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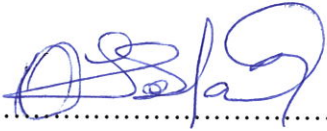
Project Title: Increased Women and Youth participation in decision-making processes and as agents of community conflict prevention	
Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway:	
PBF project modality: <input type="checkbox"/> IRF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRF	If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Country Trust Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trust Fund Name of Recipient Fund:
List all direct project recipient organizations (starting with Convening Agency), followed type of organization (UN, CSO etc): UNFPA and UNICEF	
List additional implementing partners, Governmental and non-Governmental: Women's Bureau, National Youth Council, Activista, Peace Ambassadors Gambia, National Youth Parliament, West Africa Network for Peacebuilding-The Gambia (WANEP)	
Project commencement date¹: December 1, 2018	
Project duration in months:² 24 Months	
Does the project fall under one of the specific PBF priority windows below: <input type="checkbox"/> Gender promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Youth promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-border or regional project	
Total PBF approved project budget* (by recipient organization): UNFPA: \$ 930,000 UNICEF : \$ 370,000 : \$: \$ Total: \$1,300,000 <i>*The overall approved budget and the release of the second and any subsequent tranche are conditional and subject to PBSO's approval and subject to availability of funds in the PBF account</i>	
How many tranches have been received so far: ONE TRANCHE	
Report preparation: Project report prepared by: Lolade Durotoye Project report approved by: Kunle Adeniyi Did PBF Secretariat clear the report: Yes Any comments from PBF Secretariat on the report: Yes	


¹ Note: commencement date will be the date of first funds transfer.

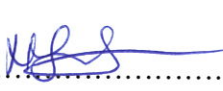
² Maximum project duration for IRF projects is 18 months, for PRF projects – 36 months.

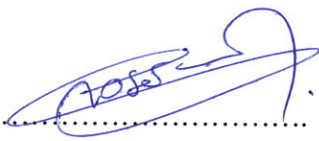
Has the project undertaken any evaluation exercises? Please specify and attach: No

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NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

- *Avoid acronyms and UN jargon, use general / common language.*
- *Be as concrete as possible. Avoid theoretical, vague or conceptual discourse.*
- *Ensure the analysis and project progress assessment is gender and age sensitive.*

PART 1: RESULTS PROGRESS

1.1 Overall project progress to date

Briefly explain the **status of the project** in terms of its implementation cycle, including whether all preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (1500 character limit):

All preparatory activities have been completed or are on track to be completed with regards to project sequence. Based on the broad scope and multi-dimensional nature of the project, additional personnel were recruited to increase technical oversight and coordination mechanisms. In support of Government counterparts and implementing partners (IPs), and for the purposes of institutional strengthening for program delivery, the following activities were completed: 1) capacity assessments were conducted for IPs who, thereafter, were also trained on results-based management and operational effectiveness; 2) the National Youth Council (NYC) was supported to upgrade and streamline their youth engagement platform for enhanced coordination and information sharing to their registered youth organizations; 3) the Women's Bureau (WB) was supported to establish a video conference facility to improve coordination of, and participation in routine thematic exchange and dialogue sessions with the National Working Group on Women, Youth, Peace and Security (WGWYPS); 4) the Children's National Assembly of Gambia (CNAG) was established to promote youth participation in governance structures. As the political context of The Gambia continues to evolve with newly emerging issues, an in-depth baseline study has been initiated to update the data used during program inception. It is expected that the results of the study will be available to inform strategic planning for the second half of the project.

Considering the project's implementation cycle, please **rate this project's overall progress towards results to date:**

on track

In a few sentences, summarize **what is unique/ innovative/ interesting** about what this project is trying/ has tried to achieve or its approach (rather than listing activity progress) (1500 character limit).

U-Report is an intuitive, interactive, text-based social engagement platform that works by gathering information and opinions from young people on a myriad of topics-- from social to political and even economic matters. These insights provide real-time data that can be shared with a variety of stakeholders to inform decision-making and higher-level programming on issues affecting young people. The U-Report technology was employed in this project to collect data on youth and adolescent's understanding of decision-making and governance processes from the level of the individual themselves to their households and further into community and national level decision-making structures. The data collected from this platform will be evaluated to determine the civic education and political literacy needs of children and youth in The Gambia.

