



Peacebuilding Fund

2010 ANNUAL PROGRAMME¹ NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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Country and Thematic Area²

Sierra Leone, Peace Consolidation

Programme No: PBF/SLE/J-3

MDTF Office Atlas No: 00071607

Programme Title:

PBF Supporting the Implementation of the Joint
Communiqué through the refurbishment of the
SLPP Headquarters

Participating Organization(s):

UNDP, UNIPSIL

Implementing Partners:

- Sierra Leone People's Party

Programme Budget (from the Fund):

USD 69,550

Programme Duration (in months):

Start date³: 12 June 2009

End date: 31 December 2010

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

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

³ 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”.

In this communiqué, the two main parties recognize;

- The important roles and responsibilities that both the governing and opposition parties have to play in a democratic dispensation.
- The roles and responsibilities and to respect the independence of important democratic institutions.

The commitments made can hardly be fulfilled if the damage caused to the SLPP’s headquarters during the vents is not urgently repaired. This project therefore is to support the SLPP as an implementing partner to retrieve optimal working conditions and play its democratic role. By the same taken, this support helps give the SLPP leadership the right disposition to participate in the implementation of the Joint Communiqué.

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.

II. Resources

The total amount of US\$ 69,550 has been approved by the PBF National Steering Committee on 11 June as a programme budget. Total utilization of funds for 2010 indicated in the table below. Hence, all programme budgets has been exhausted.

Plan to Disburse	Objectives	Approved Budget	Utilized in 2009	Balance for 2010
December 2009	1 st Tranche	35,000	35,000	-
April 2010	2 nd Tranche	25,000	25,000	-
December 2010	3 rd Tranche	5,000	5,000	-
	Project Management	4,550	4,550	-
Total		69,550	35,000	34,550

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;
- Chief of Engineering – UNIPSIL.

National:

- Civil affairs Officer - UNIPSIL;
- Programme Associate – UNDP.

Among the staff mentioned above there is none one funded by the programme.

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, the key results were as follows in 2010:

The proposal states the expected outputs of the programmes as follows:

- 1) A maximum of damaged windows rehabilitated
- 2) A maximum of damaged doors rehabilitated
- 3) A maximum of damaged walls re-painted

The actual process of programme implementation, however, identified the necessity to modify the outputs as follows:

- 1) Reinforcement of retaining wall
- 2) Plumbing system (including the toilets)
- 3) Repairmen of doors and windows
- 4) Electrification
- 5) Painting
- 6) Repairmen of perimeter fencing

Also, roofing and the provision of a water tank were all not included but realizing the importance of these, some funding has been used with this purpose.

Upon completion of transparent tendering process, the SLPP made a contract with one construction firm in November 2009 and the first tranche was disbursed in December 2009. The construction has started since the beginning of reporting year 2010. An engineer of UNIPSIL conducted the technical assessment on progress of construction in February and April to proceed the 2nd and 3rd tranche disbursement in May in August. The construction was completed in August and the office has been opened and fully operational for daily function of party activities. In a letter dated 15 October 2010 SLPP expressed full satisfaction with the work and requested for the final tranche. The completion of SLPP HQ refurbishment was recognized as one of the tangible results to indicate the commitment of government and SLPP to implement the Joint Communiqué for political reconciliation.

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

CPAP – Country Programme Action Plan

ERSG – Executive Representative to the Secretary General

SLPP – Sierra Leone People's Party

UNDP – United Nations Development Programme

UNIPSIL – United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone