



[Name of Fund or Joint Programme]

ANNUAL PROGRAMME¹ NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2010

Programme Title & Number

- Programme Title: *Establishment of a National Human Rights Commission (CNIDH) and launch of its activities*
- Programme Number: 54653, BDI/C/1
- MDTF Office Atlas Number: 66653

Country, Locality(s), Thematic Area(s)²

Rule of Law and Human Rights

Participating Organization(s)

- *Ligue des Droits de l'Homme Iteka*
- *Association Chrétienne pour l'abolition contre la torture (ACAT)*

Implementing Partners

- Government of Burundi
- United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi (BINUB)
- Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).
- UNDP

Programme/Project Cost (US\$)

MDTF Fund Contribution:

- PBF: 400,000US\$

Agency Contribution

- OHCHR: 35,812US\$
- UNDP: 20,000US\$

Government Contribution
(if applicable)

Other Contribution (donor)
(if applicable)

TOTAL:

Programme Duration (months)

Overall Duration: 12 months

Start Date³: 28 May 2007

End Date or Revised
End Date: 30 June 2011

Operational Closure
Date⁴: 30 June 2011
Expected Financial
Closure Date

¹ The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

² Priority Area for the Peacebuilding Fund; Sector for the UNDG ITF.

³ The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MDTF Office as Administrative Agent. Transfer date is available on the [MDTF Office GATEWAY](http://mdtf.undp.org) (<http://mdtf.undp.org>).

⁴ All activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MDTF programme have been completed. Agencies to advise the MDTF Office.

Programme Assessments/Mid-Term Evaluation

Assessment Completed - if applicable *please attach*

Yes No Date: _____

Mid-Evaluation Report – *if applicable please attach*

Yes No Date: _____

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NARRATIVE REPORT FORMAT

I. Purpose

- Contribute to the prevention of human rights abuses, fight against impunity and promotion of the culture of peace.

II. Resources

Financial Resources:

- No other funding resources have been availed to the project; and the budget has been subject to no revisions.

Human Resources:

- National Staff and International Staff: The project staff is composed with two national staff of the National Institutions Unit (NIU) of BINUB.

III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements

- In line with the Prodoc statements, two organs were established under the management arrangements: i.e. 1) the “Comite de pilotage conjoint” co-chaired by the Government Representative and the ERSG in Burundi and tasked with the responsibilities to review and approve projects in compliance with the priorities as stated in the Plan, provide resources suited to the implementation of the projects, and review and approve the implementation reports; and 2) the “Comite technique de suivi” composed of the representatives of the Ministry of Human Rights, BINUB, OHCHR, dedicated national institutions and the civil society. It is co-chaired by the Chief of Cabinet of the Ministry of Human Rights and the Chief of the Human Rights and Justice Section of BINUB (also OHCHR Representative), with the mandate to ensure the smooth conduct and day to day implementation of the project.
- The funds are managed through DEX modalities by UNDP, thus responsible for all financial transactions, including all the procurements made on the basis of the Workplan developed by the Project National Manager and the recommendations of the “Comite technique de suivi”.

IV. Results

- The launch of the process and the initial activities along with the sensitization of various actors and nationwide consultations were implemented in a timely way (2007).
- The ownership of the project at the country level was a key element of the implementation strategy and was performed through the effective participation of all the social entities and groups, including at the grassroots. The openness of the process also provided room for contributions from partners, experts and other NHRIs from the region.
- Although multiple factors hampered the smooth conduct of the legislative process and consideration of the bill by Parliament was delayed due to the five-part election period (May-September 2010), newly elected Parliament prioritized this when it convened in November.

- Inputs and comments from various sources, including OHCHR were duly taken into consideration and the INHRC Act as adopted in December 2010 by both chambers of Parliament is seen as a whole as Paris Principles compliant.
- During 2010, intensive advocacy activities with Parliament were carried out by various actors and partners, including the UN and diplomatic corps with the aim to speed up the legislative process and amend the draft law in conformity with the Paris Principles.
- Parliament in cooperation with partners including BINUB's Human Rights and Justice and Governance Sections, organized a "Conclave on Human Rights" with due emphasis on international standards and best practices in the establishment of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), with the view to enabling parliamentarians to efficiently and substantively consider the Law.
- Consideration of the bill by the Parliament was delayed due to the five-part election period (May-September 2010) in Burundi. However, with the lobby from partners, the newly elected Parliament prioritized this when it convened in November.
- Keys partners and collaborations:
 - **Government of Burundi (Ministry of Human Rights):** Coordinates the implementation and management of the project jointly with BINUB; provides assistance as required and coordinates inputs from partners.
 - **BINUB/OHCHR (Human Rights and Justice Section):** Is responsible for the programmatic and management of the Programme as well as for the reporting.
 - **UNDP:** Is responsible for the management of the Programme funds and financial transactions.
 - **Civil society organizations (CSOs):** Participate in the design and implementation of the activities.
- Impact of partners: National counterparts, including the Government and CSOs were actively involved in the delivery of the planned activities. The UN agencies and other diplomatic corps assisted with advocacy to speed up the processes and contributed to the effective implementation of the activities. The joined efforts had been crucial for the achievements.
- Assessment of the programme: The overall goal of the Programme which is the establishment of an Independent National Human Rights Commission (CNIDH) is yet to be achieved after the adoption of the founding Law.

V. Future Work Plan (if applicable)

- The effective establishment and equipment of the CNIDH following the adoption of its founding Legislation;
- The capacity building of the INHRC newly appointed members and staff, and the support for its adequate funding needed for its effective start up and the smooth delivery of its mandate;
- The organization of the CNIDH's start up activities.
- The enhancement of the CNIDH's visibility in terms of its engagement in regional and international networks of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs).
- The balance of 99,153US\$ out of the total budget designed for the Programme (400,000US\$) will be allocated to the implementation of these activities.

VIII. INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baselines	Planned Indicator Targets	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance (if any)	Source of Verification	Comments (if any)
Outcome 1: A CNIDH created in conformity to the Paris Principles and effectively functioning							
Output 1.1: Establishment of the CNIDH	Indicator 1.1.1	Adoption of the founding Law	Law adopted	Law promulgated		Official Legal Bulletin	
	Indicator 1.1.2	Installation and equipment of the CNIDH	The CNIDH installed and equipped	The CNIDH effectively functions		Reports	
Output 1.2: Operation of the INHRC	Indicator 1.2.1	Information and sensitization of the role and mandate of the CNIDH	Information and sensitization activities organized	The population, organizations and other institutions are aware on the role and functions of the CNIDH		Reports	
	Indicator 1.2.2	Protection of human rights	Human rights cases are brought to the CNIDH	Human rights cases are handled		Reports	
Outcome 2							

Output 2.1	Indicator 2.1.1						
	Indicator 2.1.2						
Output 2.2	Indicator 2.2.1						
	Indicator 2.2.2						

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