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23 August 2012

Dear Mr. Al-Za'tari,

I am pleased to inform you that the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) has approved funding from the Peacebuilding Fund's Immediate Response Facility (IRF) for the project "Empowering Women for Peace and Recovery in East Sudan" re-submitted on 6 August 2012, amounting to US\$ 348,285.

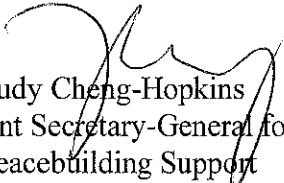
The original project requesting US\$ 500,000 had previously been conditionally approved on 24 October 2011, though only for those activities planned for East Sudan. The activities proposed for Darfur in the original proposal were not approved, and in our response we asked for an amended project proposal for the East with a budget of US\$ 250,000. In subsequent discussions, UNWOMEN and ILO argued that the activities in the East would be more costly to implement and PBSO agreed to increase the budget by US\$ 100,000 to a maximum of US\$ 350,000. This is the project proposal and budget that has now been approved.

As you are aware, monitoring and reporting on peacebuilding impact is a core responsibility of the Fund's mandate. For projects approved under the IRF, I rely on you and your office to undertake the following responsibilities on my behalf:

- a) ensuring timely receipt of quarterly project updates from the recipient UN organizations' field offices, and forwarding these to the MDTF Office and PBSO;
- b) monitoring project progress and results, and advising PBSO in a timely fashion if and when project amendments are required;

PBSO welcomes this initiative aimed at enhancing women's rights, economic opportunities and involvement in local development in Eastern Sudan. I look forward to working with you and your office on this important peacebuilding endeavor.

Yours sincerely


Judy Cheng-Hopkins
Assistant Secretary-General for
Peacebuilding Support

cc: Mr. Bisrat Aklilu, MPTFO

Mr. Ali Al-Za'tari
UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator
Republic of the Sudan



United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office/Peacebuilding Fund Project Submission

Recipient UN Organization: UNWOMEN and ILO in the Republic of the Sudan	Country: The Republic of the Sudan
Project Title: Empowering Women for Peace & Recovery in East Sudan	Project Number:
Project Cost: US \$348,285	Project Duration: 12 months

1. Decision of the Head of the Peacebuilding Support Office

- Approved for a total budget of US\$348,285 under the IRF**
 Approved with modification/condition
 Deferred

Reason/Comments

On 28 April 2012, PBSO's Project Approval Committee (PAC) approved funding for the project "Empowering Women for Peace & Recovery in East Sudan" amounting to \$348,285 from its Immediate Response Facility (IRF). The project had previously been conditionally approved by the special Gender Promotion Initiative PAC on 24 October 2011 but the revised proposal included a budget increase of \$98,285. The signed project document attached to this form was submitted to PBSO on 8 August 2012.

Developed by UNWOMEN and ILO, the objectives of the project include:

- Amplifying women's economic opportunities by building their skills and provide them access to information and resources.
- Promoting women's roles in the local tribal socio-economic structures and improves their access to land and other resources.
- Integrating women's priorities on reconstruction plans and projects at the state and federal levels.
- Promote the social, civic and economic rights of women in Eastern Sudan.

We kindly request MPTF Office to facilitate for the transfer of the approved budgets to the concerned recipient UN organization and implementing agencies in line with the project budget allocation table attached below:

	UNWOMEN	ILO
1. Supplies, commodities, equipment and transport	60,600	10,000
2. Personnel (staff, consultants and travel)	70,000	20,000
3. Training of counterparts	15,000	115,000
4. Contracts	5,000	15,000
5. Other direct costs	7,500	7,400
Sub-Total Project Costs	158,100	167,400
Indirect Support Costs (7%)	11,067	11,718
TOTAL	169,167	179,118

Ms. Judy Cheng-Hopkins
Assistant-Secretary General for Peacebuilding Support

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Signature

23 August 2012
Date

2. Action taken by the Executive Coordinator, MPTF Office, UNDP

- Project consistent with provisions of the UN-UNDP and UNDP-Recipient UN Organizations MOUs and the LOA with donors**

