

UNITED NATIONS PEACE BUILDING FUND-SIERRA LEONE:

PBF Projects Overview (September 2009)

OVERVIEW OF THE PBF STATUS:

Since its launch in March 2007, the PBF in Sierra Leone has supported a total of twenty-two projects approved in three waves and covering twelve out of the fourteen Districts in Sierra Leone. 99.3% of the PBF portfolio has now been committed with full commitment expected before end of 2009. To date deliveries for waves I, II, III and Emergency projects stands at 88%, 88%, 5.2% and 77% respectively. The projects are being implemented through recipient agencies (UNDP, UNIFEM, UNICEF and IOM) in support of five priority areas; Youth Employment and Empowerment, Justice and Security, Democracy and Good Governance, Capacity Building for Public Administration and Energy. A recently concluded project by project evaluation described the fund as an 'ill timed opportunity which however helped curb critical threats to peace'. It further recommended that upon full commitment, the PBF support Office in UNIPSIL be merged into the new strategic planning unit of UNIPSIL to focus on monitoring, impact reporting and project closure.

SIERRA LEONE AND THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE BUILDING FUND (2007-2009)



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HRCSL training on prison and detention management



Participants after a PBF pre-implementation workshop for Wave III Projects (Sept 2009)

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A police officer controlling voters at a polling station during the 2007 elections



Some of the new vehicles procured for the MSWGCA



One of the new RSLAF Community Health Centres



Capacity building of civil society monitors in the Eastern Region

PBF UPDATES WAVE 1-PROJECTS

Background:

Seven projects were approved between May and July of 2007 with a total value of \$15.60m accounting for 46% of the PBF portfolio. The projects were in support of youth employment, democracy and good governance and improved justice and security. Four of these projects have been completed. The delivery stands at 88%.

Emerging Results:

The PBF's support contributed to enhancing the capacity of the Police in crowd control, boosting the moral of the security forces and the payment of some 37,000 polling staff during the elections in 2007. It helped operationalize the work of the human rights commission in handling over 258 complains and producing the first and second state of the human rights report on Sierra Leone.

The youth support has provided access to micro finance for some 5,500 youths and shall be placing over 6,500 into jobs and cooperative schemes. Over 270 backlog cases have been cleared, and the capacity of the judiciary has been built, reducing indictment time by over 50% thereby increasing access to justice. The Army has been provided with equipped medical inspection rooms and shall be having access to clean and reliable water in the coming months.

UPDATES WAVE II-PROEJCTS

Background:

With the advent of the new Government, seven projects were approved in June 2008 with a total value of \$17.06m. The projects are in support of Reparations, the anticorruption commission, increased reformation of prisoners, capacity for the office of national security, emergency support to energy, support to improving women and children's rights and support in setting up the PBF Secretariat in Government. Support to Prisons and Energy are almost complete. The delivery for this Wave stands at 86%.

Emerging Results:

Some 3,000 war affected (widows, amputees, rape victims) are currently benefiting from various forms of support (medical, education, cash). Some 2,000 prison inmates now have access to various training equipments, beds, water and sanitation; the rehabilitation of the Mafanta Prisons which is just concluded shall see the decongestion of the Maximum Prison-Pademba which is 300% overcrowded. The office of national security has been capacitated with 13 vehicles, communication equipments and furnishing for their DfID funded office under construction. Awareness is currently being raised on the enacted gender and child rights Acts in the North and Southern Regions.

Gap-filling fuel provided by the PBF ensured improved power supply from 25MW to 31 MW and thus increased revenue of \$314,000 in February 2009. The Government has been given increased space to engage on the PBF process through the setting up of a PBF Secretariat in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

UPDATES WAVE III-PROJECTS:

Background and Expected Results:

A further eight projects were approved in June 2009 amounting to \$1.96m. Three of these were approved under the emergency window largely in support of the Joint Communiqué signed in April between the two political parties; through this, the SLPP office is being rehabilitated and an independent commission of enquiry into alleged rape of SLPP supporters has been undertaken. Also a further two projects were supported from the global emergency window from PBSO in support of youth dialogue and the police. The remaining five projects approved are in support of civil society to engage on peace building issues, parliament in ensuring improved oversight, legislation and representation, attitudinal change, independent broadcasting cooperation and regional cooperation along the MAKONA river basin on the boarders with Guinea and Liberia. Delivery stands at 5.2%.

