



**PEACEBUILDING FUND (PBF)
ANNUAL PROGRAMME¹ NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT**

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 OCTOBER 2012² – 31 DECEMBER 2012

<p align="center">Programme Title & Project Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme Title: Gender Responsive Recovery for Sustainable Peace (GRRSP) • Programme Number: PBF/IRF-54 • MPTF Office Project Reference Number:⁴ 00083648 	<p align="center">Country, Locality(s), Priority Area(s) / Strategic Results³</p> <p><i>Country/Region of Nepal</i> (Kavre, Sindhuli and Ramechhap districts of Central Development Region)</p> <hr/> <p><i>Priority area/ strategic results</i></p> <p>PBF Priority Area(s) and Outcomes:</p> <p>PBF Priority Area 2: Promotion of Co-existence and Peaceful Resolution of Conflict</p> <p>PBF Outcome 8: Women are empowered – Conflict affected women and their families are recovered from psycho-social hardships</p> <p>PBF Priority Area 3: Early Economic Recovery and Immediate Peace Dividends</p> <p>PBF Outcome 11: Communities affected by conflict – Gender responsive community-based economic recovery initiatives are designed and implemented</p>
<p align="center">Participating Organization(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN Women, FAO and ILO 	<p align="center">Implementing Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction; Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare; Local Bodies; Local Peace Committees & Selected NGOs
<p align="center">Programme/Project Cost (US\$)</p> <p>MPTF/JP Contribution: PBF: US\$ 898,800</p> <p>Agency Contribution US\$ 90,000 (US \$ 30,000 each from UN Women, FAO & ILO)</p>	<p align="center">Programme Duration</p> <p>Overall Duration (<i>months</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 months <p>Start Date⁵ (<i>dd.mm.yyyy</i>) 01.10 .2012</p>

¹ The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

² The project was signed in the 30 July 2012 and later on it was agreed to start the project implementation from October 2012

³ Strategic Results, as formulated in the Performance Management Plan (PMP) for the PBF, Priority Plan or project document;

⁴ The MPTF Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to “Project ID” on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁵ The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MPTF Office as Administrative Agent. Transfer date is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

Government Contribution <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Other Contributions (donors) <i>(if applicable)</i>	
TOTAL:	US\$ 988,800

Original End Date ⁶ (<i>dd.mm.yyyy</i>)	30.06.2015
Current End date ⁷ (<i>dd.mm.yyyy</i>)	30.06.2015

Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval.

Assessment/Review - if applicable *please attach*
 Yes No Date: *dd.mm.yyyy*
 Mid-Term Evaluation Report – if applicable *please attach*
 Yes No Date: *dd.mm.yyyy*

Report Submitted By

- o Name: Ms Sama Shrestha
- o Title: Programme Officer (Peace and Security)
- o Participating Organization (Lead): UN Women
- o Email address: sama.shrestha@unwomen.org

⁶ As per approval of the original project document by the relevant decision-making body/Steering Committee.

⁷ If there has been an extension, then the revised, approved end date should be reflected here. If there has been no extension approved, then the current end date is the same as the original end date. The end date is the same as the operational closure date which is when all activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MPTF / JP have been completed. As per the MOU, agencies are to notify the MPTF Office when a programme completes its operational activities.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

BDS	Business Development Services
CPA	Comprehensive Peace Agreement
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GEWG	Gender Equality Working Group
GRRSP	Gender Responsive Recovery for Sustainable Peace
ILO	International Labour Organization
LPC	Local Peace Committee
MFI	Micro Finance Institutions
NAP	National Action Plan
PBF	Peace Building Fund
PMP	Performance Monitoring Plan
SGBV	Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
UNSCRs	United Nations Security Council Resolutions
UN Women	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
VDC	Village Development Committee

NARRATIVE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Gender Responsive Recovery for Sustainable Peace (GRRSP), a joint project between United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), aims to address the economic, social and psychological hardships of conflict affected women and their families in the three Central Region's districts of Kavre, Sindhuli and Ramechhap. The project intends to benefit about 2,000 conflict-affected women, including ex-combatants, through psycho-social counseling and community based economic recovery initiatives. The lessons and good practices generated from the project will contribute to scaling up the implementation of key components of the National Action Plan (NAP) on United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) 1325 and 1820; and the policy feedback from the project will help address the challenges of feminization of agriculture that remains the main source of livelihood for the rural population in Nepal. The project will thus contribute to consolidating peace *locally* in the three target districts, and *nationally* through the development and dissemination of knowledge products on good practices and evidence-based policy feedback.

The project is currently in its initial inception phase. To date, the participating agencies (UN Women, FAO and ILO) have held a start-up meeting, formed a steering committee that has convened an initial meeting chaired by the Government of Nepal, and formulated their detailed work plans. The agencies are currently in the process of finalizing the recruitment of the project staff, and preparing the tools for undertaking the baseline survey.

I. Purpose

The project will address the economic, social and psychological hardships of conflict affected women and their families in three districts: Kavre, Sindhuli and Ramechhap. The project intends to benefit about 2,000 conflict-affected women (including ex-combatants) through psycho-social counseling and community based economic recovery initiatives. Of the 2,000 targeted beneficiaries, approximately 1,000 will be recipients of economic initiatives both in the agriculture and non-agriculture sectors. While detailed demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the targeted beneficiaries will be determined through base-line studies during the project inception phase, the project targets conflict-affected women from marginalized communities who have been excluded from meaningful and informed participation in the mainstream development processes, economic opportunities, and benefit sharing. Communities affected by internal displacement and ones most adversely affected in terms of loss of income, livelihood options, and employment opportunities will be the key beneficiaries of the project.

In addition to direct benefits to the target groups in three districts, the lessons and good practices generated from the project will contribute to scaling up the implementation of key components of NAP on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820; and policy feedback from the project will help address the challenge of feminization of agriculture, which is the main source of livelihoods for the rural population in Nepal. Women are the most important agents in the enhancement of agricultural and rural development in Nepal. They constitute the majority of the working population in the agricultural sector. Real and sustainable progress cannot be achieved without their full and active participation at every stage and at every level. And yet they face greater constraints than their male counterparts in gaining access to public services, social protection, employment opportunities, information, innovations and local national markets and institutions, balancing unpaid care work, and taking up leadership positions. The Government of Nepal is in the process of drafting a Agricultural Development Strategy (ADS). UN Women provided technical support to engender the strategy. Experiences and lesson learned from its work on women's economic empowerment will inform the implementation of this project. Moreover, the project will help to improve the knowledge and skills of conflict affected women and their families to improve agricultural productivity and farm income thus contributing to uplifting their socio-economic status. Thus, the project will contribute to the consolidation of peace locally in the three target districts, and nationally through development and dissemination of knowledge products on good practices and evidence-based policy feedback. The project builds upon the experiences and lessons of previous efforts, such as the 'Jobs for Peace' project (funded by the Peace Building Fund; PBF/NP/D-1) and the 'Making Politics Work with Women' project, and brings in additional elements to strengthen the implementation of national commitments to women's empowerment and gender equality in the context of the peace-building process.

The project will contribute to PBF Priority Area 2 (Promotion of Co-Existence and Peaceful Resolution of Conflict) and PBF Priority Area 3 (Early Economic Recovery and Immediate Peace Dividends). It will be implemented by targeting two component outcomes:

Under PBF Outcome 8: Women are empowered

Project Outcome 1: Conflict affected women and their families are recovered from psycho-social hardships

Under PBF Outcome 11: Communities affected by conflict

Project Outcome 2: Gender responsive community-based economic recovery initiatives are designed and implemented

Logical Framework: Part I (Strategic Level):

Objectives	Measurable indicators/Targets	Means of verification	Important assumptions
Priority Area 2 – Promotion of Co-existence and Peaceful Resolution of Conflict	* Number of women accessing services providing protection, including psycho-social support, in target areas	*Community consultations / surveys	The ongoing CPA implementation continues in a positive direction

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reduction of incidences of SGBV in target areas * Increased access to economic resources for women in target areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mid-term evaluation report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final evaluation report 	The government commitment to women's empowerment and gender equality does not wane
Priority Area 3 – Early Economic Recovery and Immediate Peace Dividends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Number of women affected by conflict and gender-based violence accessing technical, vocational and entrepreneurial trainings * Number of women affected by conflict accessing sustainable on-farm and off-farm self-employment opportunities * Number of women affected by conflict accessing labour market for wage employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Community consultations / surveys * Mid-term evaluation report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final evaluation report 	
Objectives	Measurable indicators/Targets	Means of verification	Important assumptions
OUTCOME 1: WOMEN ARE EMPOWERED - Conflict affected women ⁸ and their families are recovered from psycho-social hardships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2000 conflict affected women including ex-combatants recovered from psycho-social trauma • All the district level LPCs and at least 80% of VDC level LPCs in the project areas have adopted gender responsive institutional practices⁹ • Incidences of GBV in the project area reduced by 20% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term evaluation report • Final evaluation report 	<p>The government commitment to women's empowerment and gender equality does not wane</p> <p>Security situation is congenial for implementation of local initiatives</p>
Output 1.1: Increased access of conflict affected women to psycho-social services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 3 counseling centers established and functional • At least 6 counselors are trained and mobilized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term evaluation report • Final evaluation report • Monitoring report • District Health Office report 	
Output 1.2: Increased community awareness on issues of GBV, human rights and gender equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 80% of community members are able to identify GBV • At least 80% of community members are able to identify Human Rights • At least 80% of community members are able to identify key gender equality issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term evaluation report • Final evaluation report • Monitoring report 	
Output 1.3: Enhanced capacity of conflict affected women on organizational, leadership and social harmonization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Gender Equality Watch Group GEWG established and functional with the leadership of women • Incidences of social conflicts reduced by at least 50% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term evaluation report • Final evaluation report 	
Objectives	Measurable indicators/Targets	Means of verification	Important assumptions
OUTCOME 2: COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY CONFLICT – Gender responsive community-based economic recovery initiatives are designed and implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income of at least 1000 conflict affected families increased by 25% • Incidence of employment (including self-employment) increased by 30 % • At least 25% of budget of local bodies and concerned service delivery agencies allocated for gender responsive initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term evaluation report • Final evaluation report • Annual budget of the local bodies • Monitoring report 	<p>The government commitment to women's empowerment and gender equality does not wane</p> <p>Security situation is congenial for implementation of local initiatives</p>
Output 2.1: Improved knowledge and skills of conflict affected women and their families for improving agricultural productivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 50% of target households adopt recommended agriculture practices • Agriculture productivity of target communities increased by 30% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term evaluation report • Final evaluation report • Monitoring report 	

⁸ Include 14 different categories of victims as defined by NAP on Implementation of UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 (2011/12-2015/16)

⁹ Women's participation and inclusion of women's agenda in decision making, planning, implementation and monitoring mechanisms.

Output 2.2: Enhanced technical and entrepreneurial skills of conflict affected women and their families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 50% of target groups provided with appropriate technical and entrepreneur skills • Of the women trained, at least 30% initiate self employment activities • Of the women trained, at least 50 % are employed in the labour market 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term evaluation report • Final evaluation report • Monitoring report
Output 2.3: Increased capacity of local bodies and concerned service delivery agencies for gender responsive planning and implementation mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 20 % of programme budget of local bodies and concerned agencies is allocated for gender focused programmes • At least 50% of staffs of local bodies and concerned agencies are sensitized and trained and are capable of using gender responsive tools for programming and budgeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term evaluation report • Final evaluation report • Annual budget of local bodies • Monitoring report •

Logical Framework: Part II (Implementation Level)

Outcome 1: Conflict affected women and their families are recovered from specific post conflict hardships

Main Activities	Inputs	Person(s) responsible for mobilizing inputs
Output 1.1: Increased access of conflict affected women to psycho-social services		
Activity 1.1.1: Support training to develop local psychosocial counselors	Consultant	Project Manager, UN WOMEN
Activity 1.1.2: Establish counseling centers at VDC level and provide operational support to run counseling centers	Consultant	Project Manager, UN WOMEN
Output 1.2: Increased community awareness on issues of GBV, human rights and gender equality		
Activity 1.2.1: Community awareness raising activities on social, cultural and economic issues that affect women's lives	Subcontractors	Project Manager, UN WOMEN
Activity 1.2.2: Support capacity development of LPCs on areas of gender responsive process and procedures, mediation skills and conflict management	Subcontractors	Project Manager, UN WOMEN
Output 1.3: Enhanced capacity of conflict affected women on organizational, leadership and social harmonization		
Activity 1.3.1: Support formation and strengthening of GEWG to lobby and advocate for accountability of stakeholders towards gender equality	Subcontractors	Project Manager, UN WOMEN
Activity 1.3.2: Facilitate linkages among LPCs, local bodies and GEWG	Subcontractors	Project Manager, UN WOMEN

Outcome 2: Gender responsive community-based economic recovery initiatives are designed and implemented

