



LIBERIA

PROJECT HALF YEARLY PROGRESS UPDATE

PERIOD COVERED: JANUARY – JUNE 2014

Project No & Title:	PBF/LBR/A-8: Support for the Extension and Functioning of the Government of Liberia Peacebuilding Office/PBF Secretariat and for Monitoring and Evaluation of the PBF Portfolio (Project ID: 00081529)		
Recipient Organization(s)¹:	UNDP		
Implementing Partners (Government, UN agencies, NGOs etc):	Peacebuilding Office (PBO)		
Location:	Liberia		
Total Approved Budget :²	US\$ 1,577,506		
Preliminary data on funds committed: ³	US\$ 1,565,000	% of funds committed / total approved budget:	99%
Expenditure⁴:	US\$ 1,565,000	% of expenditure / total budget: (Delivery rate)	99%
Project Approval Date:	7 February 2012	Possible delay in operational closure date (Number of months)	-
Project Start Date:	7 February 2012		
Expected Operational Project Closure Date:	31 October 2014		
Project Outcomes:	Peacebuilding Office in Liberia provides effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and communication on the achievement of the Priority Plan results and the projects that support it		
PBF Focus Area	Support to PBF Secretariat in Liberia		

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

² Approved budget is the amount transferred to Recipient Organisations.

³ 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. Provide preliminary data only.

⁴ Actual payments (contracts, services, works) made on commitments.

Qualitative assessment of progress

<p><i>For each intended outcome, provide evidence of progress during the reporting period.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, for each outcome include the outputs achieved.</i> <i>(500 words max.)</i></p>	<p>Outcome 1: PBO Liberia provides effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and communication on the achievement of the Priority Plan results and the projects that support it.</p> <p>Key contributions towards the overall intended Outcome are specified under the 5 Outputs below.</p> <p>Output 1: PBO as PBF Secretariat effectively coordinates the implementation of the Priority Plan, including the organization of JSC meetings, coordinating the analysis and reporting on PPP outcome results, and facilitating the SMC Reviews</p> <p>Joint Steering Committee (JSC) As Secretariat to the JSC, PBO organized two meetings during the reporting period; one was held on 14 March and another 21 May 2014 respectively. All of the documentation for the meeting including the minutes were prepared by PBO as well as follow-up with JSC members on decisions reached.</p> <p>Statement of Mutual Commitments (SMC) Report The third SMC review was organized and the report prepared by PBO based on inputs from all key stakeholders, and submitted to PBSO NY in the first quarter of 2013. The report provided updates on targets adopted by the Liberia Country Specific Configuration (CSC) of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) and the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) of the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) in Liberia. The Review Report provided an assessment of progress in the implementation of the SMC. The Report focused on the status of implementation during the period from 1 October 2012 to 31 December 2013 and drew upon the progress reports provided by the Government of Liberia, inputs of the members of the Liberia CSC, mission reports of the Chair of the Liberia CSC as well as results from discussions on the implementation of the SMC held in Monrovia in February 2014. The progress report concluded that the commitments agreed upon in the SMC remain valid. The PBC and the Government of Liberia consented to undertake the fourth review of the SMC by January 2015, ideally aligned with a New Deal Compact.</p>
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Support to National Reconciliation

PBO provided technical support in drafting the Terms of Reference of the Ethnographic Study, an output to be delivered by the Independent National Commission on Human Rights. The TOR was published and proposals solicited, but none of the three applications was deemed qualified. The evaluation panel recommended PBO, based on its expertise, to take the lead in working along with INCHR and LISGIS to ensure that the study is conducted.

