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Dear Mrs. Djibo,

Thank you for the submission on 18 July of the project “Socio-economic reintegration of ex-Boko Haram fighters, victims and relaxed prisoners in the Diffa region”. I am pleased to inform you that the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), following the review of the Peacebuilding Contact Group and the recommendation of the Project Appraisal Committee, has approved the project under the PBF’s Immediate Response Facility (IRF) with a budget of \$3,000,000.

This project contributes directly to peacebuilding needs in Niger, and supports the efforts undertaken by the Government to reduce the influence of Boko Haram in the region with a focus on reintegration and social cohesion. The project “Socio-economic reintegration of ex-Boko Haram fighters, victims and relaxed prisoners in the Diffa region” will support the socio-economic reintegration of ex-Boko Haram fighters and relaxed prisoners back into their communities, and will support the promotion of human rights of these two groups. (Recipient UN Organisations: UNDP and OHCHR – approved total budget \$3,000,000 broken down as follows UNDP: \$2,800,000 and OHCHR: \$200,000).

PBSO has requested the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office to facilitate the transfer of funds in three tranches to the recipient organizations and project to support a rapid launch of the project for a duration of 18 months. The funds will be disbursed in three instalments due to the high-level of risks associated with the project. PBSO will authorise an initial transfer amounting to 30% of the requested budget. Upon timely submission and acceptance of the June 2018 project report and an updated risk log and at least 80% expenditure of the first transfer budget, the Fund will release a second tranche of 35%. The third tranche will be transferred upon receipt and approval of the November 2018 report, and an implementation rate of more than 80% of the combined first two tranches. Please note that all subsequent tranches are contingent on the availability of resources in the Peacebuilding Fund.

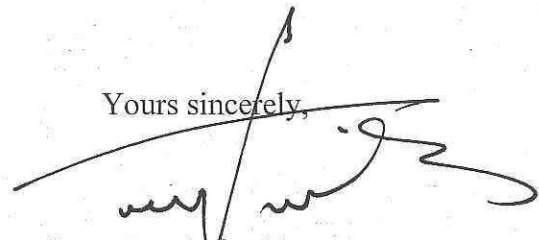
Mrs. Bintou Djibo
United Nations Resident Coordinator in Niger
Niamey

As you are aware, monitoring and reporting on peacebuilding impact is a core responsibility of the Fund's mandate. For projects approved under the IRF, I rely on you and your office to undertake the following responsibilities on my behalf: a) Ensure timely submission of the semi-annual project reports from each recipient UN organisation to the MPTF Office copied to PBSO; b) monitor projects progress and results, in line with the project results framework, and advise PBSO in a timely fashion if and when projects amendments are required; and c) ensure timely submission of the end-of projects reports within three months of the activity completion. Please note that the templates for all the reporting obligations can be found on the PBF website: <http://www.unpbf.org/application-guidelines/annex/>.

In addition to the above requirements, all entities receiving an allocation from the Peacebuilding Fund are obligated to ensure the visibility of the Fund. This should include both the identification of success stories within routine reporting as well as through the recipient UN organisation's strategic communications products. I hope our teams can jointly work to enhance the visibility and communication around these projects to attract additional technical and financial support from partners.

I look forward to working with you on this important peacebuilding and sustaining peace endeavour in Niger.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oscar Fernández-Taranco', written over the 'Yours sincerely,' text.

Oscar Fernández-Taranco
Assistant Secretary-General
for Peacebuilding Support

cc: H.E. Mr. Adballah Wafy, Permanent Representative
of Niger to the United Nations
Ms. Jennifer Topping, Executive Coordinator, MPTFO