustain community awareness initiatives on gender-based violence and child protection. These outcomes demonstrate how strengthened economic resilience has translated into greater social influence, leadership and sustained engagement in conflict prevention.

The project further contributed to improved political tolerance and peaceful electoral engagement. District-level peace pledges signed by representatives of major political parties established a shared framework for peaceful political conduct and strengthened dialogue between political actors and community peace structures. This

contributed to a significant reduction in reported cases of Violence Against Women in Elections and Politics (VAWE/P), with only three cases recorded during the 2025 elections compared to 50 cases following the 2019 elections. The result reflects strengthened accountability among political actors, increased effectiveness of local peace mechanisms and improved community confidence in non-violent approaches to political participation.

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

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

File attachment

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PART II: PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK

How many OUTCOMES does this project have *

1

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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: *

Outcome 1: Strengthen Malawi’s Infrastructure for Peace (National Peace Architecture) to support peacebuilding and human rights protection in borderland communities

Outcome 2: *

Outcome 2: Strengthen human rights protection mechanisms to prevent sexual and gender-based violence child trafficking and child marriages

Outcome 3: *

Outcome 4: *

Outcome 5: *

Outcome 6: *

Outcome 7:

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Outcome 8:

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Additional Outcomes

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

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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: Outcome 1: Strengthen Malawi's Infrastructure for Peace (National Peace Architecture) to support peacebuilding and human rights protection in borderland communities

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. 1	Malawi Peace and Unity Commission (40% women and Youth representation) established and providing mediation services by December 2023	0	1	0	1	• The Commission was officially established on 3rd November 2023 following the appointment of the first cohort of Commissioners. • 37.5 % of Commissioners are women. • 12.5% of Commissioners are Youth

1. 2	Perception of local peace networks and organisations on DPUCs effectiveness in conflict monitoring and prevention capacities	0	80% + of local peace networks and organisations believe DPUCs are effective in conflict monitoring and prevention	0	85%	Community Members: 88% (7 of 8 groups) agreed that DPUCs effectively identify and respond to potential or ongoing conflicts. Traditional Leaders: 83% confirmed that DPUCs are effective and fair in resolving disputes. Religious Leaders: 86% viewed DPUCs as effective, citing fairness, inclusion, and proactive mediation. Community Policing Forums: All that interacted with DPUCs attested to their effectiveness in conflict prevention and resolution. District Councils: All three councils assessed DPUCs as trusted, impartial, and capable of reducing conflict incidence
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1. 3	MPUC, PAC, and DPUCs play an effective role in conflict prevention and mediation in the context of the 2025 September elections	2019 election characterized by considerable violence, with MPUC not established and unable to properly support conflict mediation	MPUC visibly engaged in conflict prevention and mitigation activities, supported by PAC and DPUCs	0	The initiatives by MPUC and PAC demonstrated a significant institutional shift from 2019 toward a functioning, coordinated, and increasingly inclusive peace infrastructure directly supporting conflict prevention and mediation around the 2025 electoral cycle.	
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How many outputs does outcome 1 have?

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 ☒ 3
 ☐ 4
 ☐ 5
 ☐ more than 5.

Please list all outputs for outcome 1

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Output 1.1

Malawi's national and subnational infrastructure for peace established, operationalised, and capacities are strengthened

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Output 1.2

Enhanced capacity security and the rule of law institution and actors to effectively monitor and protect human rights and support conflict prevention

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Output 1.3

Infrastructures for peace and resilience in borderland communities and districts are strengthened with specific focus on women and youth led networks and mainstreaming gender and youth across local infrastructures for peace

Output 1.4

Output 1.5

Other Outputs

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

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

» **Output 1.1: Malawi's national and subnational infrastructure for peace established, operationalised, and capacities are strengthened**

1. 1	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1. 1. 1	District Peace and Unity Committees in the 3 target districts established/strengthened to coordinate and lead conflict prevention and early warning and response systems (with 40% representation of women and youth).	1	3	0	7	During the reporting period, the project did not support the establishment of any additional infrastructure for peace.