In April 2014, PBO in collaboration with ACCORD organized a National Reconciliation Forum in Monrovia. The forum brought together 46 key national stakeholders including the Liberia Peace Initiative (LPI) of Ambassador George Weah, representatives from civil society organizations, the Government of Liberia, UNMIL, UN Agencies and donors. One of the specific objectives of the meeting was to undertake a review of the Government peacebuilding and reconciliation processes and activities, with specific focus on the National Strategic Reconciliation Roadmap, by taking stock of what had been achieved and to identify gaps and challenges affecting the smooth acceleration of the Roadmap. Presentations on progress and challenges were made with key recommendations. Among the presenters was Ambassador George Weah (LPI) who has been seen as major factor to sustaining peace and promoting national reconciliation. Finance Minister Amara Konneh committed an amount of US\$ 3 million as government's initial contribution to support the implementation of the Roadmap. Government's commitment was triggered by sustained calls at the meeting for adequate financial support to reconciliation in Liberia. Key recommendations were considered from the meeting, some of which saw the allocation of the US\$ 3 million to partners including the National Civil Society Council to popularize the roadmap. The forum discussed and made practical suggestions to key policy makers on the following:

- Challenges related to implementing the Reconciliation Roadmap
- Peacebuilding and Reconciliation 'Costed' Action Plan and proposed budget
- Peacebuilding and Reconciliation Resource Mobilization Strategy
- Peacebuilding and Reconciliation Trust Fund
- Coordination Mechanism for overseeing the implementation of the Reconciliation Roadmap

Considering the importance of enhancing CSOs' capacity in peacebuilding in response to one of the concerns raised in the meeting, ACCORD provided a one week training to approximately 22 peace actors on 23-27 June 2014 in Monrovia.

Output 2: Priority Plan effectively monitored, reported on and evaluated

M&E Plans of PBF Projects

Given the need to further strengthen M&E systems of NIPs and RUNOs implementing projects under the 2014-2016 Priority Plan, the PBO M&E Unit in January 2014 provided further technical support in fine-tuning their respective M&E plans which are being used to monitor and report on projects.

Progress monitoring and reporting on PBF projects

As the JSC proposed to have brief quarterly progress updates for the various PBF-supported projects, PBO prepared a standard template which was shared with all partners. All the projects prepared and submitted to the JSC (via PBO by mid-April) the requested progress updates for the period January-March 2014. The updates provided the JSC a clear sense of direction in terms of results achieved and emerging challenges of the respective projects. Some of the emerging challenges were addressed in the second quarter of the reporting period based on the proposed way forward.

PBO also developed a user-friendly template for field monitoring trips that was circulated as a service to all PBF project partners (NIPs and RUNOs) to use in case they did not yet have their own monitoring templates; most of them do not. One joint monitoring visit was undertaken by the Land Commission, UN-HABITAT and PBO to the Land Coordination Centre (LCC) in Harper. The LCC is part of the Alternative Land Dispute Resolution project, one of the PBF projects. However, due to the Ebola outbreak two other joint monitoring trips planned for Quarter 1 and 2 had to be postponed. For Quarter 3 and 4 discussions are ongoing with partners to schedule 2 or 3 joint monitoring trips if possible, but the current second Ebola outbreak may prevent this from being done.

The 2013 PBO Annual Report was prepared and submitted to PBSO in January 2014. And on 25 June 2014 PBO organized a briefing for all NIPs and RUNOs on the new template for the half-yearly PBF progress report. Further guidance was provided to some partners bilaterally. The PBO M&E Unit will conduct a quality check of all the half-yearly reports upon receipt in July before officially submitting these reports to PBSO and the MPTF Office.

M&E Capacity Building

During Quarter 1 and 2 of 2014 PBO provided specific technical M&E support and hands-on working sessions to several NIPs including the Land Commission, Constitutional Review Committee, Law Reform Commission and the JSJP Project Management Unit of the JSJP. A more detailed M&E training for National Implementing Partners and UN agencies is planned for Quarter 4.

During Quarter 1 and 2 of 2014 PBO also provided technical advice to the M&E Coordination Unit of the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning on the draft National M&E Capacity Building Plan.

