



PEACEBUILDING FUND

IRF project Budget or Duration Revision with No Overall Cost Implication¹

<p>Project Title: Establishment of the Center for Diversity and National Harmony (CDNH)</p>	<p>Recipient UN Organization(s): UNOPS</p>
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<p>MPTF Office Project Number: PBF/IRF 114</p>	<p>Project Location: Yangon (Head Office), Sittwe, and Mandalay.</p>
<p>Project Description: The project will fund, implement and monitor staff recruitment, procurement and operations in order to establish the Center for Diversity and National Harmony (CDNH), which is crucial to conceptualise, inform and enhance the debate on social violence and its prevention, ensuring a stable and peaceful Myanmar characterized by sustainable development, human rights, rule of law, democracy and collaborative security. This revision is to increase the CDNH’s research and training capabilities and expand its recruitment processes.</p>	<p>Total Project Cost: 2,790,122 USD Peacebuilding Fund: 2,538,122 USD Government contribution: In-kind Other: Other funding sources are Norwegian government, Swiss government, Peace Support Fund. The government of Myanmar has contributed to the project in kind by way of renting the office building in Yangon at a highly subsidized rate.</p>
	<p>Project Start Date: 01 March 2015 Initial Project End Date: 01 August 2016 Revised End Date: 31 December 2016</p>
<p>Gender Marker Score²: 1 Score 3 for projects that have gender equality as a principal objective.</p>	

¹ Please use this form ONLY to request (i) an extension of project implementation time with no cost increase and no substantive scope outcome change or (ii) a budget reallocation within the existing project budget with an effect of more than 15% on any budget category and no substantive outcome change

² PBSO monitors the inclusion of gender equality and women’s empowerment all PBF projects, in line with SC Resolutions 1325, 1888, 1889, 1960 and 2122, and as mandated by the Secretary-General in his [Seven-Point Action Plan on Gender Responsive Peacebuilding](#).

Score 2 for projects that have gender equality as a significant objective
 Score 1 for projects that will contribute in some way to gender equality, but not significantly
 Score 0 for projects that are not expected to contribute noticeably to gender equality.

Project Outcomes:

1. Enhanced comprehension of the current situation of violence, its nature, the local context and trends through systematic information gathering and research
2. The mitigation of risks is enhanced and responses to threats of social violence are improved through the setting up and maintenance of an early warning system.
3. Local capacities for conflict resolution are enhanced and acceptance of differences through public outreach, awareness raising and training is increased and a growing constituency for social harmony is created and fostered.
4. CDNH is recognised as an effective institution for reducing community tensions in Myanmar and its continued existence is assured

PBF Focus Area³ which best summarizes the focus of the project:

Promote coexistence and peaceful resolution of conflicts (Priority Area 2) - (2.1) National reconciliation

<i>(for IRF-funded projects)*</i>	
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³ PBF Focus Areas

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; (2.1) 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)

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I. Reason for changes to the project and justification

The Center for Diversity and National Harmony (CDNH) is 16 months into the project that is being funded by the UN Peace Building Fund (PBF). On the basis of the current state of the project, we would like to request a four-month no cost extension of the project. Please find enclosed the revised budget template and explanation of the rationale for requesting these adjustments.

After 16 months of project implementation, CDNH still have unspent funds that were initially budgeted for hiring staff members, paying for telecommunication services, installing internet to sub offices in Rakhine State, printing targeted publications, rental fees for sub offices, trainings and meetings. The reasons for this are as follows. First, because it took longer than expected to hire qualified staff members, CDNH still have a sizeable amount of the unspent budget for human resources. Second, it was found that it would not be cost effective to install internet services to sub offices. It is more cost effective for the staff members in sub offices to just use 3G internet from their cell phones. Third, the rental fees of the sub offices and training expenses proved to be lower than initially anticipated. Fourth, the cable TV company aiming to be more competitive lowered its fees significantly. Fifth, CDNH decided not to print targeted publications, as the distribution of soft copies of such special publications by email was possible. Finally, as the situation in some regions outside Rakhine State became calmer, CDNH did not need to spend as much as initially calculated on telecommunication services. Additionally, the opening of sub offices also allowed us to observe developments on the ground in northern Rakhine State directly, increasing cost savings on telecommunication services.

CDNH would now like to request a four-month no cost extension of the project in order to use part of the unspent funds to cover the salaries of 25 staff members and expenses of the offices in Yangon, Sittwe and Maungdaw, rental fees for three cars and the cost of manpower security contract until the end of December 2016.

CDNH also requests use of some of the unspent funds during the four-month extension to organize meetings and trainings. Due to the emergence of communal tensions in Shan and Mon states, CDNH would like to organize one more coordination meetings for stakeholders from Shan State and Mon State. Because the stakeholders from both places wish to learn lessons from the ways communal tension was handled in Mandalay and other regions, interfaith activists from Mandalay and Bago will be invited to the coordination meeting for stakeholders from Mon State and religious leaders from Yangon and Sagaing will be invited to the coordination meeting for the stakeholders from Shan. In order to be able to facilitate the meetings effectively, the coordination meeting will be held in Yangon.

At the request of the newly-elected state and region governments, parliamentarians and stakeholders from Rakhine State and Ayeyawaddy Region and community leaders from Bago, Mandalay and Sagaing regions, CDNH would also like to organize four experience-sharing meetings, three awareness raising meetings and two capacity building trainings in these state and regions. As the capacity building trainings will be participated by community members and government officials from more than 5 regions and states, the two capacity trainings will be held

in Yangon.

CDNH also wish to allocate a portion of the unspent funds to publish four reports on the findings of the survey on political transition and the state of social harmony in Myanmar and four analytical narrative reports on political transition and the state of social harmony in Myanmar. By the end of August 2016, CDNH will have published 16 reports on the findings of the surveys. CDNH has now conducted 20 surveys in six regions and three states. They will therefore need to publish four more reports on the findings of the survey. Furthermore, they will be publishing the analyses of the findings of the surveys. CDNH are planning to publish 18 analytical narrative reports. The Center was initially planning to seek funding from an additional source to publish the remaining four reports on the findings and the 18 narrative reports. Therefore, CDNH would like to spend part of the unspent budget on publishing the remaining reports of the findings of the survey and four narrative reports. On a related note, they would like to report that they will not be requesting the use of the unspent funds on the rental fees for the offices in Sittwe and Maungdaw, since they will be using funding from the Swiss Foreign Ministry to cover the rental fees for the two sub offices after August 2016.

CDNH wish to assure the PBF that notwithstanding the numerous adjustments they are requesting, the total revised budget of the project will remain within the limits of the PBF funding. The adjustments will be made solely on the basis of the unspent budget. Therefore, the requested adjustments will not require any changes to the overall funding PBF has granted to CDNH.

CDNH is convinced that it will be able to sustain the operations and functions of the Center in the post-PBF funding period. CDNH has so far secured funding totalling USD 1,547,542 from the Danish Government, the Norwegian Government and the Peace Support Fund for the post-PBF funding period. All three of these funding sources have expressed their commitment to supporting CDNH for the long term. In addition, USAID has offered to fund all the activities of the early warning and early response programs in Bago Region, Mandalay Region and Rakhine State for late 2016 and 2017. CDNH will soon work with colleagues from USAID to develop a detail budget plan. Following the advice of the Canadian embassy in Yangon, CDNH has submitted a funding application to the Canadian government. Furthermore, CDNH is currently negotiating with a number of international NGOs and UN agencies to develop joint research programs under which partner organizations will cover the expenses of the research activities undertaken by CDNH and the expenses of CDNH's research team for producing research reports for partner organizations. In sum, CDNH has secured funding to cover salaries of the core staff members of all programs and much of their activities until the end of 2017. CDNH's resource mobilization team will continue to work with different funding agencies to secure more funding for the Center.

CDNH would like to take this opportunity to express its gratitude to PBF for granting the funding. We are convinced that these adjustments, if approved, will allow The Center to undertake all of their PBF funded activities even more effectively and efficiently. Should you have any further queries, please let us know.

II. Budget impact

Table 1: Indicative Project Activity Budget⁴

Outcome/output number	Output name	RUNO(s)	Output budget	Any remarks (e.g. on types of inputs provided or budget justification)
Outcome 1: Enhanced comprehension of the current situation of violence, its nature, the local context and trends through systematic information gathering and research (Outcome 1 of the CDNH logframe)				
Output 1.1	Recruitment of research and operations personnel	UNOPS	64,350	25 operations personnel (including 4 personnel from Research)
	Final Project Evaluation (Financial and Technical)	UNOPS	40,000	CDNH plans to spend much of this budget in the coming four months.
Output 1.2	Procurement of equipment for successful CDNH start-up	UNOPS	93,855	Buying books research projects and the early warning program, Publications, cash accounting machine, administrative costs and service procurement (security)
Outcome 2: The mitigation of risks is enhanced and responses to threats of social violence are improved through the setting up and maintenance of an Early Warning System. (Outcome 2 of the CDNH logframe)				
Output 2.1	Missions conducted between CDNH and conflict areas	UNOPS	7,740	Field monitoring trips, Emergency site supervision trips to the targeted communities
Output 2.2	Training sessions for staff and local communities on EWS	UNOPS	71,985	2 quarterly capacity development training (including honorarium charges for resource persons), 4 EW awareness trainings, 1 coordination meetings and 6 experience sharing sessions
Output 2.3	Procurement of	UNOPS	2,000	Communication expenses

⁴ Project outcomes listed must be those stated in the original project document. If revisions to the outcomes are being requested, please use template 2.2.

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TEMPLATE 2.3

	communication equipment for early warning system			for field office
	UNOPS Project Support Mid-term and Final Audit	UNOPS	1,112	Mid-term audit cost will be charged in last quarter of the project period.
Total ⁵			281,042	

Table 2: Project budget by UN categories by RUNO⁶

CATEGORIES	Original Budget (USD)	Proposed increase/decrease (USD)	Proposed new budget (USD)
1. Staff and other personnel	851,769	2,934	854,703
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	87,401	(14,473)	72,928
3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture (including Depreciation)	182,424	(3,592)	178,833
4. Contractual services	13,856	2,370	16,226
5. Travel	546,026	82,755	628,781
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	-	-	-
7. General Operating and other Direct Costs	690,601	(69,995)	620,606
Sub-Total Project Costs	2,372,077	(0)	2,372,077
8. Indirect Support Costs	166,045	-	166,045
TOTAL	2,538,122	(0)	2,538,122

⁵ As this is a no-cost extension, the overall total must remain the same as in the approved, original project document.

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