

**SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PEACEBUILDING FUND
PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT TEMPLATE**



PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

COUNTRY: Myanmar

TYPE OF REPORT: SEMI-ANNUAL, ANNUAL OR FINAL Semi-Annual

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<p>Project Title: Overcoming barriers to strengthen the voices of all women in Rakhine State for social cohesion and peace</p>	
<p>Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway:</p>	
<p>PBF project modality:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IRF <input type="checkbox"/> PRF</p>	<p>If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Country Trust Fund <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Trust Fund</p> <p>Name of Recipient Fund: Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office</p>
<p>List all direct project recipient organizations (starting with Convening Agency), followed type of organization (UN, CSO etc): UNFPA, UNDP</p> <p>List additional implementing partners, Governmental and non-Governmental: International Relief Committee, PDI, International Development Law Organization Ministry of Social Welfare, Rakhine State Government, Ministry of Health and Sports, Union Office of the Attorney General, Ministry of Ethnic Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs</p>	
<p>Project commencement date¹: 18.04.2018 Project duration in months:² 18</p>	
<p>Does the project fall under one of the specific PBF priority windows below:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Youth promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-border or regional project</p>	
<p>Total PBF approved project budget* (by recipient organization): UNDP: \$ 1,139,841 UNFPA : \$ 725,567 : \$: \$ Total: \$ 1,865,408 <i>*The overall approved budget and the release of the second and any subsequent tranche are conditional and subject to PBSO's approval and subject to availability of funds in the PBF account</i></p> <p>How many tranches have been received so far: One</p>	
<p>Report preparation: Project report prepared by: Alex Robinson & Janneke Bienert (UNFPA), Thomas Crick (UNDP) Project report approved by: Did PBF Secretariat clear the report: Any comments from PBF Secretariat on the report:</p>	

¹ Note: commencement date will be the date of first funds transfer.

² Maximum project duration for IRF projects is 18 months, for PRF projects – 36 months.

Has the project undertaken any evaluation exercises? Please specify and attach: A final evaluation is scheduled for June 2019. UNDP has conducted a Conflict and Gender Sensitivity Assessment for its Rakhine programme (currently in draft stage).

NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

- *Avoid acronyms and UN jargon, use general / common language.*
- *Be as concrete as possible. Avoid theoretical, vague or conceptual discourse.*
- *Ensure the analysis and project progress assessment is gender and age sensitive.*

PART 1: RESULTS PROGRESS

1.1 Overall project progress to date

Briefly explain the **status of the project** in terms of its implementation cycle, including whether all preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (1500 character limit):

The first quarter of the programme (April - June 2018) served as an inception phase for both agencies.

UNFPA completed the preparatory activities including a capacity assessment of the Peace and Development Initiative (PDI) and the development of a workplan with PDI and the International Refugee Council (IRC). To identify a suitable partner to develop the ICT platform a tender has been published and the selection process is expected to be finalized in July.

UNDP has completed a two scoping missions to Rakhine, finalised the design of its Rule of Law Centres (ROLC) programme with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), and has completed pre-selection of CSOs and INGOs for provision of legal aid, following a call for expressions of interest. IDLO completed development of a training curriculum on SGBV. UNDP completed a conflict and gender sensitivity assessment covering its whole programme in Rakhine, including this project. The UAGO requested UNDP to provide training of law officers in Rakhine, and to facilitate orientation sessions in the State with the UAGO and State Attorney's Office on the new Fair Trial Manual, for government officials, law officers, GAD and police.

Given the recent/current political/peacebuilding/ transition situation/ needs in the country, has the project been/ does it continue to be **relevant** and well placed to address potential conflict factors/ sources of tensions/ risks to country's sustaining peace progress? Please illustrate. If project is still ongoing, are any adjustments required? (1500 character limit)

As the project is still in its first three months of implementation it is too early to ascertain whether major adjustments will be needed to the project approach. We do not have any doubts about the project's relevance to the peacebuilding needs in Rakhine.

However, it is very clear that the establishment of a ROLC in Sittwe - particularly its location and image/branding - will need to be carefully considered, and approached incrementally. The ROLC programme will progress through three phases: i) conduct conflict sensitivity training for IDLO staff, develop security SOPs, finalise adaptation of training curricula, complete detailed project design, ii) deliver training and awareness raising activities through IDLO trainers from outside the State, combined with orienting law officers, government officials, lawyers and CSO representatives to the ROLC model in locations such as Mandalay and Yangon, to build familiarity and support for the approach (alongside delivery of legal aid services by CSOs), iii) establish the ROLC and the full programme of training activities in early 2019

In a few sentences, summarize **what is unique/ innovative/ interesting** about what this project is trying/ has tried to achieve or its approach (rather than listing activity progress) (1500 character limit).

The programme views women as the central actors in strengthening rule of law and peacebuilding, the project aims to enhance the knowledge and capacity of women as rights holders, rule of law advocates and agents of peace. By improving women's access to justice and strengthening awareness including through building women's skills in computer and social media usage and providing them with skills which have a far reaching positive effect on women's lives. A cutting-edge ICT platform will further enhance their access to services and information and contribute to improved capacities of women as agents of change in Myanmar's broader peace-making and peacebuilding process.

Considering the project's implementation cycle, please **rate this project's overall progress towards results to date:**
on track

In a few sentences summarize **major project peacebuilding progress/results** (with evidence), which PBSO can use in public communications to highlight the project (1500 character limit):
As the project at this stage is less than three months old it is too early to report on peacebuilding results.

In a few sentences, explain how the project has made **real human impact**, that is, how did it affect the lives of any people in the country – where possible, use direct quotes that PBSO can use in public communications to highlight the project (1500 character limit):
See previous comment.

If the project progress assessment is **on-track**, please explain what the key **challenges** (if any) have been and which measures were taken to address them (1500 character limit).

It is clear that levels of trust are low in Rakhine between many development actors, both state and non-state, between the three branches of state, and as at community level. At the same time, there is a multiplicity of development initiatives underway in Rakhine, both national and international, and coordination structures are not yet fully effective. The PBF project, therefore, is engaging in a complex and changeable environment where trust is low and the roles and mandates of the different UN agencies barely understood. It will be important to communicate that the project addresses long term development needs rather than providing humanitarian assistance, and that it aims to work with all communities, and state as well as non-state actors.

For UNDP, the requirement for PBF funds to be managed separately but at the same time to be integrated into a new, larger UNDP project (the Strengthening Accountability and Rule of Law Project) that was launched on 1st June has led to delays establishing budgets for the ROL project team to use. This process has nearly been completed. Over April to June, the team has used other projects funds, and reversals will be made in the coming quarter

If the assessment is **off-track**, please list main reasons/ **challenges** and explain what impact this has had/will have on project duration or strategy and what **measures** have been taken/ will be taken to address the challenges/ rectify project progress (1500 character limit):

Please attach as a separate document(s) any materials highlighting or providing more evidence for project progress (for example: publications, photos, videos, monitoring reports, evaluation reports etc.). List below what has been attached to the report, including purpose and audience.

1.2 Result progress by project outcome

The space in the template allows for up to four project outcomes. If your project has more approved outcomes, contact PBSO for template modification.

Outcome 1: Protection and participation of marginalized women, including IDP women and survivors of GBV, strengthened to support increased civic engagement and inter-communal dialogue.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track

Progress summary: *Describe main progress under this Outcome made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration), including major output progress (not all individual activities). If the project is starting to make/ has made a difference at the outcome level, provide specific evidence for the progress (quantitative and qualitative) and explain how it impacts the broader political and peacebuilding context. Where possible, provide specific examples of change the project has supported/ contributed to as well as, where available and relevant, quotes from partners or beneficiaries about the project and their experience. (3000 character limit)?*

The terms of reference for the ICT platform have been developed and a tender has been published. The selection process is expected to be finalized by July 2018. The selected service provider will support the development of the ICT platform as well as the computer literacy classes for women in IDP camps.

The four Women and Girls Centers where the computer literacy education programme will be implemented have been identified. A further assessment of the environment to determine women's and girls' interest and capacity will be conducted in the second half of 2018 after which basic computer skills training for selected participants will be introduced.

Outcome 2: Values, skills, and knowledge of local communities and justice actors to provide gender and conflict sensitive mediation and resolution enhanced.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track

Progress summary: *(see guiding questions under Outcome 1)*

UNDP and IDLO conducted a scoping mission to Rakhine to conduct consultations with UN offices in Rakhine, government counterparts, INGOs and local civil society actors to introduce the Rakhine ROLC initiative and explore ways to best implement and collaborate moving forward. In addition, discussions with various justice actors focused on how the Rakhine ROLC initiative can support the Rakhine Coordinating Body for Rule of Law Centres and Justice Sector Affairs (RCB) to provide multi-sectoral and inclusive input into the national justice sector strategy of the Union Coordinating Body. UNDP followed this with a second mission a month later to hold more detailed consultations with legal aid providers and help them prepare for a call for expressions of interest to national CSOs and INGOs on justice and rule of law. Submissions from CSOs were assessed and graded, and have been cleared by the RCAP in Bangkok. Over July UNDP will request shortlisted CSOs to submit

technical proposals for delivery of legal services and awareness raising on SGBV and women's access to justice.

The main conclusion of these scoping missions was that the approach for establishing a ROL Centre in Sittwe should be very carefully considered, particularly its location and branding. IDLO's initial activities will focus on training government officials and law officers, CSOs and lawyers on rule of law and due process, and exposing them to the ROLC model through visits and training conducted in ROLC's outside of Rakhine. UNDP and IDLO have negotiated and concluded an Agreement for delivery of the ROLC programme in Rakhine, which starts on 1st July for an initial 12 months. IDLO completed development of a training curriculum on SGBV.

Separately, UNDP has recruited one national Rule of Law Officer and one IUNV Rule of Law Officer, both to be located in Sittwe

Outcome 3: Women's access to local justice, peace and policy making mechanisms increased

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track

Progress summary: *(see guiding questions under Outcome 1)*

Coffee and Tea sessions serve as a key prevention strategy in displacement settings in Sittwe, Rakhine State. The curriculum, developed by the IRC, is based on the Raising Voices' SASA! empowerment model developed by Trócaire and Raising Voices, which focuses on understanding power differences between men and women as the driver of GBV. Coffee and Tea sessions encourage participants to reflect on how GBV negatively affects their community and mobilizes participants to stand up against discrimination and violence against women. Compared to other GBV prevention models, the Coffee and Tea session methodology can be less resource-intensive, although still has the with a longer-term aim of creating positive and sustained changes in community knowledge, attitudes, skills, and behaviours. It is also adaptable and can be built on as the programme develops. Community leaders are also informed about the course to get their ensure awareness and buy-in, and there are opportunities for them to attend sessions as well. UNFPA supported the IRC to engage men in Coffee and Tea Sessions and information session activities (outside of Women and Girls Centres) and set up men's groups and women's groups in five Sittwe camps (Say Tamar Gyi, Pwe Yar Gone, Ohn Daw Gyi, Sat Yoe Kya 2 and Sat Yoe Kya 2). Through these Coffee and Tea sessions men and women will be further sensitized on the ICT project and computer literacy classes to empower women's decision making.

UNDP joined a meeting of the Rakhine Coordinating Body (RCB), which convenes all major justice actors in the State and is being supported by UNDP. The components of the project were presented with an emphasis on explaining the Rule of Law Centres (ROLC) model, and feedback received on how the approach may need to be modified in Rakhine. We discussed how the RCB and the Rakhine ROLC can support each other as the programs are developed and implemented, especially as the Coordinating Body develops its report on what justice sector issues are most problematic in

Rakhine so that this can feed up to the Union Coordinating Body which is developing a national justice sector strategy.

On 25th May, the UAGO launched its Fair Trial Manual (FTM), which clarifies the official position on what Myanmar law and the Constitution provide regarding due process and fair trial standards. UNDP supported UAGO to develop the FTM, and will facilitate orientation on the contents for law officers, CSOs, lawyers and government officials in Rakhine in August.

Outcome 4:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select one

Progress summary: (see guiding questions under Outcome 1)

1.3 Cross-cutting issues

<p><u>National ownership:</u> How has the national government demonstrated ownership/ commitment to the project results and activities? Give specific examples. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>The Rakhine ROL Coordinating Body provides good potential for national ownership of many elements of the project approach. Currently the RCB has weak capacity but could develop strong legitimacy as it includes the major justice sector actors in Rakhine. There are however a number of other state bodies with apparently overlapping mandates for development coordination in Rakhine, and it is not yet fully clear how they relate to the RCB. UNDP will assist the RCB to clarify its mandate and develop its capacities to coordinate actors in the justice sector, as it is the only body positioned to do so.</p>
<p><u>Monitoring:</u> Is the project M&E plan on track? What monitoring methods and sources of evidence are being/ have been used? Please attach any monitoring-related reports for the reporting period. (1500 character limit)?</p>	<p>UNFPA implementing partners report on a quarterly basis, which includes reporting on indicators and both a narrative and financial report. Regular field visits are conducted by both the Field Office and Country Office to monitor progress and quality of programme interventions.</p>
<p><u>Evaluation:</u> Provide an update on the preparations for the external evaluation for the project, especially if within last 6 months of implementation or final report. Confirm available budget for evaluation. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>N/A: evaluation is not yet due.</p>
<p><u>Catalytic effects (financial):</u> Did the project lead to any specific non-PBF funding commitments? If yes, from whom and how much? If not, have any specific attempts been made to attract additional financial contributions to the project and beyond? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>N/A at this stage of implementation</p>
<p><u>Catalytic effects (non-financial):</u> Did the project create favourable conditions</p>	<p>N/A at this stage of implementation</p>

<p>for additional peacebuilding activities by Government/ other donors? If yes, please specify. (1500 character limit)</p>	
<p>Exit strategy/ sustainability: What steps have been taken to prepare for end of project and help ensure sustainability of the project results beyond PBF support for this project? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>The project is still in its inception phase so it is too early to give close consideration to exit strategy and sustainability, beyond what is already integral to the project design.</p>
<p>Risk taking: Describe how the project has responded to risks that threatened the achievement of results. Identify any new risks that have emerged since the last report. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>The project environment has remained stable over the reporting period, and no new risks have emerged.</p>
<p>Gender equality: In the reporting period, which activities have taken place with a specific focus on addressing issues of gender equality or women's empowerment? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>Education sessions on GBV are conducted at a daily basis by the Women and Girls Centre staff. Separate sessions are held for girls, boys, women and men. In addition, Coffee and Tea sessions, a 6-9 month behaviour change programme on gender equality and gender-based violence, are held with women and men's groups in the IDP camps in Sittwe.</p>
<p>Other: Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>A capacity assesement of PDI has been conducted by IRC. A capacity building plan for PDI has been developed, focusing both on strengthening capacity on GBV related issues as well as organisational development. A transition strategy has been developed, with the objective to transition management of initially two Women and Girls Centers from IRC to PDI to ensure localization and sustainability of the programme.</p>