Public Perception Survey on Justice & Security in Bong, Lofa and Nimba counties

Systematic and comprehensive surveys are imperative to measure results at the outcome level. In the first half of 2014 the PBO M&E Unit planned and conducted a Public Perception Survey on Justice and Security in Bong, Lofa and Nimba, i.e. the counties covered by the Gbarnga Regional Hub. The objective is to assess people's perceptions and knowledge of a wide range of issues regarding justice and security. The 2014 study is a mid-line survey following a baseline conducted in June 2012. In Quarter 1 PBO developed a Concept Note including the proposed methodology and sampling framework. Subsequently based on inputs from various justice and security experts a detailed Questionnaire was developed. As in 2013, PBO entered into a collaboration agreement with LISGIS (Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo-Information Services) to provide technical support. Interviewers and team leaders were trained from 2-6 June at the Gbarnga Hub and subsequently the actual data collection (field work) was conducted in the 3 counties from 7-19 June. In July LISGIS will do the data entry and tabulation, while PBO will subsequently conduct the data analysis and prepare the survey report. The survey particularly focuses on people's perceptions and knowledge in the following key areas:

- 1) Security situation in communities (perceptions of crime, violence and personal safety);
- 2) Performance of security service providers, i.e. responsiveness and public confidence;
- 3) Performance of justice service providers, i.e. access to justice and public confidence;
- 4) Engagement with civil society organizations and other actors to provide awareness and advice on access to justice, alternative dispute resolution, human rights, etc.
- 5) Knowledge of and experiences with the various services provided by the Gbarnga Regional Justice and Security Hub.

	<p>Output 3: Key stakeholders adequately capacitated in conflict management and mediation</p> <p>PBO conducted one training in conflict sensitivity in Gbarnga, Bong County, for Assistant County Development Superintendents and County Development Officers from 23 to 25 June 2014. Participants came from 7 counties (Lofa, Bong, Grand Bassa, Margibi, Montserrado and Bomi). The training exposed 21 participants (5 women and 16 men) to conflict sensitive programming, which is expected to help guide the preparation of county development projects and policies. The Gbarnga training is expected to enhance the implementation of conflict sensitive projects in the seven counties. Currently projects are not always necessarily conflict sensitive and have at times triggered some violent conflicts e.g. in Nimba, Bomi and Bong counties.</p> <p>PBO also developed a concept note to train 50 LNP/PSU officers from the Gbarnga Justice and Security Regional Hub in conflict management and mediation. PBO in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs has also developed a concept note to train PBF National Implementing Partners (NIPs) on moving from Direct Implementation to National Implementation (DIM-NIM) modalities as well as to review implementation of the projects’ successes and challenges of the last six months. The training – to be held in July 2014 - will strengthen national partners’ sense of ownership and project implementation.</p>
	<p>Output 4: Key stakeholders adequately receive and understand progress updates on Priority Plan results</p> <p>Given the importance of disseminating progress updates on the Reconciliation Roadmap and the Peacebuilding Priority Plan to stakeholders and the general public, PBO prepared and circulated a communication and outreach proposal, with inputs from relevant stakeholders including UNMIL and UNDP. The draft proposal was also shared with the Ministry of Information and the Liberia Broadcasting System (LBS) to generate wider inputs and get buy-in from these two government institutions. The collaboration is intended to maximize publicity on fostering national consensus and ownership of the National Reconciliation Roadmap through civic engagement and outreach and to solicit grass-roots support, participation and ownership. A follow-up meeting of stakeholders was convened at PBO to finalize the strategy and to commence its operationalization which is still contingent on the availability of adequate funds. In April the Government of Liberia committed an</p>

