

Guinea Bissau Peace Building Fund Project Summary

STATUS REPORT AS OF 30/09/2010

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\$ 1,402,932.60	As percentage of total budget:	94%		
Total Funds Disbursed:	USD\$ 1,008,381.11	As percentage of the total budget:	67%		
SC Approval Date:	29 May 2008				
Expected Project Duration:	15 Months	Forecast Final Date:	30/10/2009	Delay (Months):	12

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 rehabilitation of CENFI premises in Brá (Bissau), which started beginning of June, is expected to be concluded by the end of October as the construction company has requested a one-month extension due to some delays related to the rainy season. The Project Management Unit (PMU) is equipped and operational. Connection to internet is established, and it should be extended to all PMU premises by the first week of October. The technical capacity of the PMU unit has also been reinforced as the two national experts contracted moved to the PMU premises and an international UNV expert on the sustainable employment has also been hired. 	90%
Output 2: Capacities of professional training institutes reinforced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recruitment procedure for the hiring of three (3) international consultants for the training of trainers and the training of youth on secretarial, project development, computer equipment repair and maintenance domains is completed and sent for approval and request for the reference check. The purchase of a generator, books and journals for CENFI is ongoing. 	85%
Output 3: Information and sensitization of youth about the trades and professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A showcase and onsite interview with some youth beneficiaries has been conducted in collaboration with Mrs. Jina Moore, a New York based reporter 	85%

employment opportunities available conducted	<p>working with the Pulitzer Center on Crisis on a reporting project about the UN Peacebuilding Commission. This report will be posted on internet in the coming weeks for further dissemination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In collaboration with the UNDP communication officer, a photo and in field interview with some youth beneficiaries are prepared for and should be presented on the 17th of October, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. 	
Output 4: Professional training of youth in the priority domains ensured	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing special to report. The vocational training activities are concluded since no funds remain for this specific item. 	100%
Output 5: Support to youth (women and men) for the training and development of projects and income-generating activities through micro-credit given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The selected bank, BAO, disbursed 30 loans, as of 30th of September, for a total amount of 53 400 000 XOF; BAO has already approved 11 other loans and continued the assessment of the youth beneficiaries in Bissau, Cacheu, Gabú and Quínara. Provided a grant agreement is signed with a second Bank in the coming two weeks, it is expected that more than 70 business plans will receive funds before the end of year. The assessment report is expected within days, and then the negotiation process with the second selected bank will immediately start in order to establish a grant agreement. Training of trainers' sessions on GERME (How to Improve your Businesses) methodologies are under preparation (a first drafted of the training session plan was sent to the master trainer for his approval) and it is expected to start on October, 2010. 	45%

Qualitative achievements against expected results:

BAO is analyzing youths' business plans and has started to disburse the funds to youths.
The PMU is now operational and is gradually increasing its planning (through HACT/FACE approach), implementing and monitoring activities.