



**PEACEBUILDING FUND (PBF)  
ANNUAL PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT  
COUNTRY: Yemen  
REPORTING PERIOD: 1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2014**

<b>Programme Title &amp; Project Number</b>
Programme Title: Livelihood and economic recovery: strengthening social cohesion and community resilience Programme Number <i>(if applicable)</i> MPTF Office Project Reference Number: <sup>1</sup> 0009651

<b>Recipient UN Organizations</b>
List the organizations that have received direct funding from the MPTF Office under this programme: UNDP, UNHCR, WFP, IOM, ILO, FAO

<b>Implementing Partners</b>
List the national counterparts (government, private, NGOs & others) and other International Organizations: Social Fund for Development, Ministries of Planning and International Cooperation/Agriculture and Irrigation/Fisheries/Technical and Vocational Training/Social Welfare and Labour, Governorate Based National NGOs, District Councils and CSOs.

<b>Programme/Project Budget (US\$)</b>
PBF contribution (by RUNO) <b>4,800,000</b>
Government Contribution <i>(if applicable)</i>
Other Contributions (donors) <i>(if applicable)</i>
<b>TOTAL:</b> <span style="float:right">4,800,000</span>

<b>Programme Duration</b>
Overall Duration <i>(months)</i> 17
Start Date <sup>2</sup> <i>(dd.mm.yyyy)</i> 21.8.2014
Original End Date <sup>3</sup> <i>(dd.mm.yyyy)</i> <span style="float:right">30.9.2014</span>
Current End date <sup>4</sup> <i>(dd.mm.yyyy)</i>

**Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval.**

**Report Submitted By**

<sup>1</sup> The MPTF Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to "Project ID" on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

<sup>2</sup> The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MPTF Office as Administrative Agent. Transfer date is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

<sup>3</sup> As per approval of the original project document by the relevant decision-making body/Steering Committee.

<sup>4</sup> If there has been an extension, then the revised, approved end date should be reflected here. If there has been no extension approved, then the current end date is the same as the original end date. The end date is the same as the operational closure date which is when all activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MPTF / JP have been completed.

Assessment/Review - if applicable *please attach*

Yes     No    Date:

Mid-Term Evaluation Report – *if applicable please attach*

Yes     No    Date:

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**PART 1 – RESULTS PROGRESS**

**1.1 Assessment of the current project implementation status and results**

**For PRF projects, please identify Priority Plan outcome and indicators to which this project is contributing:**

<p><b>Priority Plan Outcome to which the project is contributing.</b> Strengthened social cohesion at the sub-national and community level increases resilience to conflict.</p>
<p><b>Priority Plan Outcome indicator(s) to which project is contributing.</b> (1) Number of district authorities with peace and development plans with earmarked commitments to sectors identified as conflict triggers.(2) Percentage of target population with positive perceptions of the roles of governorate- and district-level administrations (3) Percentage of target population that has been consulted in the process of developing district peace and development plans.</p>

**For both IRF and PRF projects, please rate this project’s overall achievement of results to date:** on track

**For both IRF and PRF projects, outline progress against each project outcome, using the format below. The space in the template allows for up to four project outcomes.**

**Outcome Statement 1:** Strengthened social cohesion and increased levels of resilience for conflict at the sub-national and community level through livelihood recovery.

**Rate the current status of the outcome:** on track

<p>Indicator 1: # Community Development Committees (CDCs) which has been formed and trained</p> <p>Indicator 2: # of people who have been employed in the short and long term.</p> <p>Indicator 3: # of IDPs who have been supported through provision of shelters as part of the 3*6 approach.</p> <p>Indicator 4: Sa’ada Women’s Association building has been rehabilitated and functioned as a safe place for women and community protection centre.</p> <p>Indicator 5: Market research to inform job placement has been undertaken in the targeted governorates.</p>	<p>Baseline: Local development planning is delinked from security and peace-building processes and Local Authorities. The process is top down and there is no use institutionalized participatory consultative mechanisms Target: 12 district authorities have peace and development plans with earmarked commitments to sectors identified as conflict triggers Progress: Achieved during 2014.</p> <p>Baseline: Poverty and unemployment are the main drivers for instability in Yemen. Target: 2300 people to be employed in the short and long term. Progress: On track</p> <p>Baseline: Closure of Mazraq camp in 2015 and the returns of 12000 IDPs to Sa'ada as part of the Durable solution plan. Target: 150 hh Progress: Technical work is on going. Estimated cost has been achieved.</p>
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	<p>Baseline: Absence of market research in the targeted governorates.</p> <p>Target: To conduct 3 market assessments.</p> <p>Progress: 2 market assessments have been conducted in Hajjah and Sa'ada governorates.</p>
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### Output progress

List the key outputs achieved under this Outcome in the reporting period (1000 character limit). Outputs are the immediate deliverables for a project.

