



## PEACEBUILDING FUND

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### PROJECT HALF YEARLY PROGRESS UPDATE

AS OF JANUARY – JUNE 2013

<b>Project No &amp; Title:</b>	PBF/IRF-56 Support to the National Dialogue Process in Yemen		
<b>Recipient Organization(s)<sup>1</sup>:</b>	<b>Recipient UN Organization:</b> <b>Component 1: DPA</b> <b>Component 2: UNDP, UNFPA-UN Women, UNHCR, UNICEF</b> <b>Component 3: UNDP</b>		
<b>Implementing Partners (Government, UN agencies, NGOs etc)</b>	Preparatory Committee for the National Dialogue Conference, Secretariat for the Preparatory Committee, Secretariat for the National Dialogue Conference, Civil Society, Women's Groups, Adolescent groups, Media outlets, National Women's Committee, National NGOs		
<b>Location:</b>	Yemen		
<b>Total Approved Budget<sup>2</sup></b>	\$2M		
<b>Funds Committed<sup>3</sup></b>		<b>% of funds committed / total approved budget:</b>	
<b>Expenditure<sup>4</sup>: (Total expenditure and commitment)</b>	UNDPA: \$978,848 UNDP : \$108,626 UNFPA : \$205,697 UNWomen: \$64,713 UNHCR: \$61,177 UNICEF: \$173,340 UNDP-UNIC: \$236,898	<b>% of expenditure / total budget: (Delivery rate)</b>	
<b>Project Approval Date:</b>		<b>Possible delay in operational closure date (Number of months)</b>	No-cost project extension of 6 months has been approved.
<b>Project Start Date:</b>	15 July 2012		
<b>Expected Operational Project Closure Date:</b>	15 January 2014		

<sup>1</sup> Please note that where there are multiple agencies, only one consolidated project report should be submitted.

<sup>2</sup> Approved budget should be the amount transferred to Recipient Organisations

<sup>3</sup> Funds committed are defined as the commitments made through legal contracts for services and works according to the financial regulations and procedures of the Recipient Organisations.

<sup>4</sup> Actual payments (contracts, services, works) made on commitments.

<sup>5</sup> Reference to be made to outcomes of the Priority Plan or PBF Performance Management Plan (PMP)

<p><b>PBF Outcome Area<sup>5</sup></b></p>	<p><b><u>PBF Priority Area 1: Support to Implementation of Peace Agreements and Political Dialogue;</u></b></p> <p><b>Project Outcome 1:</b> The Implementation of the Transition Agreement is advanced through the organization of an inclusive, transparent, meaningful and participatory National Dialogue Conference, shaping the peaceful future of Yemen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Output:</b> A well-resourced Secretariat -both during the preparatory phase and the Conference –provides the needed administrative, technical and substantive support to the National Dialogue Conference.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>PBF Priority Area 2: Promote Coexistence and Peaceful Resolution of Conflict;</u></b></p> <p><b>Project Outcome 2:</b> Yemenis, in particular, the women’s groups, civil society, adolescents, and IDPs are empowered to engage and participate effectively in peace-building efforts through the national dialogue processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Output:</b> Stakeholders are able to participate effectively in democratic processes including the National Dialogue by advocating for and negotiating their respective interests.</li> </ul> <p><b>Project Outcome 3:</b> National reconciliation process and democratic values are strengthened through public awareness and enhanced access to the national dialogue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Output:</b> Public at large is able to access information on the dialogue process and provide inputs into the debate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Qualitative assessment of achievements and challenges</b></p>	<p><b>I. ACHIEVEMENTS:</b></p> <p><b><u>PBF Priority area 1; Project Outcome 1:</u></b> By March 2013, Yemen launched the National Dialogue Conference and was on track to implement the Transition Agreement (signed in November 2011). The Conference includes representation from all parts of Yemen and all of its largest social and political groups, including 29% women and 28% youth (inclusive, participative). By June 2013 the first round of Working Group sessions were completed and a report of the outcomes was generated. On 8 June, the second plenary session was launched, which was televised and welcomed by international observers (transparent). The report demonstrated that the Conference was making good progress towards outcomes, and the quality of recommendations on issues of political participation for women and youth, social and economic principles, commitments on IDPs, etc., demonstrated the impact of technical advice provided to the Conference through UN agencies.</p> <p>The process has required the ongoing close attention and mediation by the Special Adviser to the Secretary General on Yemen, and support from the National Dialogue Secretariat: at several points there have been temporary walk-outs and suspensions of the participation of some groups including those from the Sada’a region (Al Houthis) and from the South (Hiraak).</p> <p><b><u>Output 1:</u></b></p> <p>The project established a Secretariat to support the preparatory phase of the National Dialogue and provided technical advice to the Preparatory Committee in the end 2012 and beginning of 2013. The National Dialogue Secretariat to support the Conference was established and fully operational by end March 2013. Resources financed by this project were used to leverage international support for a larger programme of assistance to the National Dialogue Secretariat, the Conference and additional outreach activities (budget \$23.1m). OSASG provided technical expertise throughout the process and provided substantial logistical support. During the first</p>

