



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

Programme Title & Project Number
Programme Title: Peace and Transition Support Project Programme Number <i>(if applicable)</i> MPTF Office Project Reference Number: ¹ 00091373

Recipient UN Organizations
List the organizations that have received direct funding from the MPTF Office under this programme: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Implementing Partners
List the national counterparts (government, private, NGOs & others) and other International Organizations: Ministry of Local Administration and Local Authority, All Girls Foundation, Yemen Women Union

Programme/Project Budget (US\$)	
PBF contribution (by RUNO) USD 1,000,000 (UNDP) USD 1,000,000 (UNFPA)	
Government Contribution <i>(if applicable)</i> USD 0	
Other Contributions (donors) <i>(if applicable)</i> EU: 1,500,000 UNDP: USD 300,000 UNFPA: USD 30,000	
TOTAL:	USD 3,830,000

Programme Duration
Overall Duration <i>(months)</i> 30 months Start Date ² <i>(dd.mm.yyyy)</i> 28 July 2014 Original End Date ³ <i>(dd.mm.yyyy)</i> 31 October 2016 Current End date ⁴ <i>(dd.mm.yyyy)</i> 31 October 2016

Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval.
Assessment/Review - if applicable <i>please attach</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date:

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¹ 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](#)

² 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](#)

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

⁴ 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.

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:

<i>Priority Plan Outcome to which the project is contributing. OUTCOME 1: Strengthened social cohesion at the sub-national and community level increases resilience to conflict</i>
<i>Priority Plan Outcome indicator(s) to which project is contributing.</i>

For both IRF and PRF projects, please rate this project’s overall achievement of results to date: off 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: By 2016, Government is accountable at central and local levels and decentralization, equitable access to justice, protection and promotion of human rights is strengthened as well as capacity to promote International Humanitarian Law is build.

Rate the current status of the outcome: off track

Indicator 1: % of target population with positive perceptions of roles of governorate- and district-level administrations	Baseline: TBC (2014) Target: 50% (2016) Progress: Perception survey conducted by Q1 2015
Indicator 2: % of target population that has been consulted in the process of developing district peace and development plans	Baseline: TBC (2014) Target: 70% Progress: Perception survey conducted by Q1 2015
Indicator 3: Number of district authorities with peace and development plans with earmarked commitments to sectors identified as conflict triggers	Baseline: 0 Target: 12 (2016) Progress: 0

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.

JP output 1 & 2: National counterparts at the three levels (national, governorate and district) have been formed including NGOs in 14 districts in 4 governorates (Taiz, Hajjah, Socotra, and Hadramout). Their capacities have been strengthened by UNDP and UNFPA on how to make a development plan in a participatory manner. The result will be used in November in leading prioritization of projects at the district to which grants will be provided in 2015. The UNFPA gender expert on board has been closely working with to ensure the inclusion of people at risk in the development project prioritization process at the district.

JP output 3: The high level mission from UNDP HQ fielded to assess opportunities and challenges related to federalism and decentralisation. Its implementation has been affected by the security and political situation

in Sana'a because of its link to the political process. Security situation was worked around by working with the national counterparts.

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)?

It is not yet at the stage that the project contributes to the outcome. The project will conduct a perception survey by Q1 2015 which will provide the baseline of the outcome indicators and inform the changes afterwards.

The conflict driver identified in the project document, i.e. the lack of development and access to basic social services remains unchanged. The results delivered by October 2014 will contribute to the identified conflict driver in the remaining 2014 and 2015 in the following manner:

- All the national counterparts including the NGOs will take the lead of the consultation processes in prioritising district development projects based on the district development plan.**
- By the end of the consultation processes in December 2014, the districts have prioritised development projects for 2015 and at least one prioritised project/district will be supported from the project grants to improve service delivery after consulting the district community including women.**
- Within the process, the project will introduce "citizens participation" and an accountability mechanism. The local authorities in support with UNFPA and UNDP will convene townhall meetings in all target 14 districts. In the town hall meetings, the local authority will explain and discuss the district plans and priority to the district people. UNFPA will support the additional meeting specifically targeting women in all districts, too. The process is important for establishing an accountability mechanism. In the local authorities' presenting and committing the district plan to the citizen of the district, the PTSP will support citizen's participatory monitoring of the implementation of the district plan.**

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)?

There are mainly two reasons why the achievements are off track (the risk log is attached):

- (a) The original annual work plan in 2014 has been developed in assumption with the project would start from January 2014. However, the actual project starting date was in July 2014 when the money was transferred. Thus, some of the activities were shifted to 2015.**
- (b) Political and security situation in Yemen caused slowdown with regard to output 3. A delay in the constitution drafting has affected particularly to the support of legal framework development for local governance. For output 1 and 2, both UNFPA and**

UNDP found a way to implement the planned activities closely working with the national partners of the Ministry of Local Administration, Local Authority and NGOs.

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

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Outcome progress

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Reasons for low achievement and rectifying measures

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Outcome Statement 3:

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

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Reasons for low achievement and rectifying measures

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Outcome Statement 4:

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

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Outcome progress

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

<p><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)?</p>	
<p><u>Funding gaps</u>: Did the project fill critical funding gaps in peacebuilding in the country? Briefly describe. (1500 character limit)</p>	
<p><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>	
<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</p>	

<p>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>	
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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.⁵

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

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):