



## Peacebuilding Fund

### 2010 ANNUAL PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup> NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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**Country and Thematic Area<sup>2</sup>**

Sierra Leone, Peace Consolidation

**Programme No:** PBF/EMER-10  
**MDTF Office Atlas No:** 00071303

**Programme Title:**

~~Supporting the Implementation of the Joint  
Communiqué through the Refurbishment of the  
SLPP Headquarters~~

**Participating Organization(s):**

UNDP, UNIPSIL

**Implementing Partners:**

**National counterparts**

- PPRC, APC, SLPP, PMDC, NDA
- Artists United for Peacebuilding,  
Amputee Sports Club
- IMC

**Programme Budget (from the Fund):**

USD 946,950

**Programme Duration (in months):**

Start date<sup>3</sup>: 12 June 2009

End date: 31 December 2010

<sup>1</sup> The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

<sup>2</sup> E.g. Priority Area for the Peacebuilding Fund; Thematic Window for the Millennium Development Goals Fund (MDG-F); etc.

<sup>3</sup> The start date is the date of the first transfer of funds from the MDTF Office as Administrative Agent.

## I. Purpose

In March 2009, Sierra Leone was hit by the biggest eruption of violence since the end of the conflict in 2002. Violent clashes involving the supporters of the two main parties resulted in multiple injuries and destruction. On April 2, the two parties publicly pledged to work together to prevent further political violence in the country. In a Joint Communiqué signed in front of President and witnessed by the ERSG, the APC and the SLPP vowed to “work jointly in preventing all forms of political incitement, provocation and intimidation”. The immediate objectives of the programme, therefore, are to;

1. Ensure that political parties and their supporters engage in a respectful and professional attitude towards their opponents, state institutions and policy issues;
2. Ensure that efforts of political leadership are backed up by a general consensus within the public opinion in particular the youth;
3. Foster non-partisan media to address the issue of partisanship and the role media played in further exacerbating the conflict.

The expected outputs of the programme to achieve objectives above are as follows;

Expected Outputs	
Objective 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Political reconciliation</li><li>• Professionalization of political parties’ leadership advanced</li></ul>
Objective 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trust building enhanced and peace promoted, particularly among youth and general public awareness of the processes</li></ul>
Objective 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-partisan media supported through greater monitoring capacity of the Independent Media Commission</li><li>• Ethic and legal training of journalists</li></ul>

The targets were not annualized in CPAP due to the background of programme which has been designed as the emergency support during the second quarter of the year to respond to the emerging political initiative. Based on the main pillars of CPAP 2008-2010, however, the programme was coherently linked to the third main component of CPAP which is ‘Community Recovery and Preventative Development’. Under this component, ‘strategic interventions in security, youth and communal levels implemented’ is set as the targeted outcome for the development area of ‘Strategic Peacebuilding Interventions’ and this programme has been implemented to achieve this target.

This programme has several implementing partners to achieve the objectives as follows:

Implementing Partners	
Objective 1	PPRC, APC, SLPP, PMDC, NDA
Objective 2	PPRC, Political Party Youth Leaders, Artist United for Peace Building, Amputee Sports Club
Objective 3	Independent Media Commission

## II. Resources

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Objectives	Approved Amount
Objective 1	298,483.00
Objective 2	0
Objective 3	79,078.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>377,561.00</b>

### *Human Resources:*

To implement the programme, following Human Resources were on board in 2010:

### *International:*

- Civil Affairs Officer – UNIPSIL;
- UNV Political affairs Officer UNIPSIL;
- UNV Programme Manager UNDP Youth and Peacebuilding.

### *National:*

- 2 Civil Affairs Officer - UNIPSIL
- Programme Associate - UNDP

Among the staff abovementioned, only one is funded by the PBF.

## III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements

The programme has been directly executed by UNDP in collaboration with the UNIPSIL Political and Peace Consolidation Unit Team. Designing and planning of programme has been mainly done by UNIPSIL Political and Peace Consolidation while UNDP provided technical and operational advice on effective implementation. Actual management of each project was done by UNDP. Procurement was carried out by UNDP and regular monitoring and evaluation have been undertaken by UNIPSIL and UNDP jointly.

