

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



PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT
COUNTRY: SOMALIA
TYPE OF REPORT: SEMI-ANNUAL, ANNUAL OR FINAL ANNUAL
DATE OF REPORT: 15 NOVEMBER 2019

Project Title: Secretariat support to the PBF portfolio in Somalia	
Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway: 00113011	
PBF project modality: <input type="checkbox"/> IRF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRF	If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Country Trust Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trust Fund Name of Recipient Fund:
List all direct project recipient organizations (starting with Convening Agency), followed type of organization (UN, CSO etc): UNDP List additional implementing partners, Governmental and non-Governmental:	
Project commencement date¹: 9 November 2018 Project duration in months:² 18 months	
Does the project fall under one of the specific PBF priority windows below: <input 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): UNDP: \$ 739,370 : \$: \$: \$ Total: 739,370 <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>	
How many tranches have been received so far: 1	
Report preparation: Project report prepared by: Peter Nordstrom Project report approved by: Joanna Nickolls, Head of the Integrated Office of the DSRSG/RC/HC Did PBF Secretariat clear the report: N/A Any comments from PBF Secretariat on the report: N/A Has the project undertaken any evaluation exercises? Please specify and attach: No	

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.

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): In February 2019, the PBF Secretariat organised a high-level launch of a new portfolio of projects worth 14 million USD. The PBF Secretariat led the development of five new projects worth 9.5 million USD with focus on the 2020/21 general election, children and armed conflict, mental health and peacebuilding, and Somalia's first NGO-led peacebuilding project funded by the PBF. The process to renew Somalia's eligibility for PBF funding for a new five-year period begun. This includes a portfolio evaluation of PBF projects between 2015-2019, end evaluation of the two flagship projects Daldhis and Midnimo, a conflict analysis, and agreement with the Federal Government of Somalia on the key peacebuilding priorities for the next five years. The evaluation team visited Somalia between 5-21 October and the consultant doing the conflict analysis between 6-10 October. Discussion with the Federal Government of Somalia begun on the articulation of peacebuilding priorities. The recruitment for the PBF M&E Specialist was completed and the staff member started on 18 August. The two flagship projects under the PBF's PRF modality, Daldhis and Midnimo, came to a close on 31 August. Final reports have been submitted and the projects were evaluated as part of the PBF portfolio evaluation. A new Twitter account was established for the PBF in Somalia to raise awareness of the peacebuilding efforts supported by the PBF in Somalia, which now has more than 1,400 followers.

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

on 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).

The PBF Secretariat plays a key role in raising the profile of the UN's peacebuilding efforts in Somalia through donor outreach, government relations, strategic communication, advice, and coordination of the growing portfolio of projects supported by the PBF. With the addition of an M&E Specialist, the PBF Secretariat will have the capacity to ensure portfolio level monitoring and evaluation, and that data generated by the PBF's projects feeds in to UN planning process in Somalia and the design of new peacebuilding projects.

Through a strong social media presence and regular interaction with the donor community, the PBF's support to Somalia has is increasingly considered as potential inspiration for bilateral funding from traditional donors. Through its coordination and outreach work, the PBF Secretariat also contributes to increased priority to peacebuilding in general and the need for conflict sensitive approaches in all international support to Somalia.

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): Five new projects valued at 9.5 million were finalised and approved by the PBF. The projects include three under the PRF modality and two under the IRF modality as part of the 2019 Gender and Youth Promotion Initiative. The five projects relate to key peacebuilding priorities in Somalia, including support to the election in 2020/21, children and armed conflict, mental health and peacebuilding, and the role of youth in peacebuilding. The new projects include the first civil society led project in Somalia, to be implemented by Life and Peace Institute together with Somali Peace Line.

In September, the PBF Secretariat coordinated the joint visit to Somalia by the Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, and the Senior Vice-President of the World Bank for the 2030 Development Agenda, UN Relations and Partnerships. The theme of the visit was to promote the development, humanitarian, and peacebuilding nexus and durable solutions for mass displacement in Somalia. The visit generated important visibility to the importance of the development, humanitarian, and peacebuilding nexus in Somalia and the role of the PBF in support of the approach through existing projects such as Midnimo and as part of a new generation of support under a new eligibility period. The visit included an ambassador-level discussion of the Friends of Reconciliation that underlined the importance of reconciliation as a cross-cutting theme.