1. 1. 2	SoPs and guidelines for MPUC and DPUCs ensuring adherence to gender and PwD quotas at national, district and community levels per the provisions of the Peace and Unity Act adopted.	0	4: 1 SoP, 1 guidelines handbook each for the MPUC and the DPUCs	0	4: 1 SOP and 3 strategic documents were developed to support work for the MPUC and DPUCs	During the reporting period, no additional SOPs and guidelines were established
1. 1. 3	Percentage of MPUC and DPUC members trained on conflict management and resolution and actively leading mediation and education on conflict prevention	0	100	0	100%	All DPUC members have been trained on conflict management and resolution to support their work on peacebuilding in their communities.
1. 1. 4	Number of strategic engagement by MPUC with heads of Political Parties at national level	0	6	0	6	The MPUC had strategic engagements with 6 heads of political parties during the 2025 electoral period.
1. 1. 5	Number of President Candidates and political parties that sign Peace Pledges	0	12	0	12	12 presidential candidates signed the peace pledges during the 2025 election period.

» **Output 1.2: Enhanced capacity security and the rule of law institution and actors to effectively monitor and protect human rights and support conflict prevention**

1. 2	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1. 2. 1	Number of security actors receiving training on border control measures.	0	300	0	334	No security actors were trained during the reporting period.
1. 2. 2	Number of police-community liaison platforms established and functioning	0	3	0	9	No additional platforms were established during the reporting period.
1. 2. 3	Number of roadshows/public outreach conducted on ICC Mandate and services available to the public	0	5	0	5	No additional roadshows were conducted during the reporting period.
1. 2. 4	Number of cases reported by the public on crimes by law enforcement agencies related to election security disaggregated by gender.	360	400	0	360	

1. 2. 5	Improved human rights protection in border communities based on perception of communities (especially women)	0	80%+ of community members served feel human rights protection has improved	0	90%	
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» **Output 1.3: Infrastructures for peace and resilience in borderland communities and districts are strengthened with specific focus on women and youth led networks and mainstreaming gender and youth across local infrastructures for peace**

1. 3	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1. 3. 1	Number local peace and resilience infrastructures identified and capacitated to monitor and report on socio-economy risks at community level.	0	15 (5 in each district with at least 1 women-led and 1 youth network)	0	20	5 DPUCs and 2 CPUCs have been capacitated since project inception. 13 groups have been capacitated on the same since project inception comprising of 3 District Council, 10 women forums.
1. 3. 2	Percentage of local peace and resilience networks and DPUCs using new data collection tools to monitor and report on socio-economic and conflict risks at community level	0	100	0	100	

1. 3. 3	Number of coordination sessions within and across the targeted borderland districts and communities.	0	27 (bi-monthly in each district for 18 months).	0	11	No coordination sessions were supported during this reporting period
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» Output 1.4:

1. 4	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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» Output 1.5:

1. 5	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1. 5. 1						
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1. 5. 5						

» Outcome 2: Outcome 2: Strengthen human rights protection mechanisms to prevent sexual and gender-based violence child trafficking and child marriages

O C 2	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)
2. 1	80% reduction in secondary school dropout rate of girls in the 3 districts by end of the project	Average of 10 girls drop out of secondary school per year in each of the 3 districts	5 in the first year; 2 by the end of the project			
2. 2	Number of New family Planning Clients					
2. 3						
2. 4						
2. 5						

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

Women and girls have increased access to safe spaces and empowerment schemes.