Beyond administering U-Report as a source of direct feedback from communities, the project will also utilize media practitioners to conduct community-based perception surveys in order to track changes in public attitudes during and after the transitional reforms processes. Prior to

engaging media practitioners as ad-hoc “data-collectors,” the cohort was sensitized and trained on age- and gender-equality issues to promote a better understanding of the country’s current context, and to raise their consciousness to help avoid age- and gender-based biases when producing their own future content and when conducting the planned perception surveys.

In a few sentences summarize **major project peacebuilding progress/results** (with evidence), which PBSO can use in public communications to highlight the project (1500 character limit):

The participation of women and youth in political decision-making serves as a marker for a nation’s peacebuilding progress, as such, major project achievements include:

- 1) commitments gained from ten political parties towards increased investments and inclusion of women and youth in each respective party. A roadmap to support these commitments was jointly drafted by each party with validation and dissemination scheduled for 2020;
- 2) the integration of the CNAG into the Ministry of Women’s Affairs, Children and Social Welfare (MWCSW). The alliance functions as a mechanism for greater involvement of children and youth in Gambia’s National Development Agenda;
- 3) the National Youth Parliament (NYP) completed an institutional restructuring exercise and 245 youth parliamentarians were trained on strategies to drive their increased participation in political spaces. The activity was the first of its kind since NYP’s inception and it improved members’ capacity to deliver their mandate;
- 4) the project catalyzed deepened partnerships with UN leadership in the West African sub-region which added strategic and influential support to project efforts. For example, UNWOMEN and UNOWAS supported high-level project activities;
- 5) a training of trainers on a newly developed peacebuilding manual has enabled a harmonized approach and consistent messaging from facilitators conducting capacity building sessions thereby promoting efficient program delivery.

In a few sentences, explain how the project has made **real human impact**, that is, how did it affect the lives of any people in the country – where possible, use direct quotes that PBSO can use in public communications to highlight the project (1500 character limit):

Beneficiary feedback was attained during field implementation with personal quotes captured via video, photos or activity reports (annexed). Some examples include:

- 1) community dialogue sessions by Mother’s Clubs conveyed compelling messages related to the benefits of women’s inclusion in all forms of decision-making. After the sessions, women stated that their husbands and male elders internalized the messages to the extent that they were increasingly being consulted in household matters before important decisions were made.
- 2) regional interparty youth committees were capacitated on peaceful debate processes; however, with politics having become a highly contentious issue, the exercise began with individuals refusing to sit next to one another or talk to each other. The facilitators employed conflict resolution tactics as part of the training and de-escalated tensions. Amadou Bah, in particular, stated that “I would like Gambians to see beyond the interests of their individual political parties and know that we are one family”. Ultimately, all participants unified under the Gambian flag (photo annexed).
- 3) While many youths share the desire to participate in peacebuilding efforts, there was no harmonized approach to capacity building in this regard. A peacebuilding manual was developed in partnership with WANEP and other stakeholders and a training of trainers was

also conducted. Those trainers have demonstrated improved skills in facilitating project training sessions.

If the project progress assessment is **on-track**, please explain what the key **challenges** (if any) have been and which measures were taken to address them (1500 character limit).

One challenge that the project has experienced is that of newly emerging issues and tensions that have required investments in additional activities that were unforeseen at the time of workplan development.

One such example is that of the 3 versus 5-year presidential term limit which has caused political discord with potential to create further conflicts. The project supported a dialogue forum to discuss recurring encounters between youth and the security sector in an effort to de-escalate potential issues and to capacitate attendees on the legal procedures guiding peaceful dissent.

Another challenge has been the limited capacities of IPs to facilitate and provide training on peacebuilding frameworks. This resulted in the need to develop a harmonized manual on peacebuilding and to conduct a training of trainers which was not initially envisaged at project inception.

The unanticipated interventions required the project to be agile and rapidly responsive, also it was important and necessary that the unplanned expenditures be supported. Project re-programming and financial re-budgeting will ensure effective implementation of the second half the project and the realignment processes will be completed before the end of 2019.

If the assessment is **off-track**, please list main reasons/ **challenges** and explain what impact this has had/will have on project duration or strategy and what **measures** have been taken/ will be taken to address the challenges/ rectify project progress (1500 character limit):

Please attach as a separate document(s) any materials highlighting or providing more evidence for project progress (for example: publications, photos, videos, monitoring reports, evaluation reports etc.). List below what has been attached to the report, including purpose and audience. Annexed Videos, Pictures, Articles and Reports

1.2 Result progress by project outcome

The space in the template allows for up to four project outcomes. If your project has more approved outcomes, contact PBSO for template modification.

Outcome 1: Youth and women participate in decision- making and early warning processes at national, regional and community levels that promote peace, inclusiveness and national ownership.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track with significant peacebuilding results

Progress summary: Describe main progress under this Outcome made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration), including major output progress (not all 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. Where possible, provide specific examples of change the project has supported/ contributed to as well as, where available and relevant, quotes from partners or beneficiaries about the project and their experience. (3000 character limit)?

To promote the increased participation of women and youth in decision-making processes, this project undertook a wide range of complementary, cross-sectoral activities with the following results:

1) The NYC launched the Gambia Program of Action for Youth with guidelines for youth participation in all development sectors; the CNAG was established and integrated into the MWCSW to facilitate children and youth's participation in policy dialogue and; the National Youth Parliament (NYP) established four new regional offices, enabling them to engage youth and collect data at the community level in an effort to bridge the gap between grassroots needs and national policy formulation. These initiatives not only strengthened institutional mechanisms for inclusive policy dialogue, they improved transparency and accountability measures and created enabling environments to promote the prioritization of women and youth in national development efforts.

2) Expert facilitators from organizations such as the University of The Gambia as well as regional leaders from UNWOMEN and UNOWAS successfully executed an array of educational sessions on topics ranging from leadership skills, advocacy and debate processes, policy analysis, early warning mechanisms, peacebuilding dialogue and conflict resolution. These initiatives enhanced the social capital of women and youth as it equipped them with the necessary skills sets to effectively participate in political spaces with competence and confidence.

3) Formal and informal modes of outreach engaged and sensitized the public on the importance of women and youth's participation in decision-making and as agents of change. Thematic conferences, dialogue forums with governance structures, interactive call-in radio shows and innovative social media strategies engaged a total of 6,876 individuals and resulted in 164,787 social media impressions. These outreach efforts not only raised the public's awareness on targeted issues but also established ways to mobilize women and youth networks for peacebuilding action and put forth narratives on women and youth's contributions as change agents in an effort to combat existing biases that are at the root of their marginalization.

4) The Network of Children on Transitional Justice's (NCTJ) contributed to the development of the National Transitional Justice Strategy; the CNAGs routinely engaged Village and Ward Development Committees; women and youth were increasingly utilized as community monitors for National Early Warning Systems and; Mother's Clubs and the Network of Women in Peace (WIPNETs) conducted community level conflict mediation and peacebuilding dialogue sessions. These practical, hands-on approaches to participation resulted in the meaningful and effective involvement of women, children and youth in the transitional reforms processes and in the administration of the cited decision-making structures to ensure the sustainability of interventions beyond the life of the project.

Outcome 2: National and local leaders including elected representatives promote women and youth participation in decision making and peacebuilding for social cohesion

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track with significant peacebuilding results

Progress summary: (see guiding questions under Outcome 1)

To ensure national and local leaders including elected representatives supported the effective inclusion and meaningful participation of women and youth in decision-making processes, these leaders were continuously engaged to produce the following results:

- 1) Information sharing was conducted by way of sensitization caravans and radio sessions that raised awareness through crowded markets and local communities prior to convening local leaders at community dialogue meetings to discuss the impact of age- and gender inequalities and the importance of women and youth's inclusion in decision-making processes. These interventions strengthened leaders' understanding of Gambia's current status on age- and gender- inequalities including the root causes of women and youth's marginalization. The awareness raising campaign also provided the platform to challenge current stereotypes.
- 2) Decentralized governance structures were engaged, not only to orient them on gender equity and social inclusion but also, to establish mechanisms that would promote the increased and effective participation of women and youth within these structures. To date, these activities have engaged 105 youth, 14 Village Development Committees (VDC), 14 Ward Development Committees (WDC) and a regional Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Multi- Disciplinary Facilitation Team (MDFT).
- 3) High-level advocacy and dialogue events were conducted to convene national-level, and at times international-level political decision makers in an effort to assess the progress and challenges of achieving the increased inclusion of women and youth in decision-making processes. One such event was the Regional Open Day on UNSCR 1325 (2000) and subsequent resolutions on Women, Youth, Peace and Security in West Africa and the Sahel region. The event hosted 175 participants from 13 countries and was co-chaired by the Vice-President of the Republic of The Gambia, Isatou Touray, and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa and the Sahel, Mr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas. As a result of this and other national-level dialogue forums, the project has expanded national support towards eliminating hindrances to women and youth's inclusion.
- 4) political commitments towards increased investments in women and youth were achieved through the Women's Bureau engagement of ten individual political parties to advocate for and support the development of written commitments. Among other things, these political parties have committed to addressing issues related to cultural barriers hindering women's participation, memberships in party selection committees, confidence building of potential candidates, capacity building on election processes as well as resource mobilization and lobbying skills. To date, ten political parties have made commitments and jointly drafted a guiding roadmap towards implementing their agreed upon action points.

Outcome 3:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select one

Progress summary: *(see guiding questions under Outcome 1)*

Outcome 4:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select one

Progress summary: *(see guiding questions under Outcome 1)*

1.3 Cross-cutting issues

<p><u>National ownership:</u> How has the national government demonstrated ownership/ commitment to the project results and activities? Give specific examples. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>The integration of the CNAG into the MWCSW ensures that there is a mechanism in place to facilitate the sustainable involvement of children and youth in the country's national development agenda. Additionally, the government has supported the revitalization of decentralized structures which enables the increased capacity of these structures to proactively support peacebuilding initiatives rather than the prior approach of reactive conflict management. Another example of national ownership is the fact that Early Warning Systems (EWS) are increasingly being utilized by government entities as a data source on conflict triggers, and EWS recommendations are being used to derive preventative measures against conflict. Furthermore, Gambia's ten most prominent political parties agreed to jointly develop a roadmap towards increased investments in women and youth which demonstrates a willingness, in each of the respective parties, to support the most fundamental goals of the project.</p>
<p><u>Monitoring:</u> Is the project M&E plan on track? What monitoring methods and sources of evidence are being/ have been used? Please attach any monitoring-related reports for the reporting period. (1500 character limit)?</p>	<p>The project utilized agency and IP- led monitoring and evaluation exercises in addition to conducting consistent joint agency/ IP program review meetings. The project also supported field-level staff to provide technical and coordination support to youth-led organizations to ensure efficient and organized program delivery. IPs routinely submitted program monitoring reports in addition to documenting interventions by inviting media personnel or capturing photographs.</p>
<p><u>Evaluation:</u> Provide an update on the preparations for the external evaluation for the project, especially if within last 6 months of implementation or final report. Confirm available budget for evaluation. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>Not applicable. External evaluation will be conducted in 2020.</p>
<p><u>Catalytic effects (financial):</u> Did the project lead to any specific non-PBF funding commitments? If yes, from whom and how much? If not, have any specific attempts been made to attract additional financial contributions to the project and beyond? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>While the project has not yet resulted in financially catalytic effects, it has uncovered the dire need for increased support to the capacity building of the National Youth Council under the Ministry of Youth and Sports. While NYC is meant to function as a coordinating body for youth-focused organizations, weaknesses and challenges in the institution are systemic and require heightened government ownership without which, it would be difficult to advance the needs of youth in The Gambia. With that said, the project will continue to make attempts to attract additional financial contributions to build upon the work that has been successfully implemented so far.</p>
<p><u>Catalytic effects (non-financial):</u> Did</p>	<p>An example of the project's non-financial catalytic</p>

<p>the project create favourable conditions for additional peacebuilding activities by Government/ other donors? If yes, please specify. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>achievements is that of joint agency partnerships wherein technical and financial contributions were leveraged to broaden the scope of project interventions. For instance, as a result of partnering with UN Women to conduct a women's leadership workshop, the agency is looking to further support Gambian women during the country's transitional reforms processes, particularly by undertaking a comprehensive review of the Country's gender discriminatory laws, among other things.</p> <p>Encouraged by an awareness of PBF project activities supporting women and youth, several local and national civil society organizations (CSOs) have submitted requests for partnership or support to capitalize on this project's interventions or to address emerging issues or tensions affecting women and/ or youth. While this project has limitations in the extent of financial support that can be offered in these instances, many CSOs have been supported with technical expertise in peacebuilding, conflict mitigation, program planning and partnership development.</p>
<p>Exit strategy/ sustainability: What steps have been taken to prepare for end of project and help ensure sustainability of the project results beyond PBF support for this project? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>This project has sought to establish effective partnerships during the course of implementation in an effort to ensure that these working relationships would endure the long-term. An example of this is the integration of the CNAG into the MWCSW which ensures that there is a mechanism in place to facilitate the sustainable involvement of children and youth in the country's national development agenda. Additionally, the project has supported the strengthening of institutional mechanisms for the participation of young people in policy dialogue and in peacebuilding processes. By supplying these institutions with long-term solutions such as new offices and strategic guidance documents, the project seeks to ensure a certain level of sustainability. The project's engagement with national political parties to secure written commitments for the increased representation of women and youth in the respective parties will also ensure that project results endure beyond duration of project implementation.</p>
<p>Risk taking: Describe how the project has responded to risks that threatened the achievement of results. Identify any new risks that have emerged since the last report. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>The end of the 3-year political agreement on the presidential term limit is increasingly becoming an issue with the potential to create conflict. The project is supporting community-level conflict prevention activities and identifying more opportunities to create inclusive and transparent platforms for information sharing and peaceful discourse.</p>
<p>Gender equality: In the reporting period, which activities have taken place with a specific focus on addressing issues of gender equality or women's empowerment? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>Due to the fact that the focus of this project is almost entirely aimed at addressing issues of gender equality and the empowerment of women, most of the above mentioned activities have applied a gender perspective; from women's leadership training and gender equity training for media</p>



	<p>practitioners to mass media sensitization against gender stereotyping and high-level advocacy and dialogue events to discuss the advancement of women. While all of the project's activities have addressed the issue of age- or gender- inequality, approximately 50 of the project's 72 sub-activities have had both an age and gender focus with the rest of the activities solely focusing on children and youth issues.</p>
<p>Other: Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? <i>(1500 character limit)</i></p>	

1.3 INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT: Using the **Project Results Framework** as per the approved project document or any amendments- provide an update on the achievement of key indicators at both the outcome and output level in the table below (if your project has more indicators than provided in the table, select the most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight). Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (300 characters max per entry)

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Outcome 1 Youth and women participate in decision-making and early warning processes at national, regional and community levels that promote peace, inclusiveness and national ownership.	Indicator 1.1 % of VDCs/ WDCs that meet the 30% quota for women and youth's representation	TBC	TBC		In-depth baseline study has been initiated to update the data used during program inception	
	Indicator 1.2 # of women and youth trained on early warning systems who also serve as community monitors	TBC	TBC	13	In-depth baseline study has been initiated to update the data used during program inception	
	Indicator 1.3 % of women who believe women should be given equal opportunities to participate in	TBC	TBC		In-depth baseline study has been initiated to update the data used during program inception	

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	politics.					
Output 1.1 Women and Youth are engaged, equipped and supported to participate in political decision making processes at all levels	Indicator 1.1.1 # of surveys and needs assessment conducted	0	2	0	In-depth baseline study has been initiated to update the data used during program inception	
	Indicator 1.1.2 # of youth mobilized and sensitized on the importance of participation in decision making processes	0	2,000	1,565	On track	
Output 1.2	Indicator 1.2.1 # of institutional mechanisms supported for the participation of young people in policy dialogue and programming, including in peacebuilding	0	3	5	On track	

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	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	processes					
	Indicator 1.2.2 # of youth engaged in a mentorship programmes with Village Development Committees/Ward Development Committees in target regions.	0	50	105	On track	
Output 1.3	Indicator 1.3.1 # of youth trained and participating in decision making processes	0	20	77	On track	
	Indicator 1.3.2					
Output 1.4	Indicator 1.4.1					
	Indicator 1.4.2					
Outcome 2	Indicator 2.1					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	Indicator 2.2					
	Indicator 2.3					
Output 2.1 Women are engaged, equipped and supported to participate in political decision making processes at all levels.	Indicator 2.1.1 # of women trained and participating in decision making processes	0	50	111	On track	
	Indicator 2.1.2 # of functional community based early warning system in target regions	0	4	4	On track	
Output 2.2	Indicator 2.2.1 # of WIPNETs and Mother's Clubs established and promoting peace in target regions	0	4	30	On track	
	Indicator 2.2.2					

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Output 2.3	Indicator 2.3.1					
	Indicator 2.3.2					
	Indicator 2.4.1					
Output 2.4	Indicator 2.4.2					
	Indicator 3.1					
Outcome 3	Indicator 3.2					
	Indicator 3.3					
	Indicator 3.1.1	0	400	660	On track	
Output 3.1 Women and youth participate in ongoing national processes including legal, legislative, constitutional and other	# of women and youth that participated in legal transitional reforms	0	400	660	On track	
	Indicator 3.1.2 # of child/youth friendly educative materials used by young people in	0	3	2	On track	

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Transition reforms at all levels (Transitional Justice, Land and Constitutional Reform)	their advocacy processes					
	Indicator 3.2.1					
Output 3.2	Indicator 3.2.2					
	Indicator 3.3.1					
Output 3.3	Indicator 3.3.2					
	Indicator 3.4.1					
Output 3.4	Indicator 3.4.2					
	Indicator 4.1	No	Yes	N/A	On-track. Results expected prior to project completion	
Outcome 4 National and local leaders including elected	Legislation enacted prescribes that 30% of quota	No	Yes	N/A	On-track. Results expected prior to project completion	

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
representatives promote women and youth participation in decision making and peacebuilding for social cohesion	representation of women in electable offices (i.e. National Assembly, Area Councils and Municipal Councils)					
	Indicator 4.2					
Output 4.1 National and local leaders recognize and accept the importance of youth and women's participation in decision making	Indicator 4.3					
	Indicator 4.1.1 # of local leaders mobilized and sensitized on the importance of women and youth participation in decision making	0	400	755	On track	
	Indicator 4.1.2 # of community dialogues sessions supported	0	20	42	On track	
Output 4.2	Indicator 4.2.1	0	400	275	On track	

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
National and local leaders promote and facilitate the involvement of women and youth in ongoing national processes and reforms	# of national leaders sensitized on the need for youth and women inclusion in the ongoing legal reforms processes Indicator 4.2.2	0	10	10	On track	
	# of national leaders sensitized on the need for youth and women inclusion in the ongoing legal reforms processes Indicator 4.3.1					
Output 4.3	Indicator 4.3.2					
	Indicator 4.4.1					
Output 4.4	Indicator 4.4.2					

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PART 2: INDICATIVE PROJECT FINANCIAL PROGRESS

2.1 Comments on the overall state of financial expenditures

Please rate whether project financial expenditures are on track, delayed, or off track, vis-à-vis project plans and by recipient organization: *on track*

How many project budget tranches have been received to date and when do you expect to request the next tranche if applicable: First tranche has been received and second tranche is expected to be requested in December, 2019

What is the overall level of expenditure/ commitment against the total budget and against the tranche(s) received so far: 82%

If expenditure is delayed or off track, please provide a brief explanation (500 characters limit):

Please state what \$ amount was planned (in the project document) to be allocated to activities focussed on gender equality or women's empowerment and how much has been actually allocated to date: \$603,880 planned in project document and \$344,252 allocated to date

Please fill out and attach the project document Excel budget Annex showing current project financial progress (**expenditures/ commitments to date**), using the original project budget table in Excel, even though the \$ amounts are indicative only.

