

PEACEBUILDING FUND

END OF PROGRAMME NARRATIVE REPORT

Programme Title & Number

Programme Title: Ensuring Coordination, Evidence Based Programming, and Monitoring of the Peacebuilding Fund

Projects in Uganda

Programme Number: PBF P4

(PBF/UGA/E-1)

MDTF Office Atlas Number: 00076966

Country, Locality(s), Thematic Areas

UGANDA

Participating Organization(s)

UNDP-RCO

Implementing Partners

Consultants

District Local Governments - Acholi

Research institutions

UN Agencies

Programme/Project Cost (US \$)

MDTF Fund Contribution:

•UNDP-RCO: 599,735

Agency Contribution:

Government Contribution:

Other Contribution (donor):

•UNDP-RCO: 120,000

TOTAL: 719,735

Programme Duration (months)

Overall Duration: 26 month(s)

Start Date: 01-Nov-2010

End Date or Revised End Date:31-Dec-2012

Operation Closure Date: 31-Dec-2012

Expected Financial Closure Date: 31-Mar-2013

Programme Assessments/Mid-Term Evaluation

Assessment Completed:

Yes X No Date:

Mid-Evaluation Report Yes X No Date:

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I. PURPOSE

A. Objectives & Outcomes

JP Priority Area:

Outcome 1: Improved coordination, communications and resource mobilisation
Outcome 2: Enhanced joint monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems and tools

B. How the programme relates to the Strategic (UN) Planning Framework guiding the operations of the Fund/JP.

2011: Northern Uganda is an area of special focus of the UNDAF 2010-2014. The UNDAF areas of special focus are thematic areas highlighted in the strategic framework, and as such mainstreamed into UN interventions. The UN has aligned its interventions in northern Uganda with the Government's Peace, Recovery and Development Plan (PRDP) for northern Uganda. The Peacebuilding Programme of the UN in Uganda supports the implementation of PRDP, and has been instrumental in informing the UN input to PRPD 2 (starting 1 July 2012).

In order to ensure that agencies are implementing and reporting on their PBF projects in a timely manner, funds from the PBF envelope for Uganda were allocated to support coordination and monitoring activities.

The UN Resident Coordinator's Office was identified as the appropriate existing structure to manage the responsibilities of the local PBF Secretariat. In this role, it supports the agencies to prepare their project documents, and facilitates the work of the Technical Advisory Committee and the Steering Committee. It also supports agencies to complete reporting on the PBF in a timely manner.

The RCO is well positioned to ensure that the information and data needs for the PBF are carried out in line with One UN programming principles, in a coherent and coordinated manner, thereby reducing transaction costs. The RCO is similarly well positioned to implement knowledge sharing and operational learning components linked to the implementation of the PBF funds.

2012 : Activities conducted throughout 2012 have substantively contributed to both outcomes 1 and 2 of P4

Outcome 1 - Improved coordination, communication and resource mobilisation.

In line with the project document, the implementation of activities related to coordination , joint communication and resource mobilization has successfully taken place.

Output 1.1 - Coordination activities implemented

Coordination meeting have taken place regularly. TAP meetings were not held regular during quarter 2, as technical discussions have taken place in decentralised thematic meetings aimed at informing both exit strategies and resource mobilization. Three meetings on land conflict and land tenure security were held in Kampala (15 May) and in the field (28 August and 26 September). Two thematic meetings on youth were respectively organised in Kampala (09 and 22 June) and in the field (28 August and 26 September). Meetings on Justice Law and Order Sector and Gender Based Violence took place in Kampala (June 2012). Regular activities of the Technical Advisory Planning committee resumed during quarter 3. The Joint Steering Committee took place regularly and its last session was held on 29th of September 2012. The meeting was attended by a delegate of the Peacebuilding Support Office, who visited programme

sites in Northern Uganda at the end of September.

In terms of joint communication, the research conference organised on the Perceptions of Peacebuilding in Northern Uganda (4 and 5 April 2012) benefited of cooperation between OHCHR and RCO, who designed and produced UN in Uganda communication products. The conference was opened by the UNDP Associate Administrator Rebeca Grynspan and gathered key Ministers and government officials involved in peace talks and recovery programmes in the North. A blog containing the proceedings of the conference was developed - http://gulupeace.wordpress.com/

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In terms of resource mobilization, a concept note outlining residual peacebuilding opportunities and related areas for joint programming was developed. This process started in February 2012. Specific tools to identify exit strategies and opportunities for resource mobilization were developed and compiled by agencies between February and June. Proposals for new areas of intervention were submitted to the UN Country Team in July and the drafting of a concept document for a follow up on the programme started in August. The concept document was formulated by a task-force of UN officers in charge of the implementation of the Peacebuilding Programme. It has drown from the findings of the UNICEF Conflict Analysis conducted by UNICEF between July and October 2012.

The concept note will be discussed with other governance bodies of the UN (Programme Management Team and UN Country Team) and submitted as an appeal document to resident donors (currently withholding their support to the governmental Peace Recovery and Development Plan) as well as to relevant UN bodies in HQ.

Outcome 2: enhanced joint monitoring and evaluation systems

The research component of the peacebuilding programme falls under this outcome. The reserach component has contributed to enhance evidence based programming on conflict drivers. The Land Conflict Monitoring and Mapping tool has provided evidence on the land conflict in Acholi that no other existing or ongoing study has made available. Data collection at parish and village level was conducted. An online database contains information about ongoing disputes and actor involved, maps will be produced and digitalized. The research findings highlight that land conflict halves every six months, peaks occur during planting season and dispute resolution mechanism at community level allow to settle the vast majority of dispute. The relevant dimension for programming that should be emphasised deals more with land tenure security, which remains a problems for vulnerable individuals (widows, orphans, former abductees).

Preliminary findings of the surveys Community and Media perceptions on peacebuilding highlight that communities surveyed acknowledge the full restoration of peace, although seem to be coping much less with the trauma inflicted by the insurgency. A resource centre on peacebuilding and forgiveness was set up and it is functioning. PBP funded agencies and other stakeholders met on 11 December and committed to establish a network of resource and documentation centres in the region. This will involve the resource centre on Human Rights within OHCHR, the National Memorial Documentation Centre in Kitgum and the resource centre managed by Gulu University.

OVERALL: No addition to 2011 and 2012 Annual Reports as shown/included above.

II. RESOURCES

A. Financial Resources

Provide information on other funding resources available to the project, if applicable.

2011: Since the activities under PBP project 4 are specific to the management of the PBF Priority Plan, no other funding for their completion is available. However, some of the complementary human resources

for this project are paid for through regular resources and support of the BCPR (UNDP). In particular, the inputs of the existing UN Area Coordinator system are central to the implementation of the project at the local level. In addition, the RCO secured a UN Fellowships through UNDESA in 2011 to support research generation, provide technical advice in the gender and youth sensitive local economic recovery processes, and enhance resource mobilization for recovery activities in northern Uganda.

2012 : - Additional 100.000USD from internal fund transfer (WFP to RCO). The additional 100.000USD have benefited the research activity - Land Conflict Monitoring and Mapping Tool.

OVERALL: No addition to 2011 and 2012 Annual Reports as indicated above.

Provide details on any budget revisions approved by the appropriate decision-making body, if applicable.

2011: None

2012 : - Cf. above. The decision was proposed in the February JSC, approved in the following TAP, notified on April 3rd by the chair of the JSC to PBSO.

OVERALL: No budget revisions

Provide information on good practices and constraints in the mechanics of the financial process, times to get transfers, identification of potential bottlenecks, need for better coordination, etc.

2011: The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the designated administrative structure ultimately responsible for finance and operations procedures at the country level. In line with the UNDP policies and procedures, the modalities utilised by the RC Office to procure external services fall in the categories of contracts for Individual Contractor (consultants) and Requests for Proposals (contractors). UNDP reimbursed petty expenditure upon submission of invoices/receipts.

The project has experienced some delays in the completion of activities as a result of delays in payment processes. The process consists of the following steps: submission of deliverables, submission of work done with deliverables, authorization for payment and final payment. If the RCO is responsible for the first two steps, UNDP's Procurement and Finance units are responsible for reviewing certifications of work done, authorization and release of payments. Miscommunications between units have accounted for a few delays in the submission of certification of work done. However, the majority of delays originated at the level of authorization and payment.

Delays in payments have affected the external personnel working on the PBP Mid-term review, on the research portfolio for operational learning (3 consultancies and 2 RFPs), on the electronic information management system.

Good Practices. The UNDP Procurement unit and the RC Office adopted since the early steps of the programme a very cooperative approach. Programme officers were advised on how best to harmonise the demands coming from programme and the administrative requirements. This has allowed to catch up on some of the delays.

2012: In line with the annual report submitted last year, procurement of services and financial releases of funds to implementing partners and contractors have been a problem.

Research activity Support to Monitoring and Research Capacity:

- the contract with the contractor was reviewed and the whole process took 3 months.

- Purchase order was suspended in June with notification to programme officer in November
- Payments due in October have still to be effected

These bottlenecks are particularly problematic for a project that aims at enhancing capacity of an under-resourced local institution which cannot dispose of other funds to implement the activities.

OVERALL: No addition to 2011 and 2012 Annual Reports as indicated above.

B. Human Resources

III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements

A. Summarize the implementation mechanisms primarily utilized and how they are adapted to achieve maximum impact given the operating context

2011: Coordination: Coordination mechanisms have been set in place at field and country level. The general management structure is the Joint Steering Committee, which gathers twice a year. The Technical Advisory Panel, meets quarterly and on a monthly basis coordination meetings for each joint programme are held in Kampala and in the Field. Joint Programme 3 has adopted an interesting approach: coordination meetings are held in the field and followed by joint monitoring visits. In terms of achievements, coordination meetings and joint monitoring visits have contributed to enhancing the overall coherence of the programme.

The Research Portfolio of the UN Peacebuilding Programme is one of the activities managed directly by the RC's Offiice. The Peacebuilding Coordination Officer based in the field ensures the day-to-day oversight of research activities with support from the UN Coordination Specialist in Kampala and the Head of Office. Periodical technical validation meetings were organised at the end of critical research phases i.e. after elaboration of research tools, data collection, data analyses and upon submission of draft reports. The draft reports were formally submitted for further technical validation to UN bodies such the UN Team members (head of agencies in Gulu), the Programme Management Team (deputy directors in Kampala). Externally to the UN system, reports and updates were shared with the donors community in Gulu and Kampala. The Office of the Prime Minister has been regularly updated on the progress of research. These practices have led to the following achievements: focus on conflict drivers has been enhanced, thus influencing evidence based programming. The Government of Uganda has incorporated land as a programme area of the second edition of the Peace Recovery Plan. In the same programme mental health and youth unemployment were also highlighted and relevant indicators included (draft currently under discussion).

