

Guinea Bissau Peace Building Fund Project Summary

STATUS REPORT AS OF 31/03/2010

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\$ 1,162,092.55	As percentage of total budget:	77%		
Total Funds Disbursed:	USD\$ 728,815.05	As percentage of the total budget:	49%		
Expected Project Duration:	15 Months	Forecast Final Date:	30/03/2010	Delay (Months):	5

Products:	Activities:	Percentage of planned:
Output 1: Strengthening the capacity of public institutions entrusted with Vocational Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rehabilitation works of the office of the Project Management Unit located within the Secretary of State for Youth, Culture and Sports started in mid March and are expected to be concluded within 4 weeks. The bidding documents for the rehabilitation of the CENFI premises in Brá (Bissau) are ready and were translated into French. The bid will be launched in April. 	85%
Output 2: Strengthening the Capacity of Vocational Training Institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 consultants were pre-selected to undertake the training of trainer's activities and the elaboration of the training modules of CENFI in civil construction, metal construction and carpentry. The CVs were evaluated by a panel composed by representatives of IFTP, CENFI, the Management Unit and UNDP. The recruitment process is ongoing. 	65%
Output 3: Information and sensitization of the youth on trades and professional job offerings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A national workshop on the dissemination of "Best Practices" in employment promotion and vocational training sector was held from 3 to 5 of March in Bissau with 70 participants from private sector, government, civil society, NGOs and training centers. Dissemination of the workshop objectives and recommendations was made through national radios 	90%
Output 4: Vocational training of the youth in priority fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracts were elaborated for the capacity building of youths that already have their business plans with: CIFAP (20 youths to be trained in civil construction); Arts and Handicraft School of Quelele (20 youths to be trained in trade); a local hairdresser salon (2 youths to be trained as hairdresser); Infojob (3 youths to be trained in cybercafé management); Global Service (1 youth to be trained in 	35%

	serigraphy).	
Output 5: Supporting youth candidates with training and design of projects and income generating activities (micro-financing).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiations with the 2 banks selected to manage the funds foreseen to finance youths projects were concluded. • The “Grant Agreement” between the Banco da África Ocidental (BAO) and the UNDP related to the management of the funds was signed. • The “Grant Agreement” between the Banco da União (BDU) and the UNDP was finalized. • 160 business plans were completed in Bissau (40) Gabú (40), Cacheu (40), and Quínara (40). • 80 business plans were sent to the selected banks in order to be analyzed. 	55%

Qualitative achievements against expected results:
Negotiations with the banks were concluded. Funds to finance youths business plans are expected to be transferred soon.