Main Activities	Inputs	Person(s) responsible for mobilizing inputs
Output 2.1: Improved knowledge and skills of conflict affected women and their families for improving agricultural productivity		
Activity 2.1.1: Support implementation of farmer's field school for vegetable and vegetable seed production and short-duration fruits	Resource persons, Subcontractors	Agriculture and Livestock specialist, FAO
Activity 2.1.2: Conduct technical trainings/workshops (nutrition improvement, farm production/water management to marketing) for the target groups	Resource persons, Subcontractors	Agriculture and Livestock specialist, FAO
Activity 2.1.3: Conduct trainings/ workshops in group management and resource mobilization	Resource persons, Subcontractors	Agriculture and Livestock specialist, FAO
Activity 2.1.4: Facilitate implementation of leasehold forestry involving target groups for forage and fodder cultivation	Resource persons, Subcontractors	Agriculture and Livestock specialist, FAO

Activity 2.1.5: Establish small livestock resource center for supply of improved small livestock to target group	Resource persons, Subcontractors	Agriculture and Livestock specialist, FAO
Activity 2.1.6: Promote in-kind revolving scheme for small livestock production	Resource persons, Subcontractors	Agriculture and Livestock specialist, FAO
Output 2.2: Enhanced technical and entrepreneurial skills of conflict affected women and their families		
Activity 2.2.1: Training need assessment of target groups for promotion of entrepreneurial and vocational skills	Resource persons, ILO Specialists, Subcontractors	Project Officer, ILO
Activity 2.2.2 Mapping of BDS Providers/Vocational Training Institutions/MFIs	Resource persons, ILO Specialists, Subcontractors	Project Officer, ILO
Activity 2.2.3: Support training on entrepreneurship and vocational skills development	Resource persons, ILO Specialists Subcontractors	Project Officer, ILO
Activity 2.2.4: Facilitate linkages with business service providers including micro finance institutions	Resource persons, ILO Specialists, Subcontractors	Project Officer ,ILO
Activity 2.2.5 Post training support (tool kits/equipments)	Resource persons, ILO Specialists, Subcontractors	Project Officer, ILO
Activity 2.2.6: Sensitization and training on gender equality, GBV, sexual harassment at the workplace	Resource persons, ILO Specialists Subcontractors	Project Officer, ILO
Output 2.3: Increased capacity of local bodies and concerned service delivery agencies for gender responsive planning and implementation mechanisms		
Activity 2.3.1: Support training/ workshops for gender sensitization of local bodies and government line agencies	Resource persons, Subcontractors	Project Manager, UN WOMEN
Activity 2.3.2: Support training/workshops for local bodies and government line agencies on gender responsive planning, implementation and monitoring mechanisms	Resource persons, Subcontractors	Project Manager, UN WOMEN

II. Results

i) Narrative reporting on results:

The project was approved and signed by the Peace Building Support Office on 30th July 2012 and the project initiation date was negotiated to be October 2012. The project commenced on 1 October 2012.

As of the end of 2012, the project was in its initial inception phase. The participating agencies (UN Women, FAO and ILO) have convened the following actions to take forward the inception of the project:

- An initial start-up meeting was held under the leadership of UN Women to discuss the joint work plan. In the meeting, the focal points of the project from the three agencies (UN Women, FAO and ILO) discussed the joint district visit plan.
- A steering committee was formed to provide guidance to the project implementation to ensure its quality. The membership includes: Mr. Sadhu Ram Sapkota, Chairperson, PSC (Joint Secretary, Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction); Ms. Gitanjali Singh, Co-chairperson, PSC (Deputy Representative, UN Women); Mr. Khadga Bahadur Rana, Member, PSC (Under Secretary, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare); Mr. Tek Prasad Luintel, Member, PSC (Senior Agricultural Economist, Gender Equity and Environmental Division, Ministry of Agriculture Development); Mr. Kamal Raj Bhandari, member, PSC (Under Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment); Mr. Jay Lal Tiwari, Member, PSC (Director, Department of Women and Children); Dr Ila Mainali, Member, PSC (Section Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs); Ms.Sama Shrestha, member Secretary, PSC (Unit Manager, Women, Peace and Security, UN Women); Mr. Arjun Singh Thapa, participant, PSC (Programme Officer, FAO); Mr. Saloman Rajbanski, participant (ILO); Mr. Nabin Kumar Karna, participant (National Programme Coordinator, ILO); Ms. Laxmi Maya Rai (Programme Officer, UN Women); and Mr. Nava Raj Adhikari (National Consultant, UN Women).

In light of the nature of the project and the specific provisions of the National Action Plan on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 document, it was important to have the representation of relevant ministries in the Steering Committee. The involvement of the members from the relevant ministries will guide the project to achieve tangible results.