2012: Implementation has occurred through recruitment of contractors (whether consultant or firms/organisations) for the research, final evaluation and production of communication products. In terms of project management and coordination, the office relied on a programme officer and two consultants (M&E and Peacebuidling coordination).

OVERALL: No addition to 2011 and 2012 Annual Reports as indicated above.

B. Provide details on the procurement procedures utilized and explain variances in standard procedures.

2011: Research component: Please consult previous section for details on procurement processes and the RC Office arrangements with the UNDP administrative system.

The procurement cycle followed the steps indicated below:

- 1)Submission of the concept of research projects
- 2) Elaboration of the terms of reference

- 3) Advertisement of the Job Opportunities through newspapers, UNDP website, several listserves
- 4) Selection of candidates
- 4a Consultancies: upon shortlisting of proposals and interviews of shortlisted candidates
- 4b Request for Proposals: opening of the bids and procurement validation of submissions, technical validation of projects (RCO and UN colleagues), financial validation (UNDP Procurement and RCO), negotiation with finalists, CAP, project,
- 5) Elaboration of contracts including milestones
- 6) Signature of contracts and beginning of activities.

Mental Health Assessment in Northern Uganda: Contract for International Individual Contractor (consultancy).

Taxonomy of Youth and Youth Vulnerability: Contract for National Individual Contractor (consultancy). Identification of Good Practices in Land Conflict Resolution: Contract for International Individual Contractor (consultancy).

Land Conflict Monitoring Tool: Request for Proposals (services contracted to an organisation - Human Rights Focus)

Support to Monitoring and Research Capacity: Request for Proposals (services contracted to an organisation - Gulu University)

2012 : Cf. previous sections on procurement procedures.

Procurement procedures involved:

- Creation of contracts
- Amendment of contracts
- No cost extension to contracts
- submission of documentation and certification of work done
- Advertisement of TORs

OVERALL: No addition to 2011 and 2012 Annual Reports as indicated above.

C. Provide details on the monitoring system(s) that are being used and how you identify and incorporate lessons learned into the ongoing project.

- 2011: Five monitoring tools have mainly been used over the past twelve months. Four of them support the monitoring and coordination components of the PBP and a system of follow up meetings and reports was utilised to monitor progress of the research activities.
- 1) E-MIS (electronic management information system): the EMIS proved to be an efficient tool to monitor progress re. programme implementation. This tool facilitates agencies to input information related to activities, implementation and disbursement of funds. Information is usually inputted at field level, secondly, cross-checked and validated by the middle-layer management of the project and finally verified and approved by senior management of UN agencies. The system revealed to be an extremely resourceful tool not only for monitoring purposes, but also for information sharing. Updates to local and central government were based on the information auto-generated by the system.

As this system was first introduced to specifically monitor the PBP, some technical problems in inputting information arose. The lesson learnt would be to have such system in place before the launch of the programme and subsequently to provide extensive training before implementation of activities. A second lesson deals with preparing standard reporting forms aligned with the requirements of the EMIS. This demand has come from several agencies.

2) Joint Field Monitoring Visits (JFMV): a template for the joint field monitoring visits was developed,

although agencies have tailored it to their necessities during field visits. There has been variance across joint programmes on the frequency meetings were conducted. Agencies involved in Joint Programme 3 have been overall more regular in ensuring field monitoring visits at least once a quarter. Agencies of JP1 and JP2 have experienced more challenges in this respect and in 2011 only a Joint Field Monitoring visit took place.

JFMVs have in the past year:

- *helped identifying synergies among activities and agencies within and across the same programme.
- *promoted a participatory approach to revisions in implementation
- * identified beneficiaries that could be targeted by a wider range of activities, maximising therefore the results of the programme

The integrated approach to the visits has effectively supported the purposes of joint implementation. A lesson learnt deals with lowering ambitions of site visits programmes. A large number of site visits concentrated in a short lapse of time can easily drain the energy of the team.

Secondly, the RC Office should adopt a tighter oversight on agencies that are not compliant with holding a JFMV every quarter.

3) Joint Coordination Meetings: as previously mentioned, coordination meetings were held both at country office and field level. Every joint programme chose methodologies, frequencies and modalities for the coordination meetings.

Coordination meetings of JPs have ensured:

- *Feedback from implementing partners
- *Reflection on contents of activities and follow-up on implementation

If coordination meetings help information sharing, these should be seconded also by information within agencies at country office level and field level (i.e. UNFPA country office and UNFPA field office).

4) UN Team meetings

UN Team meetings have helped expanding information sharing and consultation to all agencies present in Gulu. Monthly updates on PBP have been produced and shared with all heads of sub-office in Gulu and PBP focal points in Kampala.

As the updates were considered as useful monitoring tools, we should have probably started this practice since the earliest steps of the programme.

5) Meetings/reports for research component activities. Meetings, reports and validation of findings and research methodologies have been the main monitoring tools for the research activity. Content-wise speaking, these tools were overall effective in ensuring technical validation.

2012:

Lessons learned:

- The quality of the work produced by local contractors need constant supervision and it is usual affected by delays in delivey of products. Payments of milestones should be timely to reduce further delays in project implementation.

OVERALL: No addition to 2011 and 2012 Annual Reports as indicated above.

D. Report on any assessments, evaluations, or studies undertaken.

2011: Five research activities have been funded through the PBP research agenda.

- Mental Health Assessment in Northern Uganda: Contract for International Individual Contractor (consultancy).
- Taxonomy of Youth and Youth Vulnerability: Contract for National Individual Contractor (consultancy).
- Identification of Good Practices in Land Conflict Resolution: Contract for International Individual Contractor (consultancy).
- Land Conflict Monitoring Tool: Request for Proposals (services contracted to an organisation Human Rights Focus)
- Support to Monitoring and Research Capacity: Request for Proposals (services contracted to an organisation Gulu University)

The research component of the Peacebuilding Programme was designed to:

- 1. Enhance understanding of peacebuilding broadly and examine under-explored conflict drivers
- 2.Generate knowledge to support implementation of the joint programmes of the PBP
- 3. Achieve catalytic effect (resources, advocacy and influence)

Mental Health Assessment: first comprehensive study on mental health needs arisen as a consequence of the conflict and camp life. Findings strictly connect to other protection areas such as gender based and domestic violence. The assessment shed light on most of the forms of mental illness, the understanding of communities and the solutions that are in place in the formal and informal system. The report has produced a set of recommendations, part of which has been taken in consideration during the designing phase of the Peace Recovery and Development Plan.

Good Practices in Land Conflict Resolution: this assessment was conducted between July and September 2011. Over 600 respondents were interviewed and a specific focus was maintained on traditional leaders and Local Councillors I and II. Findings have contributed to give a pretty reliable projection on the magnitude of the land conflict in the region. Land conflict is an element estimated to inhibit agricultural productivity and therefore economic growth of the region. The report has helped identifying the most resourceful practices in the resolution of land disputes and related crimes. The report has produced a set of recommendations, most of which has been included in the Peace Recovery and Development Plan.

Taxonomy of youth and youth vulnerability: this study aims at establishing an assessment of youth in the Acholi sub-region. Respondents, randomly selected in urban, rural and peri-urban areas were categorised by gender and divided by age brackets. Questions related to their employment situation, the regional political environment, land conflict, access to school and health-care were addressed in order to identify strengths and vulnerability of the largest socio-demographic group in Uganda.

Land Conflict Monitoring Tool: land conflict (spanning from disputes to wrangles) have been identified as potential conflict driver in the region and major hurdle to sustainable development. Quantitative information and trend analyses on the different categories of conflict, groups and areas involved have been missing. The land conflict monitoring tool will help quantifying categories of conflict, mapping them (for the first time at sub-village level) and monitor their evolution. It is a broad exercise that currently involves three parishes (sub-district unit) per district and could be expanded to capture information in every parish in Acholi. This exercise is catalysing attention of donors and other development partners. The exercise is expected to produce bi-annual trend analyses and maps in the course of 2012.

Support to monitoring and research capacity under the UN Peacebuilding Programme: the UN Peacebuilding supports the reinforcement of Gulu University to serve as a resource centre for peacebuilding research, information and networking. The structure's capacity will be enhanced to enable it to perform three primary functions: (i) provide regular analysis of community perception of peace and reconciliation and related topics in local media; (ii) serve as resource centre for peacebuilding and related research and; (iii) provide forum for dialogue by bringing together partners working on similar topics. Research tool have been developed and a research conference on Perception of Peacebuilding in Acholi

sub-region is due to take place on the 4th and 5th of April

A mid-Term review was conducted

2012: A field mission of a delegate from the Peacebuilding Support Office in New York and the final evaluation of the Programme were successfully conducted.

The visit of mr. Chiwota (UN Peacebuilding Support Office) was fielded between 22nd and 29th September. Site visits were conducted in Gulu, Amuru and Kitgum districts. A number of stakeholders and meetings were organised in Kampala, Gulu and Kitgum.

The PBP final evaluation mission was conducted between from 29 October to 16th of November. Project sites in all districts were visited. When compiling the programme particular attention was given to the following criteria: (i) fair number of sites per agency, (ii) per joint programme and (iii) peacebuilding relevance in the areas of human rights and access to justice, social protection services and economic recovery. Meetings with key government officials, donors, implementing partners were organised.

As per the studies cf. narrative in previous section.

OVERALL: No addition to 2011 and 2012 Annual Reports as indicated above, except that the final evaluation has been conducted in October 2012.

IV. RESULTS

Summary of Qualitative Achievements

A. Provide a summary of Programme progress in relation to planned outcomes and outputs; explain any variance in achieved versus planned outputs during the reporting period

Cumulative Achievement Percentage for Outcome Indicators	159.6%
Cumulative Achievement Percentage for Output Indicators	161.0%

Reason for variance:

2011: The targets for both the outcomes and outputs are until December 2012 which is the end of the project, whereas the achievement rate reflects only the achievement for up to December 2011.

2012:

OVERALL: The electronic Management Information System (eMIS) which was initially developed to facilitate monitoring and reporting of the Peacebuilding programmes based on the MPTFO format has been adopted by the UNCT Uganda for expansion and use to monitor and report all UN joint programmes in Uganda. Moreover, the system has been improved to include narrative sections to report on qualitative achievements that are otherwise absent in the MPTFO format.

Through the Peacebuilding programmes, the UN in Uganda has also substantially influence the inclusion of peacbuilding related initiatives in the second phase of the GoU's Peacebuilding, Recovery and Development Plan (PRDP), where only hardware (such as building and roads) were included in the first phase.

The Peacebuilding Programme in Uganda has also been acknowledged by the UNCT as the best practice

B. Report on the key outputs achieved in the reporting period including # and nature of the activities (inputs), % of completion and beneficiaries.

