

Guinea Bissau Peace Building Fund Project Quarterly Summary Report (September-December, 2010)

STATUS REPORT AS OF 27/12/2010

UN Recipient Organization:	UNDP	Priority Area:	Youth training and employment / Vulnerable groups and poverty reduction
Implementing Partners	National Institute of Youth (Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports) / Institute for Technical and Vocational Training (Ministry of National and Higher Education)		
Total of approved budget	US\$ 1 500 000	Approved by the NSC:	
Total Funds Committed:	USD\$ 1,4024,881.82	As percentage of total budget:	94%
Total Funds Disbursed:	USD\$ 1,395,994.34	As percentage of the total budget:	93%
Anticipated Project duration:	15 Months	End of the Project	30-03-2011

Outputs	Progress as of December, 2010
Output 1: Strengthening the capacity of public institutions entrusted with Vocational Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rehabilitation of CENFI premises in Brá (Bissau), which started last June, is completed and handover to the government on December, 2010; The rehabilitation of a third block should be completed by the end of January, 2011; • The multipurpose center for youth, in Bissau, are fully equipped and now operational which has helped reduced significantly the training cost; • The Project Management Unit (PMU) is fully equipped and operational. Connection to internet is established and extended to all PMU premises.
Output 2: Strengthening the Capacity of Vocational Training Institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of an international master trainer/ILO, who trained 12 local trainers (GERME: on marketing, stock management and accounting), among them five (6) from the vocational training centers, one (1) from the chamber of commerce, and five (5) from the public institutions and associations entrusted with youths; • The power generator, books and journals are delivered to CENFI.
Output 3: Information and sensitization of the youth on trades and professional job offerings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with the UNDP communication officer, a photo and in field interview with some youth beneficiaries were prepared and presented at the UN day, in Bissau; • Media coverage, TV and national & local radio, of the diploma ceremony of 80 youths trained in Marketing, Stock Management and Accounting.
Output 4: Vocational training of the youth in priority fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing special to report. The vocational training activities are concluded.
Output 5: Supporting youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the selected bank, BAO, disbursed 66 loans for a total

<p>candidates with training and design of projects and income generating activities (micro-financing).</p>	<p>amount of 112 400 000 XOF;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BAO has already approved 41 other loans, which should be disbursed before the end of January, 2011, and it continues the assessment of the youths' business plans from Bissau, Cacheu, Gabú and Quínara; • A grant agreement was signed between the UNDP and a second selected bank, Banco da Solidariedade Social (BRS); • BRS is currently analyzing the youths' business plans, and it is expected that more than 70 business plans will be receiving loans from BRS before the end of March, 2011; • Training and coaching of 12 local trainers on GERME 1 & Classic (How to Improve your Businesses – Marketing, Stock Management and Accounting) methodologies were provided. • A total of eighty (80) youths beneficiaries, among them 40 were trained in GERME Classic methodology (in Marketing, Stock Management and Accounting) and 40 in GERME 1 (aimed to the less educated);
<p>IMPORTANT NOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the 66 youths who have received loans from BAO have paid regularly so far their monthly installment, and also have deposited their weekly sales revenue; Moreover, each of them on average have employed directly two (2) youths, and as a result 132 youths are currently benefiting from the 66 loans provided. • After a three months process of downscaling their target market aiming the youth beneficiaries, BAO has acquired the expertise and experience; as a result, BAO has reduced substantially the time for credit analyze process and consequently speed their loan delivery. • BRS is currently analyzing youths' business plans and should start to disburse the funds to youths in January, 2011. • The PMU is now operational and increasingly planning (through HACT/FACE approach), implementing and monitoring project's activities. 	
<p>Constraints and Recommendations</p>	<p><u>Constraints in this phase:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge of reconciling the quick impact with the idea of sustainability of the project's outcome. • Delays in the selection of the second bank which will substitute BDU in the management of the micro-credit funds has further delayed the financing of others youths' business plans. <p><u>Recommendations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerate the process of funding youths' business plans. • Continue to improve the participation of the national partners in the planning, implementation and monitoring of the project through the Project Management Unit which is now effectively operating.