round of the working groups national and international consultations were provided to support and facilitate the sessions of the working groups. Working papers were produced as needed for the working groups including on governance finance, conflict resolution, women and youth, and constitutional issues. The Special Adviser conducted a field trip to Hodeida to strengthen understanding of concerns particular to the people of that region, including with Al Hiraak Al Tehami. Town hall meetings with the Special Adviser for women and youth were also organized to ensure transparent participation of these groups from outside the National Dialogue. Furthermore, the UN has enabled a Yemeni-led coordination of international support to the National Dialogue and relevant outreach activities.

**PBF Priority area 2; Project Outcome 2:** A package of UN-agency activities continued to strengthen coalitions, raise awareness about the National Dialogue, facilitate intra-group dialogues, create space for voices of key constituency groups, and - in some cases - develop recommendations for national policy to be presented to the Conference and inform its deliberations.

**Output 1:**

Outreach activities and support to strengthen the participation of women, IDPs and Adolescents were completed by end 2012 by UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA and UNWomen.

During this period the following were achieved :

- Facilitating the meaningful participation of children/adolescents, through awareness-raising sessions and trainings (21 field coordinators and 53 trainers trained to conduct and facilitate consultations with 15 -17 year olds). Consultations held with adolescents in 10 governorates. These interventions covered students, persons with disabilities, orphans, internally displaced persons (IDPs), marginalized persons, trafficked children, child soldiers, child marriage, children in contact with the law and child labourers., reaching 1,351 adolescents (693 males and 658 females).

80 consultations (hearing sessions and facilitated discussions) on a week in a child's life were held. Life story interviews have so far been completed in 9 of the 10 governorates. Adolescent-led initiatives have also been completed in 14 of the 21 targeted governorates reaching 560 adolescents (280 male/280 female).

These results focused mainly on the rights of children and issues affecting their physical, psychological and social wellbeing, offering possible recommendations and thereby contributing to the promotion of tolerance, acceptance and cohesion amongst adolescents themselves and between adolescents and adults. (UNICEF)

- Supporting capacity building for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) during the National Dialogue: Material and technical support were provided to national CSOs regarding enhancing participation in public debates. This support through three activities :

(i) A training of trainers (27 participants, April 2013) on public debating, negotiation, and public presentation skills.

(ii) Three workshops on drafting, analyzing and finalizing the CSO Vision for the NDC (16 participants/16 governorates). Workshops included flip chart and

video documentations of participants' dialogue and agreements on different issues.

(iii) Three sessions to develop a Youth policy proposal delivered in partnership with the Yemeni Youth Observatory Foundation (22 NDC youth representative). 450 copies of the proposal were distributed to the NDC delegates. (UNDP)

**Outcome 3: Based on the PBF Priority Areas,** Over the period several media/communications outputs were produced, including:

Further support to the media sub-committee of the Technical Committee for the National Dialogue preparatory committee members (strategic advice for the communications and public information campaign ahead of the NDC). This advice was reflected in the final draft of the Committee's communications strategy.

Support was provided to the Technical Committee and the National Dialogue Secretariat on development of a NDC logo, a television advertisement informing about the application process for the non-politically affiliated seats at the Conference, development of the first town hall event (in collaboration with NDI), production of a musical for the Conference opening ceremony (also used in live showings in seven governorates, and disseminated through 5,000 copies), design and development of a Conference citizens' - named 'Dialogue in a Box' - toolkit (pen, stickers, Conference pin, 13 flashcards on each Conference topic, and booklet on the structure and purpose of the Conference) which was distributed to 6,000 people (UNDP).