Annex D - PBF project budget - Increased Women and Youth Participation in Decision-Making Processes and as Agents of Community Conflict Prevention

Note: If this is a budget revision, insert extra columns to show budget changes.

Table 1 - PBF project budget by Outcome, output and activity

Outcome (Output number)	Outcome/ output activity formulation	Budget by recipient organization (not including staff, general operating costs and indirect fee) - Please add a new column for each recipient organization - UNVFA	Budget by recipient organization (not including staff, general operating costs and indirect fee) - Please add a new column for each recipient organization - UNICEF	Percent of budget for each output reserved for direct action on gender equality (if any)	Level of expenditure commitment in USD (to provide at time of project progress reporting) - UNVFA	Level of expenditure commitment in USD (to provide at time of project progress reporting) - UNICEF	Any remarks (e.g. on types of inputs provided or budget justification for example if high TA or travel costs)
OUTCOME 1: Youth and women participate in decision-making and early warning processes at national, regional and community levels that promote peace, inclusiveness and national ownership.							
Output 1.1:	Youth are engaged, equipped and supported to participate in political decision-making processes at all levels						
Activity 1.1.1:	Evidence generation for programming e.g. research, surveys etc.	\$68,000			\$14,175		
Activity 1.1.2:	Social mobilization and capacity building for youth networks and organizations.	\$80,000			\$100,012		
Activity 1.1.3:	Establish/strengthen children and youth parliament	\$25,000	\$30,000		\$79,448	\$45,829	
Activity 1.1.4:	Support young people to promote participation in politics and decision making processes.	\$40,000			\$13,279		
Activity 1.1.5:	Promote use of technology and innovations for information sharing by youths	\$50,000	\$45,794		\$35,508	\$30,000	
Subtotal		\$263,000	\$75,794	50%	\$242,421	\$75,829	
Output 1.2:	Women are engaged, equipped and supported to participate in political decision-making processes at all levels						
Activity 1.2.1:	Support the capacity building of women and the Women's Council to promote participation in politics and decision-making processes.	\$80,000			\$40,637		
Activity 1.2.2:	Support the establishment of community based early warning systems	\$30,000	\$50,000		\$8,615	\$0	
Activity 1.2.3:	Support women including mothers clubs to promote dialogue and conflict resolution at all levels	\$40,000	\$40,000		\$2,846	\$24,295	
Subtotal		\$150,000	\$90,000	100%	\$52,098	\$24,295	
Output 1.3:	OUTPUT 3: Women and youth are supported to participate in ongoing national processes including legal, legislative, constitutional and other transitional reforms at all levels						
Activity 1.3.1:	Support women, youth and children to effectively participate in legal and transitional reforms processes.	\$30,000	\$30,000		\$22,777	\$36,351	
Activity 1.3.2:	Support the production of youth and child and youth friendly tools.	\$15,000	\$15,000		\$3,596	\$8,000	
Subtotal		\$45,000	\$45,000	75%	\$26,373	\$44,351	
TOTAL \$ FOR OUTCOME 1:		\$458,000	\$210,794	75%	\$320,891	\$144,475	