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): During her visit to Somalia in July, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Violence against Children, Pramila Patten, visited one a project supporting the reintegration of women affiliated with Al-Shabaab. SRSR Patten commended the pioneering work undertaken by IOM and UNSOM in support of the women and in her briefing to the Security Council on 21 August referred to the project as an example of how the UN should support women as part of demobilisation, disarmament, and reintegration efforts.

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). With the recruitment of the M&E Specialist concluded in August 2019, the main challenge to the project's implementation have been overcome.

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):
N/A

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. Chapeau for the 2019 PBF allocation to Somalia.
Press release from joint OCHA, PBSO, and World Bank visit to Somalia.

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: Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation, and communication on the achievements of the PBF portfolio in Somalia and the continued growth of investment in peacebuilding programmes by the PBF or other modalities

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)?*

A new portfolio of projects worth 14 million USD was launched at a high-level event in Mogadishu in February. The event, co-chaired by the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation and the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia was attended by senior-level officials from the federal government, the federal member states, the diplomatic community, and the United Nations, as well as from civil society.

A Twitter account for the PBF in Somalia was set up in February 2019. By the time of reporting the account has grown a following of more than 1430 followers and proved a useful tool for communication about the work supported by the PBF in Somalia.

The PBF Coordinator visited New York in June for a workshop on the UN approaches to stabilisation in mission contexts and for meetings with Headquarters-based UN entities.

The SRSG for Sexual Violence in Conflict, Pramila Patten, visited Somalia in July. Part of her visit included focus on the PBF-funded project on women formerly affiliated with Al-Shabaab. SRSG Patten referred to the project in her debriefing to the Security Council in August.

Eight mentions of the PBF was made in three reports of the Secretary-General on Somalia in the course of 2019 (May, August, November).

Five new projects worth 9.5 million USD were developed in the course of the reporting period, addressing key peacebuilding priorities including the 2020/21 election, children and armed conflict, mental health and conflict, and the role of youth in peacebuilding.

The process to renew Somalia's eligibility for PBF funding begun. A team of evaluators visited Somalia on 5-21 October. The team held meetings with 81 stakeholders in the UN, government, and civil society. A consultant supporting the development of a conflict analysis for Somalia visited Mogadishu on 6-10 October. The conflict analysis will form the basis for further consultations and validation with UN and non-UN stakeholders and inform dialogue with the federal government on new peacebuilding priorities aligned with the ninth National Development Plan.

The PBF Secretariat contributed to efforts to improve joint conflict analysis between UN, government, and donor community in Somalia. By leveraging the PBF portfolio's programmatic focus and its position as a lead actor in support of peacebuilding, the PBF and the projects it supports is well-placed to play a role in coordinating international efforts to improve capacities for conflict sensitive programming.

An official closing ceremony for Midnimo (1) was held in Mogadishu on 18 September where the PBF Secretariat was represented alongside implementing partners and government representatives.

Outcome 2:

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

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

Outcome 3:

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

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

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 PBF Secretariat is working closely with the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation to define the strategic direction of the PBF in Somalia. The Deputy Prime Minister was briefed on the eligibility renewal process and scope of the 2019 PBF allocation to Somalia. Further discussions have been had at the technical level with the Office of the Prime Minister on requirements, ideas for new peacebuilding priorities, and the potential of bringing Somalia to the Peacebuilding Commission. Government counterparts continue to play an important role in the implementation of individual projects. As part of the 2019 allocation, the Ministry of Health and the National Independent Electoral Commission have been added to the list of official implementing partners of PBF projects.</p>
<p><u>Monitoring:</u> Is the project M&E plan on track? What monitoring methods and</p>	<p>The PBF M&E Specialist joined the PBF Secretariat in August following a lengthy recruitment process. Work is</p>