## **II. ACHEIVMENTS TO BE EXPECTED:**

### **PBF Priority area 1; Project Outcome 1:**

The success that the NDC in Yemen has accomplished is remarkable. The main milestones of the transition are largely being achieved according to plan, and the mediation efforts of the Special Adviser to keep all political stakeholders participating in this inclusive and transparent process have been important. The NDC is reaching its conclusion, which will be followed by a constitution-making process, and this will be facilitated by an OSASG-facilitated conference of international experts in Morocco in July to advise on planning for the post-NDC phase. Under the IRF project, OSASG will continue to provide technical assistance and expertise through consultation and mediation initiatives as needed. In Sana'a two televised town hall meetings will be conducted. Another two field trips to Sa'ada (July) and another location (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2013) will be conducted.

Outcome 1:

The technical support will continue for the NDC in the next reporting period, and with the extension more efforts will be devoted to support the final report of the first phase (NDC) and to support the Constitutional Drafting Committee Secretariat.

### **PBF Priority area 2; Project Outcome 2:**

Output 1:

- Adolescent-led initiatives will be conducted in the remaining seven governorates reaching an additional 280 adolescents (140 boys and 140 girls). A comprehensive public information campaign targeting adolescents nationwide through songs, posters, roll up stands, T-shirts, radio episodes and wristbands has been developed and designed. The public information campaign will be

launched during the last week of July. Finally the National Children's Conference scheduled to be held in September.(UNICEF)

- With the new extension and slight modifications on the fund, the UNDPA will focus in bringing women and youth to form an alliance to amplify their influence on the National Dialogue. A centre for women and youth has been launched (July), and will be used to host their meetings to discuss women and youth concerns and revert feedback to the working groups. The center will provide an opening for the participation of women and youth from outside the Dialogue. These sessions and meetings are facilitated by national and international consultants to support women and youth in formulating their issues and addressing them (UNDPA)
- The CSOs who has received Training of the Trainers trainings will be providing trainings for another 160 CSOs to reach the targeted 300 CSOs.

**PBF Priority area 2; Project Outcome 3:**

**Output1:**

- With 6,000 NDC citizens toolkit distributed through UNDP, CSOs and NDC members, an additional 4,000 toolkits with a revised booklet and flashcards specific to hosting local meetings and producing tangible outcomes have been developed, in order to deliver more to the NDC and CSO networks across the country.

**INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT:** *Using the Programme Results Framework from the Project Document - provide an update on the achievement of indicators at both the outcome and output level in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, clear explanation should be given explaining why, as well as plans on how and when this data will be collected.*

	<b><u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)</b>	<b>Source of Verification</b>
<p><b>Outcome 1<sup>6</sup>:</b> The implementation of the Transition Agreement is advanced through the organization of an inclusive, transparent, meaningful and participatory National Dialogue Conference, shaping the peaceful future of Yemen.</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> Existence of a consensus signed off by the representatives of the key stakeholders groups of the future roadmap for the national dialogue.</p> <p>A National Dialogue Conference Plan and Rules of Procedure that are agreed upon and that promote transparency, inclusivity and a participatory process.</p> <p>Increased confidence and trust of the participants that the national conference is inclusive and transparent.</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> Contact Committee formed.</p> <p><b>Planned Target:</b> End July 2013</p>	<p>Consensus achieved in Contact Committee. National Dialogue Conference Preparatory Committee (Technical Committee) Report submitted to the President. Work has already commenced and the conference started and reached midpoint June with the support of a fully functioning secretariat.</p>	<p>Preparatory Committee report submission was delayed from October to December.</p>	<p>Attendance list Conference report</p> <p>Formal signed-off agreement</p> <p>Perception survey</p> <p>Consultative process in selection of representations</p>
<p><b>Output 1.1:</b> A well-resourced Secretariat both during the preparatory phase and the Conference provides the needed administrative, technical and substantive support to the National Dialogue Conference.</p>	<p>1.1.1: Preparatory Committee was established and completed its activity during the first quarter of the project and the Secretariat was established and was fully functional starting April 2013.</p>	<p>With the delay of the preparatory report in the beginning of the project all time line was pushed for the conference in Feb. But there was no variance with the</p>	<p>Quarterly reports</p> <p>Report of first round of the working groups</p> <p>Specific reports resulting from the consultations,</p>