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OUTCOME 2: National and local leaders including elected representatives promote women and youth participation in decision making and peacebuilding for social cohesion									
Output 2.1:	National and local leaders including political parties recognize and accept the importance of youth and women's participation in decision making								
Activity 2.1.1:	Sensitize local leaders and decentralised structures to promote women and youth participation in decision making processes	\$30,000	\$30,000			\$10,770		\$14,699	
Activity 2.1.2:	Support community dialogue initiatives among women, youth and local community leaders/structures	\$25,000	\$25,000			\$5,274		\$15,000	
Subtotal		\$55,000	\$55,000			\$16,044		\$29,699	
Output 2.2:	National and local leaders promote and facilitate the involvement of women and youth in ongoing national processes and reforms								
Activity 2.2.1:	Sensitize national leaders including NAAAs to promote children, women and youth participation in ongoing legal and traditional processes	\$35,000	\$35,000					\$1,200	
Activity 2.2.2:	Engage national leaders to secure written commitment towards political investment in youth and women	\$15,359	\$90,000			\$54,780		\$30,899	
Subtotal		\$50,359	\$125,000			\$7,670		\$32,099	
TOTALS FOR OUTCOME 2:		\$105,359	\$90,000			\$23,714		\$61,798	
Project personnel costs, if not included in activities above									
Project operational costs, if not included in activities above									
Project M&E Budget									
Baseline & Endline									
Evaluation									
SUB-TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET:									
Indirect support costs (7%):									
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET:									

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Annex: Project Media Materials**

----Videos----

- 1. Peace Song**
<https://youtu.be/GywOwwC2rTQ>
- 2. Impact Statement on Women's Participation in Decision Making (Amie Sillah)**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PXdmQz997A7IKcg7jnvRKRSheN-F2jIH/view?usp=sharing>
- 3. Impact Statement on Mentorship & Young Women's Participation in Politics (Ludimilda Dasyilva)**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TfDV4Uv042OCbQKK7_f7NSYcf7PI7Yhx/view?usp=sharing
- 4. Impact Statement on Inclusive Participation (Landing Sanneh)**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pP9qU8F3y4jUNLkQYx3SIYe5doFEL7B/view>
- 5. Impact Statement on Interparty Unity (Amadou Bah)**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BZgOWmWUpMkfN_oa5wEboW6Tk6Pcj6za/view
- 6. Promotional Outreach Video**
<https://youtu.be/KN-GpW66VrE>
- 7. Traditional Communicators for Community Engagement**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Qqol_jrmkGPjyOhOuPY9wxlQMxQ3Tqf2/view?usp=sharing

----Photos----

- 1. #GMBYouth4Peace**
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GUajTaKGCNd7e87GGTadYu_Zm7L3EaDq?usp=sharing
- 2. Mother's Clubs**
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eyDaOa9javzHqIPYugiEetTE0k03Z0OV?usp=sharing>
- 3. Interparty Youth Training on Peaceful Debates**
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZMgKKb5EeUeZMcEjci_tl_XwAq-94uo?usp=sharing
- 4. WIPNETs**
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gmKBM_EKKXwY1ePOXRgpQgUICEykn95v?usp=sharing
- 5. Political Party Roadmap**
https://drive.google.com/open?id=12mL0oyM8JRh_pHM4bQ92whbj4zw48EDL

----Articles----

- 1. Restructuring and Capacity Building for National Youth Parliament**
<https://www.voicegambia.com/2019/06/12/national-youth-parliament-the-gambia-builds-the-capacity-of-members/>
- 2. Launch of Gambia Programme of Action on Youth (GPAY)**
<https://nyc.gm/2019/06/22/the-gambia-programme-of-action-on-youth-gpay-2018-and-beyond-launched/>
<https://gambia.unfpa.org/en/news/gambia-programme-action-youth-launched>

3. Women's Leadership Training in Partnership with UNWOMEN

[https://gambia.unfpa.org/en/news/"womens-leadership-synonymous-success"-says-minister-women-children-and-social-welfare-unfpa](https://gambia.unfpa.org/en/news/)

4. Youth Thematic Conference

<https://gambia.unfpa.org/en/news/young-people-reflect-current-peace-and-security-situation-gambia>

5. WIPNET Training

<https://gambia.unfpa.org/en/news/unfpa-supports-training-women-peacebuilding-network-committees-early-warning-conflict>

6. Training Community Monitors on National Early Warning Systems

<https://gambia.unfpa.org/en/news/25-trainers-complete-10-day-training-early-warning-peacebuilding-and-mechanisms-effective>

7. Mentorship Program for Women and Girls

<https://gambia.unfpa.org/en/news/unfpa-gambia-supports-training-women-leadership-and-peacebuilding>

----Reports----

[Youth Reflection on Peace and Security in The Gambia.](#)