

Guinea Bissau Peacebuilding Fund Project Summary

STATUS REPORT AS OF 31/12/09

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| Recipient UN Organization: | United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) | PBF Priority Area: | Security and Justice Sector Reform | | |
| Implementing Partner(s): | Ministry of Justice | | | | |
| Project Number: | PBF/GNB/B-1 | | | | |
| Project Title: | Rehabilitation of Selected Prisons | | | | |
| Total Approved Project Budget | US\$ 900.000,00 | | | | |
| Funds Committed: | US\$ 398.796,19 | Percentage of Approved: | 44,31% | | |
| Funds Disbursed: | US\$ 223.866,00 | Percentage of Approved: | 24,9 % | | |
| SC Approval Date: | 16 June 2008 | | | | |
| Expected Project Duration: | 12 Months | Forecast Final Date: | December 2009 | Delay (Months): | 8 |

| Outputs: | Progress: | Percentage of planned: |
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| <p>Output 1: Two prisons in Bissau, one in Mansoa and one in Bafatá refurbished in line with international standards</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The works at the regional prisons in Bafatá and Mansoa are progressing. In December 2009 the works were delayed due to some bureaucratic situations related to lack of material and some financial aspects.. • The assessments reported that the initially foreseen rehabilitation of the “1ª Esquadra” Police Station in Bissau were unfeasible. The Ministry of Justice (MJ) indicated the prison of Canchungo as an alternative to the “1ª Esquadra” Police Station one. This proposal was approved by UNODC who will launch in January 2010 the recruitment process to contract an architect firm to assess needs and prepare, together with the competent authorities, the bidding documents. • The rehabilitation works of the future detention center in Bissau (former Judiciary Police headquarters) have not started yet. The existence of a building located in the JP area and currently used by the Ministry of Interior has caused some delay in the finalization of the bidding documents and in the launching of the bid. This issue was raised during the National Steering Committee meeting held on the 10th of December 2009 in which the Minister of Justice declared that discussions among the national authorities would be carried out in order to solve the situation. • The procurement of a first set of Information Technology equipment, generators and a vehicle | <p>25%</p> |

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| | for transporting prisoners has been finalized. | |
| Output 2: Data management system established in selected prisons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report prepared by a Brazilian expert contracted in 2008 on the possibility to adopt an integrated management system has been sent to the MJ. The validation of this study from the MJ is still pending. | 10% |
| Output 3: Penitentiary staff trained with special focus on file management, registration and human right standards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A training programme has been developed for senior staff members and managers of prison facilities and submitted on the 31st of July 2009 to the MJ. Its approval is still pending. The MJ launched in October 2009 the recruitment process of 80 prison guards. Physical tests are due to start in January 2010. The study for the development of relevant law and regulations of prison staff is underway. | 10% |

Qualitative achievements against expected results:

A field visit to the prisons of Bafatá and Mansoa by the PBF Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and the PBSO Officer was undertaken on the 15th of December 2009. It was noticed that the rehabilitation works on the two prisons were delayed due to some bureaucratic situations related to lack of material and some financial aspects.. The situation has been solved by the beginning of January 2010.

The issues related to the rehabilitation works in the future detention center in Bissau (former Judiciary Police headquarters) and in the Canchungo prison (chosen as the alternative prison to the "1^a Esquadra" Police Station) were raised during the 10th meeting of the National Steering committee held on the 10th of December 2010. The MJ announced that a meeting will be held with the Minister of Interior in order to discuss the issue and find out a solution. The UNODC declared that the steps leading to the start of the rehabilitation works of the Canchungo facility were ongoing in order to launch the bid in January 2010.