	<p>amount of US\$ 350,000 to begin rolling out the strategy. PBO populated a financial requirement template issued by the Ministry of Finance to begin an initial process of accessibility; the committed funds can only be accessed during the 2014-2015 GoL fiscal year.</p> <p>PBO Factsheet During the first half of 2014, PBO developed a general factsheet explaining the role of the PBO, PBF and PBSO as well as highlighted a number of examples of achievements by various PBF-supported projects in Liberia under the Priority Pan. The publication also includes details on the different PBF funding mechanisms and eligibility criteria. The factsheet was shared with the JSC, other interested stakeholders, PBSO and published on the PBO website. The initial feedback has been very positive, and the factsheet has increased awareness and clarification on the exact role of the PBF and PBO in Liberia.</p> <p>PBO Website During the period under review, the PBO redesigned and updated its website as part of its overall communication and outreach efforts to enhance the understanding of the PBO and PBF; increase public information on the participation of key stakeholders as well as the implementation of the various PBF-supported initiatives in the area of national reconciliation, justice and security. Upgrading the website was in response to suggestions and recommendations of partners, whose invaluable contributions have strengthened the content of the website which is being accessed by the public on a regular basis.</p>
	<p>Output 5: PBO adequately capacitated to ensure effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and communication</p> <p>Enhancing institutional and staff capacity remains essential to the effective functioning of the PBO. In view of this, the PBO Executive Director and the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) Communication Officer participated in the Summer Peacebuilding Programme from May-June 2014 at the Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia, USA. In addition, in June 2014 the PBO M&E Officer benefitted from a peacebuilding training, with emphasis on conflict analysis and M&E. The one week training held in Monrovia on 23-27 June 2014 was conducted by the African Centre for Conflict Resolution and Disputes (ACCORD) in collaboration with the PBO. The training exposed the M&E officer to</p>

	<p>developing conflict sensitive indicators as well as broadened his knowledge in conflict analysis and mitigation. The training was part of PBO’s capacity building plan, which is intended to enhance capacity both within the PBO and MIA. The MIA Communication Officer has been working with the Local/Traditional Mechanisms for Peace Project, one of the PBF-supported projects, to develop conflict sensitive messages aimed at promoting the objectives of the project. MIA leads the implementation of the National Reconciliation Roadmap.</p>
<p><i>Do you see evidence that the project is having a positive impact on peacebuilding? (250 words max.)</i></p>	<p>The PBO as PBF Secretariat provided key support to the JSC and the various projects during the period under review, for example through coordinating the SMC review process and providing technical support to different partners in monitoring and reporting. Despite certain challenges, there was nevertheless improved coordination and specific decisions were taken by the JSC and other actors to enhance programme delivery.</p>
<p><i>Were there catalytic effects from the project in the period reported, including additional funding commitments or unleashing/unblocking of any peace relevant processes? (250 words max.)</i></p>	<p>The Peace and Reconciliation Forum organized in April was generally considered as an important event that brought all major stakeholders together to prioritize specific interventions to further enhance reconciliation in the country. The Minister of Finance, Hon. Amara Konneh, assured participants of the Government’s commitments and informed that an initial US\$3 million dollars would be included in the Government’s fiscal budget for 2014/2015 to support the implementation of the National Strategic Roadmap on National Healing, Peacebuilding and Reconciliation. It was the first time that Ambassador George Weah, heading the Liberia Peace Initiative (LPI), made a formal presentation stating the LPI’s achievements, challenges and commitment to peace and reconciliation in Liberia. The outcome of the April forum led to another reconciliation meeting organized by Amb. Weah, where he brought together citizens from Nimba and Grand Gedeh Counties, the two main rival counties during the Liberian civil conflict. The initial move by LPI was considered laudable by many political commentators.</p>
<p><i>If progress has been slow or inadequate, provide main reasons and what is being done to address them. (250 words max.)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The full rollout of PBO’s Communication and Outreach Project Proposal during the reporting period was impeded due to a funding gap. The Government has committed US\$ 3 million, of which US\$ 350,000 has been allocated in GoL’s 2014/2015 fiscal budget to support the popularization of the Roadmap. It was agreed that the Liberia Civil Society Council will take the lead on this. 2. Provision of training to security personnel assigned at the Gbarnga Regional Justice and