ACTIVITY	STATUS	BENEFICIARIES
For Outcome 1		
Output 1.1:Coordination activities implemented		
1. Design and development of Coordination Structure, Plan and Guidelines (jointly with Comm's and M&E)	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
2. Quarterly coordination meetings among PBF implementing agencies in the field	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
3. Quarterly coordination meetings among PBF implementing agencies in the field	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
4. Bi-Annual Steering Committee Meetings	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
5. Bi-Annual Steering Committee Meetings	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
Output 1.2:Joint communications activities conduc	eted	
1. Design, development and approval of Communications Plan	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
2. Design, development, publication and dissemination of communications products	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
3. Design, development, publication and dissemination of communications products	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
4. Quarterly Communications meetings (jointly with Coordination and M&E)	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
5. Quarterly Communications meetings (jointly with Coordination and M&E)	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
Output 1.3:Resource mobilisation proposals develo	ped and sub	mitted
1. Design, development and approval of resource mobilization plan	Ongoing	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
2. Design, development and submission of resource mobilization proposals	Ongoing	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
3. Design, development and submission of resource mobilization proposals	Ongoing	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
4. Resource mobilization meetings with partners	Ongoing	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
5. Resource mobilization meetings with partners	Ongoing	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
For Outcome 2		
Output 2.1:Joint M&E activities conducted		
1. Design, development and approval of M&E plan and tools	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
2. Monitor key indicators of peacebuilding and conflict drivers, and conduct operational research	Ongoing	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
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3. Monitor key indicators of peacebuilding and conflict drivers, and conduct operational research	Ongoing	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
4. Capacity-building support to strengthen national data collection and monitoring including gender-sensitive and child-friendly (PRDP) indicators and monitoring for local IPs and local government	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
5. Capacity-building support to strengthen national data collection and monitoring including gender-sensitive and child-friendly (PRDP) indicators and monitoring for local IPs and local government	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
6. Quarterly joint monitoring missions (including quarterly joint meetings with Communications and Coordination)	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
7. Quarterly joint monitoring missions (including quarterly joint meetings with Communications and Coordination)	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
8. Joint Midterm and End-term Evaluations	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
9. Joint Midterm and End-term Evaluations	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
Output 2.2:E-based management information syste	m (MIS) dev	eloped and installed
1. Recruitment of IT Specialist/Consultant	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
2. Design, development and installation of e-MIS	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)
3. Training of partners on use of e-MIS (done jointly with installation in field offices)	Completed	Not Applicable (UN Agencies)

C. Explain, if relevant, delays in programme implementation, the nature of the constraints, actions taken to mitigate future delays and lessons learned in the process.

2011: The coordination mandate of the RC Office has substantially benefited from the activities planned and implemented under PBF project four. Minor challenges manifested throughout the past 12 months, without undermining the execution of any key activity (i.e. coordination, communication, monitoring and evaluation, operational research and information management system). The challenges have mainly dealt with internal administrative delays. These resulted in the postponement of some products' delivery: the e-MIS system (to a lesser extent) and some reports of the research component (in a more substantive way). These challenges were rapidly absorbed in the case of the e-MIS. On the front of the research component, they brought to a strengthened cooperation between the programme and operations teams working on the research activities.

In the area of communications, the preparation of Peace Day suffered occasionally from the slow responsiveness of some of the organisers. This UN funded initiative was led by the central Office of the Prime Minister (OPM). This ceremony was nonetheless a success, having brought together over 15.000 participants, forty civil society organisations working on peacebuilding and four key ministers of state participating. The celebrations received extensive media coverage. For future reference and action the involvement of key local authorities and organization since the early steps of the preparation will be highly recommended.

In terms of coordination and joint activities, the Programme has been overall consistent with the plan outlined in the project documents. Joint monitoring visits took place, with a variance though across the joint programmes. Coordination meetings were held regularly both at country and field level. No

substantive challenge has been observed in this respect. The Joint Steering Committee Meeting, scheduled for October, was postponed due to urgent commitments. The SC meeting was instead held on the 13th of February 2012.

Studies. The programme has produced so far two studies, which are yet to be disseminated. The Mental Health Assessment in Northern Uganda and the report on Good Practices on Land Conflict Resolutions have been finalised and enthusiastically received by the UN and partners. These reports have also contributed in influencing governmental policy making in that land appears as a new project area of the Peace Recovery and Development Plan. Mental health and psychosocial support for post-traumatic stress disorders will be considered under a project area on general support to war affected communities. Internal administrative procedures have caused the postponement of the delivery of a report on the Taxonomy of Youth and Youth Vulnerability, whose release has glided to the end of January 2012 .

Other reports and documents produced for internal use of the United Nations are:the report for Peacebuilding Fund Operational Learning/Research Design, the document of the Peacebuilding Programme Mid Term Review, the UN RCO communication strategy, the guidelines for joint field monitoring visit and a draft resource mobilization strategy (internal).

Different kind of knowledge stemmed from the documentation mentioned above. Some knowledge was oriented at guiding internal processes, whereas information generated from public reports has generally reached a larger and more varied audience (i.e. Research Component's reports). Internal documents produced have effectively served as road-maps for programme design and implementation. This is specifically the case for the PBP research agenda, the communication strategy, the guidelines on joint monitoring visits and the resource mobilisation strategy. The knowledge generated by these documents, by the EMIS and the mid-term report has facilitated and improved programme implementation.

The research framework articulated five research activities, which in turn resulted in the production of reports for a wider audience of peacebuilding practitioners and national institutions. The communication strategy has brought, for instance, the UN to adopt a common logo for the UN in Uganda. In addition, advocacy materials were widely circulated and have contributed in strengthening awareness on the PBP and its activities. These were distributed particularly among institution at the national and local.