STATUS OF PBF PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION - SEPTEMBER 2009

#	Priority Area	Project Title	Project No.	Priority Plan Allocation (\$)	Approved Project Budget (\$)	Priority Plan Allocation Balance	Fund Committed (\$)	Fund Disbursed (\$)	Committed Fund Balance (\$)	Percentage Disbursed	Remarks	Recipient UN Organisation
<i>Youth Empowerment and Employment</i>				4,080,906.92								
1	Ministry of Youth and Sports (MYS) - Youth Empowerment & Employment	Youth Enterprise Development	PBF/SLE/D-1		4,080,906.92		4,080,906.92	3,040,535.00	1,040,371.92	74.5%	Approved - SC/May 11, 07. Extended to Dec 2009	UNDP
Sub Total				4,080,906.92	4,080,906.92	0.00	4,080,906.92	3,040,535.00	1,040,371.92	74.5%		
<i>Justice and Security</i>				13,820,404.24								
2	Sierra Leone Police (SLP)	Public Order Clothing and Equipment	PBF/SLE/B-1		1,042,564.91		1,042,564.91	1,042,564.91	0.00	100.0%	Project completed - Approved - SC/May 11, 07	UNDP
3	Human Rights Commission of S. Leone (HRCSL)	Development of NHRC	PBF/SLE/B-2		1,522,055.70		1,522,055.70	1,522,055.70	0.00	100.0%	Project completed - Approved - SC/June 22,	UNDP
4	Support to the security sector	Emergency support to the RSLAF, SLP, Prisons Department	PBF/SLE/B-3		1,822,823.94		1,822,823.94	1,822,823.94	0.00	100.0%	Project Completed - Approved - SC/July 11, 07	UNDP
5	Judiciary - Office of the Chief Justice	Support to clearing backlog cases	PBF/SLE/B-4		3,959,772.54		3,959,772.54	3,761,784.00	197,988.54	95%	Approved - SC/July 11, 07. Extended to Dec 2009.	UNDP
6	Support to the Armed Forces	Water and Sanitation for the Barracks in Freetown	PBF/SLE/B-6		1,955,706.00		1,955,706.00	920,944.00	1,034,762.00	47.1%	Approved - SC/July 11, 07. Extended to Feb 2010.	UNDP
7	Support to ONS	Support to the Office of the National Security	PBF/SLE/B-7		1,576,538.00		1,576,538.00	1,103,577.00	472,961.00	70%	Approved - SC/July 15, 08. Extended to Dec 2009	UNDP
8	Support to Prisons	Contributing to improved Reformation, Justice and Security for Prison inmates.	PBF/SLE/B-8		1,610,933.15		1,610,933.15	1,610,933.15	0.00	100.0%	Approved - SC/July 15, 08. Completed.	IOM
9	Support to the security sector	Promoting Regional Cooperation in the Makona River Union	PBF/SLE/B-9		130,000.00		130,000.00	31,118.74	98,881.26	23.9%	Implementation Stage - Approved - SC/June 3, 09	IOM
Sub Total				13,820,404.24	13,620,394.24	200,010.00	13,620,394.24	11,815,801.44	1,804,592.80	86.8%		
<i>Democracy and Good Governance</i>				7,580,338.36								
10	Support to the Electoral Process - NEC	Polling staff salaries	PBF/SLE/A-1		1,598,727.36		1,598,727.36	1,598,727.36	0.00	100.0%	Project completed - Approved - SC/July 11, 07	UNDP
11	Support to ACC	Support to Capacity Building and Programmes of National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NaCS) Secretariat	PBF/SLE/A-2		349,034.00		349,034.00	225,000.96	124,033.04	64.5%	Approved - SC/July 15, 08. Extended to Dec 2009	UNDP
12	Supporting Women and Children's Empowerment, Rights and participation in Peace Building	Supporting Gender Capacity, Women's Rights Protection and Child Protection in Recovery and Peace building	PBF/SLE/A-3		802,640.00		802,640.00	531,777.58	270,862.42	66.3%	Approved - SC/July 15, 08. Extended to Dec 2009	UNIFEM & UNICEF
13	Support to the TRC Recommendations on Reparations	Support to the Implementation of the Reparations Programme as part of the Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)	PBF/SLE/A-4		3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,653,213.52	346,786.48	88.4%	Approved - SC/July 15, 08. Extended to Dec 2009	IOM
14	Support to Parliament	Capacity building for Sierra Leone Parliament for enhanced performance as its core functions of representation, oversight and legislative enactment.	PBF/SLE/A-5		700,000.00		700,000.00	0.00	700,000.00	0.0%	Approved - SC/June 3, 09. All pre-implementation actions (recruitment, procurement 80% done)	IOM
15	Support to Attitudinal Change	Support to Attitudinal and Behaviourial Change	PBF/SLE/A-6		140,000.00		140,000.00	35,472.00	104,528.00	25.3%	Implementation Stage - Approved - SC/June 3, 09	IOM
16	Support to National Broadcasting Services	Development of an Independent National Public Broadcasting Service for Sierra Leone.	PBF/SLE/A-7		850,000.00		850,000.00	0.00	850,000.00	0.0%	Approved - SC/June 3, 09. Start-up delayed due to retabled bill on the independence of the radio.	UNDP
Sub Total				7,580,338.36	7,440,401.36	139,937.00	7,440,401.36	5,044,191.42	2,396,209.94	67.8%		

