

## Executive Summary

### *Summary of Key Activities*

**Project Name Change:** This quarter, the Project name was formally changed from Communities Building Peace Together (CBPT) to the Peacebuilding Project in English and *Proyecto Tejiendo Paz* in Spanish. An updated Branding Strategy and Marking Plan (BSMP) is under review by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which outlines use of the name, USAID and partner logos, and graphics on communications materials.

**Municipal and Community Selection:** Advancing in the geographic selection process was the main focus of the Peacebuilding Project during FY19Q2, with active participation of the entire team. Major milestones in this process this quarter include:

- Identification and approval by USAID of 15 target municipalities;
- Design of the community selection methodology;
- Participation in fifteen meetings with *Consejos Municipales de Desarrollo (COMUDES)*/ community representatives, interviewing 284 community representatives; and
- Organization and implementation of eight “World Café” community selection activities with 193 representatives from civil society organizations, municipal women and/or youth offices, communities, government agencies, and other international development projects.

The Peacebuilding Project will finalize this process next quarter and will present the 195 selected communities to USAID for approval.

**Institutional Strengthening:** This quarter, PartnersGlobal, with support from Creative and ProPaz, developed an interview protocol and initiated the comprehensive and participatory assessment of key Government of Guatemala (GoG) institutions and relevant non-governmental actors working to prevent and address social conflicts. During the month of March, PartnersGlobal held 24 meetings with 31 governmental and non-governmental representatives. The interviews will be finalized next quarter. The process will result in an institutional strengthening and capacity-building strategy for GoG and non-governmental actors. In addition, Creative drafted a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the project and the *Comisión Presidencial de Derechos Humanos (COPREDEH)*, which will be signed next quarter.

### *Challenges and Lessons Learned*

There were no major challenges to project implementation this quarter. There were some delays in the community selection process due to meetings being postponed or conflicting with other municipal activities; however, these minimal delays have not impacted the overall timeline and the team still anticipates finalizing the process early next quarter. Throughout the process, the team has reflected on how to improve the methodology and logistics. The Peacebuilding Project will develop a factsheet on the geographic selection process, including identifying lessons learned.



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One of the main challenges this quarter for the institutional strengthening component of the project are the electoral dynamics. The uncertainty of the upcoming elections makes planning this component challenging, particularly given that many national and departmental authorities will change with a new administration.

#### *Indicator Data*

Given that the Peacebuilding Project is in the geographic selection phase, the project has no indicator data to report for this quarter. The project is waiting for USAID approval of the proposed indicators to begin developing the Performance Indicator References Sheets (PIRS). The PIRS, including the targets, will be finalized with the development of the FY2020 workplan.



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