	<p>Security Hub in conflict mediation mechanism did not take place during the reporting period due to inconclusive technical discussions with their respective leaderships in Monrovia. Discussions have been finalized to implement the training in the 3rd Quarter of 2014 for 50 justice and security personnel.</p> <p>3. Only one joint monitoring visit of a PBF-supported project was carried out during the period under review due to the fact that most of the projects only got started in the course of the first quarter of 2014 and the Ebola outbreak led to two planned visits having to be postponed. For the remainder of 2014 discussions are ongoing with partners to schedule 1 or more joint monitoring trips if possible, but the current second Ebola outbreak might prevent this from being done.</p>
<p><i>What are the main activities/expected results for the rest of the year? (250 words max.)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Full roll-out of PBO Communication and Outreach Proposal in collaboration with partners; 2. Provision of one training in conflict mediation for security personnel assigned at the Gbarnga Regional Justice and Security Hub; 3. Facilitate DIM to NIM (Direct Implementation to National Implementation) training for local partners. This training is expected to be conducted in July 2014 in collaboration with UNDP and the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs. 4. At least two joint monitoring missions of PBF projects (if possible); 5. M&E training for programme staff of PBF-supported projects; 6. Provide technical support to partners including the preparation of their respective project annual reports; 7. Prepare the Justice & Security Public Perception Survey report for Bong, Lofa and Nimba. 8. Coordinate and prepare documentation for two JSC meetings; 9. One technical working session with focal persons to obtain updates on the 2014 SMC targets; 10. Conduct PBO bi-annual and annual review; 11. Preparation of the JSC Annual Report 2014. 12. Preparation of the PBO Annual Report 2014. 13. Work with responsible institutions of Government for the implementation of the projects funded through the Government fiscal budget – to this end review proposals to ensure alignment and synergies with other PBF funded project in support of the Roadmap. 14. Develop an overall programme document that incorporates all the GoL-funded projects into one single document.

	15. Help set up a National Peacebuilding and Reconciliation Steering Committee (NPRSC) that would also act as Project Board.
<i>Is there any need to adjust project strategies/ duration/budget etc.? (500 words max.)</i>	The current implementation modality, whereby UNDP does most of the procurement for the PBO, has to some extent affected the timely delivery of results. It is hoped that the MIA capacity including that of the PBO could be re-assessed so as to determine the preparedness to move from DIM to NIM. Regarding adjustments in the PBO's budget there may be a need for some reallocation of funds from budget lines that were under spent to other budget lines that require additional funding.
Are there any lessons learned from the project in the period reported? (500 words max.)	Regular interaction with key actors in the reconciliation process proved to be worthwhile in achieving results. If George Weah, Liberia's Peace Ambassador had not been persistently contacted by the PBO to make a presentation at the April Reconciliation Forum, his recent initiative to help broker further reconciliation between and among the peoples of Nimba and Grand Gedeh counties may not have been initiated with such vigour. In addition, key policy actors took practical steps to accelerate the implementation of the Reconciliation Roadmap, for example the Minister of Finance committing US\$ 3 million dollars on behalf of Government.
What is the project budget expenditure to date (percentage of allocated project budget expended by the date of the report) – preliminary figures only? (250 words max.)	For the period January-June 2014 the UNDP Combined Delivery Report (CDR) for the project shows that a total of US\$ 401,791 has been expended by 30 June 2014. There were some budget lines that were underspent, e.g. the Justice & Security survey where only US\$ 55,000 was used out of a total of US\$ 60,000 budgeted. The balance funding in these cases will be reprogrammed. Thus far the project delivery rate stands at approximately 35%. Meanwhile several activities were completed during the period, but actual payments were still pending so not yet reflected in the CDR. The overall delivery rate is estimated at 46% when these payments are concluded.
Any other information that the project needs to convey to PBSO (and JSC) at this stage? (250 words max.)	-

INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT: *Using the **Project Results Framework** as per the approved project document- provide an update on the achievement of key indicators at both the outcome and output level in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation in the qualitative text above.*

Outcome/ Outputs	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Outcome 1: Peacebuilding Office provides effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and communication on the achievement of the Priority Plan results and the projects that support it	Outcome Indicator 1: Number of JSC Annual Reports submitted within 7 days of the deadline	Baseline (Dec 2013): 1 (JSC Annual Report 2012)	Target (2016): 5	2 JSC Annual Reports submitted (2012 and 2013)		
	Outcome Indicator 2: Number of JSC Annual Reports of which the quality is rated as “acceptable” by PBSO review team	Baseline (Dec 2013): 1 (JSC Annual Report 2012)	Target (Dec 2016): 5	PBSO to advice on rating. Note: Liberia JSC 2013 report was used as an example for other PBF-supported countries.		
	Outcome Indicator 3: Priority Plan 2013-2016 projects fully meet selection	Baseline (Dec 2013): 4 projects under the LPP 2011-2013	Target (Dec 2016): 9 projects under the PP 2013-2016	9 projects approved and being implemented under the Priority Plan 2013-2016		

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	criteria, including value- for-money criteria					
	Outcome Indicator 4: Key partners (e.g. RUNOs as well as non-UN stakeholders) satisfied with level and timeliness of PBO communication and coordination	Baseline: Partnership baseline survey (online) expected to be conducted in May 2014	Target (Dec 2016): To be determined based on the baseline	First partnership survey conducted as part of the independent evaluation of the PBO in June 2014. Draft report with findings is expected in August 2014.	Evaluation somewhat delayed since procurement of evaluator took more time than anticipated.	
Output 1: PBO as PBF Secretariat effectively coordinates the implementation of the Priority Plan, including the organization of JSC meetings, coordinating the	Output Indicator 1.1: Number of JSC Annual Reports produced	Baseline (Dec 2013): 1 (JSC Annual Report 2012)	Target (Dec 2016): 5	2 JSC Annual Reports produced and submitted (2012 and 2013)		
	Output Indicator 1.2: Percentage of JSC members who provide	Baseline (Sep 2013): 10% for 2012 report	Target (Dec 2016): 70% for 2016 report	Estimated 15% for 2013 report		

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analysis and reporting on PPP outcome results, and facilitating the SMC Reviews	feedback on JSC Annual Reports					
	Output Indicator 1.3: Number of SMC Annual Review Reports produced	Baseline (Dec 2013): 2 SMC Review reports: 2011 and 2012	Target (Dec 2016): 5 reports in total: 2011-2015 (report for 2016 to be produced in 2017)	3 SMC Review reports produced: 2011, 2012, 2013		
Output 2: Priority Plan effectively monitored, reported on and evaluated	Output Indicator 2.1: Number of M&E trainings conducted by PBO	Baseline (Dec 2013): 3 trainings in March, October and December 2013	Target (Dec 2016): 9 trainings in total (incl. 3 trainings in 2013 and 2 per year in 2014, 2015 and 2016)	3 trainings conducted by PBO.	Next M&E trainings planned for July and October 2014.	
	Output Indicator 2.2: Number of PBF project annual reports prepared by RUNOs and quality reviewed by PBO	Baseline (Dec 2013): 4 PBF project annual reports submitted under the 2011-2013 LPP (projects: JSJP; NYSP; Land ADR; PBO)	Target (Dec 2016): 9 PBF project annual reports prepared by RUNOs and quality reviewed by PBO (9 projects under	PBO will review in July the 2014 half-yearly PBF project reports prepared by NIPs/RUNOs.	No delay: deadline for reporting is 15 July 2014.	