17	Support to Energy	Emergency support to Energy Sector	PBF/SLE/I-1		9,000,000.00		9,000,000.00	8,640,000.00	360,000.00	96%	Approved - SC/July 15, 08. Extended to Dec 2009	UNDP	
	Sub Total			9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	0.00	9,000,000.00	8,640,000.00	360,000.00	96%			
	Capacity Building of Public Administration				348,125.00								
18	Support to MOFED	Government's Capacity for Engagement on Peace Building Issues	PBF/SLE/E-1		348,125.00		348,125.00	262,092.00	86,033.00	75.3%	Approved - SC/July 15, 08. Extended to Dec 2009	UNDP	
19	Support to CSOs	Strengthening the capacity of civil society organisations including CSPEC, women's organisations etc. To effectively engage and contribute to the peace consolidation process.	PBF/SLE/E-2		140,000.00		140,000.00	34,522.00	105,478.00	24.7%	Implementation Stage - Approved - SC/June 3, 09	IOM	
	Sub Total			348,125.00	488,125.00	-140,000.00	488,125.00	296,614.00	191,511.00	61%			
	Total			34,829,774.52	34,629,827.52	199,947.00	34,629,827.52	28,837,141.86	5,792,685.66	83%			
	EMERGENCY PROJECTS (WINDOW I)				170,225.48								
	Justice and Security				0.00								
20	Support to Security Sector	People-Centered Security Governance: Special initiative to promote community women's participation in the security sector reform (SSR) process in Sierra Leone	PBF/SLE/J-2		0.00	45,261.00	0.00	45,261.00	12,203.00	33,058.00	27.0%	Implementation Stage - Approved - SC/June 3, 09	IOM
	Sub Total			-	45,261.00	0.00	45,261.00	12,203.00	33,058.00	27.0%			
	Democracy and Good Governance				0.00								
21	Support to the Joint Communique'	Supporting the implementation of the Joint Communique' through an independent investigation into allegations of rape and sexual violence against women at the SLPP headquarters on 16 Mar 2009.	PBF/SLE/J-1		0.00	29,463.00	0.00	29,463.00	29,463.00	0.00	100.0%	Approved - Co-Chairs- June , 09. Enquiry completed	UNDP
22	Support to the Joint Communique'	Supporting the implementation of the Joint Communique' through the refurbishment of the SLPP headquarters	PBF/SLE/J-3		0.00	69,550.00	0.00	69,550.00	69,550.00	0.00	100.0%	Approved - Co-Chairs- June , 09. Funds committed to the SLPP. Rehab On-giong.	UNDP
	Sub Total			-	99,013.00	0.00	99,013.00	99,013.00	0.00	100.0%			
	Total			170,225.48	144,274.00	25,951.48	144,274.00	111,216.00	33,058.00	77.1%			
	Grand Total			35,000,000.00	34,774,101.52	225,898.48	34,774,101.52	28,948,357.86	5,825,743.66	83.2%			

		Rate of Delivery			
1	First batch of Projects (YED, NEC, RSLAF Watsan, SLP Public Order, Emergency Support, HRCSL & Judiciary)	15,603,389.37	13,709,434.91	1,893,954.46	87.9%
2	Second batch of projects (ACC, Gender, MOFED, Prisons, Reparation, ONS & Energy)	17,066,438.15	15,026,594.21	2,039,843.94	88.0%
3	Third batch of projects (CSPEC, Parliament, Makona, Independent Radio Cooperation & Attitudinal Change)	1,960,000.00	101,112.74	1,858,887.26	5.2%
4	Emergency Projects (Window I): Refurbishment of SLPP HQs, Promote Women in Community Participation & Investigation into rape cases.	144,274.00	111,216.00	33,058.00	77.1%
	Total		34,774,101.52	28,948,357.86	83.2%