



[COUNTRY: YEMEN]

**PROJECT HALF YEARLY PROGRESS UPDATE**

**PERIOD COVERED: JANUARY – JUNE 2016**

<b>Project No &amp; Title:</b>	PBF/PBF/YEM/D-1 Joint Emergency Capacity Development Support to National NGOs working in communities affected by conflict' Project#: 00091370		
<b>Recipient Organization(s)<sup>1</sup>:</b>	UNDP		
<b>Implementing Partners (Government, UN agencies, NGOs etc):</b>	Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (Government), WFP, UNICEF and UNFPA (United Nations) Humanitarian Forum (CSO) Social Fund for Development (Quasi-governmental)		
<b>Total Approved Budget :<sup>2</sup></b>	1000000		
<b>Preliminary data on funds committed : <sup>3</sup></b>	1000000	<b>% of funds committed / total approved budget:</b>	100%
<b>Expenditure<sup>4</sup>:</b>	4,719.98	<b>% of expenditure / total budget: (Delivery rate)</b>	0.472%
<b>Project Approval Date:</b>	25.07.2014	<b>Possible delay in operational closure date (Number of months)</b>	N/A
<b>Project Start Date:</b>	01.05.2014		
<b>Expected Operational Project Closure Date:</b>	31.12.2016		

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

<sup>2</sup> Approved budget is 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. Provide preliminary data only.

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

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*1: Support the implementation of peace agreements and political dialogue (Priority Area 1):*

(1.1) SSR, (1.2) RoL; (1.3) DDR; (1.4) Political Dialogue;

*2: Promote coexistence and peaceful resolution of conflicts (Priority Area 2):*

(2.1) National reconciliation; (2.2) Democratic Governance; (2.3) Conflict prevention/management;

*3: Revitalise the economy and generate immediate peace dividends (Priority Area 3);*

(3.1) Employment; (3.2) Equitable access to social services

*4) (Re)-establish essential administrative services (Priority Area 4)*

(4.1) Strengthening of essential national state capacity; (4.2) extension of state authority/local administration; (4.3) Governance of peacebuilding resources (including JSC/ PBF Secretariats)

<b>Project Outcomes:</b>	Governorate Based NGOs (GB NGOs) in Yemen are sustainable, reliable and professional partners, for the Government of Yemen, UN agencies and international partners and thus increase the national capacity to: deliver aid to in need that cater to the distinct needs of men, woman, girls and boys in need.
<b>PBF Focus Area<sup>5</sup></b> (select one of the Focus Areas listed below)	Promote coexistence and peaceful resolution of conflicts (Priority areas 2); (2.3) Conflict prevention / Management

## Qualitative assessment of progress

<p><i>For each intended outcome, provide <b>evidence</b> of progress during the reporting period.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, for each outcome include the outputs achieved. (1000 characters max per outcome.)</i></p>	<p><b>Outcome 1:</b> Governorate Based NGOs (GB NGOs) in Yemen are sustainable, reliable and professional partners, for the Government of Yemen, UN agencies and international partners and thus increase the national capacity to: deliver aid to in need that cater to the distinct needs of men, woman, girls and boys in need.</p> <p><b>Outcome 2:</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 3:</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 4:</b></p>
<p><i>Do you see evidence that the project is having a positive impact on peacebuilding? (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>It is early to tell if there is any impact of this second stage of the project on community peacebuilding, since the project has just received and No Cost Extension (June 2016) after a year of suspension due to war in Yemen. However, some impact is seen particularly in forming partnership between NGOs and the local "de-facto" authorities in the effort to help IDP in some governorates. For example, UNDP project staff held individual meetings with local authority and representatives from NGOs in Hajjah Governorate to explain the project and the intentions behind the program. The NGOs agreed that collaboration with local authorities has been effective over humanitarian assistance. Both side have also reported to UNDP staff that they are keen to collaborate to allow the delivery of the training through this project to targeted NGOs. They added the training will increase their capacity to deal with humanitarian crisis, particularly with IDPs ,which is consider "dividends of peace".</p>
<p><i>Were there catalytic effects from the project in the period reported, including additional funding commitments or</i></p>	<p>After a year of working in an unpredictable and challenging situation, following the eruption of the war, UNDP learned many lessons. One of the main lessons is the importance of supporting local communities in mitigating local conflicts and creating space for community dialogue and peacebuilding. This type of peace initiatives in Yemen requires building up the capacities of national</p>