Output 2.2

Youth organisations and networks in the target district mobilised and capacitated to support conflict prevention and local peace and security initiatives

Output 2.3

Output 2.4

Output 2.5

Other Outputs

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

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

» **Output 2.1: Women and girls have increased access to safe spaces and empowerment schemes.**

2. 1	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
2. 1. 1	Number of women and girls who receive safe space support and training on SGBV, its prevention and reporting mechanisms	0	300	0	345	
2. 1. 2	Number of women successfully enrolled in livelihood programmes under the project by December 2023	0	60	0	158	
2. 1. 3	Number of women and Youth participating in the Area and Village Development committees	0		0	345	

2. 1. 4	Number of VAWIE/P incidence and period report produced.	0	0	0	0	VAWIE/P were not reported in the target districts during the reporting period.
2. 1. 5	Number of dialogues facilitated with electoral stakeholders to facilitate actions to address VAWIE/P incidence.	0	3 meetings across all target districts	3	6	3 dialogues sessions were also conducted post elections reviewing district status and lessons learned

» **Output 2.2: Youth organisations and networks in the target district mobilised and capacitated to support conflict prevention and local peace and security initiatives**

2. 2	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
2. 2. 1	National Action Plan for UNSCR 2250 adopted by December of 2023	0	1	0	1	
2. 2. 2	Civic education effectively rolled out to young people in border and election hotspot target areas				6	No additional civic education sessions were conducted during reporting period
2. 2. 3	Number of women successfully enrolled in livelihood programmes under the project by December 2024	0	60		967	
2. 2. 4	The number of Youth specific CVE activities rolled out in 5 target districts disaggregated by gender.				8	8 CVE activities in 8 hotspot districts were conducted during the electoral period.

2. 2. 5	Number of incidence and period report produced by youth led organisation in the 5 target districts				3,574	3,574 reports were submitted nationwide through the Masoathu CSO led situation room
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» Output 2.3:

2. 3	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
2. 3. 1	The number of multi stakeholder dialogues that include young people (disaggregated by gender) held with Police, traditional leaders to discuss issues related to violence, security, and the importance of peaceful elections				212	212 critical incidents that caused direct risks to electoral integrity were resolved during the electoral period through the Masoathu CSO led situation room
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» Output 2.4:

2. 4	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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» Outcome 3:

O C 3	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)
3. 1						
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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

Output 3.2

Output 3.3

Output 3.4

Output 3.5

Other Outputs

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

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

» Output 3.1:

3. 1	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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» Output 3.2:

3. 2	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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» Output 3.3:

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» Output 3.4:

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» Output 3.5:

3. 5	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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» Outcome 4:

O C 4	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)
4. 1						
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How many outputs does outcome 4 have?

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Please list all outputs for outcome 4

Output 4.1

Output 4.2

Output 4.3

Output 4.4

Output 4.5

Other Outputs

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

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

» Output 4.1:

4. 1	Output Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress for reporting period <i>State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period</i>	Indicator progress since project's start <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
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» Output 4.2:

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» Output 4.3:

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» Output 4.4:

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

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

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PART III: Cross-Cutting Issues

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

If yes, please state how many, and for each, provide the approximate date of the event and a brief description, including its key objectives, target audience and location (if known)

Events	Event Description	Tentative Date	Location	Target Audience	Event Objectives (900 characters)
Event 1					
Event 2					
Event 3					
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 Organizations, Beneficiaries, etc.) of the project, and for each, please briefly describe:

- i. The challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation
 - ii. The impact of the project in their lives
 - iii. Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group
- This is an optional question. You may leave it unanswered if not relevant*

Human Impact	Type of stakeholder	What has been the impact of the project on their lives?	Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from the stakeholder
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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.

How Women's Leadership Restored Safety and Hope in TA Mchinguza, Machinga.

When a fire damaged part of the police station in Traditional Authority Mchinguza in Machinga District, the consequences extended far beyond the loss of a building. For survivors of gender-based violence, the station served as the main entry point for reporting abuse and accessing justice. With the facility partially destroyed, the community risked losing a critical referral pathway for protection and support.

Rather than waiting for external assistance, members of the Mchinguza Women's Peace Group took action. Building on leadership, organisation, and community mobilisation skills strengthened through the PBF supported project, they mobilised support from the Traditional Authority including their own resources, labour, and materials to reconstruct the damaged facility. They also helped furnish the station with chairs, helping restore its functionality and enabling police officers to resume services.