In terms of analysis of conflict drivers for a wider public, most of the findings were generated by studies of the research framework. The Mental Health Assessment is the first attempt by the United Nations in Uganda to shed light on the impact that two decades of conflict have had on mental illness among war affected communities in Acholiland. Similarly, the preliminary findings from the report on Good Practices in Land Conflict Resolution, greatly contributed in updating projections and figures from older reports (Berkeley report, 2007; IOM report 2010). They equally provided reliable information on the magnitude of land conflict and offered viable and realistic solutions. The report on the Taxonomy of Youth and Youth Vulnerability will contain the findings from a survey that involved over 620 youths across the seven districts in Acholi. Information on youth unemployment, access to education, social fabric and youth civic engagement will be for the first time available and focussed uniquely on the sub-region. Additional data on land and communities and media perception are expected to complement the existing bulk of knowledge in 2012.

2012: Taxonomy of Youth and Youth Vulnerability:

- Delays in payments in 2011 have severely impacted on timely (and quality) delivery in 2012. The findings of the report will be included in an abridged report.

Research activity Support to Monitoring and Research Capacity:

- Delays in payment of the facilitator of the research conference
- the contract with the contractor was reviewed and the whole process took 3 months.
- Purchase order was suspended in June with notification to programme officer in November
- Payments due in October have still to be effected

These bottlenecks are particularly problematic for a project that aims at enhancing capacity of an under-resourced local institution which cannot dispose of other funds to implement the activities.

Delays in payment and extension of contract of peacebuilding consultant:

- The first payment took over 4 months to be released
- Two contract extension were delayed of one month each

OVERALL: No addition to 2011 and 2012 Annual Reports as indicated above.

D. List the key partnerships and collaborations, and explain how such relationships impact on the achievement of results.

2011: The collaborations generated through the activities of project 4 encompassed a wide range of actors: UN agencies involved (or not) in the PBP, national and local institutions, civil society organisations and the donor community. Collaboration has taken often the form of consultation meetings, information sharing platforms and, in some cases, it has been formalised with the creation of contracts for project implementation.

a) Collaboration with UN agencies and impact on results.

UN agencies involved in the PBP, as well as members of the UN Country Team and the UN Team in Acholi were consulted on every activity planned and implemented under Project 4. In particular, comments and advice was sought on strategies, internal report. In some cases UN agencies participated in panels for technical validation of the findings emerging from the studies commissioned by the RC Office. After advertisement of openings for PBP positions under project 4, UN agencies were involved in the evaluation panels mandated to review applications, proposals, contractors' requirements.

Contributions and feedback from colleagues has made it possible to adopt a more gender sensitive approach in four research activities. Technical guidance and additional information corroborated the findings of the research framework. Constant feedback on the EMIS system has allowed the RCO team to turn it into a user-friendly tool and an innovative platform for information sharing.

It is though in the area of coordination that project 4 has been particularly successful. Coordination has created synergies which resulted in enhanced cooperation within and across joint programmes. This has brought, for instance, slow starters to catch up with implementation. Coordination has also proven to be a resourceful approach for field monitoring visits. From a programme perspective, coordination meetings and joint monitoring visits have triggered synergies whereby agencies could support each other exploiting their comparative advantage. For instance, UNCDF has conducted local economy and business assessments in 4 districts which raised concerns about GBV. UNFPA provided its support by linking UNCDEF with the implementing partners involved on GBV projects.

b) Consultations with national and local authorities.

Activities implemented under project four were presented and validated at national level through the Technical Advisory Panel meetings and one Joint Steering Committee meeting (the second, as mentioned above,took place in February 2012). Regular updates were also given to the Regional Assistant Commissioner for the Peace Recovery and Development Plan (PRDP) in OPM. He was also involved in openings of orientation meetings on PBP. Local government was also informed of the RC Office's activities under the PBP. Regular presentations on the advancement of the programme was equally done to the PRDP TWG and the Resident Coordinator's Office participated actively in the elaboration of PRDP 2.

c) Collaboration and consultation with civil society organisation and impact on results.

One civil society organisation (Human Rights Focus) and Gulu University have been contracted to carry out some long term trend analyses.

Additionally civil society organisations were consulted for some technical validation of the research framework and related studies. The reports on mental health and good practices in land conflict resolution benefited of these technical contributions. Data were cross-checked and research approaches became more comprehensive.

d) Consultation with development partners.

Partners have been involved in consultation processes, especially with regard to the reports on Mental Health and Land.For coordination purposes, the Northern Uganda Recovery and Development group (based in Kampala) and the Development Partners' group in Acholi received updates on a monthly basis.

2012 : PARTNERSHIP OHCHR, RCO and Refugee Law Project:

Cost sharing of communications and advocay activities were established during the research conference. In that occasion OHCHR contributed to the production of a number of communication products and Refugee Law Project sponsored the participation of Government Officials as well as Local Government leadership.

