



# **Volunteers for Peace Programme Progress Report**

**April 1 – June 30, 2010**

**Liberia Peace Building Fund**

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## Liberia Peace Building Fund 2<sup>ND</sup> Quarter Status Report April - June 2010

<b>Recipient UN Organization:</b>	UNDP	<b>PBF Priority Area:</b>	<b>Priority Area 2: Critical Interventions to promote peace and resolve conflicts.</b>		
<b>Implementing Partner(s):</b>	Ministry of Youth and Sports, UNMIL, and Federation of Liberia Youth (FLY)				
<b>Project Number:</b>	PBF/LBR/A-3 (PP/R2/A2/06)				
<b>Project Title:</b>	Volunteers for Peace Programme				
<b>Total Approved Project Budget</b>	\$450,000.00				
<b>Project Objective and Scope</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To diffuse potential conflicts at community levels and significantly reduce the numbers of reported incidents of youth conflicts in the 15 counties</li> <li>• To achieve a cascading impact of skills transfer on conflict diffusion and non-violent resolution strategies through training of trainers for youth in the local communities of the counties;</li> <li>• To improve mutual trust, social cohesion and community relations among youth;</li> <li>• To incorporate the Liberia Volunteers for Peace Programme (VPP) into the activities of the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MYS) and make it an integral part of the Ministry's youth programmes throughout the country</li> </ul> <p>The project focuses on building peace and resolving conflicts amicably among youth in communities at the county levels</p>				
<b>Funds Committed:</b>	\$450,000.00	<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	100%		
<b>Funds Disbursed:</b>	\$383,000.00	<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	85%		
<b>SC Approval Date:</b>	22 January 2009				
<b>Expected Project Duration:</b>	18 Months	<b>Forecast Final Date:</b>	September 2010	<b>Delay (Months):</b>	One Month

<b>Outputs:</b>	<b>Progress:</b>	<b>Percentage of planned:</b>
Awareness campaigns in the communities, schools, clinics, NGOs, government ministries, in peace building such as peace campaigns in the communities, campaigns against gender-based violence, training of trainer (ToT) workshops successfully conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As part of the continuous awareness campaign on the activities of the project, VPP procured high quality 10x6 ft banners depicting activities of the programme up to August 2010</li> <li>• 2 Training of Trainer (TOT) workshops conducted on conflict resolution and peace building in each county</li> <li>• Community peace talk &amp; radio campaigns on peace and sports competition held to sensitize the public on the roles/functions of peace ambassadors</li> <li>• T-shirts and stickers were produced and distributed in communities to further raise awareness on the activities of the</li> </ul>	85%

	project and roles of the Youth Peace Ambassadors	
30 Volunteers for Peace recruited and assigned throughout 15 counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31 volunteers (Youth Peace Ambassadors) recruited</li> </ul>	100%
1 month induction training in peace building and conflict resolution conducted for 30 selected youth volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31 volunteers successfully received 1 month induction training in Conflict Resolution and Peace Building</li> <li>Capacity of volunteers enhanced through training in peace-building resolution</li> </ul>	100%
<p>30 Youth Volunteers for Peace deployed to counties of assignment (two in each county comprising of women and men)</p> <p>10% of youth in counties trained by youth volunteers to diffuse potential conflicts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1,350 Peace Ambassadors received training in peace building and non-violent conflict resolution in all counties</li> <li>Between May and June 2010, 600 youth trained in various districts with each workshop bringing together 30 youths (see pictures of the May 2010 ToT workshops below)</li> <li>Supervision and monitoring exercises of peace ambassadors conducted</li> <li>2 Peace Ambassadors assigned to Sinoe county dropped from the programme on the recommendation of MYS following a conflict that occurred between them sometimes in April 2010</li> <li>1 Peace Ambassador reassigned from Grand Cape Mount to Sinoe County</li> </ul>	77%
Volunteer for Peace Programme integrated into the activities of the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MYS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plans are underway to discuss with MYS the possibility of incorporating VPP's activities into NYVS and MYS</li> </ul>	40%

<b>Outcomes:</b>	<b>Progress: {In terms of Indicators}</b>	<b>Comments/Remarks:</b>
Youth in communities trained on how to diffuse potential conflicts themselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1,350 youths received training in peace building and non-violent conflict resolution in 25 districts</li> <li>Field assessment shows beneficiaries are well-informed about the significance of peace building and conflict resolution</li> </ul>	n/a

	in their local communities, and youth in readiness to use the peace building techniques learned to intervene and prevent potential conflicts	
Integration of VPP's activities into MYS functions enhanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MYS set framework (NYVS as a basis) to incorporate VPP's activities into the Ministry's functions</li> </ul>	n/a



**Qualitative achievements against expected results:**

Clearly, it can be deduced the knowledge acquired in peace-building and conflict resolution have well-positioned the youth peace ambassadors to effectively organize workshops and provide hands-on training in conflict prevention/peace building strategy to other young Liberians. This has essentially made them peace ambassadors in communities where they worked. An example of some of the initiative they have performed include their intervention in the youth leadership elections in Foya, Lofa County, and Konobo Town (Grand Gedeh County), respectively, when relations between these youth groups were strained, and could possibly danger the on-going peace initiatives.

**challenges (If necessary):**

- The Youth Peace Ambassadors continue to demand computers, internet access, stationery, and training materials (even though the project provides training materials in the form of notebooks, pens, pad, etc).
- The programme continues to experience substantial logistical constraint that leads to delays in the procurement of needed project related materials/supplies. In some instances, the volunteers have to come to Monrovia to follow-up on procurement requests, collect and transport project related materials/supplies before starting a workshop.
- Delays in process payment request by UNDP's Finance Section for the release of project funds for catering servicesl.
- 360 volunteers set up in 30 districts are constantly demanding for remunerations to enable them continue their services with the project. This contradicts the original concept of the project which made provision to build the capacity of youth in various communities through workshops/training to enable them take on the roles of peace ambassadors whenever the project phases.

**PHOTO GALLERY**  
**ToT Workshops on Peace Building and Non-violent Conflict Resolution Strategies**  
**for Youth held in the Counties in May 2010**

<p align="center"><b>LOFA COUNTY</b></p> <p align="center">2<sup>nd</sup> Training of Trainers Workshop on peace building and non-violent conflict resolution strategies by Youth Peace Ambassadors for the Community Youth</p>	
<p align="center">May 6, 2010</p>	<p align="center">Foya, Lofa</p>
	
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**BONG COUNTY**

2<sup>nd</sup> Training of Trainers Workshop on peace building and non-violent conflict resolution strategies by Youth Peace Ambassadors for the Community Youth

May 10, 2010

Salala, Bong



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**MARGIBI COUNTY**

2<sup>nd</sup> Training of Trainers Workshop on peace building and non-violent conflict resolution strategies by Youth Peace Ambassadors for the Community Youth

May 11, 2010

Gibi, Margibi



May 11, 2010

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**NIMBA COUNTY**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Training of Trainers Workshop on peace building and non-violent conflict resolution strategies by Youth Peace Ambassadors for the Community Youth**

**May 8, 2010**

**Tapita, Nimba**



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