

Guinea Bissau Peace building Fund Project Summary

STATUS REPORT AS OF 30/09/09

Recipient UN Organization:	UNDP	Priority Area:	Youth training and employment / Vulnerable groups and poverty reduction		
Implementing Partner(s):	National Institute of Youth (Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports) / Institute for Technical and Vocational Training (Ministry of National and Higher Education)				
Project Number:	PBF/GNB/D-1				
Project Title:	Youth Professional Training and Employment				
Total Approved Project Budget	US\$ 1,500,000				
Total Funds Committed:	US\$ 694,784	As percentage of total budget:	46%		
Total Funds Disbursed:	US\$ 372,226	As percentage of the total budget:	25%		
Expected Project Duration:	15 Months	Forecast Final Date:	30/10/2009	Delay (Months):	5

Outputs:	Activities:	Percentage of planned:
Output 1: Capacities of public institutions responsible for youth and vocational training strengthened	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office equipments for the National Institute of Youth and for the Institute for Professional Technical Training (IFTP) purchased and delivered; • Setting up of the project coordination and technical unit to monitor the implementation of the project. The coordinator should be appointed by the Minister of Youth next month; • ToR of the project coordination unit approved with some amendments by the Steering Committee. 	80%
Output 2: Capacities of professional training institutes reinforced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of the learning materials and equipments for the training of youth beneficiaries at CENFI, National Center for the Industrial Training, available for acquisition; • 4 trainers of the CENFI are currently attending an intensive two-weeks training session in Parã, Brazil, in the following areas: Program management and systems of professional training, information management, project management and development of training programs; • Internet connection secured for IFTP and CENFI; • Terms of reference (ToR) available for the recruitment of international consultants for training of trainers in Guinea-Bissau and elaboration of training modules in specific areas. 	55%
Output 3: Information and sensitization of youth about the trades and professional employment opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media strategy was completed on August, 2009; • 16 communication officers, from different youth organizations and local radio stations, were trained during the month of August, 2009; 	55%

available conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communication and awareness-raising workshops were organized, during the month of August, in Bissau (65 youths attended), Bafata (52), Gabu (40), Quinara (45) Biombo (50), Cacheu (50), Bolama (71), Oio (47), thus remaining Tombali to be completed in the coming two weeks; • Communication supports, such as leaflets, posters, presentation notes, were developed to help efficiently raise awareness about youth employment and professional training; • Two awareness-raising events were organized in Catio/Tomabli (300 youths participated in the event) and Bolama (250) in partnership with two national youth associations CNJ and FNJP during the month of September. 	
Output 4: Professional training of youth in the priority domains ensured	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of 100 youths in the following areas: electrical, civil construction, mechanical auto, cold air, sewing. Training is scheduled to start on October, 2009; • A contract will be signed with CENFI on 05-10-09. 	25%
Output 5: Support to youth (women and men) for the training and development of projects and income-generating activities through micro-credit given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 trainers were trained and coached in methodology “Start and Improve Your Own Business”, in Bissau, during months of July and August; • 40 selected youths were trained in “Find your Business Idea” methodology in Bissau during the month of July; • 80 youths were trained in “Start Your Own Business” methodology during the month of August; • 80 business plan should be finalized by end of September, and then submitted for funding; • 140 youths were selected and trained in “Find your Own Business Idea” methodology in the three selected regions (Quinara, Cacheu, and Gabu), under the project, during the month of September; • The evaluation and selection of the commercial banks for the management of credit lines has been completed and also approved by the steering committee, and the partnership agreement should be finalized in the coming weeks. 	40%

Qualitative achievements against expected results:

Due to the presidential election campaign some difficulties were faced in the implementation of some planned activities because most of the focal points were simply not available. However, the situation has been mostly overcome and it is expected to continue to implement the planned activities, albeit with delay. In light to the above mentioned facts, the work plan activities have been comprehensively reviewed and rescheduled.

In spite of the above mentioned issues, in the last three months, the project’s implementation rate has rapidly increased to about 25% relatively to the past twelve (12) months (26%); as a result the overall implementation rate is now 51%.