



[COUNTRY: Papua New Guinea]

PROJECT HALF YEARLY PROGRESS UPDATE

PERIOD COVERED: JANUARY – JUNE 2017

FINAL

Project No & Title:	PBF/Support knowledge-building and understanding of the Bougainville Peace Agreement.		
Recipient Organization(s)¹:	UNDP		
Implementing Partners (Government, UN agencies, NGOs etc):	Office of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Papua New Guinea, Office of the Chief Secretary to the Autonomous Government of Bougainville, Bougainville office for Referendum, ABG Bureau for Media and Communication, ABG Peace Division, Bougainville Council of Elders, National and local media organizations and CSOs (to be identified in consultations with both governments)		
Total Approved Budget :²	USD 2,500,000 (Budget 2017 - \$1,131,264.12) total expenditure to date for PRF is \$1,463,486.31		
Preliminary data on funds committed :³	\$1,131,264.12	% of funds committed / total approved budget:	100%
Expenditure⁴:	\$573,284.31	% of expenditure / total budget: (Delivery rate)	52.9%
Project Approval Date:	July 2015	Possible delay in operational closure date (Number of months)	Request for a no cost extension to be made through JSC to PBSO to achieve project outcomes
Project Start Date:	August 2015		
Expected Operational Project Closure Date:	December 2017		

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

² Approved budget is the amount transferred to Recipient Organisations.

³ 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.

⁴ 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)

Project Outcomes:	Community confidence in the BPA implementation, autonomy arrangements and the referendum is increased through better awareness of their content and process
PBF Focus Area⁵ (select one of the Focus Areas listed below)	Democratic Governance

Qualitative assessment of progress

<p><i>For each intended outcome, provide evidence 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>Outcome 1: The expected outcome of this project is to build and increase community confidence in the BPA implementation, autonomy arrangements and the referendum through better awareness of their content and process. So far, about 54% of the Bougainville population are claiming they now understand and have some confidence in the BPA provisions; an increase of 37% over just six months. The Autonomous Bougainville Government Awareness Strategy has been the guide for awareness raising within and outside of Bougainville. With the Bougainville Referendum Communications Committee now developing new awareness materials emanating from information in the jointly approved factsheets, the next phase of awareness will begin as of June 2017. To support this next phase of awareness raising in South and Central Bougainville, two community information centres have also been established. The project is therefore optimistic that the target for the project of 75% will be met by end of December 2017.</p> <p>Outcome 2:</p> <p>Outcome 3:</p> <p>Outcome 4:</p>
<p><i>Do you see evidence that the project is having a positive impact on peacebuilding? (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>There is evidence that this project has achieved key targets set for this reporting period. As a result of the BHOR Constituency Referendum Ready Process supported by UNDP an epoch unification ceremony took place in Arawa on 17 May, which brought about the signing of an MOU between the Late Francis Ona and Joseph Kabui Factions of former fighters. In addition, as of last reporting period there has been an increase from 16% to 34% of women and youth sharing peacebuilding views with the ABG parliamentary committees. This reporting period has also revealed increased momentum from 17% to 54% of Bougainvilleans having an understanding and confidence in BPA provisions. About</p>

	<p>57% of the Bougainville population know where to access information on the referendum and the BPA and 45% of Bougainvilleans trust their constituency members disseminating information on the BPA and the referendum. 60% of the Bougainville population reported finding the information disseminated easy and useful to them.</p>
<p><i>Were there catalytic effects from the project in the period reported, including additional funding commitments or unleashing/ unblocking of any peace relevant processes? (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>There has been significant traction achieved in setting the platform for information dissemination on the BPA and the referendum. There are now frameworks in place for joint referendum messaging between the ABG and the national government through NCOBA and the Department of Prime Minister and NEC.</p> <p>In advancing the media sector under the Autonomous Bougainville Government, UNDP has supported the ABG by improving the delivery of the Autonomous Bougainville Government Awareness Strategy on the BPA and the Referendum. The media equipment have been utilised in the Referendum Ready Awareness, Leave No Women Out Awareness Raising and Youth Awareness Programmes in Bougainville. In addition, the continuous dialogues and awareness supported by UNDP has also resulted in the recent Roreinang Unification Ceremony which took place on the 17 May 2017. This intervention was co-funded by UNDP and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).</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>The Technical Consultative Working Group of the ABG met several times to formulate uniform and consistent messaging with a total of 12 key messages been developed, vetted by national government and are ready for printing and use by all groups conducting referendum awareness. Generally the delay in moving this project forward on a timely manner rests on two fronts. For this reporting period, a total of 5 activities were planned to be delivered. However, the capacity in the ABG was not sufficient and reliable to absorb the PBF funds for awareness raising. Much of the awareness was carried out by the Parliamentary Constituency Members. Even though there was increasing need to develop new products for the awareness programs in Bougainville, ABG's Media Directorate has been quite slow in progressing this due to administrative challenges within the department.</p>
<p><i>What are the main activities/expected results for the rest of the year? (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>The main activities for the rest of the year is to better equip the main government bodies so that they are able to provide adequate support to the stakeholders implementing civic education on the BPA and the referendum. All the activities are now tied to the Letter of Agreement which will be implemented within the next six months by the ABG . UNDP will monitor and track progress. Furthermore, content development and key messages are the main priorities apart from inducting the constituency referendum committees. UNDP is also recruiting a Communication Specialist and a Videographer to support the Department of Peace Agreement Implementation to develop new content for the ongoing awareness in close collaboration with the ABG Media Bureau. There will be capacity strengthening of</p>

	<p>the Media Bureau to run the three referendum information centres in the 3 regions (North, Central and South). Strategies for effective outreach will be agreed at the PBF Technical Committee meeting in Buka.</p>
<p><i>Is there any need to adjust project strategies/ duration/budget etc.? (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>During the reporting period there has been need to adjust project strategies. The PBF is a DIM project with implementation to be done by the RUNO. With this, there have not been enough cooperation on the side of the ABG as issues of ownership were often raised as a concern. Hence the government and UNDP have come to an agreement on the issuance of a Letter of Agreement. This means that the funds will be transferred to a secured government account (Trust account) so that the government stakeholders can easily access the funding to implement the activities under the PBF that are tied with UNDP work plan and measurable milestones. These activities are also aligned with the M&E Plan and the ABG Plan in ensuring that processes are adhered to during implementation. A strong focus will be given to providing strategic guidance and monitoring of activities by UNDP. With this as a way forward, it is envisaged that the delivery rate will improve significantly over the next 6 months.</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>At this period of reporting, the project delivery rate stands at 52.9%. The total amount budgeted for the year 2017 is \$1,131 264.12). The project has expended \$ 573,284.31 within the first six months of reporting for 2017.</p>
<p><i>Any other information that the project needs to convey to PBSO (and JSC) at this stage? (1500 characters max.)</i></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)*

	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 Community confidence in the BPA implementation, autonomy arrangement and the referendum is increased through better awareness of their content and process	Indicator 1.1 Political factions to sign up on MoUs and ABG delivers on these commitments.	Political and BPA discussions tend to exclude various factions and the Meekamui have not signed up to the BPA.	All key factions, including the Meekamui, are part of the political discussions on the peace process and the political future of Bougainville.	Roreinang Unification of 17 May- Between the Francis Ona and Joseph Kabui Factions (Former fighters)	On track	No adjustments required at this stage.
	Indicator 1.2 Participation of women and youth in dedicated fora on peacebuilding with their views shared with ABG parliament and inter-parliamentary committees.	16% of women and youth share peacebuilding views with ABG parliament and inter-parliamentary committees	75% of women and youth share peacebuilding views with ABG parliament and inter-parliamentary committees	Currently 34% of women and youth share peacebuilding views with ABG parliament and inter-parliamentary committees	On track	No adjustments required at this stage.