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<p><b>Indicator 1.1.1:</b> Preparatory Committee and Secretariat are fully functional.  <b>Baseline:</b> No Preparatory Committee or Secretariat established.  <b>Planned Target:</b> End July 2013</p> <p><b>Indicator 1.1.2:</b> -# of facilitated preliminary consultations that have engaged the views of all relevant stakeholders.  <b>Baseline:</b> None held.  <b>Planned Target:</b> End July 2013</p>	<p>1.1.2: 120 facilitated preliminary consultations with a variety of groups, including Preparatory Committee, political parties (JMP &amp; GPC), youth, women’s groups, CSOs, Houthis, and Hiraak.</p> <p>12 consultants were contracted to provide technical support in various subjects (Women and Youth, Governance finance , constitution , conflict resolution )</p> <p>-one retreat with Southern Leaders to facilitate participation / reduced opposition to Dialogue. (Dubai in March)</p> <p>25 Options/background papers prepared in total. A paper was prepared in lessons learned from other national dialogue experience.</p> <p>-1 field trip to Hodida governorate to meet with local population and stakeholders to media and reach consensus.</p>	<p>Feb planned activities.</p>	<p>from the Strategic Retreat</p>
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<p><b>Outcome 2: Yemenis, in particular, the women's groups, civil society, adolescents, and IDPs are empowered to engage &amp; participate effectively in peace-building efforts through the national dialogue processes</b></p> <p><b>Indicator: Representation of groups having access to the national dialogue through # of representatives of key stakeholders (disaggregated per: women's groups, adolescents, CSOs, Political Parties, IDPs) participating to the National Dialogue Conference.</b></p> <p><b>Baseline: No participation</b>  <b>Planned Target: July 2013</b></p>	<p>Achieved. A minimum of 20% 'youth' and 30% women for all constituencies in the National Dialogue.</p>	<p>No variance</p>	<p>National Dialogue Secretariat reports.</p>
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<p><b>Output 2.1: Adolescents, youths, IDPs, women including marginalized, minorities etc provided with relevant skills and assisted in creating platforms and fora for inclusive and participatory engagement at all levels (district, governorate, national) on issues pertaining to peace, reconciliation, justice, rights amongst others</b></p> <p><b>Indicator 2.1.1: IDPs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of IDPs trained</li> <li>• Number of consultation meetings held among IDP communities and/or meetings that IDPs participate in.</li> </ul> <p><b>Baseline: 0</b>  <b>Planned Target: (UNHCR , 300 IDPs /Host Community on FGDs and 90-120 IDP Representative to workshops (420 IDP/host community in Total) ), End July 2013</b></p> <p><b>Indicator 2.1.2: Adolescents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of consultations held at district and governorate levels involving adolescents</li> <li>• Number of representatives of the children/ adolescents participate in the national dialogues and constitution making processes</li> <li>• Outcome document of the children/adolescents' conference incorporated in the national dialogue, transitional justice and constitution making processes</li> </ul> <p><b>Baseline: 0</b>  <b>Planned Target: July 2013</b></p>	<p>2.1.1 None during this reporting period and results achieved in the first quarter.</p> <p>2.1.2 UNICEF: The interventions have reached 1,351 adolescents (693 males and 658 females).</p> <p>80 consultation sessions were held in 10 governorates 40 for boys and 40 for girls .</p> <p>21 field coordinator and 53 trainers were trained from all governorates across the country to facilitate consultations and adolescents led initiatives.</p> <p>2.1.3 None in this quarter but activities completed in the first quarter of the project</p>	<p>2.1.1 Exceeded targeted number</p> <p>2.1.2 No Variance</p>	<p>2.1.1 UNHCR on IDPs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 consolidated FGDs outcome Reports</li> <li>-3 Workshop Reports</li> <li>-1 Consolidated end of project report</li> </ul> <p>2.1.2 UNICEF on adolescents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Outcome document of children/ adolescent's conference</li> <li>-UNICEF quarterly and end of year review reports</li> <li>-UNICEF and partner</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Indicator 2.1.3: Women</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Women trained on women issues in preparation for the ND. (target: 4 trainings)</li> <li>• # of workshops held on discussing women issues in the ND (target: 5 workshops (3 in Sana'a and 2 at governorate level))</li> <li>• # of meetings (including informal ones culturally formed by women – ie afternoon tea talk) held on discussing women issues in the ND (target: 40 meetings )</li> <li>• # of meetings and workshops that have diverse composite of women participation (conservative, socialist ,youth, politest)</li> <li>• Outreach to Yemeni people on women's issues (related to National Dialogue) conducted through use of IT/ media (target: 10,000)</li> </ul> <p>Baseline: 0 Planned Target: July 2013</p>	<p>UNDP coordinated the CSOs alliance to collectively produced a CSO Vision on the ND document and was submitted to ND. 140 CSO members from Sana'a and other 15 governorates attended different ToT workshops who intern will train another 160 to reach the targeted 300.</p>	<p>2.1.3 No variance</p>	<p>NGOs field monitoring reports</p> <p>2.1.3 UNFPA/UN Women on Women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Surveys passed out at the end of each training</li> <li>-Participation list created, distributed and recorded for end project report</li> <li>-Meeting invitation list is established with diverse representation</li> <li>-Final count on the number of visitors to the website</li> <li>-Count of mobile use to reach out and communicate to</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Outcome 3:</b> National reconciliation process and democratic values are strengthened through public awareness and participation in the national dialogue.</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Planned Target:</b> None.</p>	<p>No indicator</p>		
<p><b>Output 3.1:</b> Public at large is able to access information on the dialogue process and provide inputs into the debate.</p> <p><b>Indicator 3.1.1:</b> Increased awareness of the population of the existence and inclusivity of the national dialogue process</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> 0</p> <p><b>Planned Target:</b> July 2013</p> <p><b>Indicator 3.1.2:</b> Implementation plan for consultative process and methodology for engagement developed (IDPs (UNHCR): 300 IDPs /Host Community on FGDs and 90-120 IDP Representative to workshops (420 IDP/host community in total), End of 2012</p>	<p>3.1.1 UNDP started in the first quarter and continued during this reporting period with the following :</p> <p>TV:</p> <p>12 animated videos produced</p> <p>3 camera shot motivational pieces produced</p> <p>7 camera shot citizens/CNDC/CSO pieces on select topics of the CNDC</p> <p>Radio:</p> <p>4 dramas between wife and husband/father and son</p> <p>2 dramas done in regional accents for regional radio</p> <p>3.1.2 Achieved in the first quarter of the project in 2012.</p>	<p>3.1.1 Mostly achieved with some delays because of the slow approval of the CNDC Secretariat or slow action from UNDP procurement.</p> <p>3.1.2</p>	<p>3.1.1-4 Monitoring mechanisms by responsible agencies (UNDP, UNFPA-UN Women, UNICEF, UNHCR) and their implementing partners</p>