Their actions ensured that survivors of GBV once again had access to a safe and trusted space where they could report incidents and receive referrals for assistance. More importantly, the initiative challenged traditional perceptions about women's roles in community leadership. Through their collective action, the women demonstrated that they are not only beneficiaries of development programmes but also capable leaders and problem solvers who can strengthen local institutions and community security.

The rebuilding of the police station became a symbol of resilience and ownership. It showed how investing in women's leadership can generate wider peacebuilding dividends, strengthening both community cohesion and local protection systems.

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

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File 2

OPTIONAL

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File 3

OPTIONAL

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

OPTIONAL

Link 1

OPTIONAL

Link 2

OPTIONAL

Link 3

OPTIONAL

Please tick the applicable change based on above narrative.

How we worked:

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Please select up to 3.

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

Please explain one of the selected options

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

During the reporting period, the project strengthened the institutional, leadership and conflict prevention capacities of national and community peace structures, enabling them to sustain peacebuilding efforts with increasing independence. At the national level, UNDP supported a strategic engagement between the Malawi Peace and Unity Commission (MPUC) and the Chief Secretary to the Government, which clarified the Commission's institutional status and reporting arrangements under the Peace and Unity Act (2022). This strengthened the Commission's institutional and coordination capacity to continue leading national peacebuilding processes despite uncertainty arising from the dissolution of parastatal boards, preserving progress in establishing District Peace and Unity Committees and maintaining the functionality of Malawi's peace architecture. At community level, strengthened mediation, referral and leadership capacities were demonstrated by 160 women's groups and 30 youth representatives (11 men and 19 women), who successfully mediated and resolved 16 conflict cases. Improved confidence in engaging formal justice institutions was evidenced by the referral of three defilement cases to the police, resulting in the successful conviction of one perpetrator. Women's leadership and organisational capacities were further demonstrated in Traditional Authority Mchinguza, where women peace group members independently mobilised financial resources, labour and construction materials to rehabilitate a police station damaged by fire, restoring access to policing services and strengthening gender-based violence referral mechanisms. The project also enhanced women's economic resilience and agency, with 10 women peace group members establishing 33 additional Village Savings and Loan groups and generating income through rice farming and chicken rearing. The proceeds were reinvested in community initiatives, including supporting five girls whose child marriages had been annulled to return to school, while women assumed stronger roles in community awareness, gender-based violence prevention, case referral and follow-up. The project further strengthened dialogue and accountability among political actors through district peace pledges signed by representatives of major political parties, contributing to a reduction in reported cases of Violence Against Women in Elections and Politics from 50 cases following the 2019 elections to only three cases during the 2025 elections. Collectively, these results demonstrate strengthened institutional and community capacities, greater local ownership of peacebuilding processes, and more resilient mechanisms for conflict prevention, human rights protection and peaceful political participation.

Please explain one of the selected options

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Who are we working with

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- ☐ Strengthened partnerships with IFIs
- ☐ 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

The project worked closely with national institutions, including the Malawi Peace and Unity Commission, the Office of the Chief Secretary, the Malawi Police Service, alongside district peace structures, traditional authorities, women's peace groups, youth organisations and other community-based civil society actors, providing technical support, capacity strengthening and facilitating coordination, dialogue and referral mechanisms to enhance conflict prevention, human rights protection and locally led peacebuilding.

Leave No one Behind

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

Mandatory

- ☐ Unemployed persons
- ☐ Minorities (e.g. race, ethnicity, linguistic, religion, etc.)
- ☐ Indigenous communities
- ☐ Persons with Disabilities
- ☒ Persons affected by violence (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.