(Output#1) Inclusive Community Development.

1. Selection of targeted districts in coordination with UNDP for Hajjah & Sa'ada governorates, and with IOM for Hadramout.
2. Initiation of the recruitment process for two field coordinators.
3. Formulation of ToRs & partnership agreement between UNDP & IOM to carry out the social cohesion activities in Hadramout.
4. Plan and scheduling of Governorate level workshops, formation and training of Community Development Committees.

(Output#2) Contribute to Livelihood Stabilization

1. Finalized work plan and budget.
2. Market assessment in Hajjah & Sa'ada.
3. Recruitment of field and administrative staff on track.
4. Technical assessment for the rehabilitation of the Saada Women's Association center, finalizing technical work for the construction of 150 IDPs shelters completed.

(Output#3) Women led civil society organization monitoring and implementing activities.

1. NTR.

### Outcome progress

Describe progress made during the reporting period toward the achievement of this outcome. This analysis should reflect the above indicator progress and the output achievement. Is there evidence of the outcome contributing to peacebuilding and to the specific conflict triggers? Is the theory of change that underpins the project design still relevant for this outcome (3000 character limit)?

1. The ongoing technical work for the rehabilitation of Sa'ada women's building will contribute to peace building by providing safe and protective environment for women to restore their livelihoods by providing: adult literacy and livelihood skills training.
2. The information from the two completed market assessments is now available to inform job placement and ensure that our livelihood interventions are feasible and sustainable to strengthen resilience.

### Reasons for low achievement and rectifying measures

If sufficient progress is not being made, what are the key reasons, bottlenecks and challenges? Were these foreseen in the risk matrix? How are they being addressed and what will be the rectifying measures (1500 character limit)?

(1) Late arrival of funds, which has delayed the recruitment of project staff and hence the start up of activities. This challenge has been addressed through assigning the agencies available staff with additional tasks, as well utilizing UN field offices and staff to the extent possible.

(2) Lack of clarity of roles and responsibilities among UN agencies (due to staff turn over following planning). This challenge has been addressed through good cooperation between agencies and team work to achieve the project goals.

(3) Security. Volatility has delayed some activities, such as the Training Of Trainers for business skills. This challenge has been mitigated by changing the training venue from Yemen to Egypt.

(4) Lack of security and instability, as a result of the ongoing conflict in Hadramaut between the Government of Yemen and Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) has threatened to the smooth implementation of project activities. The deterioration of the security situation and the control of large areas in Hadramaut by AQAP will restrict the access of partners to target beneficiaries. In response, IOM aims to recruit and work with local staff in Hadramaut. Their local knowledge and strong links with communities will ensure improved access to target areas and facilitate operation activities.

**Outcome Statement 2:**

**Rate the current status of the outcome: Please select one**

Indicator 1:	Baseline: Target: Progress:
Indicator 2:	Baseline: Target: Progress:
Indicator 3:	Baseline: Target: Progress:

**Output progress**

*List the key outputs achieved under this Outcome in the reporting period (1000 character limit). Outputs are the immediate deliverables for a project.*

**Outcome progress**

*Describe progress made during the reporting period toward the achievement of this outcome. This analysis should reflect the above indicator progress and the output achievement. Is there evidence of the outcome contributing to peacebuilding and to the specific conflict triggers? Is the theory of change that underpins the project design still relevant for this outcome (3000 character limit)?*

**Reasons for low achievement and rectifying measures**

*If sufficient progress is not being made, what are the key reasons, bottlenecks and challenges? Were these foreseen in the risk matrix? How are they being addressed and what will be the rectifying measures (1500 character limit)?*

**Outcome Statement 3:**

**Rate the current status of the outcome: Please select one**

Indicator 1:	Baseline: Target: Progress:
Indicator 2:	Baseline: Target: Progress:
Indicator 3:	Baseline: Target: Progress:

**Output progress**

*List the key outputs achieved under this Outcome in the reporting period (1000 character limit). Outputs are the immediate deliverables for a project.*

