

**PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT**  
**COUNTRY:** Somalia  
**TYPE OF REPORT: SEMI-ANNUAL, ANNUAL OR FINAL:**  
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<b>Project Title: Support to Mechanisms to Prevent and Manage Conflict During Elections Project</b>							
<b>Number from MPTF-O Gateway: IRF 00119246</b>							
<b>If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country Trust Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trust Fund  <b>Name of Recipient Fund: UNDP</b>	<b>Type and name of recipient organizations:</b>  <b>RUNO UNDP (Convening Agency)</b>						
<b>Date of first transfer:</b> 13 Dec 2019 <b>Project end date:</b> 12 Aug 2021 <b>Is the current project end date within 6 months?</b> NO							
<b>Check if the project falls under one or more PBF priority windows:</b> <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							
<b>Total PBF approved project budget (by recipient organization):</b> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Recipient Organization</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>UNDP</td> <td>\$ 2,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total: \$ 2,500,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget: 13% *ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE*		Recipient Organization	Amount	UNDP	\$ 2,500,000		Total: \$ 2,500,000
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<b>Gender-responsive Budgeting:</b>  Indicate dollar amount from the project document to be allocated to activities focussed on gender equality or women's empowerment: \$ 485,997 and in-kind contribution of USD 174,336 for dedicated time of two Senior Gender Advisors, P 5 level from UNSOM and UNDP. In addition, this project will be informed and will benefit from a GM 3 project which will solely focus on addressing gender differential issues before and during elections. In kind support and oversight will be provided by two senior gender advisors (UNDP and UNSOM) and national gender specialists (UNSOM) at FG and FMSs levels.  Amount expended to date on activities focussed on gender equality or women's empowerment: 0							
<b>Project Gender Marker: GM2</b> <b>Project Risk Marker: Low</b> <b>Project PBF focus area: 4.1 Strengthening National State Capacity</b>							

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## **PART 1: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS**

**Briefly outline the status of the project in terms of implementation cycle, including whether preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (i.e. contracting of partners, staff recruitment, etc.) (1500 character limit):**

The project is in ‘start up’ status due to some delay by Somali counterparts to meet and agree on project support, but mainly due to delays caused by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of Output 1 has been completed except the recruitment of some Somali staff, which will progress when the COVID-19 conditions improve in the country.

The Project supported the three National Electoral Security Task Force (NESTF) meetings which included representatives from the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) and the Federal Member States (FMS). The third meeting took important decisions on its TORs, a Concept for Security for Voter Registration, ~~re-introduction of presentation on the~~ PBF project’s support, security planning and coordination mechanisms at FMS levels. Also discussed was importance of addressing the protection of women, and enabling strong dialogue between FGS and FMSs and with the National Independent Electoral Elections Commission (NIEC) including the sharing of list of sites for voter registration and polling for security assessment. These constructive decisions and actions are pursuant to the delivery of safe, inclusive, credible and transparent elections.

Challenges: The COVID-19 pandemic has caused some significant challenges related to the NESTF as it was difficult to get the full attention of the Security Forces while they were otherwise engaged with managing law and order issues related to the pandemic. There were also a number of changes made in the command and control of the police structures. This resulted in the staff appointed to the NESTF being focused on other security matters rather than fully involved in electoral security related matters.

**Please indicate any significant project-related events anticipated in the next six months, i.e. national dialogues, youth congresses, film screenings, etc. (1000 character limit):**

Depending on the management of the COVID-19 pandemic by the authorities, the delivery of all outputs is expected to be on target over the next 6 months, and which is mostly related to the delivery of equipment. The NESTF Chairperson has committed to hosting virtual meetings for the NESTF during the current pandemic and ZOOM licences have been provided to NESTF to facilitate virtual meetings.