No monitoring activities were undertaken

Do outcome indicators have baselines? *

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

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

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

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Yes, outcome indicators under the PBF project were assigned baseline values at the project design stage, reflecting the state of peacebuilding and human rights mechanisms in Malawi prior to the project's inception. For Outcome 1, the baseline reflected the limited or non-functional national peace infrastructure, specifically, the Malawi Peace and Unity Commission (MPUC) was not yet operational, and past elections (e.g., 2019) were marked by significant violence with minimal formal mediation mechanisms. For Outcome 2, the baseline indicated limited human rights protection mechanisms at the community level, including insufficient safe spaces for women and girls, and fragmented efforts on SGBV prevention and youth participation in peace processes. These baselines served as benchmarks for assessing systemic change, institutional strengthening, and community level empowerment.

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.

1. Monitoring Mission Reports involving UN agencies, government, and CSOs. 2. PBF KoboToolbox survey results, including perception data from local peace actors and DPUC stakeholders. 3. Training attendance sheets 4. Reports from implementing partners (e.g., PAC, UN Women, UNFPA subgrantees, CSOs) with activity level data and outcomes. 5. Documented outputs such as MoUs (MPUC with PAC and CMD), communiqués with CSOs, and action plans from youth and women's groups. 6. Field visit reports, media coverage, and outcome level documentation such as success stories

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

Please provide a brief description

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Yes, the project recently conducted a perception survey using Kobo Toolbox tools in collaboration with national and UN implementing agencies. These surveys assessed: • Perceptions of the effectiveness of District Peace and Unity Committees (DPUCs) in conflict monitoring and mediation. • Stakeholder views on the inclusiveness and functionality of peace structures. • Community perceptions on SGBV incidence reduction and improved access to referral services. • The survey revealed that 85% of respondents in the latest reporting round viewed DPUCs as effective in conflict resolution, an insightful indicator of progress. These surveys are conducted periodically to track shifts in public confidence, local ownership, and institutional legitimacy.

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.

1. Reflection sessions and review meetings were held with beneficiaries such as women mentors, youth clubs, and CSO partners to gather feedback on interventions, challenges, and success stories. 2. Radio-based interactive programming allowed community members to share opinions and experiences on peace and security through call-in programmes especially after broadcasting information related to UNSCR 2250 and 1325. 3. Feedback from trained community participants. District Peace and Unity Committees (DPUCs) act as local-level conduits of feedback from their respective constituencies, regularly engaging with youth, women, and vulnerable groups to capture concerns and share them with project implementers.

» 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

65000

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

Please describe the preparations

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

With the support from an independent consultant, the project is currently undergoing an end of project term evaluation. Desk research, Key Informant Interviews, Focus Group discussions were conducted during the consultation and review process. The in country consultations involved holding a national level stakeholder consultation session as well district and community level consultation in select sample communities from Karonga, Mangochi and Machinga districts. The evaluation commenced in April 2026 and is expected to be finalized by end July 2026

Contact information	Name	Organization	Job title	Email
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» Catalytic Effect

Catalytic Effect (financial): Has the project mobilized additional non-PBF financial resources since the project's start? * ☒ Yes ☐ No	
How many funders or grants has the project received additional non-PBF funding from since the project started? * 2	1
If yes, please indicate name of all funding agencies and respective amounts of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since it started, as well as specifically during this reporting period <i>Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately</i>	
Name of Funder * Oxfam support to MPUC	
Amount mobilized since project's start (USD) * <i>Please use a dot (.) as decimal separator, instead of a comma (,)</i> 80000	
Amount mobilized during reporting period (USD) * <i>Please use a dot (.) as decimal separator, instead of a comma (,)</i> 0	

If yes, please indicate name of all funding agencies and respective amounts of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project **since it started**, as well as specifically **during this reporting period**

Please enter each funding agent and their contributions separately

Name of Funder *

Government of Ireland

Amount mobilized since project's start (USD) *

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Amount mobilized during reporting period (USD) *

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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.

The project has demonstrated a strong catalytic effect by institutionalizing Malawi's peace infrastructure through strengthened partnerships (e.g., MPUC's MoUs with PAC and CMD), influencing national policy reforms (such as the Peace Policy review and launch of the Youth Peace and Security NAP), and embedding sustainable, community owned peace mechanisms like DPUCs and early warning systems.

It has also enhanced civic capacity through local CSOs and created models for replication, laying the foundation for long-term peace and resilience beyond the project's duration.

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 project placed strong emphasis on building sustainable, locally owned peacebuilding mechanisms that will continue beyond the project period. At the national level, support to the Malawi Peace and Unity Commission (MPUC) strengthened institutional ownership of the country's peace architecture by reinforcing its coordination role and facilitating engagement with the Government to clarify its institutional mandate and reporting arrangements under the Peace and Unity Act (2022). This helped preserve the functionality of the Commission and safeguard progress made in establishing District Peace and Unity Committees (DPUCs), providing a foundation for the continued implementation of conflict prevention and peacebuilding initiatives.

At the community level, the project invested in strengthening the capacities of women peace groups, youth representatives and local peace structures to independently mediate disputes, identify protection concerns, facilitate referrals and engage with formal justice and security institutions. The successful mediation of community conflicts and continued referral of gender-based violence and child protection cases demonstrate that these mechanisms remain functional and are increasingly owned by local actors.

The project also strengthened partnerships and coordination between community peace structures, the Malawi Police Service, traditional leaders and district-level stakeholders, contributing to more effective local referral pathways and collaborative responses to conflict and protection issues. These networks have enhanced trust between communities and state institutions and are expected to continue supporting local peace and security beyond the project period.

To strengthen socio-economic resilience, the project supported women's Village Savings and Loan (VSL) groups and livelihood initiatives, including rice farming and chicken rearing. These initiatives generated income that enabled women to sustain peacebuilding activities, support vulnerable households and finance community priorities without continued external assistance. Notably, women peace group members independently established 33 additional VSL groups beyond the original project beneficiaries, significantly expanding community reach and demonstrating strong local ownership and sustainability.

The project further promoted sustainability by strengthening women's leadership and collective action. In Traditional Authority Mchinguza, women peace group members independently mobilised financial resources, labour and construction materials to rehabilitate a police station damaged by fire, restoring essential policing services and strengthening gender-based violence referral mechanisms without direct project support. This demonstrated the ability of community structures to identify local challenges, mobilise resources and implement solutions independently, ensuring that peacebuilding gains continue beyond the project's lifespan.

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.

The project was implemented within a dynamic institutional and operational environment that required adaptive management and continuous engagement with stakeholders. One of the key challenges during implementation was uncertainty surrounding the institutional status and operational arrangements of the Malawi Peace and Unity Commission (MPUC) following the dissolution of parastatal boards. This temporarily affected decision-making processes and delayed some peace architecture activities, including the appointment and operationalisation of District Peace and Unity Committees (DPUCs). Through sustained engagement with relevant government authorities, the project supported clarification of institutional arrangements and maintained momentum towards strengthening Malawi's peace infrastructure.

Capacity needs remain among recipient institutions, particularly in relation to institutional sustainability, coordination, resource mobilisation, monitoring and reporting systems, and operational independence. While significant progress has been made in strengthening MPUC and subnational peace structures, continued support is needed to enhance their ability to mobilise resources, implement strategic priorities, manage partnerships and sustain evidence-based conflict prevention initiatives. Strengthening technical capacities in areas such as data management, early warning and early response systems, gender-responsive peacebuilding, and knowledge management would further enhance the effectiveness of peace actors at national and local levels.

At the community level, women peace groups, youth networks and other local peace actors have demonstrated increased capacity and ownership of peacebuilding processes. However, continued mentorship, networking opportunities and linkages with district and national institutions will be important to sustain these gains and ensure that community structures remain connected to formal peace and protection mechanisms.

The project also highlighted the importance of strengthening coordination platforms among government institutions, civil society actors, traditional leaders, and community structures to ensure coherence and sustainability of peacebuilding interventions. Future programming should continue investing in institutional capacity strengthening, locally led solutions and mechanisms that enable peace actors to access technical and financial resources beyond the project period.

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			

Event 2			
Event 3			
Event 4			
Event 5			
Event 6			
Event 7			
Event 8			

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