- ILO recruited project staff (Gender and Employment Specialist) and UN Women and FAO were in the process of finalizing the recruitment of their project staff. The staff will be on board by the first few months of 2013;
- The participating agencies formulated their detailed project work plans from October 2012 to December 2013 (Refer to Annex1- for the work plans of UN Women, FAO and ILO respectively);
- A partner agency (Institute for Integrated Development Studies) was contracted following a competitive recruitment process to undertake baseline for the project;
- Baseline survey tools (e.g. survey questionnaire) were in the process of being prepared;
- Terms of Reference were developed for mapping of Business Development Service Providers (BDS), Technical Education and Vocational Training (TEVT) and Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) in the project districts.

ii) Indicator Based Performance Assessment:

Due to the delay in commencing the inception phase of the project, it is not yet possible at this stage to report on performance.

	<u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
Outcome 1¹⁰ Indicator: Baseline: Planned Target:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner to conduct baseline survey identified • The work plan for project implementation prepared by three agencies • Steering committee formed 	The project implementation commenced only from October 1, 2012	
Output 1.1 Indicator 1.1.1 Baseline: Planned Target:			
Indicator 1.1.2 Baseline: Planned Target:			
Output 1.2 Indicator 1.2.1 Baseline: Planned Target:			
Indicator 1.2.2 Baseline: Planned Target:			

¹⁰ Note: Outcomes, outputs, indicators and targets should be as outlined in the Project Document/Priority Plan or PMP specific so that you report on your **actual achievements against planned targets**. Add rows as required for Outcome 2, 3 etc.

iii) Success Story

The project is currently in its inception phase, there are no success stories to report at this stage.

III. Monitoring Arrangements

The project will develop monitoring and evaluation systems including **establishment of benchmarks** for progress, monitoring and tracking **in line with Global PBF Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) requirements**. During the ongoing inception phase, a **baseline study** is currently in the process of being designed. The survey will be conducted in the project areas to: assess the capacity of potential implementing partners, local bodies and Local Peace Committees (LPCs); identify the needs and priorities of the target groups; and establish benchmark information for planning, monitoring and evaluation. The monitoring of the project will be carried out jointly by executing UN agencies and implementing partners with active participation of target groups to the strengthen ownership of all the concerned stakeholders., Monitoring visits and **annual review meetings** will be organized to review progress, document lessons, identify constraints faced during implementation and come up with solutions to resolve the constraints. The proceedings of review meetings will be regularly shared with the village and district level coordination bodies and the central level Project Steering Committee.

The project will include a country led evaluation. A **mid-term participatory assessment** of the project will be carried out after 18 months of project initiation to review achievement of objectives, document lessons and provide recommendations for improving the effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the project. Towards the end of the project period, an **independent final evaluation** will be carried out to assess the effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of the project; document good practices and lessons learnt and provide recommendations on future direction towards policy development and design and implementation of similar initiatives to impact the national level. Based on the recommendations of the final evaluation, executing UN agencies in collaboration with implementing partners will prepare a management response for necessary follow-up actions, and a detailed follow-up action plan will be developed and implemented.

The project will also conduct monitoring, reporting and evaluation in accordance with the PBF monitoring and evaluation arrangements as outlined in the PBF Guidelines and the PBF Business plan, including the Performance Management Plan (PMP). The project will submit annual narrative and financial project progress reports for each calendar year for which there were project activities, with specific focus on outcome-level results. The project will submit quarterly updates on project progress, including financial data (uncertified) and also include adequate budget provision for M&E in the project.

IV. Programmatic Revisions (if applicable)

No major adjustments in strategies, targets or key outcomes and outputs have been carried out at this stage. Though the project document mentions the implementation of the project from January 1, 2012, the project was approved only at the end of July, 2012. The formal implementation started only from October 1, 2012. The preparatory activities, such as establishment of Project Steering Committee, hiring of project staff (TOR elaboration, vacancy announcement, short-listing of candidates, written test, interview, etc), work for commissioning the baseline study (TOR elaboration, request for proposal, assessing the proposal, selection the organization for this task, etc.), project launch in the districts; and establishment of coordination mechanism at district level, have been initiated during the period of October-December 2012. However, due to festive season and the end of the financial year, the establishment of the project team and full implementation of the project were somewhat delayed.

V. Resources (Optional)

The inception phase of the project is ongoing therefore it is early to report on this section.