



## Peacebuilding Fund

### FINAL 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/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:**

**National counterparts**

- Sierra Leone People's Party

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

USD 69,550

**Programme Duration (in months):**

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

End date: 31 December 2010

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<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”.

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.

In order for the commitments made under the Joint Communiqué to be fulfilled, it was necessary to provide support urgently to the repair of the SLPP Headquarters. This project therefore aimed to assist the SLPP in repairing the damage incurred by the violence in March 2009 and to refurbish other office facilities in order for both parties to effectively participate in the implementation of the Communiqué.

## **II. Resources**

### *Financial Resources:*

The project received a total of 69,550 USD from the PBF.

### *Human Resources:*

The following Human Resources supported implementation and provided oversight:

#### *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.

## **III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements**

The programme has been directly executed by UNDP in collaboration with the UNIPSIL Political and Peace Consolidation Section. The programme design and planning was carried out primarily by UNIPSIL’s Political and Peace Consolidation Section while UNDP provided technical and operational advice on effective implementation. However, UNDP was responsible for the overall

management of the project. Procurement was carried out by UNDP and regular monitoring and evaluation was undertaken by UNIPSIL and UNDP jointly.

#### **IV. Results**

The project proposal set out to achieve the following expected outputs:

- 1) Damaged windows rehabilitated;
- 2) Damaged doors rehabilitated;
- 3) Damaged walls re-painted.

However, during implementation, the expected outputs were amended as follows:

- 1) Reinforcement of retaining wall;
- 2) Repair of the plumbing system;
- 3) Repair of doors and windows;
- 4) Electrification;
- 5) Painting;
- 6) Repair of perimeter fencing.

In addition, the rehabilitation of the roof and the provision of a water tank were also supported by the project.

Upon completion of the tendering process, the SLPP contracted a construction firm in November 2009 and the first tranche was disbursed to the firm in December 2009. Construction began in 2010 and a UNISPIL Engineer conducted a technical assessment of progress from February to April which resulted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tranche disbursements in May and August 2010 respectively.

Construction was completed in August 2010 and the SLPP office subsequently became fully operational in carrying out its day to day functioning and various party activities. In a letter dated 15 October 2010, the SLPP expressed full satisfaction with the work and requested for the final tranche. The completion of SLPP 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.

#### **V. Abbreviations and Acronyms**

APC – All Peoples’ Congress

CPAP – Country Programme Action Plan

ERSG – Executive Representative to the Secretary General

PBF – Peacebuilding Fund

SLPP – Sierra Leone People’s Party

UNDP – United Nations Development Programme

UNIPSIL – United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone