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ANNUAL PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT
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Programme Title & Project Number
Programme Title: /IRF-95 (ID 00092065) To support efforts to consolidate key human rights activities in partnership with the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone. Programme Number <i>(if applicable)</i> MPTF Office Project Reference Number: ¹ /IRF-95 (ID 00092065)

Recipient UN Organizations
List the organizations that have received direct funding from the MPTF Office under this programme: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Programme/Project Budget (US\$)
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Government Contribution <i>(if applicable)</i>
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Implementing Partners
List the national counterparts (government, private, NGOs & others) and other International Organizations: National Human Rights Commission for Sierra Leone
Programme Duration
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Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval.
Assessment/Review - if applicable <i>please attach</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date:
Mid-Term Evaluation Report – <i>if applicable 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.

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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.</i> 2. Promote co-existence and peaceful resolution of conflicts
<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: 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: HRCSL well positioned to mainstream and monitor international human rights standards in areas where the lack of compliance on Business and Human Rights with respect to land issues, women and persons with disabilities undermines efforts to sustain peace building and consolidation

Rate the current status of the outcome: on track

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.

Disability-The HRA held preparatory briefings with the Sierra Leone Human Rights Commission (SLHRC) where it was underscored that subsequent to the project, the Commission on Disability(COD) had been formed and close collaboration with it in implementing the PBF, essential. The SLHRC has requested the COD to identify three of its staff that will be housed and mentored by the SLHRC Treaty Body Unit for a period of two months after provision of capacity building for the COD on working on Convention for Persons with Disability.

Equally, and as a link to building capacity for the COD on Human Rights, as concerns Elections and Human Rights, the SLHRC and the HRA has initiated discussions with the COD on developing policies and strategies for inclusion in the Electoral Strategy of the SLHRC for the forthcoming elections in 2018 to ensure inclusiveness and participation for persons living with disability, which was severely limited in the last elections.

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)?

The project has progressed to the execution stage and from the discussion, briefings and workshops thus far, it has shown that the Commission on Disability will benefit immensely from the project. The project already has enhanced the collaboration between the two Commissions -; the SLHRC and the COD. It has equally helped make clear areas of responsibility for the two Commissions based on identification of whci Commission provides added value in an area of work on dealing with human rights issues for persons living with disability.

The various interactions thus far has helped build the capacity of the Commission on Disability to plan their work generally but particularly on the project using information and knowledge on planning got from the SLHRC.

The project has helped bring up a nascent area of collaboration outside the scope of the project but which is seen as a continuum of efforts to ensure peace building in the country ; the participation of persons with disability in Elections. The hope infact is that in subsequent electons the COD will become part of the Elections Steering Committee representing issue of persons with Disability

It is envisaged that the project will continue to transfer needed human rights knowledge to the Commission on Persons with Disability.

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)?

The previous funding issue has been sorted out satisfactorily. An agreement has also been included between OHCHR and the National Human Rights Commission (the grantee). Funding is been processed as at reporting time and a tranche of funds is to be received by the National Human Rights Commission(the grantee)

Outcome Statement 2:

Rate the current status of the outcome: on track

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.

Business and Human Rights-The HRA organized a 2 day training delivered by OHCHR's Business and Human Rights Unit from Geneva in May 2016, for the SLHRC, NGOs and Government so as to provide needed knowledge, and to enable the Commission to implement this part of the PBSO project. Furthermore, the HRA requested technical assistance from the Unit and in April it provided its review of the Commission's manual on monitoring business and human Rights which the Commission had developed with UNDP but had not been validated. The Unit also provided reference materials and books to resource the Commission

Further the HRA has worked with the National Human Rights Commission on mediation on two cases connected to large lan acaquisition for business between two business concerns and two communities. The Commission was equally provided with an inhouse training on

advocacy skills and and advocacy strategy with particular emphasis on the two cases in question.

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)?

