



## PEACEBUILDING FUND

**Project Budget Revision & Non cost Extension request** *(to be filled and signed by the Recipient UN organizations and National Implementing Partner(s))*

**Project Number:** PBF/LBR/A-10: 000088031

**Project Title:** Community-based Conflict Management – Women as Peace-makers and Nation Builders

**Duration of Project:**

- As per original approval: 31/10/2013- 31/12/2015
- As per revised: 31/10/2013- 31/12/2016

**Date of Submission:** July 11, 2016

**Reason revision is being requested:**

No-cost Extension is requested in order to complete the remaining activities that comprise 3.35% of the total project budget costs: 1. finalization of the construction of the peace hut by the implementing partner organizations and training of the peace huts leaders; 2. Conduct of the gender sensitive evaluation - to be covered by another UN Women PBF funded project.

No-cost extension is requested to finish two milestone project activities that are crucial for the project outcomes and impact on beneficiaries in project communities. The following are the reasons for delay: Delay in bidding process: As mentioned in submitted reports, there were several causes for delays in project start up and implementation ranging from the repetition of the international bid and contracting high quality proposal from an international firm, InDevelop, to conduct the baseline study for the project.

EVD and mobility restrictions: The Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak in West Africa had prevented women beneficiaries from accessing the different interventions and trainings under the project, thus,

resulting in the postponement of project activities for six to eight months. During this period, implementing partners could not implement a single activity under their respective contracts as Liberia has declared restriction in movement and public gatherings. The crisis also prevented UN Women project staff from travelling to targeted communities, which also hampered project delivery.

Rainy season and inaccessible rural areas due to poor roads infrastructure: After the Ebola crisis, the timing for the start of project coincided with the rainy season, thus preventing project staff access to targeted communities due to deplorable road condition and damaged bridges which contributed to the delay of some activities in the field and as indicated above.

Staff fluctuation: Due to change of staff in the PBF Support office in Liberia, a significant time elapsed without any official communication on the approved status of the first no-cost extension request submitted by UN Women and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection. UN Women and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and two implementing partners, civil society organizations, continued with project activities based on the formal verbal communication that the no-cost extension was granted to all Ebola affected countries.

As of 30 June 2016, the project has financial implementation rate of 96.65%. Funds (US\$ \$33,445) outstanding with Rights and Rice Foundation, the implementing partner, is being used to finalize construction work on the last peace hut. In addition, all PBF project reports were submitted in time, uploaded to GATEWAY, this also includes the 2016 biannual report recently submitted.

A total of US\$ 62,344.73, which is 6.23% of the total project budget, were carried over from December 2015 into 2016. This amount has been used and continues to be used to support project activities linked specifically to the peace hut construction by UN Women implementing partner, Rights and Rice Foundation. The original approved budget for work on the peace huts remains the same. Hence, there has been no actual change to the budget per output as seen in the Agreement under PBF. The remaining activity includes:

1. Completion of the last hut by Rights and Rice Foundation. This partner has reported and continues to report on expenditures under its contract with UN Women. Work has been slow due to the current rainy season.
2. The other major activity is the Final project evaluation of both UN Women projects funded by PBF that will be completed by December 31, 2016.

As of 30 June, the actual implementation rate stands has increased from 93.77% to 96.65% (3.34%) due to various factors as described in the biannual report.

The requested No Cost Extension will have positive effect on project outcomes as it will allow implementing partners to finish remaining activities: construction of peace huts and training of selected women in organization, leadership and peacebuilding skills. In addition, the foreseen final evaluation (paid out from another UN Women PBF funded project), will enable project team and beneficiaries to estimate project impact at the community level and to collect success stories from women since it will be the first gender-sensitive evaluation ever conducted in Liberia. In addition, it will facilitate women's empowerment at the grassroots level. With a No Cost Extension, the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and UN Women will be able to compensate beneficiaries for absence and delay of project activities and to conduct the final project activities in a high quality manner.

| PBF PROJECT BUDGET – RUNO 1 (add other tables if more than 1 RUNO) |                     |                            |                     |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| CATEGORIES   | Original Budget     | Proposed increase/decrease | Proposed new budget |
| 1. Staff and other personnel                                       | \$123,900.00        | 0                          | \$123,900.00        |
| 2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials                                | \$10,000.00         | 0                          | \$10,000.00         |
| 3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture (including Depreciation)     | \$80,000.00         | 0                          | \$80,000.00         |
| 4. Contractual services  | \$242,500.00        | 0                          | \$242,500.00        |
| 5. Travel  | \$47,679.44         | 0                          | \$47,679.44         |
| 6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts                            | \$413,500.00        | 0                          | \$413,500.00        |
| 7. General Operating and other Direct Costs                        | \$17,000.00         | 0                          | \$17,000.00         |
| <b>Sub-Total Project Costs</b>                                     | <b>\$934,579.44</b> | <b>0</b>                   | <b>\$934,579.44</b> |
| 8. Indirect Support Costs*   | \$65,420.56         | 0                          | \$65,420.56         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$ 1,000,000</b> | <b>0</b>                   | <b>\$ 1,000,000</b> |

Revised budget if applicable:

On behalf of Representative of National Authorities (s) and Recipient UN Organization (s):

| Name/Email  | Title  | Signature  | Date     |
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Heads of the Peacebuilding Support Office

6. Decision of Heads of the Joint Steering Committee

- Approve
- Approve with modification/condition
- Defer

Comments (if any):

Request approved by the JSC in its meeting on 22 July 2016

Dr. Henrique Tokpa  
Government Co-Chair, PBF Joint Steering Committee

Henrique Tokpa 09/12/16  
Signature  
Date

*for* DSRSG Waldemar Vrey  
UN Co-Chair, PBF Joint Steering Committee

Waldemar Vrey 22 Sep 16  
Signature  
Date

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