

**LIBERIA PEACEBUILDING FUND
QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT
AS OF 30 JUNE 2009**

Recipient UN Organization:	UNDP	PBF Priority Area:	3: Strengthening State Capacity for Peace Consolidation		
Implementing Partner(s):	Ministry of Internal Affairs				
Project Number:	PBF/LBR/E-2 (PP/R1/A3/01)				
Project Title:	Government of Liberia Peacebuilding Office				
Total Approved Project Budget	902,759				
Funds Committed:	902,759	Percentage of Approved:			
Funds Disbursed:	902,759	Percentage of Approved:	100%		
SC Approval Date:	29-Sep-2008				
Expected Project Duration:	18 months	Forecast Final Date:	30 th June 2010	Delay (Months):	4 months

Outputs:	Progress:	Percentage of planned:
Early waning indicators selected	The office has in the months of June and July conducted secondary research and held consultations with key stakeholders (ECOWAS, WANEP, UNMIL , and the Government of Liberia) to identify appropriate indicators for the Liberian context. Also, a workshop was organized for CSOs on July 21 to get their input. While specific indicators have not yet been selected, the PBO has through the mapping exercise identified the most likely indicators in a future system and established the importance of focusing on Human Security indicators and open source information.	40%
Locations determined and plan outlined to build 50 peace huts	One qualified construction firm has been identified through competitive procurement process; cost for construction of one peace hut analysed and determined that cost is slightly higher than budgeted by 20%, thus 33 peace huts to be built instead of 50; actual construction starts in August pending signing of contract with UNDP ; social mobilization which precedes construction activities to obtain buy-in from local people starts in 22 communities in Central-West Liberia during first week in Aug. '09	35%
Training of 6 Peacebuilding Office staff	The Director of the PBO completed one international training on peacebuilding at the Eastern Mennonite University in the USA; 18 Government employees and 3 PBO staff completed week-long training in Mediation facilitated by the ABA at the Ministry of Internal Affairs; Senior Advisor participated in two-week long training on Mediation, Negotiation, communication and reconciliation in Addis Ababa, funded by UNITAR ; 35 persons including 15 government officials, 5 UN personnel, 7 PBO staff and 8 CSO members completed a week-long training on general peacebuilding funded by ACCORD .	60%
JSC Meetings	Facilitated/organised three meetings of the Joint Steering Committee where policy decisions on the management of the funds was made	90%
Conflict sensitivity	Conflict sensitivity mainstreaming in the implementation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy is slow including production of training manual in this respect pending hiring of Conflict Sensitivity	30%

	Training Consultant and training of 6 PBO staff. However, an international Consultant has been identified through a competitive process and is waiting to sign formal contract with UNDP .	
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Qualitative achievements against expected results:
<p>Early warning mechanism in place to detect emerging conflict challenges to peace. The Government and stakeholders including UNMIL has concluded a concept note on the establishment of county security councils across the country. The role of the PBO is unclear in this process, but initial meeting has been held with Chris Ramp of UNMIL and the Minister of Internal Affairs seeking how the PBO can play a strategic role. However, the PBO has had initial consultations with key stakeholders including CSOs, UNMIL and ECOWAS on current early warning initiatives and to determine how the PBO can contribute. For Government to adopt and apply conflict sensitivity frameworks for implementation of the poverty reduction strategy has not gained substantial achievements as Conflict Sensitivity training Consultant just got identified and conflict sensitivity training is likely to start in the next coming month with 6 PBO staff.</p> <p>The project envisioned to construct 50 peace huts but the current cost of materials due to inflation of prices constrain for the construction of 33 in three regions of Liberia. A Construction firm has been identified through competitive process and should signed formal Contract with UNDP to begin actual construction in August 2009. Initial construction process of 22 in 22 district headquarters will precede social mobilization as a strategy to obtain buy-in from local communities. Local Peace committee in the locatiOn of the peace huts are earmarked to roll out the social mobilization process following training in this subject during early August 2009.</p> <p>Various peacebuilding trainings both at local and international levels benefitted the 6 employees of the PBO, though with differences in duration and intensities. However, key training in monitoring and evaluation is expected during late July while other relevant trainings to strengthen capacity of the PBO are being explored.</p>