**Outcome progress**

*Describe progress made during the reporting period toward the achievement of this outcome. This analysis should reflect the above indicator progress and the output achievement. Is there evidence of the outcome contributing to peacebuilding and to the specific conflict triggers? Is the theory of change that underpins the project design still relevant for this outcome (3000 character limit)?*

**Reasons for low achievement and rectifying measures**

*If sufficient progress is not being made, what are the key reasons, bottlenecks and challenges? Were these foreseen in the risk matrix? How are they being addressed and what will be the rectifying measures (1500 character limit)?*

**Outcome Statement 4:**

**Rate the current status of the outcome: Please select one**

Indicator 1:	Baseline: Target: Progress:
Indicator 2:	Baseline:

Indicator 3:	Target: Progress:  Baseline: Target: Progress:
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**Output progress**

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**Outcome progress**

Describe progress made during the reporting period toward the achievement of this outcome. This analysis should reflect the above indicator progress and the output achievement. Is there evidence of the outcome contributing to peacebuilding and to the specific conflict triggers? Is the theory of change that underpins the project design still relevant for this outcome (3000 character limit)?

**Reasons for low achievement and rectifying measures**

If sufficient progress is not being made, what are the key reasons, bottlenecks and challenges? Were these foreseen in the risk matrix? How are they being addressed and what will be the rectifying measures (1500 character limit)?

**1.2 Assessment of project evidence base, risk, catalytic effects, gender in the reporting period**

<u>Evidence base</u> : What is the evidence base for this report and for project progress? What consultation/validation process has taken place on this report (1000 character limit)?	
<u>Funding gaps</u> : Did the project fill critical funding gaps in peacebuilding in the country? Briefly describe. (1500 character limit)	
<u>Catalytic effects</u> : Did the project achieve any catalytic effects, either through attracting additional funding commitments or creating immediate conditions to unblock/accelerate peace relevant processes? Briefly describe. (1500 character limit)	

<p><u>Risk taking/ innovation:</u> Did the project support any innovative or risky activities to achieve peacebuilding results? What were they and what was the result? (1500 character limit)</p>	
<p><u>Gender:</u> How have gender considerations been mainstreamed in the project to the extent possible? Is the original gender marker for the project still the right one? Briefly justify. (1500 character limit)</p>	
<p><u>Other issues:</u> Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that should be shared with PBSO? This can include any cross-cutting issues or other issues which have not been included in the report so far. (1500 character limit)</p>	

## **PART 2: LESSONS LEARNED AND SUCCESS STORY**

### **2.1 Lessons learned**

*Provide at least three key lessons learned from the implementation of the project. These can include lessons on the themes supported by the project or the project processes and management.*

Lesson 1 (1000 character limit)	
Lesson 2 (1000 character limit)	
Lesson 3 (1000 character limit)	
Lesson 4 (1000 character limit)	
Lesson 5 (1000 character limit)	

### **2.2 Success story (OPTIONAL)**

*Provide one success story from the project implementation which can be shared on the PBSO website and Newsletter as well as the Annual Report on Fund performance. Please include key facts and figures and any citations (3000 character limit).*

## PART 3 – FINANCIAL PROGRESS AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

### 3.1 Comments on the overall state of financial expenditure

Please rate whether project financial expenditures are on track, slightly delayed, or off track: on track

If expenditure is delayed or off track, please provide a brief explanation (500 characters maximum):

Please provide an overview of expensed project budget by outcome and output as per the table below.<sup>5</sup>

Output number	Output name	RUNOs	Approved budget	Expensed budget	Any remarks on expenditure
Outcome 1:					
Output 1.1					
Output 1.2					
Output 1.3					
Outcome 2:					
Output 2.1					
Output 2.2					
Output 2.3					
Outcome 3:					
Output 3.1					
Output 3.2					
Output 3.3					
Outcome 4:					
Output 4.1					
Output 4.2					
Output 4.3					
Total:					

### 3.2 Comments on management and implementation arrangements

Please comment on the management and implementation arrangements for the project, such as: the effectiveness of the implementation partnerships, coordination/coherence with other projects, any South-South cooperation, the modalities of support, any capacity building aspect, the use of partner country systems if any, the support by the PBF Secretariat and oversight by the Joint Steering Committee (for PRF only). Please also mention if there have been any changes to the project (what kind and when); or whether any changes are envisaged in the near future (2000 character maximum):

<sup>5</sup> Please note that financial information is preliminary pending submission of annual financial report to the Administrative Agent.