**FOR PROJECTS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF COMPLETION: summarize the main structural, institutional or societal level change the project has contributed to. This is not anecdotal evidence or a list of individual outputs, but a description of progress made toward the main purpose of the project. (1500 character limit):**

N/ A

**In a few sentences, explain whether the project has had a positive human impact. May include anecdotal stories about the project’s positive effect on the people’s lives. Include**

**direct quotes where possible or weblinks to strategic communications pieces. (2000 character limit):**

It is too early to comment on the human impact of the project as the elections and related security matters are still in the planning stages with the modalities yet to be presented by the NIEC to the Parliament and noting that Somali is the grips of the COVID-19 pandemic, extreme flooding, and plagues of locusts. [The necessary electoral legislation is not fully completed by the Parliament.](#)

## **PART II: RESULT PROGRESS BY PROJECT OUTCOME**

*Describe overall progress under each Outcome made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration). Do not list 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.*

- *“On track” refers to the timely completion of outputs as indicated in the workplan.*
- *“On track with peacebuilding results” refers to higher-level changes in the conflict or peace factors that the project is meant to contribute to. These effects are more likely in mature projects than in newer ones.*

### **Outcome 1: The delivery of safe, inclusive, credible and transparent elections in 2020/2021**

**Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Partially on track**

Progress summary: (3000 character limit)

The NESTF has been established and the Secretariat has been equipped with project support, except for the recruitment of new staff. Critical decisions have been taken at the initial NESTF meetings that will have an important bearing on the planning, coordination and conduct of safe, inclusive and transparent elections. [NESTF meeting held on ~~over~~ 15-18 March was very productive and well attended by NESTF members \(~~less~~ Jubaland and Puntland did not participate\) and it addressed many matters including:](#)

- [Endorsed TORs for the NESTF. Copy at Annex A.](#)
- [Tabled the draft Concept for Security for Voter Registration. Copy at Annex B.](#)
- [The Police Commissioners from SWS; HirShabelle; Galmudug and Banadir Region briefed on their Threat Assessments for their respective States and region.](#)
- [FMS & BRA Police Commanders directed to establish and chair the State and/ BRA Elections Security Task Force with membership of all security stakeholders and the NIEC.](#)
- [The UN presented ~~on~~ the PBF project to support NESTF and equip and train with AMISOM support 22 Joint Operations Centres \(JOCs\) at the national, state capital and regional levels.](#)
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This has allowed for certain ongoing work to be addressed during the current period of restrictions of assembly and movement caused by the pandemic, but delays will inevitably ensue. A large part of the project is the procurement and delivery of ICT equipment and office furniture to establish Joint Operations Centres (JOCs) to be trained by AMISOM. Procurement

action has not progressed yet for the JOCs and will proceed when it is clear that the recipients are in a good state to receive the equipment and have assigned staff for training. The project had intended to procure a range of vehicles to support the JOCs. The Joint Police Programme recently affirmed that it will facilitate the procurement of a large number of vehicles for FGS and FMS police forces from other funding sources. The project will procure 10 packages of tactical handheld radios as part of the suite of ICT resources for JOCs for the same cost, under an existing supply arrangement Motorola has with the UN, to enable enhanced command and control of deployed forces, which is very much aligned to the project's intent to prevent and manage conflict during elections.

The international community continues to take much interest in the security preparations of the elections. The NIEC and UN co-hosts a monthly Information Sharing meeting with donors and partners for which elections security is a standing agenda item. This meeting is always well attended by a large number of donors and assistance providerspartners. UNSOM SRSR hosts a senior level elections meeting that includes AMISOM with donors and partners that also considers elections security. The Joint Police Programme is supporting efforts to train and equip the federal and state police forces which will enhance their capacities in general and also for elections security operations.

**Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome:**

*(1000 character limit)*

Sweden through its Security Planning in the Somali 2020/2021 Electoral Process project has pledged to fund a range of initiatives to enhance the security forces capacity to encourage participation by women in the electoral process, and to protect women both as participants and as candidates. Swedish implementers are attending the NESTF meetings to ensure alignment with this PBF project and to propose initiatives and provide targeted support as required to the security forces to encourage the participation and protection of women in the electoral process. Conceptually, Sweden is considering facilitating workshops on security planning which will include planning for the protection of women, and a range of community outreach activities to connect security forces to their communities to discuss elections security. Sweden, through the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) has committed to promoting the participation and protection of women in the elections. FBA has proposed a concept for this support to complement this project, which includes 1) education of the NESTF on protection of women; 2) training of security staff on operational planning (including for protection of women); 3) contributing to the national security plans with guidance on measures for the protection of women; and 4) sponsoring community engagement on participation in the elections. The proposed clarifications reforms inof the current electoral law should guarantee women only seats to ensure the participation of women, and so the FBA support will seek to promote the participation of women and encourage and guide security forces on how to better protect women to participate as voters and as candidates.