## IV. Results

Based on the stated objectives, key results are as follow:

Expected Outputs		Final Results	
1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Political reconciliation</li> </ul>	1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Establishment of Resource Centre</li> </ul>
2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Professionalization of political parties' leadership advanced</li> </ul>	2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Procurement of IT facilities;</li> <li>▪ Political Women's Wings District Dialogue &amp; National Workshop;</li> <li>▪ Establishment of APPYA &amp; National Convention.</li> <li>▪ Establishment of APPWA</li> </ul>
3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Trust building enhanced and peace promoted, particularly among youth and general public awareness of the processes</li> </ul>	3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Artist United for Peace Building (2<sup>nd</sup> Round at 3 locations)</li> <li>▪ Amputee Football Games</li> </ul>
4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Non-partisan media supported through greater monitoring capacity of the Independent Media Commission</li> </ul>	4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Establishment of Resource Centre at the IMC regional office in Bo</li> </ul>
5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ethic and legal training of journalists</li> </ul>	5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conduction of Needs Assessment Survey on the capacity of local media monitors</li> </ul>

### *Key Achievements*

#### *❖ Output 1: Political Reconciliation*

In support of the Communiqué, it is crucial that the messages of the Communiqué are widely disseminated throughout the country. While urban, politically sensitive communities are aware of the Communiqué, there remains limited knowledge on the content and message it portrays. Also, communities in rural areas, due to lack of access to media and infrastructural constraints are still insufficiently aware of the Communiqué and the specific commitments entered into by the political parties. Therefore, in order to enable the constituents hold the signatories of the Communiqué to account, its dissemination has been recognized as critically important. By the end of last year, dramas and jingles on the theme of the Communiqué, in Sierra Leone's five main indigenous languages (Krio, Mende, Temne, Limba and Kono) and a video version of the drama as well as an abridged audio version has been produced for screening and dissemination over radio.

In 2010, the screening of drama and dissemination of message of Joint Communiqué over radio were completed at all 149 chiefdoms. The community members especially the illiterate expressed the enlightened mind on importance of political tolerance and non-violence conflict resolution and conflict prevention by dialogue.

## ❖ *Output 2: Professionalization of political leaders & Establishment of Resource Centre*

This output served to equip the party membership with the means to deepen their understanding of current and topical issues, enhancing the quality of and stimulating issue based debates. To this end, the programme provides Resources Centre to parties registered with the PPRC at their national headquarters, containing books and internet facilities.

The Resource Centre was established within the PPRC and refurbished in 2010. Office/IT equipments were procured by UNDP. The location of Resource Centre was determined and PPRC is playing a key role to mobilize the stakeholders, particularly major political parties to build confidence among themselves to develop and own the common property. The process itself contributes to political reconciliation. During 2010, the Implementing Partner, Search for Common Ground, procured a total of 1,300 books on human rights, peacebuilding, religion, and governance, amongst others.

The PPRC, Political Parties and UNIPSIL jointly implemented the below activities in 2010:

### *Provision of logistic support to the APC, SLPP and PMDC*

20 desktop computers with UPS and 12 printers were procured to be distributed to the three political parties in Parliament on a proportional basis. APC and SLPP being the largest had 8 computers and 5 printers each, while PMDC (yet to be distributed) will have 4 computers and 2 printers. APC and SLPP received theirs in July and August respectively. Political parties were requested to ensure that the women and youth wings also receive a share.

### *Support for intra-party retreats of the women wings of APC, SLPP and PMDC*

In total 42 dialogues were held in each of the 14 Districts for the women's wing of the three main political parties. Main objective was to work towards an increase in the representation of women in political processes. As such the dialogues provided a platform for discussions and affirmative actions, on a party specific context, to see how this can be achieved. Political parties developed respective gender policies and action plans that would provide the basis and road map towards the main objective.

All the parties strongly recommended for a national dialogue during which they will collectively present a consolidated outcome of the dialogues to the President, donors etc and agree on specific measures that the government, donors etc will embark on to achieve the objective with the 2012 elections in sight. The formation of an umbrella association for political parties women was strongly recommended.

Finally the umbrella association of all political parties women association APPWA was formed by the female wings leaders and membership of the APC, PMDC, NDA and SLPP. As a way of supporting the association 4 projectors, 4 screens, 4 mini laptops were provided to enhance the outreach capabilities

### *Support to the All Political Parties' Youth Association*

The support included the following activities and achievements;

- Regional meetings bringing together national, regional and district executives for a discussion;
- The draft constitution was discussed and preliminarily adopted;
- A draft of the National Strategic Plan 2010-2013 was developed;
- Functions were assigned and national, regional and district APPYA executives formed (previously, they didn't recognize each other) as the main outcome of activity;

- A national delegate convention (December 2 – 4) finally formalized all these arrangements and pushed the process forward.
- The national delegate convention brought together 120 members of the interim executive committees of the national, regional and district level. The strategic plan, the constitution have been adopted and a national executive committee formally elected.
- The formal set up of APPYA marks an important step in the follow up of the joint communiqué. The committeemen displayed by the delegates to work together across party delineations and to overcome acrimonious interaction patterns was remarkable
- APPYA can now contribute towards internal democracy and accountability within the political parties and may serve as a counterweight to extremist elements.
- APPYA sensitization campaign for the Kono by election and Election Day monitoring. This support will increase APPYA's visibility and credibility.