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	<p>Output Indicator 2.3: Number of Public Perception Surveys on Justice and Security conducted by PBO (outcome monitoring)</p>	<p>Baseline (Dec 2013): 2 (1 survey in Bong, Lofa and Nimba counties conducted in 2012; and 1 survey in Grand Gedeh, Sinoe, Grand Kru, River Gee and Maryland conducted in 2013)</p>	<p>the Priority Plan 2014-2016) Target (Dec 2016): 5 surveys in total in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016</p>	<p>3 surveys conducted so far: 2012, 2013, 2014</p>		
<p>Output 3: Key stakeholders adequately capacitated in conflict management and mediation</p>	<p>Output Indicator 3.1: Number of conflict management and mediation trainings conducted by PBO</p>	<p>Baseline (Dec 2013): 9 trainings conducted since 2009</p>	<p>Target (Dec 2016): Total 18 trainings incl. baseline (3 trainings per year in 2014, 2015 and 2016; total includes baseline</p>	<p>9 trainings conducted so far. Concept note to train 50 LNP/PSU officers assigned at the Gbarnga Regional Hub prepared, circulated and validated. Training in conflict mediation will take place in Quarter 3.</p>		

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	Output Indicator 3.2: Number of national institutions and ministries assisted in mainstreaming conflict-sensitivity into policy formulation and programme design	Baseline (Dec 2013): 7 (MPEA, MOI, MOPW, MOGD, MOYS, LACC, LEITI)	Target (Dec 2016): 17 (including baseline 7 + 10 additional institutions)	PBO conducted 1 training in conflict sensitivity and programming in Gbarnga, Bong County, for assistant county development superintendents and county development officers from 23-25 June 2014.		
	Output Indicator 3.3: Percentage of County Development Projects that are conflict-sensitive in 7 selected counties (disaggregated by county: Bomi, Bong, Grand Bassa, Lofa,	Baseline (Dec 2013): 0% (0 out of 21 projects)	Target (Dec 2016): 40% (8 out of 21 projects) (average of the 7 counties)	Still early to determine the percentage of conflict sensitive projects since the training was only conducted in June 2014.		

Outcome/ Outputs	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	Margibi, Montserrado, Nimba)					
Output 4: Key stakeholders adequately receive and understand progress updates on Priority Plan results	Output Indicator 4.1: PBO Communication Plan developed and operationalized	Baseline (Dec 2013): Draft PBO Communication Plan	Target (Dec 2016): PBO Communication Plan effectively operationalized	PBO prepared and circulated a Communication Plan proposal, with inputs from relevant stakeholders including colleagues from UNMIL and UNDP. The draft plan was also shared with the Ministry of Information and the Liberia Broadcasting System (LBS).	Delay in the operationalization of the strategy has been due to resource mobilization. The Government committed an initial amount of US\$350,000 through its national budget but the funds are yet to be accessed.	
	Output Indicator 4.2: Number of factsheets on PBF projects produced and disseminated	Baseline (Dec 2013): 0	Target (Dec 2016): 8	1 Factsheet on PBO & PBF produced and disseminated in the first half of 2014		
	Output Indicator 4.3: Number of public events	Baseline (Dec 2013): 2 per year	Target (Dec 2016): 3 per year	The reporting period witnessed limited implementation of public outreach programs.	Delay in implementation of outreach programs due to late	

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	highlighting results of the Peacebuilding Priority Plan				finalization of the communication plan and limited funds to support it.	
Output 5: PBO adequately capacitated to ensure effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and communication	Output Indicator 5.1: Number of PBO programme staff	Baseline (Dec 2013): 6	Target (Dec 2016): 6	6 PBO programme staff		
	Output Indicator 5.2: Number of trainings and learning events in which PBO staff participated for capacity development	Baseline (Dec 2013): 3 staff participated in a training during 2013	Target (Dec 2016): at least 1 training or learning event per staff per year	The PBO Executive Director and the MIA Communication Officer participated in the Summer Peacebuilding Programme from May-June at the Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia, USA. Training report is available upon request. The training is part of PBO's capacity building plan, which is intended to enhance capacity within PBO and MIA.		