1.3 INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT: *Using the **Project Results Framework** as per the approved project document or any amendments- provide an update on the achievement of key indicators at both the outcome and output level in the table below (if your project has more indicators than provided in the table, select the most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight). Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (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 Protection and participation of marginalized women, including IDP women and survivors of GBV, strengthened to support increased civic engagement and inter-communal dialogue	Indicator 1.1 Number of action plans or recommendations for peace building, social cohesion or civic engagement developed as a result of women's access to ICT platforms	0	5% of women accessing Women and Girls Centres	0		
	Indicator 1.2 Improvement of perceptions on women's increased access to platforms to discuss justice and peace-related issues	0	15 % improvement of perceptions on criminal justice sector	0		
	Indicator 1.3					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Output 1.1 Local inter-communal consultations and dialogue, that include women priorities on peace and reconciliation, GBV and access to justice, including transitional justice, fostered as part of the national peace process (and SR1325)	Indicator 1.1.1 Number of advocacy dialogues on peace and reconciliation, GBV and access to justice, organized (including government, CSOs, women and girls) which generate actions and plans for improving social cohesions and access to justice	0	8	0		
	Indicator 1.1.2 A discussion/position paper on transitional justice produced as result of advocacy dialogues	0	1	0		
Output 1.2	Indicator 1.2.1	0	1	0		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Evidence generation and data collection strengthened to inform stronger formal justice responses for survivors of GBV	Qualitative research report produced highlighting opportunities and challenges associated with women's pathways through the formal justice system in Rakhine					
	Indicator 1.2.2 Number of criminal case information forms populated by justice sector institutions that contain data fields related to Sexual and Gender Based violence	0	5	0		
Output 1.3 Provision of an	Indicator 1.3.1 Number of women (including women	0	200	0		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
information platform to enable inter communal consultation and dialogues	within women's groups) accessing the online forums to participate in peace building and conflict resolution interventions					
	Indicator 1.3.2 Number of women who have received training on mobile technology and usage of mobile applications	0	1	0		
Outcome 2 Values, skills, and knowledge of local communities and justice actors to provide gender and	Indicator 2.1 Number of sectoral and intersectoral gender based violence response and prevention guidelines adopted relating to the use of virtual platforms	0	1	0		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
conflict sensitive mediation and resolutions, enhanced	Indicator 2.2 % of UNDP attended trials in compliance with fair trial standards in selected areas	0	25%	0		
	Indicator 2.3 % of men and women (including lawyers, community leaders, government officials, etc.) who show/state an increased understanding of RoL, SGBV, gender equality and women's rights, and barriers to women's access to justice	0	80% report increased knowledge	0		
Output 2.1 Enhanced	Indicator 2.1.1 Number of areas	0	6	0		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
aptitude and skills of local justice institutions and security providers to uphold human rights and improve access to justice for women, ethnic groups and other vulnerable groups, including survivors of GBV	covered by Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Information Sharing Protocols (ISP) for GBV survivors between protection partners and law enforcement sector					
	Indicator 2.1.2 # of government officials trained by UNDP on rule of law, GBV and human rights	0	300	0		
Output 2.2 Local capacities for gender and	Indicator 2.2.1 % of locations in Sittwe Township where functional service provision	0	33%	0		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
conflict sensitive mediation, dispute and conflict resolution enhanced	for mediation, dispute and conflict resolution are accessible for women and vulnerable groups.					
	Indicator 2.2.2 Training curriculum developed on conflict and gender sensitive mediation and resolutions and implemented	0	1	1		
Output 2.3	Indicator 2.3.1					
	Indicator 2.3.2					
Outcome 3 Women's access to local justice, peace and policy-	Indicator 3.1 # of justice sector plans and actions informed by increased coordination in the	0	2	0		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
making mechanisms increased	sector and data analysis and public consultation inclusive of women and other vulnerable groups					
	Indicator 3.2 15% increase of the # of women and other vulnerable groups represented by legal aid providers from February 2018 to June 2019	0	15%	0		
	Indicator 3.3					
Output 3.1 Strengthened relationships between Rakhine women and national civil society and	Indicator 3.1.1 Increase in % of women from all sites with improved perceptions of the benefits of social cohesion and	0	15%	0		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
networks	peacebuilding					
	Indicator 3.1.2 Rakhine specific outreach strategy developed and implemented	0	Outreach strategy developed	0		
Output 3.2 Local justice and peace mechanisms are more accessible to women and sensitive to their identified justice priority needs	Indicator 3.2.1 Rakhine Coordinating Body for Rule of Law Centers and Justice Sector Affairs meets on regular basis	1	6	1		
	Indicator 3.2.2 # of actions/ initiatives jointly developed by communities and local government actors to address women's justice issues and women rights	0	2	0		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Output 3.3 Women and vulnerable groups are more aware of their rights and empowered to demand accessible and equitable legal Output Indicator 3.3.3: Number of men and boys who participated in Social Behaviour Change and Gender Equality programmes	Indicator 3.3.1 Number of Men and Boys who participated in Social Behaviour Change and GE programmes	50	200	50	Information not available as reporting by Implementing Partner on period April - June will only be received by 15th of July	
	Indicator 3.3.2 Number of women who report increased participation in decision making processes in their homes or communities	0	50	0		50 women who participate in the ICT project

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Training and coffee and tea sessions reports, as well as monit						
Outcome 4	Indicator 4.1					
	Indicator 4.2					
	Indicator 4.3					
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: INDICATIVE PROJECT FINANCIAL PROGRESS

2.1 Comments on the overall state of financial expenditures

Please rate whether project financial expenditures are on track, delayed, or off track, vis-à-vis project plans and by recipient organization: *on track*

How many project budget tranches have been received to date and what is the overall level of expenditure against the total budget and against the tranche(s) received so far (500 characters limit): One tranche was received on 18 April 2018 of USD 1,305,785 (UNFPA: USD 507,897 UNDP: USD 797,888). Of this, USD 11,328 has been expended, not including committed funds. As mentioned above, UNDP's expenditure over the reporting period will be posted in July.

When do you expect to seek the next tranche, if any tranches are outstanding: We expect to seek the next tranche in Q1 of 2019.

If expenditure is delayed or off track, please provide a brief explanation (500 characters limit):

Please state what \$ amount was planned (in the project document) to be allocated to activities focussed on gender equality or women's empowerment and how much has been actually allocated to date: USD1,634,808

Please fill out and attach Annex A on project financial progress **with detail on expenditures/ commitments to date using the original project budget table in Excel**, even though the \$ amounts are indicative only.