

Guinea Bissau Peace Building Fund Project Summary

STATUS REPORT AS OF 30/06/2010

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:	USD\$ 1,311,943.68	As percentage of total budget:	87%		
Total Funds Disbursed:	USD\$ 964,195.05	As percentage of the total budget:	64%		
SC Approval Date:	29 May 2008				
Expected Project Duration:	15 Months	Forecast Final Date:	30/10/2009	Delay (Months):	10

Outputs:	Activities:	Percentage of planned:
Output 1: Capacities of public institutions responsible for youth and vocational training strengthened	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The office of the Project Management Unit was officially inaugurated on 17 of May. Connection to internet is established. The evaluation of the offers related to the bid for the rehabilitation of CENFI premises in Brá (Bissau) was concluded. Contract with the selected firm was signed on 25 of May, and the rehabilitation works has started in June 2010 and expected to last 60 days. Technical capacity support to the Secretary of State for Youth and Culture through the financial support for the participation in the international conference of youth in Switzerland in June, 2010. 	85%
Output 2: Capacities of professional training institutes reinforced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The trainings of trainer's activities in electro-techniques (15 participants, no woman), metallic construction (18 participants, no woman) and civil construction (18 participants, no woman) were concluded on 22 of May, and training sessions were conducted and monitored by three international consultants. 	80%
Output 3: Information and sensitization of youth about the trades and professional employment opportunities available conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Youth Week was held in Bissau from 8 to 15 of May. The Youth Vocational Training and Employment project was presented (objectives, activities foreseen and realized) during the 7-days event. 	75%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media coverage of the inauguration event of the Project Management Unit office was undertaken. 	
<p>Output 4: Professional training of youth in the priority domains ensured</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The training of 20 youths in civil construction was successfully concluded at CIFAP in June 2010. • The training of 20 youths in trade at Arts and Handicraft School of Quélélé was concluded on 21 of April. • The training of 3 youths at Infojob in cybercafé management was concluded on 22 of May. • The training of 2 youths at Samaritana (hairdresser) was concluded on 18 of May. • The training of 1 youth in serigraphy at Global Service was cancelled since Global Service did not provide the expected support to the youth. 	90%
<p>Output 5: Support to youth (women and men) for the training and development of projects and income-generating activities through micro-credit given</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the first 80 business plans prepared by the youths and submitted to BAO (Banco da Africa Ocidental), 25 are considered as bankable and 15 are expected to sign the loan agreement and receive the requested loan, in the next two weeks, to start their businesses; • The recently submitted 160 business plans from Bissau, Gabú, Quinara and Cacheu are under review. The bank started interviews with the youths to discuss their business plans. At the same time, BAO also undertook field visits to evaluate location and equipments of youth's businesses. It is expected that more than 75 business plans will receive funds in the next three months. • BDU (Banco da União) did not accept UNDP conditions concerning the management of the funds to finance the youths' business plans. Therefore, UNDP prepared the Terms of References and has started the hiring process of a consultant that will undertake another evaluation of the 2 other local banks (ECOBANK and Banco Regional de Solidariedade) in order to select the bank to be used as substitute to BDU. • Training of trainers' sessions on GERME (How to Improve your Businesses) methodologies are under preparation and it is expected to start on the second week of August, 2010. 	40%

Qualitative achievements against expected results:

BAO is analyzing youths' business plans and is expected to start to disburse the first funds to youths in the second week of August, 2010, and forward.