

Guinea Bissau Peacebuilding Fund Project Summary

STATUS REPORT AS OF 31/03/2011

Recipient UN Organization:	UNDP	PBF Priority Area:	Youth training and employment/Vulnerable groups and poverty reduction		
Implementing Partner(s):	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				
Funds Committed:	1 500 000	Percentage of Approved:	100%		
Funds Disbursed:	1 500 000	Percentage of Approved:	100%		
SC Approval Date:	28 May 2008				
Expected Project Duration:	15 months	Forecast Final Date:	31/03/2011	Delay (Months):	31

Outputs:	Progress:	Percentage of planned:
Output 1: Strengthening the capacity of public institutions entrusted with Vocational Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Payment of internet connection expenses for the Coordination cell, INAFOR and IFTP; - Payment of training of trainers on GERME expenses. 	100%
Output 2: Strengthening the Capacity of Vocational Training Institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase of books and technical magazines for CENFI (<i>Japan funds</i>); - Purchase of CENFI generator accessories (<i>Japan funds</i>); - Launching of the bid for the borehole to be built in CENFI's premises. The selection of the firm was concluded and the contract is under preparation. Works are expected to start in May (<i>UNDP funds</i>); - Rehabilitation of lot 3 of CENFI premises, namely dining hall, toilets and kitchen was concluded (<i>YERP programme funds</i>); 	95%
Output 3: Information and sensitization of the youth on trades and professional job offerings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing special to be reported. 	100%
Output 4: Vocational training of the youth in priority fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing special to be reported. 	100%
Output 5: Supporting youth candidates with training and design of projects and income generating activities (micro-financing).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of 36 youths that received a training in business management GERME (level 1) in order to support the finalization of the business plans; - From January to March, BAO funded 51 business plans (21 women and 30 men) for an amount of 79 900 000 FCFA; 	90%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From January to March, BRS funded 13 business plans (2 women) for an amount of 20 404 887 FCFA and is currently analyzing 11 other business plans; - A meeting between the government, UNDP and the involved banks was held in February 2011 to discuss about the evolution of the partnership concerning the credit lines managed by the banks; - Field mission (Government, UNDP and GERME trainers) conducted in March 2011 in Gabú to meet the project beneficiaries (mission report available). 	
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Qualitative achievements against expected results:

PBF funds were completely disbursed. Monitoring and follow up activities related to the microcredit component will continue to be carried out in close partnership between UNDP, Management cell and banks.

Activities funded under UNDP YERP and Japan funds will continue.

The two banks (BAO and BRS) have funded youth projects up to an amount of about 100 millions FCFA in this trimester. This illustrates a quicker analysis and disbursement of the funds which reflects an increased capacity of the banks to manage the credit lines.

An M&E activity will be launched in April in order to evaluate the exact number of youths benefitting from the credit and to come up with the real number of employment created by the project.

A water borehole will be built in CENFI's premises in order to ensure water availability for the training centre.