PARTNERSHIP OHCHR, Refugee Law Project, RCO, Gulu University and Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies (IPSS):

An interesting synergy that emerged in 2012 concerns the federation of resource centres on Peacebuilding. In the preliminary meeting it was established that:

- -Important establishing synergies between the different centres by publicizing in each resource centre activities and facilities of the other centres. (January or upon completion of the resource centres RLP and Gulu Uni)
- -Kitgum National Memorial Doc. Centre has the potential to serve as base for field research in the eastern part of the region important that a liaison is established with scholars and students of Gulu Uni and Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies (IPSS) (to be determined)
- -OHCHR has worked on a law curriculum for the IPSS and on modules for public lectures on Transitional Justice. This support could be extended to Gulu UNI. Paul OHCHR available for public lectures on Transitional Justice (January)
- -Gulu University to hold a stakeholder meeting and further discuss synergies between the centres: JRP, World Vision and other stakeholders will be invited (January)
- -Engage with the office of Gulu District Chairman LCV and further discuss the interest of the district in peacebuilding and memorialization and in setting up a network of resource centres.

PARTNERSHIP RCO, HURIFO, Northern Uganda Land Platform:

Since October 2011 RCO and Hurifo are part of the Northern Uganda Land Platform, which assembles key civil society organisations, multilateral and bilateral partners as well as technical local government officials to strategically address land disputes in Northern Uganda.

The Northern Uganda Land Platform has served as coordination mechanism to:

- Disseminate findings of the research studies: Good Practices in Land Conflict Mediation and Land Conflict Monitoring and Mapping Tool
- Conduct advocacy over formulation of Land Policy

HURIFO has also supported technically the Acholi Leaders Committee on Land, which gathers District Chairmen of the region, elders, religious and opinion leaders. The Committee will be presenting a proposal to the Ministry of Land on how to include principles and practices of customary tenure in the Land Policy.

OVERALL: No addition to 2011 and 2012 Annual Reports as indicated above.

E. Other highlights and cross-cutting issues pertinent to the results being reported on.

2011: The e-MIS has provided strong support to information sharing and it has effectively facilitated monitoring.

Research on conflict drivers has shaped a new terminology that is now adopted and in use among peacebuilding practitioners. It has also contributed to shift attention of policy makers and the recovery donor community to land, youth unemployment and marginalization/vulnerability issues (i.e. mental health).

The organisation of events such as Peace Day and the media campaign organised around it have raised awareness in Uganda of the achievements that Acholiland has secured in terms of peace and stability. This gave a strong political momentum to the event and catalysed attention on the UN PBP. Four Ministers of State were present (Disaster Preparedness, Youth Affairs, Gender Labour and Social Development, Northern Uganda Rehabilitation).

PBP coordination structures and activities are tightly intertwined with the coordination structures/fora of the UN Area Coordination system. The overall consistency of the Programme results strengthened and so its compliance to national priorities (PRDP).

Finally, it is important to note that the lessons learned from the UN Peacebuilding Programme have already benefitted the UN system in moving forward with a Delivering as One approach. The UNCT decided, in its DaO strategy paper adopted in June 2011, to use the work of the PBP and northern Uganda as a pilot for DaO. This has meant, for example, that the eMIS system - after piloting in the PBP - has been opened up also for UNDAF, PRDP and JP reporting. Branding guidelines, a UN logo, and a joint field monitoring tool are other products that have benefited UN Uganda.

2012: Following the suspension of aid funds to PRDP, impact on service provision and recovery trends (indicators in Education, Judiciary, Water and Sanitation, Roads, Health and Food Security sectors) should be particularly monitored. The same kind of monitoring should apply to local government capacity. Since the beginning of the investigations by the Auditor General, the OPM Regional Assistant Commissioner has not been present in the Regional Office in Gulu. The OPM Deputy Recovery Adviser was suspended from service by PS OPM following the withdrawal of contributions by UK-Aid.

OVERALL: No addition to 2011 and 2012 Annual Reports as indicated above.

	Performan ce Indicators	Indicator Baselines	Planned Indicator Targets	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance (if any)	Source of Verificatio n	Comments (if any)
Outcome 1: Imp	roved coordina	tion, commu	nications and	l resource mobilisation			
Output 1.1: Coordination activities implemented	Indicator 1.1.1. Percentage of coordinatio n activities conducted as planned	0%	100%	1. Conducted one coordination planning retreat at Chobe. All participating UN agencies were represented; RC closed the meeting. Commitments on common planning and monitoring tools were reached and coordination between JPs was enhanced. Percentage Achievement: 10.0% 2. Updated government and development partners on the implementation of the PBF in June Percentage Achievement: 10.0% 3. UNCT endorsed the UN Peacebuilding Programme as a pilot in its strategy paper on Delivering as One approach in Uganda Percentage Achievement: 10.0% 4. Regular updating during the UNT Acholi monthly meetings conducted; participation in and support to Acholi coordination meetings provided. Percentage Achievement: 10.0% 5. Held a TAP meeting with Government representation in April; agreed on mid-term evaluation framework and operational research		Coordinatio n activity reports	

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				Total Percentage Achievement for this Indicator: 100.0%			
Output 1.2: Joint communications activities conducted	Indicator 1.2.1. Percentage of joint communicat ions activities implemente d as planned	0%	100%	1. Overall communications strategy and International Peace Day celebration plans drafted. Percentage Achievement: 5.0% 2. PBF brochure and publication of "Workshop Proceedings on Physical Infrastructure in Northern Uganda" are ongoing Percentage Achievement: 10.0% 3. PBF branding signage guidelines completed in line with OPM guidance Percentage Achievement: 10.0% 4. The UN Acholi Newsletter for September-December 2011 focused on Peacebuilding in Acholi Percentage Achievement: 2.0% 5. Peace Debate attended by over 300 people in Gulu on 20 September 2011, in conjunction to the 2011 Peace Day Celebration. Percentage Achievement: 5.0% 6. Peace Day Celebrations in Gulu attended by 20,000 local people on 21 September 2011, with the participation of four state ministers.	The conduct of the Peace Conference attended by high government officials and donors have significantly contributed to and solidified the UN's role in Peacebuilding in Uganda.	Joint Communica tions Plan, activity reports and communicat ion products	