The Commission has continued to work on specific human rights complaints on Business and Human Rights aided by advice and mentorship form the HRA. This two interventions have helped douse tensions in the commuinties concerned and has provided the Commission an opening at mediating on business and human rights related violations.

The Commission has also started exploratory discussions and consultations with MDAs and private sector on establishment of a National Commission on Business and Human Rights, one of the deliverables of the project

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: on track

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.

SGBV- The HRA facilitated the Commissions prioritization of activities to be carried out in the project under SGBV.

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)?

The project has been able to highlight the need for continuing and renewed effort to stamp out impunity on secual gender based violence, workinh with the Family Support Unit of the Sierra Leone Police to idnetify newly appointed officers for capacity building. More so the focus of the effort is in the regions where less capacity building has been previously provided.

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: HR approaches in SL of the UN and other donor community in SL aligned to international standards to support more effectively HRCSL operations

Rate the current status of the outcome: on track

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.

Under the Assessment of Results and Competencies of the UNCT, its strategic goal under Human Rights is to build a coordinated approach to build national capacity on human rights in order to address violations, concerns and challenges.

Outcome progress

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The UNCT is doing this by engagement with the Strategic Work plan of the National Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (NHCSL), with the aim to build the capacity of the NHCSL in key human rights areas, where it has a comparative advantage, so as to enhance transparency and coordination and lower transaction costs as well as prevent overlaps. To this effect some UNCT members have devoted funding and have activities based on the workplan of the NHCSL.

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)?

n/a

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>When the project was in its preparatory stage, from the discussion, briefings and workshops thus far, participants pointed to the positive impact the proposed activities will have on peacebuilding on SGBV, Business and Human Rights and Disability. Further activities such as consultations, discussions, planning meetings, informal training sessions, mentorings have advanced the impact of the budget even before the full fledged implementation of the project.</p> <p>The Commission has carried out some works on Business and</p>
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	<p>Human Rights which have helped calm tensions in two communities in the South of the country.</p> <p>Although not a part of this project, the work been done by the Commission with the Commission on Persons with Disability in Elections is been fed into the Electoral Starategy of the SLHRC as well as that of the National Electoral Commission.</p>
<p><u>Funding gaps:</u> Did the project fill critical funding gaps in peacebuilding in the country? Briefly describe. (1500 character limit)</p>	NSTR
<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>	NSTR
<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>	NSTR
<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>	Thus far the Commission is mainstreaming gender in all the parts of its work. For example, on its initial and informal consulatations on establishment of National Commission on Business and Human Rights, it held discussions with some groups in the informal sector, which included the leadership of the Sierra Leone Market Women Association.
<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>	<p>Despite the challenges mentioned previously associated with the financial audit, it has been completed, and a new agreement enterred into between OHCHR and the National Human Rights Commission as to the new timeframe for the completion of the project which is Dec 2017</p> <p>Although not within the scope of the project but noted as a natural continuum as per events in the country, that could have an effect on peace building, the SLHRC under the guidance of the HRA, is working on an Eection Strategy that seeks inclusiveness and is contextual.</p> <p>A Treaty Body Mechanism training by OHCHR for the SLHRC is to be held on Nov 23-24 to which the COD and other relevant Commissions, Government Offices and Civil Society has been invited. The training provided will be utilised by the COD in working and reporting on the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disability.</p>

1.3 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. (300 characters max per entry)*

	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	Indicator 1.1					
	Indicator 1.2					
	Indicator 1.3					
Output 1.1	Indicator 1.1.1					
	Indicator 1.1.2					
Output 1.2	Indicator 1.2.1					
	Indicator 1.2.2					
Output 1.3	Indicator 1.3.1					
	Indicator 1.3.2					
Outcome 2	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					
Outcome 3	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					

Outcome 4	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					

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

Output number	Output name	RUNOs	Approved budget	Expensed budget	Any remarks on expenditure
Outcome 1:					
Output 1.1					
Output 1.2					
Output 1.3					

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

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):