❖ ***Output 3: Trust building enhanced and peace promoted among the public***

***Outreach Concert by Artist United for Peace Building***

Followed from the first round of district outreach by Artist United for Peace Building which covered four districts, the group conducted the second round of outreach at three locations to organize regional concerts (Kabala, Lungi and Freetown). More than 3,000 community members joined the activities in total. Artists delivered the message of 'Campaign Against Violence' as the dissemination of the Joint Communiqué through two national peace songs which were launched with the President in June 2009.

***Single Leg Amputee Sport Club – Football Games***

Recognizing their own roles to promote peace at their communities and in the nation as a whole, the Single Leg Amputee Sports Club organized "Play for Peace Festivals – through Amputee Football" in six districts. The event consists of;

- Tour on Amputee Football 4 Peace
- Musical Concert
- Community Rallies on on-going Peace
- Radio/TV Discussion and Sensitization
- Mobile Car Publicity

The project targeted mainly the youth who are often used in conflict situation, particularly community youths, political youths and disable youth. The sport, in particular football in Sierra Leone, has been highly recognized as a tool to improve social environment and to enhance recognition of youth. With initiation by single leg amputees who are victims of conflict to play football game with eight teams, thousands people joined watching the games and awareness of peace was largely increased among the public at the community levels in Kenema, Bo, Kabala, Makeni, Lungi and Freetown.

❖ ***Output 4&5: Non-partisan media supported through enhancement of IMC***

Two activities were completed in 2010, including an impact assessment of journalist training and the establishment of a library in Bo regional office. The Resource Centre at Bo regional office was established. The centre was officially opened on November 29 and library and internet have proved to be very popular with at least 10 uses those who are journalists and students per day. The maintenance and sustainability of regional office and resource centre is ensured by the IMC. The other implemented activity is the needs assessment survey on further capacity enhancement of the local media monitors. By the end of November, an Executive Summary of the report was submitted to the IMC Board members for the initial perusal and the first zero draft was studied by the Board members on December 9.

The IMC made a contract with Conflict Management and Development Associates on July 13 2010 to evaluate the work of the IMC with journalists in Sierra Leone. Their findings report provided clear information and data on the number of Radio/TV stations and newspapers in operations and ascertain the management policies, staffing structure, coverage, training opportunities and other conditions of service. In addition, the assessment evaluates the usage of IMC's public service facilities such as a library and internet café, and IMC's human capacity, technical and financial capacity. The result of assessment will contribute IMC to identify the achievement so far and gap to fill for future activity planning so that IMC can achieve the targets to improve the work of media practitioners, diversify access to information and pluralism in the media landscape.

### ***Key partnership and inter-agency collaboration on progress analysis and strategic planning***

The programme was designed by UNIPSIL and the national counterpart to implement Joint Communiqué and UNDP was appointed as the recipient of the fund and to manage the process of programme implementation. Both agencies were, therefore, expected to work closely as to mobilization of partners, finalization of activity design and implementation of the programme. As the first major attempt of programme co-implementation between the integrated peacebuilding mission and UNDP, the achievement clearly showed the further potentials on effective programme implementation of emergency support in political and social areas. The main cause of these positive outcomes can be emphasized as the result of effective partnership between UNIPSIL's expertise in political support to the government and UNDP's technical expertise in programme implementation and management.

## **V. Future Work Plan**

Project was successfully completed in December 2010.

## **VI. Abbreviations and Acronyms**

APC – All Peoples' Congress

APPAYA – All Political Parties Youth Association

APPAWA – All Political Parties Women Association

CPAP – Country Programme Action Plan

ERSG – Executive Representative to the Secretary General

IMC - Independent Media Commission

NDA – National Democratic Alliance

SLPP – Sierra Leone Peoples Party

PMDC – People's Movement for Democratic Change

PPRC – Political Parties Registration Commission

UNDP – United Nations Development Programme

UNIPSIL – United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone