

Guinea Bissau Peacebuilding Fund Project Summary

STATUS REPORT AS OF 30/06/09

Recipient UN Organization:	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	PBF Priority Area:	Security and Justice Sector Reform		
Implementing Partner(s):	Ministry of Justice				
Project Number:	PBF/GNB/B-1				
Project Title:	Rehabilitation of Selected Prisons				
Total Approved Project Budget	US\$ 900,000				
Funds Committed:	US\$ 192,519	Percentage of Approved:	21%		
Funds Disbursed:	US\$ 108,533	Percentage of Approved:	12%		
SC Approval Date:	16 June 2008				
Expected Project Duration:	12 Months	Forecast Final Date:	December 2009	Delay (Months):	5

Outputs:	Progress:	Percentage of planned:
Two prisons in Bissau, one in Mansoa and one in Bafata refurbished in line with international standarts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical evaluation mission in December 2008 to the four prison facilities in partnership with a team of experts from the Red Cross International Committee (Assessment of construction needs in accordance with international standards in terms of human rights). 	5%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracting a national office of architects (identification on the ground of existing infrastructures for preparation of public bidding documents) 	10%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the Public Tender by the Ministry of Justice in May 2009. 	10%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracting on 17 June of construction companies to rehabilitate the Judiciary Police Detention Center in Bissau and Bafata and Mansoa regional prisons. 	15%
Data management system established in selected prisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical evaluation mission in December 2008 to the four prison facilities in partnership with an expert in managing data systems from the Brazilian Ministry of Justice for the selected prison staff members 	5%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement of first set of Information Technology equipment, generators and a vehicle for transporting prisoners finalized. 	5%

Penitentiary staff trained with special focus on file management, registration and human right standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training design developed for senior staff members and managers of prison facilities and submitted to the Ministry of Justice for approval. 	5%
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Qualitative achievements against expected results:

The technical reports disclosed important needs and considerations which included the renovation of 1^a Esquadra Police Station considered as being unfeasible. UNODC brought to the attention of the Ministry of Justice the need for selecting an alternative prison to 1^a Esquadra Police Station (i.e. 2^a Esquadra Police Station will benefit from rehabilitation of its prison). The decision has not yet been taken by the umbrella organization.

Due to the legislative elections (November 2008) and changing of the Minister of Justice and due to the cancellation of a scheduled Assessment mission by contracted consultants, activities suffered a delay. Also, the events that occur in the country in March 2009 with the assassinations of the President and the Chief of the General Staff prevented the National Architect Cabinet to deliver the Cahier des Charges in the scheduled date.