**PART III: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES**

<p><b>Monitoring:</b> Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period (1000 character limit)</p>	<p>Do outcome indicators have baselines? Yes Has the project launched perception surveys or other community-based data collection? No</p>
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NTR	
<b>Evaluation:</b> Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period? NTR	Evaluation budget (response required): USD 30,000  If project will end in next six months, describe the evaluation preparations (1500 character limit): n/a
<b>Catalytic effects (financial):</b> Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project.	Name of funder:          Amount:
<b>Other:</b> Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? (1500 character limit)	——— <u>Since the NESTF meeting in March, NESTF members have been dealing with new pressing priorities namely the response to COVID-19, extreme flooding in certain areas; plagues of locusts in some farming areas; enduring security threats; and recent high-profile terrorist and criminal incidents. This has delayed certain actions by NESTF members including assigning office space and staff to national, state capitals and regional JOCs. Chair of NESTF is being urged to hold virtual meetings to keep momentum of NESTF work going.</u>

**Annexes:**

A. Terms of Reference for NESTF

B. Concept for Security for Voter Registration

## PART IV: 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)

	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline</b>	<b>End of project Indicator Target</b>	<b>Indicator Milestone</b>	<b>Current indicator progress</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</b>
<b>Outcome 1 The delivery of safe, inclusive, credible and transparent elections in 2020/2021</b>	Indicator 1.1 Annual workplan + budget Trained staff with TORs Agendas + minutes of meetings A functioning Secretariat to support the NESTF, supported by a UN project team.	No previous or current Secretariat or project team.	Functioning Secretariat with 100% staff (min.30% women).	Annual Work Plan. Regular meetings with agendas and recorded minutes.	Annual Work Plan completed. Three meetings held to date – 9 December 2019 21 January and 14-18 March 2020.	Changes in staff at Secretariat, COVID-19 interruptions causing delay in holding regular meetings and ensuring follow up on agreed activities.
<b>Output 1.1 Functional Secretariat supporting NESTF in</b>	Indicator 1.1.1 # staff appointed and resources as per plan # issued as per plan	<b>0</b>	100%, (30% women)	Staff and office allocated to NESTF Secretariat. Office equipped to function.	9 staff allocated with office space in Police HQ; no women appointed yet. Office furniture, stationery and computers provided.	Project funded recruitment behind schedule due to impact of COVID-19.  Most staff assigned are not 100% dedicated to the Secretariat and are working for other

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<b>place and operational</b>					Secretariat not functioning properly.	sections. COVID-19 has interrupted functionality.
	Indicator 1.1.2 # training material developed	<b>NA</b>	100% material developed	Training manuals; SOPs; other products	Nil	Insufficient commitment to ensuring staff are fully committed complicated by impact of COVID-19 which has distracted senior police management's attention to the NESTF work.
<b>Output 1.2 Establish and Support the NJOC</b>	Indicator 1.2.1 NJOC is staffed, trained and resourced enabling it to function.	No experience of a NJOC.	A functioning NJOC.	NJOC office space allocated and resourced. Staff assigned. Staff trained.	Nil	As above
<b>Output 1.3 Establish and Support the SJOCs (6)</b>	Indicator 1.3.1 SJOC are staffed, trained and resourced enabling it to function.	No experience of SJOCs.	6 functioning SJOC.	SJOCs office space allocated and resourced. Staff assigned. Staff trained.	Nil	As above.
<b>Output 1.4 Establish and Support the RJOCs (15)</b>	Indicator 1.4.1 Establish and Support the RJOCs (15)	RJOC are staffed, trained and resourced enabling it to function.	Functioning RJOC.	RJOCs office space allocated and resourced. Staff assigned. Staff trained.	Nil	As above