<p><b>Baseline: 0</b> <b>Planned Target: July 2013</b></p> <p><b>Indicator 3.1.3:</b> Number of awareness campaigns conducted (disaggregated urban/rural areas) <b>Baseline: 0</b> <b>Planned Target: July 2013</b></p> <p><b>Indicator 3.1.4:</b> Extensive hits and constructive comments on the social media</p>	<p>3.1.3 Completed in the first quarter of the project in 2012.</p> <p>During this reporting period :</p> <p>UNDP coordinated with 300 key CSOs related to the NDC mainly rural-based: The CSOs collectively produced a CSO Vision on the ND and submitted a Youth Policy Proposal to the ND</p> <p>140 CSO members from Sana'a and other governorates attended different training workshops.</p> <p>1 town hall meeting was conducted for women and youth chaired by the SA with around 180 attendees 80% women.</p> <p>3.1.4 UNDP-Media: Musical/Live Shows/Video Messages: CNDC used the musical for the opening Live shows used as sessions with the public about issues Public feedback collated and designed in</p>	<p>3.1.3 Target was 300 CSO for the training and The other 160 CSO members will be trained by the 27 CSO Trainers who attended a TOT with the Project. The training will take place during July and August 2013 by CSOs.</p> <p>3.1.4</p>	
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<p>platform  <b>Baseline: 0</b>  <b>Planned Target: July 2013</b></p>	<p>“Messages from our Hearts,” a series of videoed public statements to the CNDC on select issues.</p> <p>UNDP- Citizens Toolkit</p> <p>4,000 produced with 6,000 being printed with new booklets and flashcards on how to host regional meetings with targeted outcomes</p>		
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