<p>sources of evidence are being/ have been used? Please attach any monitoring-related reports for the reporting period. (1500 character limit)?</p>	<p>underway to develop a portfolio level M&E framework for the ongoing projects.</p>
<p>Evaluation: 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>The PBF portfolio evaluation, 2015-2019, of ten projects begun in September. The evaluation team visited Somalia on 5-21 October. Locations included Mogadishu, Baidoa, Kismayo, and Hudur. A total of 81 stakeholders were interviewed during the visit.</p>
<p>Catalytic effects (financial): 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>IOM submitted a proposal to the UN Action Fund against Sexual Violence in Conflict to continue the work initiated with PBF funding in support of women formerly affiliated with Al-Shabaab. A meeting with six key PBF donors were held in Nairobi on 23 October to discuss how to link the work of the PBF with the donor's bilateral funding strategies. The PBF Coordinator conducted targeted outreach to all top ten PBF donors in the first half of 2019. A large programme building on Midnimo is in the final stages of development with funding committed from traditional donors. The Community Action Plans pioneered by Midnimo were used by several donors to identify community priorities and in Baidoa and other locations.</p>
<p>Catalytic effects (non-financial): Did the project create favourable conditions for additional peacebuilding activities by Government/ other donors? If yes, please specify. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>The interlinked and complementary nature of the new portfolio sets an example for how to promote peacebuilding in Somalia and how to leverage the expertise of different UN entities through joint programming. Increased engagement with donors and visibility to the PBF's support to Somalia has raised the profile of peacebuilding and stimulated the discussion on how to integrate a peacebuilding perspective across all programmatic areas. Support to reconciliation processes, namely in Galmudug, have contributed to preparing the ground for other interventions aimed at providing peace dividends to the affected populations.</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 PBF Secretariat project will be given a cost extension in early 2020. The project document and budget were revised in June and in September.</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 suffered administrative delays in the recruitment of the M&E Specialist, which in turn is delaying the design and implementation of a portfolio-level M&E framework.</p> <p>Other risks include potential delays to Somalia's request for renewed PBF eligibility, which would prevent any new PBF funding being allocated to Somalia after the expiry of the current eligibility period on 31 December 2018. Preparations for the request are underway in close</p>

	<p>coordination with UNHQ, Office of the Prime Minister, and the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation</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>Ongoing close cooperation with the UN Somalia Gender Adviser to strengthen the gender focus of the PBF's portfolio in Somalia.</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>The project has prepared a cost extension request to better calibrate the support the PBF Secretariat will provide to Somalia as it prepares to request renewed eligibility for PBF funding, for the continued support to the existing PBF portfolio, and the design of new PBF-funded projects under a new PBF eligibility period.</p> <p>The PBF Coordinator undertook a scoping mission to "Somaliland" in September. The mission included meetings in Hargeisa and Boroma with government representatives, representatives of the two houses of parliament, UN counterparts, civil society, and traditional leaders.</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 Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation, and communication on the achievements of the PBF portfolio in Somalia and the continued growth of investment in peacebuilding programmes by the PBF or other	Indicator 1.1 Overall satisfaction with the support provided by the PBF Secretariat to UN, government, and civil society counterparts.	N/A	80% satisfaction rate	General satisfaction with the support provided by the PBF Secretariat remains high. A survey is being prepared to gather more data on the satisfaction level and to better understanding and quantifiable data on the kind of support requested by partners in the UN, government, and civil society.	Delays in the recruitment of the national M&E Specialist have had a knock-on effect on the rollout of the survey.	
	Indicator 1.2 Continued growth of PBF portfolio in	35 million USD	40 million USD	At the time of reporting the PBF has supported		80 million USD

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modalities	Somalia			Somalia with 56 million USD since 2009.		
	Indicator 1.3 Reporting for all PBF-funded projects as per established reporting schedule.	N/A	90% within seven days of deadline	With the exception of the end report for Daldhis, all PBF projects reported within seven days of deadline in 2019.		
Output 1.1 High-quality projects for PBF funding developed jointly by the UN, government and civil society counterparts	Indicator 1.1.1 The UN in Somalia and government counterparts jointly develop proposals and have them endorsed by the SDRF steering committee.	15 projects	20 projects	Five new projects approved in 2019, bringing the total number of projects in Somalia since 2009 to 29.		
	Indicator 1.1.2 Strengthened partnership with civil society in the implementation of	Zero NGO-led PBF projects	Two NGO-led PBF projects	One NGO-led project was approved in 2019 under the Youth Promotion		

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	PBF-funded projects			Initiative.		
Output 1.2 Strengthened management structure and strategic position for the PBF portfolio in Somalia	Indicator 1.2.1 Proposal for revision endorsed by the PBF Coordination Committee	Not endorsed	Endorsed	New ToR for the PBF Coordination Committee was endorsed in May 2019.		
	Indicator 1.2.2 Increased use of joint project meetings	N/A	Bi-annual joint project meetings	One meeting of the PBF Coordination Committee was held in May 2019.		
Output 1.3 M&E and knowledge management framework that provides the information required for strategic planning, decision-making, and	Indicator 1.3.1 Endorsement by M&E and knowledge management framework by the PBF Coordination Committee and the project teams.	No framework	Framework endorsed	None	Implementation delayed due to administrative delays in the recruitment of the M&E Specialist.	
	Indicator 1.3.2 PBF joint monitoring visits	N/A	Joint monitoring visits to all projects	None	Joint monitoring visits to all federal member states planned to start in November, with one federal member state visited each month.	

