

Executive Summary

Summary of Key Activities

Community Selection: Finalizing the geographic selection process was the priority for the Peacebuilding Project team during FY19Q3. Seven World Café activities were held this quarter (the other eight were held during FY19Q2), which finalized the process in the field. Following the completion of the field work, the Peacebuilding Project team held an internal community selection workshop to narrow down the communities to 195. On May 9, the Peacebuilding Project submitted the Community Selection Justification Memo, along with the COMUDE questionnaire and community ranking spreadsheet with the 195 communities, to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for approval. USAID formally approved the 195 communities on June 21.

Community Implementation: From May 27 – 31, ProPaz implemented the first five days of their 10-day training for community supervisors and facilitators to strengthen their capacity in key areas prior to community entry. Nine people participated, including two supervisors (both male) and seven facilitators (four women and three men). The first training session included the following topics: conflict analysis and transformation; constructive communication and active listening; five principals of dialogue; negotiation and mediation; and consensus building.

Institutional Strengthening: This quarter, the Peacebuilding Project finalized the structure of the Consultative Committee, which was approved by USAID in June. Also this quarter, PartnersGlobal, finished conducting a series of in-person, semi-structured interviews to better understand the most pressing capacity-building needs of key technical personnel from the Government of Guatemala (GoG) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to effectively prevent the escalation of tensions and conflict and address them when they happen. After finalizing the interview process, PartnersGlobal produced a draft report summarizing the key findings and some initial general suggestions for the capacity-building process. In addition, PartnersGlobal organized a half-day “expert consultation” with conflict resolution specialists, conciliators, and mediators in Colombia to present and receive feedback on the assessment. Finally, this quarter the Peacebuilding Project held the first Inter-Institutional Meeting. The topic of the meeting was: Occupations and Evictions in Protected Areas of Guatemala. Seventeen senior level experts from GoG institutions participated in the meeting.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

The main challenge faced this quarter was the departure of Save the Children from the Peacebuilding Project consortium. Creative is confident that along with Fundación ProPaz and Partners Global, the project team will be able to effectively implement impactful activities in the target communities. The team is using the current workplanning period to consolidate the project and to map out the upcoming year of activities, ensuring that responsibilities are clearly assigned and that there will be effective oversight to ensure consistency and quality.



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Indicator Data

Given that the Peacebuilding Project finished the geographic selection phase this quarter, the project has no indicator data to report. The Performance Indicator References Sheets (PIRS), including the targets, will be finalized with the development of the FY2020 workplan.

