

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



PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

COUNTRY: Papua New Guinea

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

DATE OF REPORT: 17 June 2019

Project Title: Strengthening the role of Women and Youth as Peace Builders to improve Development in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea	
Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway: 00113079	
PBF project modality: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IRF <input type="checkbox"/> PRF	If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country Trust Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trust Fund Name of Recipient Fund: PNG One UN Country Fund
List all direct project recipient organizations (starting with Convening Agency), followed type of organization (UN, CSO etc): - United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) - UN Agency - United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) - UN Agency - International Organization for Migration (IOM) - UN Agency	
List additional implementing partners, Governmental and non-Governmental: 1. The PNG Council of Churches 2. Melanesian Institute which is a local NGO 3. Centre for Social and Creative Media (CSCM) is a local communications institution 4. Women led NGOs - Kup Women for Peace, and Voice for Change are NGOs working on peace building in other conflict affected Highlands provinces. 5. National Development Youth Authority. 6. Equal Playing Field a local NGO 7. Catholic Diocese of Mendi- Faith Based Organization	
Project commencement date¹: 19 Nov 2018 Project duration in months:² 18 Months	
Does the project fall under one of the specific PBF priority windows below: <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	
Total PBF approved project budget* (by recipient organization): UN Women: \$ 825,498 UNFPA : \$ 398,333 IOM : \$ 276,169	

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.

: \$

Total: 1,500,000

**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*

How many tranches have been received so far: 1 (One)

Report preparation:

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Project report approved by: Susan Ferguson

Did PBF Secretariat clear the report:

Any comments from PBF Secretariat on the report:

Has the project undertaken any evaluation exercises? Please specify and attach: No. However, Baseline Study has been conducted and report is due at the end of June 2019

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):

Preparatory activities for commencement of the Gender and Youth Promotion Initiative (the Project) have been completed. Implementation of some of activities are in progress including the baseline survey with report writing in progress. A joint GYPI inception mission conducted to Hela and Southern Highlands Provinces from 24 February -8 March 2019 resulted in increased awareness about the project and buy-in from key actors, particularly in Mendi and Tari, where the project has been openly received. The inception mission also generated acceptance of the project and project objectives by communities. In one of the communities where the team visited, a former prominent War lord who is now engaged in peace and development initiatives came out with his entourage to register his support for the programme and readiness to volunteer his time to help broker peace in the area.

Two provincial level consultations (conducted with provincial officials and CSOs) provided the opportunity for GYPI partners to agree on implementation strategies and identify opportunities for engagement. Clear recommendations are now available to guide implementation of the Community Peace for Development Plans (CPDPs) and engagement of local actors/service providers for effective project delivery. A baseline survey has been conducted against which project progress and effectiveness will be measured and evaluated. It has generated some interesting information which was not available prior to project inception

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

off track

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).

Provinces in the Highlands region have had a history of communal/intertribal conflicts which continue to impair development efforts. The operating environment is highly difficult and volatile. A distinct feature of this programme is the fact that the project represents the first time that the UN will jointly programme on peace building in the Highlands and in fact, anywhere outside the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. With the UN's foray into the challenging Highlands environment and given its role as a neutral, impartial arbiter and convener between the Government, development and local communities, this project is opening up unprecedented interest by national and international development actors aimed at transforming communities. Importantly, the project is enabling the link between the past humanitarian work of the UN to future development work through peace building, thus demonstrating the

distinct yet complementary roles of UN agencies to work together across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus.

The project is also uniquely situated to transform the balance of power between men, women and youth using the vehicle of peace building. Very few Highlands initiatives put women and youth at the center of their efforts, while at the same time keeping men engaged (to avoid backlash). Partners will therefore continue to implement with great sensitivity in view of risks associated with challenging patriarchal norms, which are deeply ingrained in the Highlands communities.

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):

Project Coordination Committees in both Hela and SHP have taken off to guide implementation; monitor progress and provide advisory support to the implementing agencies. In addition, at local level, Community Facilitation Teams (CFTs) were inaugurated to bridge gaps between communities and local government and institutions in order to support implementation of project activities and to sustain peace in the communities. Stakeholder buy-in has been secured at community level and project strategies have been revalidated in terms of their appropriateness for building and sustaining peace in project sites. Consultation reports with photographs will be attached to this report as evidence (paste dropbox link).

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):

The project has positive feedback in regard to youth leadership in communities. youth members of Community Facilitation Teams are recognized as leader in their communities. These youths will advocate for peace and order in their communities and some were community mobilizers during the humanitarian project and are sufficiently sensitized to play a similar role in this project.

Human Impact: During the provincial consultations in Tari town, Bishop Steven Bai of the United Church appreciated the coming of UN to support peace building in Hela. He said "UN coming is a blessing as women from all denominations have been marching for peace within Tari Town and have gone to other fighting zones and churches on their own. Working and partnering between women, the churches and the UN will be a very effective approach."

Thomas Hengebe, the Chief Executive Officer to the Provincial Administrator in his introductory speech appreciated the partnership and collaborative effort by UN. He said, "UN unlocks every door, as where we can't go, you go. You are the angel sent here...UN is always genuine and is a life saver that we have to collaborate and partner with - UN goes where government institutions at times find it hard to go."

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).
off-track

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):

Commencement of implementation has been challenging mainly due to identification of implementing partners that have knowledge and connections in the Highlands and the recruitment of qualified staff who are ready to move to the Highlands.

Other logistical challenges have also set back project implementation. In the course of implementation for example, the Tari airport has been closed twice and several meetings with stakeholders plus one major community outreach with a former war lord were postponed. The only other alternative is an arduous 9 hour journey by road from Hagen which requires additional security considerations and careful planning.

Initial consultations revealed that some of the communities have past or ongoing conflict and therefore it may be more appropriate to hold the trainings either at the community level or in a neutral location (such as Mt Hagen) – UNDSS previously advised against holding a GYPI training in Mendi due to conflict in light of an incident in Mendi during the earthquake response. Several training and awareness raising activities planned for the provincial capitals may now have to be delivered in Hagen to address these security and logistical issues. However, proposed changes may result in increased costs to the project. RUNOs will work with UNDSS to make further recommendations on the most appropriate options based on the reality on the ground.

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.
add dropbox link

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: Targeted subnational institutions are inclusive of women and youth to prevent and respond to inter-group conflict (e.g schools; DDAs; Provincial Administration; Police; Village Courts; Peace and Good Order Committees

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)?

Under this outcome, it has been planned to equip women and youth with competencies to advocate for peace in their communities. This has been now been initiated through activation of Community Facilitation Teams (CFTs); and further

through strengthening the capacity of CFT members. The project is actively promoting gender equality by taking steps to ensure equal representation of women and youth in CFTs and in project interventions. 60 CFT members (30 females and 30 male) will be trained on UNSCR 2250 and 1320 to increase the meaningful participation of youth and women in decision making as well as prevent and resolve conflict and counter violent extremism.

Clear recommendations and risk mitigation strategies have been document following a risk assessment conducted to provide recommendations linked to uncertainties with regard to engagement of stakeholders/implementing partner in various locations. Some of the institutions assessed include Risk Mitigation - LLG Ward Development Committees; Village Courts with Peace and Good Order Committees; The Department of Community Development; The Police Department division of Family and Sexual Violence Unit (FSVU) and Church Programs. The report will be uploaded along with this submission.

Outcome 2: Women and young people effectively engage in community-level peace-building mechanisms to prevent and respond to inter-group conflict.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: off track

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

In order to support the equitable and meaningful engagement of women and youth in community-level peace-building, inclusive Community Facilitation Teams (CFTs) have been established in each of the communities. The CFTs are comprised of six community leaders - two men, two women and two youth (m/f) so as to ensure a 50% equal gender ratio represented in each of the CFTs. There are 10 CFTs representing all project sites and 60 CFT members in total. The CFT members will receive training in conflict mitigation/peacebuilding as well as Training for Transformation on the design and implementation of the CPDPs. The CFT members were selected by the community from amongst existing leaders with constructive influence on the community. The CFTs will be the key focal points for the GYPI team to liaise with regarding the project activities to ensure they are community-led, as well as being the key focal points for the design and implementation of the CPDPs.

Outcome 3: N/A

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

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

Outcome 4: N/A

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 government at provincial level has demonstrated a high level of commitment to the project, particularly in Hela where the needs are more intense. Throughout the project RUNOs have had the full support of Provincial councils which were well represented at consultations at the highest level. Chief Executive Officer to the Provincial Administrator is well engaged with and committed to the project and continues to provide the much needed support for effective implementation.</p> <p>Community Mobilizers who participated in service delivery during the UN humanitarian relief project have registered their continued support and willingness to engage in peace building efforts. More than 70% of them showed up for the project initiation consultations in February. Participation by provincial security personnel has also been recorded.</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>Due to delay in conducting the baseline survey, monitoring mission in order to track the project progress has not been conducted however two field visit with the purpose of engagement with communities have been conducted. In addition, regular meeting has been conducted to monitor the progress of project activities.</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>Baseline survey has now been conducted</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>This project is opening up extraordinary interest from national and international development actors aimed at transformation of long neglected communities in the Highlands. For example, Exxon Mobile and DFAT approached UN Women to negotiate partnership for redevelopment of the Tari Market. The plan is to replicate the successes derived from similar work in UN Women Markets programme by applying the transformative strategies that have generated those results. There will leverage on a subsisting MoU between UN and PNG Power to implement rural electrification projects aimed at improving benefits to women and girls in the power sector by increased access to electricity</p>
<p><u>Catalytic effects (non-financial):</u> Did the project create favourable conditions for additional peacebuilding activities by Government/ other donors? If yes, please specify. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>The UN is currently developing an area based development programme, which will build on the results of this initiative.</p>
<p><u>Exit strategy/ sustainability:</u> What steps have been taken to prepare for end of project and help ensure sustainability of</p>	<p>The project document recognizes the role of Community Peace for Development Plans (CPDPs) in sustaining the gains that will be generated by this project. Preliminary</p>

<p>the project results beyond PBF support for this project? <i>(1500 character limit)</i></p>	<p>work to implement the CPDPs are on going. The CPDPs are intrinsically designed to support sustained peace and social cohesion by thwarting risk factors for future outbreaks of tribal violence.</p>
<p><u>Risk taking:</u> 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. <i>(1500 character limit)</i></p>	<p>The project continues to collaborate with Faith Based Organizations which are close to and trusted by communities. This helped to create greater acceptance of the project and mitigate risk during impementation of the initial activities.</p>
<p><u>Gender equality:</u> In the reporting period, which activities have taken place with a specific focus on addressing issues of gender equality or women’s empowerment? <i>(1500 character limit)</i></p>	<p>This is a Gender Marker 3 project; all interventions are gender focused and intended to address gaps in gender equality and target group empowerment. In all project activities, particular attention is paid to ensure the equitable participation of women including in Community Facilitation Teams. The same principles will be applied for engaging decision making institutions that are traditionally dominated by men.</p>
<p><u>Other:</u> Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? <i>(1500 character limit)</i></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 Targeted subnational institutions are inclusive of women and youth to prevent and respond to inter-group conflict (e.g schools; DDAs; Provincial Administration; Police; Village Courts; Peace and Good Order Committees)	Indicator 1.1 % increase in the proportion of female representatives in local dialogue, conflict resolution and peacebuilding processes (SDG 5.5.1)					
	Indicator 1.2 Outcome Indicator 1b: Proportion of population who believe decision-making is inclusive and responsive, by sex and age (SDG 16.7.2)	0%	10%			

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	Indicator 1.3					
Output 1.1 Knowledge of the benefits of peaceful conflict resolution processes are expanded, including the benefits of including women and youth in conflict prevention and peace building (knowledge & attitudes).	Indicator 1.1.1 Output Indicator 1.1.1: number of women men and young people participating in community awareness process and training programmes	0	50,000			
	Indicator 1.1.2 Number of women and men (including young men and women) trained on inclusive Peace Building processes	0	28,500			
Output 1.2 Peace	Indicator 1.2.1 % increase in the					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
building and conflict management mechanisms and structures integrate the voice of women and youth (practice)	proportion of female mediators who participate in formal and informal peace negotiations					
	Indicator 1.2.2 Number of conflicts reported in the crowdsource conflict mapping tool	0	15,500			
Output 1.3	Indicator 1.3.1					
	Indicator 1.3.2					
Output 1.4	Indicator 1.4.1					
	Indicator 1.4.2					
Outcome 2 Women and young people effectively engage in community-	Indicator 2.1 % conflicts mediated with participation of women and young people as					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
level peace-building mechanisms to prevent and respond to inter-group conflict.	mediators.					
	Indicator 2.2 Proportion of population satisfied with inclusive mediation processes	0	50%			
	Indicator 2.3 Number of active conflicts reported, cumulative					
Output 2.1 Change of community attitudes towards greater inclusiveness of women and youth in conflict prevention and	Indicator 2.1.1 Number of youth (young women and young men) in community youth network engaged in conflict prevention and social cohesion activities, by sex and age	0	16,000			
	Indicator 2.1.2 Number of trained	0	16,000	0		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	improved social cohesion (knowledge & attitudes)	youth leaders playing the role of Peace advocates within their communities, by sex and age				
Output 2.2 Women and youth promote and engage in the development and implementation of community level peace plans and by-laws (practice)	Indicator 2.2.1 Gender ratio of CPDP facilitators (female to male), by age	0	50%	50%		
	Indicator 2.2.2 Proportion of CPDPs with specific provisions to improve the security and status of women and girls.	0	80%	0		
Output 2.3	Indicator 2.3.1					
	Indicator 2.3.2					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Output 2.4	Indicator 2.4.1					
	Indicator 2.4.2					
Outcome 3	Indicator 3.1					
	Indicator 3.2					
	Indicator 3.3					
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					
Output 3.4	Indicator 3.4.1					
	Indicator 3.4.2					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
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					
Output 4.4	Indicator 4.4.1					
	Indicator 4.4.2					

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: *off track*

How many project budget tranches have been received to date and when do you expect to request the next tranche if applicable: 1

What is the overall level of expenditure/ commitment against the total budget and against the tranche(s) received so far:

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:

Please fill out and attach the project document Excel budget Annex showing current project financial progress (**expenditures/ commitments to date**), using the original project budget table in Excel, even though the \$ amounts are indicative only.