	Indicator 1.3 Improved understanding and confidence of BPA provisions by the Bougainville population and political leaders.	17% of Bougainvilleans have understanding and confidence in the BPA provisions	75% of Bougainvilleans have understanding and confidence in the BPA provisions	Currently 54% of Bougainvilleans have understanding and confidence in the BPA provisions	On track	No adjustments required at this stage.
Output 1.1 GoPNG and ABG agree on key messages on the BPA and for the referendum.	Indicator 1.1.1 Quarterly meetings convened by the Referendum Committee in 2015 and 2016 to discuss key messages.	No meetings convened in line with the JSB agenda	Key messages agreed on by GoPNG and ABG through the Referendum Committee.	Several technical committee meetings have been convened between the two government which paved way for the informal meeting between the PNG PM and ABG President in April 2017. A Joint PBF Technical Committee meeting has just been held on 14 June	On track	No adjustments required at this stage.
	Indicator 1.1.2 Number of key messages agreed by both governments	None	Outcome statements of the Parliamentary committees and Eminent	Two fact sheets developed containing 23 approved key messages by the Joint Supervisory	On track	No adjustments required at this stage.

			Persons' group published.	Body although agreements yet to be reached on eligibility criteria and voting age. This will be discussed in the TC meeting of June 2017		
Output 1.2 Accurate and objective user-friendly information on the BPA and the Referendum available and accessible.	Indicator 1.2.1 BPA Awareness materials produced by both governments and are readily available and accessible.	BPA posters and trainings done by government and civil society but limited.	A communications package agreed and validated by all relevant parties .	Development of the material has progressed significantly and has gone through vetting by the national government	on track	No adjustments required at this stage.
	Indicator 1.2.2 Number of products to improve reporting and broadcast of information/discussion on and about BPA & Referendum.	Products developed but majority not vetted.	Conflict sensitive reporting and coverage by the media	This is work in progress and there is agreement between both governments on the type of messages to be disseminated to the public during this period. The parliamentarians to play a major role in rolling out these agreed messages.	on track	No adjustments required at this stage.

<p>Output 1.3 Level of access and use of public information on the BPA and Referendum by Dist Peace & Security Committees, Ex-combatant groups, youths & women.</p>	<p>Indicator 1.3.1 24% know where to access information on referendum and the BPA</p>	<p>Coverage of 75% of Bougainville's population having access to information on the BPA and referendum, disaggregated by age and sex.</p>	<p>57% of the Bougainville population know where to access information on the referendum and the BPA.</p>	<p>An increase of 33% of the population now know where to access BPA information. Establishment of the community communication centres in the regions when fully functional will increase this access to referendum information across the region.</p>	<p>on track</p>	<p>No adjustments required at this stage.</p>
	<p>Indicator 1.3.2 14.9% know which bodies support the awareness on the BPA and referendum.</p>	<p>30% of the Bougainville Population know which bodies support the awareness on the BPA and referendum</p>	<p>25% know which bodies support the awareness on the BPA and referendum.</p>	<p>This % is expected to increase after the conduct of phase 2 of the BHOR constituency referendum ready process through the rest of the year</p>	<p>on track</p>	<p>No adjustments required at this stage.</p>
<p>Outcome 2</p>	<p>Indicator 2.1</p>					
	<p>Indicator 2.2</p>					

Output 2.1 Horizontal communication channels that provide information about BPA processes and Referendum between audiences which increase trust within and between communities, and of vertical channels between audiences and information providers such as the gov	Indicator 2.1.1 Types of fora in place to support awareness and outreach on the BPA and referendum.			The set up of a Parliamentary Committee for Referendum, paved way for similar committees being set up at the district and constituency levels across the regions. The Letter of Agreement to be effective in July will see more fora in place.	on track	No adjustments required at this stage.
	Indicator 2.1.2 Types and number of stakeholders involved in the development of materials and discussions on the quality of information on BPA.	13.5% trust Council of Elders, 10.3% NBC Radio Bougainville & 9.7% ABG	All inclusive approach to development of key messages on BPA.	45% of the Bougainville population trust the members of Parliament. 25% know which bodies support the awareness on the BPA and referendum.	on track	No adjustments required at this stage.
	Indicator 2.2.1					

Output 2.2	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					