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learning for the benefit of the PBF portoflio and the wider peacebuildin g work in Somalia			undertaken			
Output 1.4	Indicator 1.4.1					
	Indicator 1.4.2					
Outcome 2	Indicator 2.1					
	Indicator 2.2					
	Indicator 2.3					
Output 2.1	Indicator 2.1.1					
	Indicator 2.1.2					
Output 2.2	Indicator 2.2.1					
	Indicator 2.2.2					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Output 2.3	Indicator 2.3.1					
	Indicator 2.3.2					
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					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Output 3.4	Indicator 3.4.1					
	Indicator 3.4.2					
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: *delayed*

How many project budget tranches have been received to date and when do you expect to request the next tranche if applicable: One tranche received. Expected to reach threshold for second tranche end of November.

What is the overall level of expenditure/ commitment against the total budget and against the tranche(s) received so far: Approximately 70% as of 20 November, with some expenditure not yet reflected in the system.

If expenditure is delayed or off track, please provide a brief explanation (500 characters limit): Delay primarily due to delays in recruitment of M&E Specialist.

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: 35,000 USD was allocated to gender equality and women's empowerment activities. To date no funds have been specifically allocated to such activities.

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.

Annex D - PBF project budget

Note: If this is a budget revision, insert extra columns to show budget changes.

Table 1 - PBF project budget by Outcome, output and activity

Outcome/ Output number	Outcome/ output/ activity formulation:	Budget by recipient organization in USD - UNDP	Percent of budget for each output reserved for direct action on gender equality (if any):	Level of expenditure/ commitments in USD (to provide at time of project progress reporting):	Any remarks (e.g. on types of inputs provided or budget justification, for example if high TA or travel costs)
OUTCOME 1: Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation, and communication on the achievements of the PBF portfolio in Somalia and the continued growth of investment in peacebuilding programmes through the PBF or other modalities.					
Output 1.1:	High-quality projects for PBF funding developed jointly by the UN, government, and civil society counterparts				
Activity 1.1.1:	PBF project development workshop for UNCT and NGOs	5,000			
Activity 1.1.2:	Eligibility assessment	5,000			Travel and logistics for conducting the assessment
Activity 1.1.3:	Ongoing support to PBF project teams				
Activity 1.1.4:	Refinement of FIMM model	15,000		16000	Consultancy services for FIMM model
Output 1.2:	Strengthened management structure and strategic position for the PBF portfolio in Somalia				
Activity 1.2.1:	Consultations with PBF project teams and government counterparts				
Activity 1.2.2:	Consultations with PBSO, including monitoring visits to Mogadishu and HQ	23,000		7000	2 visits HQ to Mogadishu and 1 visit PBF Coordinator to HQ
Output 1.3:	M&E and knowledge management framework that provides the information required for strategic planning, decision-making, and learning for the benefit of the PBF portfolio and the wider peacebuilding work in Somalia				
Activity 1.3.1:	On going M&E support to the PBF portfolio				
Activity 1.3.2:	Creation of knowledge database				
Activity 1.3.3:	Production of outreach material	3,000			
Activity 1.3.4:	Establishment of social media presence for the PBF in Somalia				
Activity 1.3.5:	Improved understanding of M&E framework and PBF's strategic role at the field level	5000		1000	Field visits by PBF Secretariat
TOTAL \$ FOR OUTCOME 1:					
Project personnel costs if not included in activities above	1 PBF Coordinator (P4) and 1 M&E Specialist (NOC)	535,000		280000	
Project operational costs if not included in activities above	Accommodation, office space, supplies	65,000		60000	
Project M&E budget		35,000			
SUB-TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET: 691,000					
Indirect support costs (7%): 48,370					
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET: 739,370					