



[COUNTRY: Myanmar]

PROJECT HALF YEARLY PROGRESS UPDATE

PERIOD COVERED: JANUARY – JUNE 2017

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| Project No & Title: | PBF/Support to JMC Support Platform Project | | |
| Recipient Organization(s)¹: | UNDP | | |
| Implementing Partners (Government, UN agencies, NGOs etc): | JMC and its Technical Secretariat Centre (TSC) | | |
| Location: | Myanmar; Yangon with Nay Pyi Taw, and six States/Regions | | |
| Total Approved Budget :² | 2363641 | | |
| Preliminary data on funds committed :³ | USD590,317 | % of funds committed / total approved budget: | 25% |
| Expenditure⁴: | USD 357,472 | % of expenditure / total budget: (Delivery rate) | 15% |
| Project Approval Date: | 9/12/2016 | Possible delay in operational closure date (Number of months) | 3 months |
| Project Start Date: | 1 January 2017 | | |
| Expected Operational Project Closure Date: | 31 December 2017 | | |
| Project Outcomes: | Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee (JMC) engages effectively in ceasefire monitoring in accordance with the NCA | | |
| PBF Focus Area⁵ (select one of the Focus Areas listed below) | Support the implementation of peace agreements and political dialogue (Priority Area 1)(1.3) DDR | | |

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.

⁵ PBF focus areas are:

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) Management of natural resources;

3: Revitalise the economy and generate immediate peace dividends (Priority Area 3);

(3.1) Short-term employment generation; (3.2) Sustainable livelihoods

4) (Re)-establish essential administrative services (Priority Area 4)

(4.1) Public administration; (4.2) Public service delivery (including infrastructure).

Qualitative assessment of progress

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| <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.)</i></p> | <p>Notwithstanding the project's delayed start it provided institutional and technical support to the JMC; put in place project recruitments and mobilized the required resources. Output 1: The JMC convened tri-partite committees at Union, 6 state/regions, and the first at local level, and corresponding secretariats; drafted and validated new SOPs; undertook training activities for members and staff; and convened stakeholder briefings and community outreach. Output 2: The project laid the groundwork for the TNA planned for late June. Output 3: The project initiated its human resource placements; undertook the first operational assessment of the TSC; and mobilized donor resources to meet its required budget.</p> |
| <p><i>Do you see evidence that the project is having a positive impact on peacebuilding? (1000 characters max.)</i></p> | <p>Given delays in start-up, the impact on peacebuilding is too early to measure but the JMC has already through its work, before the establishment of the platform been able to reduce tensions in ceasefire areas with very limited resources, and the support from PBF will enable the JMC to quickly increase operations and significantly improve its capability to solve tensions peacefully which will enable longterm peacebuilding in those areas.</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>The initial PBF support was catalytic to mobilize resources from the Government of Norway, UNDP and the Joint Peace Fund (JPF), meeting its full resource requirement. With the project underway, the JMC also tabled its first formal request for technical assistance from projec.</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 project was delayed by 3 months, due to delays in Government approval processes. As a result, project has only been in implementation for 2.5 months. Over project implementation, the JMC has also experienced challenges in scaling-up its operations, including recruiting qualified personnel, particularly for state/region levels. UNDP has taken measures to expedite project implementation, including using a higher financial transfer modality over the first quarter to expedite the transfer to national counterparts.</p> |

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| <p><i>What are the main activities/expected results for the rest of the year? (1000 characters max.)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued and regularized institutional support to the JMC, enabling multi-level tripartite meetings, the running and staffing of existing offices at state/region, and set-up and staffing of local level offices; drafting SOPs; undertaking MVR activities in response to violations; and sharing information with and outreaching stakeholders and communities. - Completion of the TNA and drafting and validating the Technical Assistance Plan - Provision of technical assistance (experts, training and exposure) to JMC including on gender and protection |
| <p><i>Is there any need to adjust project strategies/duration/budget etc.? (1000 characters max.)</i></p> | <p>Project would need to be extended for a further period of 3 months.</p> |
| <p><i>Are there any lessons learned from the project in the period reported? (1000 characters max.)</i></p> | <p>Although this was not possible for administrative reasons, it would have facilitated implementation if the start and end date of the PBF project would have corresponded with the dates of the JMC support platform (1 April 2017-31 March 2018). This would also have enabled more accurate reporting.</p> |
| <p><i>What is the project budget expenditure to date (percentage of allocated project budget expended by the date of the report) – preliminary figures only? (1000 characters max.)</i></p> | <p>Expenditure to-date (committed): USD 590,317 (25%) Expenditure to-date (disbursed): USD 357,472 (15%)</p> |
| <p><i>Any other information that the project needs to convey to PBSO (and JSC) at this stage? (1000 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)

| Outcome | Performance Indicator | Indicator Baseline | End of Project Target | Current progress | Reasons for Variance if any | Adjustments of Targets |
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| Outcome 1 JMC engages effectively in ceasefire monitoring in accordance with NCA and international standards | # of NCA violations resolved informed by international standards | 0 | TBC | Dec-17 result measurement | | |
| | Perceptions of confidence of NCA signatories in the JMC | 0 | TBC Perception survey to be conducted | Dec-17 result measurement | | |
| | % Public understanding of the JMC | 0 | TBC Perception survey to be conducted | Dec-17 result measurement | | |
| Output 1.1: The JMC tripartite mechanism established at central level in target states/regions and in priority township locations | # of JMC committee bodies fully operational at union, state/region and local levels | 0 | 1 JMC-U, 6 JMC-S and 5 JMC-L | Dec-17 result measurement Interim progress: 1 JMC-U, 6 JMC-S and 1 JMC-L | | |
| | % of women members in JMC committee bodies at union, state/region and local levels | 0 | 30% | Dec-17 result measurement | | |
| Output 1.2: JMC-TSC offices are functioning and staffed, at central level, in target states/regions and in priority local areas | # of JMC-TSC offices fully functional at union, state/region and local levels | 0 | 1 TSC-U, 6 TSC-S and 5 TSC-L | Interim progress: 1 JMC-U, 6 JMC-S and 0 JMC-L | TSC-Ls to be set-up in phased manner | |

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| | % of women employed in JMC-TSC at union, state/region and local level | 0 | 30% | 30% | | |
| Output 1.3: The JMC tests and puts in place its core SOPs for MVR, dispute resolution, conflict de-escalation and civilian monitoring | # of SOPs tested and put in place | 0 | TBC | Dec-17 result measurement Interim progress: 8 | | |
| 1.4: The JMC initiates capacity-development and training for JMC members and TSC staffs on all essential normative functions of ceasefire monitoring at multi-levels defined | # number of tested training curricula developed | 0 | TBC | NA (data not available) | | |
| Output 1.5: The JMC undertakes MVR activities in response to ceasefire violations and complaints | # of ceasefire violations resolved by the JMC | 1 | TBC | Dec-17 result measurement | | |
| Output 1.6: JMC undertakes periodic information-sharing with stakeholders at all levels; and able to run outreach with communities in target states/regions | % of JMC members expressing confidence in the JMC | TBC | TBC | Dec-17 result measurement | | |
| | # of civilians reached with information on the JMC | 0 | TBC | Dec-17 result measurement | | |

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| Output 2.1: The JMC is supported to draw a validated multiannual technical assistance provision | Technical Needs Assessment completed and validated | 0 | 1 | Delayed, to be ready in July 2017 | | |
| | Multi-annual technical assistance plan developed | 0 | 1 | Delayed, to be ready in August 2017 | | |
| Output 2.2: The Platform puts in place a mechanism for coordinating technical support - Technical Support Group | Coordinated technical support work plan prepared and implemented | 0 | 1 | Dec-17 result measurement | | |
| Output 2.3 The JMC benefits from access to a long-term technical consultant, capacity-development and exposure to international comparative experience including on key ceasefire interface issues such as gender and protection of civilians. | # of JMC-TSC staffs and JMC members received capacity development support | 0 | TBC | Dec-17 result measurement | | |
| | # of JMC-TSC staffs and JMC members received capacity development support on gender issues | 0 | TBC | Dec-17 result measurement | | |
| | # of JMC-TSC staffs and JMC members received capacity development | 0 | TBC | Dec-17 result measurement | | |

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| | support on protection of civilians. | | | | | |
| Output 3.1: Core delivery and governance structures for the JMC Support Platform set-up and maintained | USD 5 mil mobilized | 0 | 90% | Dec-17 result measurement Interim progress: USD 1.15mil mobilized | | |
| | Platform is satisfactorily audited | 0 | 1 | Dec-17 result measurement | | |
| Output 3.2: Administrative capacities of the TSC are strengthened | JMC-TSC demonstrates positive progress in capacity assessment | 0 | Yes | Dec-17 result measurement Interim progress: HACT assessment completed | | |
| Output 3.3: Multi-year JMC Support Platform is designed and set-up | Platform Phase 2 approved and funded for initiation | 0 | JMC Support Platform Phase 2 Project Document | Dec-17 result measurement | | |