Percentage Achievement: 10.0%
7. Overall communications strategy
approved by TAP in July
Percentage Achievement: 10.0%
8. The following PBF communications
products developed, produced and
disseminated/conducted in conjunction
with the 2011 Peace Day Celebration:
500 PBF stickers; 20,000 peace
advocacy flyers translated to the local
language of Luo; Seven radio talk show
programmes on peace (3 in Kampala
and 4 in Gulu); 236 peace advocacy
messages on radio ran for over one
week (100 on 2 stations in Gulu and
136 on 3 stations in Kampala); and Ten
peace advocacy messages ran on the
National TV network for over one
week.
Percentage Achievement: 10.0%
9. Two research reports published and
disseminated: Best Practices on Land
Conflict Resolutions, and Mental
Health
Percentage Achievement: 10.0%
10. Peacebuilding conference
communication products developed and
dessiminated during the conference:
conference abstract book, conference
folder, conference banners, conference
posters, and radio talk shows and media
coverage
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7. Mental Health Assessment in Northern Uganda completed and all products delivered Percentage Achievement: 5.0%
8. PBF JPs agreed to adapt the Joint Field Monitoring Concept Notes as the General Framework for PBF joint monitoring. This will be first applied for the 3rd quarter. Percentage Achievement: 5.0%
9. Initial steps on the Land Conflict Monitoring Tool completed. Workshop with stakeholders held, Timely submission of activity reports and inception report. Percentage Achievement: 2.0%
10. Initial steps on Support to Monitoring and Research Capacity completed. Inception document submitted, preparation of Research Conference (12-13 April)0 started. Percentage Achievement: 2.0%
11. Study on Youth Taxonomy and Youth Vulnerability near completion. Data collection and analysis concluded, first draft report produced. Percentage Achievement: 2.0%

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				12. Study on Good Practices on Land Conflict Resolution is completed. An academic paper and a report were developed. Wide technical consultation was carried out. Percentage Achievement: 5.0% 13. Joint field monitoring (JFM) visits have been conducted by the three PBF joint programmes as planned: JPs 1 and 2 conducted JFM on 05-09 December 2011 while JP3 conducted JFM on 26-27 October 2011. Percentage Achievement: 10.0% 14. Joint monitoring visits have been conducted by the three joint programmes as planned: JP 3 on February 29 - March 1, 2012, and JPs1 and 2 jointly on March 26-30, 2012. Percentage Achievement: 10.0% 15. Final joint field monitoring conducted by all joint programmes Percentage Achievement: 24.0%			
				Total Percentage Achievement for this Indicator: 100.0%			
Output 2.2: E-based management information system (MIS)	Indicator 2.2.1. e-based MIS being utilized and	0	yes	1. PBF eMIS has been developed and participating agencies have begun populating the database with planning and monitoring data Percentage Achievement: 30.0%	The eMIS which has been initially developed only for the monitoring and reporting of the	Functional e-based Managemen t Information	

developed and installed by Project staff (qualitative indicator)	2. Two eMIS trainings were held, one in Kampala and the other in Gulu, with participation from all participating UN agencies. Consultant has been on hand two weeks since the training to ensure all final bugs are addressed in the system. Percentage Achievement: 30.0% 3. Refresher session on eMIS has been conducted for agencies. Percentage Achievement: 10.0% 4. PBF eMIS is now fully functional with minimal upgrades and maintenance Percentage Achievement: 20.0% 5. PBF eMIS online version is now fully functional and being utilized by PBF implementing agencies. Percentage Achievement: 10.0% 6. The eMIS has been expanded to include monitoring of the UNDAF, PRDP and other Joint Programmes beyond Peacebuilding programmes has been aknowledged by the PBSO HQ as a best practice in M&E, and in the same vein has also been acknowledged by the UNCT Uganda by having it expanded for use by all UN joint programmes in the country.
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7. The eMIS has also been expanded to include reporting on joint monitoring visits which allows the user to compare achievements, issues, challenges and recommendations on similar themes, beneficiaries and districts. *Percentage Achievement: 10.0%* 8. eMIS was updated to include new UN contribution form for PRDP2 *Percentage Achievement: 10.0%*	
Total Percentage Achievement for this Indicator: 130.0%	

V. FUTURE WORK PLAN

A. Summarize the projected activities and expenditures for the programme period.

2011 : Priority actions

- *Exploit PBP coordination systems to channel Agencies' attention on exit strategies and resource mobilization, besides regular monitoring.
- *Organisation of a research conference on Peacebuilding (4-5 April 2012)
- *Accelerate production of deliverables of research activities.
- *Emphasise importance of joint monitoring visits.
- *Produce a report on best practices and lessons learnt by June 2012.

2012:

OVERALL: Only the research studies by Gulu University and HURIFO are ongoing, hopefully to be completed by financial closure of PBP 4 in end-March 2013.

B. Indicate any major adjustments in strategies, targets or key outcomes and outputs planned.

2011: No major variation to strategies, targets, outcomes and outputs in programme for next year. No additional budget required.

2012: Revision of a set of deliverables for Gulu University. This change has not had any major repercussion on key strategies, targets, outcomes or outputs planned.

OVERALL: No adjustments in strategies, targets, outcomes or outputs.

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