<p><i>unleashing/ unblocking of any peace relevant processes? (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>NGOs (NNGOs) in conflict- sensitive humanitarian delivery, development, and early recovery. NGOs that will be trained through this project will be also linked to a UNDP-led initiative to facilitated Midlevel community leaders dialogue in the same governorates the training will take place.</p>
<p><i>If progress has been slow or inadequate, provide main reasons and what is being done to address them. (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>Due to the eruption of the war in Yemen, the project activities were suspended on April 10th, 2015. Since then the project received an exemption by PBSO to continue operating, however due to the escalating violence and worsening security situation in Yemen, UNDP could not resume the project activities until recently in May 2016.</p>
<p><i>What are the main activities/expected results for the rest of the year? (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>1- Capacitate implementation team 2- Training for 60 GBNGOs in 6 governorates is delivered 3- Small grants are provided for up to 12 NNOGs in 6 governorates 4- Online platform is created</p>
<p><i>Is there any need to adjust project strategies/ duration/budget etc.? (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>The project received No Cost Extension by PBF in May, 2016. Since then UNDP Implementing Partners (IP) asked on two occasions weather it is possible to have three months' extension (until March 2017) as they expressed some concerns over the timelines of the project. However, UNDP explained that it is not possible and instead worked with the IP to mitigate potential delays by refining their Action Plan and identifying activities that can overlap particularly those activities related to training preparation. The IP is now preparing a training plan that will help mitigating concerns over timelines.</p>
<p><i>What is the project budget expenditure to date (percentage of allocated project budget expensed by the date of the report) – preliminary figures only? (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>The project Total Expenditure: Year 2014      \$ 43,900.00 Year 2015      \$393,236.74 Year 2016      \$4,619.90 Up-to Date-Expenditure      \$441,756.64</p>
<p><i>Any other information that the project needs to convey to PBSO (and JSC) at this stage? (1500 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>For Output 4: Management and monitoring of the project, progress made as follows - Finalized recruitment of project team (UNDP and Implementing Partner) - Developed work plans and budgets as well as monitoring and evaluation tools. - Finalized the project revision document with the Implementing Partner. - Improved the overall project design by focusing the three thematic areas while expanding the conflict sensitive training component.</p>



**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. (250 characters max per entry)*

	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline</b>	<b>End of project Indicator Target</b>	<b>Current indicator progress</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</b>	<b>Adjustment of target (if any)</b>
<b>Outcome 1</b> Governorate Based NGOs (GB NGOs) in Yemen are sustainable, reliable and professional partners, for the Government of Yemen, UN agencies and international partners and thus increase the national capacity to: deliver aid to in need	Indicator 1.1 # GB NGOs accredited by the project as sustainable, reliable and professional partners for the Government of Yemen, UN Agencies and international partners.	UN and INGO implementers consultants refer to weakness of local partner as well as the spread of social conflict including violence conflict as the major constraints in absorbing the foreign fund.	UN and INGOs have high caliber GB NGO partners in 6 priority governorates by end of 2016	On Track		
	Indicator 1.2 # Community members receive support from the					

	international community via the trained GB NGOs before December 2016					
	Indicator 1.3					
Output 1.1 Output 1.1: Governorate based NGOs (GB NGOs ) in priority conflict affected governorates have the capacity to implement high quality conflict sensitive projects.	Indicator 1.1.1 - NNOGs Assessment report	No assessment of NGOs capacities done following the resumption of the project, a year after start of war.	120 NGOs in six governorates has been assessed	on Track: 1. Preliminary list of 120 NGOs was developed 2- Process of recruitment of the consultant is finalized.		
	Indicator 1.1.2 # of Training manuals, Training hours, and # TOTs	Collection of existing training manuals produced by UNDP on the three thematic areas	- 60 GBNGOs in 6 governorates trained - 40 GBNGOs in at least 4 governorates accredited as professional partners - Automated Accounting System is	On Track: TOR for trainers in three thematic areas have been developed and advertised		

			developed and installed on at least 30 GBNGOs - TOT conducted			
Output 1.2 GBNGOs implement peacebuilding and conflict sensitive interventions in target areas.	Indicator 1.2.1 # of peacebuilding and conflict sensitive projects implemented by NB NGOs		At least 6 peacebuilding and conflict sensitive projects implemented in the 6 target governorates	Scheduled to start in September		
	Indicator 1.2.2 Total # of people benefitted from the projects					
Output 1.3 An online pool of accredited GBNGOs will be established to facilitate partnerships of GBNGOs with the government, national and	Indicator 1.3.1 # of NNGO and INGO profiles present in the pool	Lack of online tool with information on sustainable, reliable and professional partners	Sustainable online pool is established in consultation with potential users and is functioning by end of 2016	TOR and scoop of work is being currently drafted		
	Indicator 1.3.2 # of users registered for the online pool		At least 40 trained NB NGOs are registered as			

international development and humanitarian agencies.			part of the online pool			
<b>Outcome 2</b>	Indicator 2.1					
	Indicator 2.2					
Output 2.1	Indicator 2.1.1					
	Indicator 2.1.2					
Output 2.2	Indicator 2.2.1					
	Indicator 2.2.2					
Output 2.3	Indicator 2.3.1					
	Indicator 2.3.2					
<b>Outcome 3</b>	Indicator 3.1					
	Indicator 3.2					
Output 3.1	Indicator 3.1.1					
	Indicator 3.1.2					
Output 3.2	Indicator 3.2.1					

	Indicator 3.2.2					
Output 3.3	Indicator 3.3.1					
	Indicator 3.3.2					
<b>Outcome 4</b>	Indicator 4.1					
	Indicator 4.2					
Output 4.1	Indicator 4.1.1					
	Indicator 4.1.2					
Output 4.2	Indicator 4.2.1					
	Indicator 4.2.2					
Output 4.3	Indicator 4.3.1					
	Indicator 4.3.2					