Bisrat Akilu,
Executive Coordinator, MPTF Office, UNDP

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Date



PEACEBUILDING FUND

Project Title: Empowering Women for Peace & Recovery in East Sudan	Recipient UN Organization: UNWOMEN/ILO
Project Contact: Address: Mary Mbeo Telephone: +249911840464 E-mail: mary.mbeo@unwomen.org	Implementing Partner(s): State Ministries of Social Welfare Offices of State Gender Advisors State Universities NGOs/CSOs/CBOs
Project Number: To be completed by UNDP MDTF Office	Project Location: Gedarif and Kassala states, Eastern Sudan
Project Description: <i>Utilizing economic empowerment strategies to promote women's roles in recovery and peace building in East Sudan</i>	Total Project Cost: \$ 348,285 Subtotal division of funding: UN Women \$ 169,167 ILO: \$ 179,118 Peacebuilding Fund: Government Input: NA Other: Total:

	Project Start Date and Duration: One year- June 2012- May 2013
Gender Marker Score: <u> 3 </u> <i>Score 3 for projects that are targeted 100% to women beneficiaries and/or address specific hardships faced by women and girls in post-conflict situations;</i> <i>Score 2 for projects with specific component, activities and budget allocated to women;</i> <i>Score 1 for projects with women mentioned explicitly in its objectives, but no specific activities are formulated nor is a budget reserved; and</i> <i>Score 0 for projects that do not specifically mention women.</i>	
PBF Priority Area(s) and Outcomes: <i>(Use PBF results framework to identify PBF priority area. Sample PBF outcomes are also included in the results framework).</i> Area3: Early Economic Recovery and Immediate Peace Dividends PBF Outcome(s) <i>Early revitalization of the economy, e.g. through promotion of partnerships with private sector to develop micro enterprises and youth employment schemes; revitalizing agricultural sector, technical support to design more inclusive and sustainable policies for the management of natural resources, etc</i>	
Outputs and Key Activities: <i>Paragraph outlining essential details of the programme/project</i>	

PROJECT DOCUMENT COVER SHEET

¹ The PBSO monitors the inclusion of women and girls in all PBF projects in line with:

- SC Resolution 1325 (inclusion of women in prevention and resolution of conflict and in peace building)
 - SC Resolution 1612 (protection of children affected by armed conflict);
 - SC Resolution 1820 (prevention of sexual violence and women in situations of armed conflict); and
 - SC Resolution 1888 (re-enforcing Resolution 1820)
 - SC Resolution 1889 (re-enforcing Resolution 1325)
- PBSO measures inclusion of women and girls at project planning stage based on intended results and allocated budgets. PBSO also monitors and documents the progress and results of these projects separately to inform the SC and UN system.



(for PRF-funded projects)

Co-chairs of the Joint Steering Committee

Replace with: <i>Name of Senior UN Representative: Ali Al-Za'tari,</i> <i>Signature</i> <i>Title: UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative</i> <i>Date & Seal 28. May. 2012</i>	Replace with: <i>Name of Government Representative</i> <i>Signature</i> <i>Title</i> <i>Date & Seal</i>
Recipient UN Organization(s)	National Implementing Partner(s)
Replace with: <i>Name of Representative:</i> <i>Signature</i> <i>Name of Agency: Date & Seal</i>	Replace with: <i>Name of Head of Partner</i> <i>Signature</i> <i>Name of Institution</i> <i>Date & Seal</i>
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(for IRF-funded projects)

Recipient UN Organization(s) Replace with: <i>Name of Representative: Christine Musisi, Regional Director for East and Southern Africa</i> <i>Signature</i> <i>Date & Seal 16/6/12</i>	National Implementing Partner(s) (as relevant) Replace with: <i>Name of Head of Partner</i> <i>Signature</i> <i>Name of Institution</i> <i>Date & Seal</i>
Recipient UN Organization(s) <i>Name of Representative: Yousef Qaryoutl, ILO Director for North Africa</i> <i>Signature</i> <i>Name of Agency: ILO</i> <i>Date & Seal 16/6/12</i>	
Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) <i>Name of Representative</i> <i>Signature</i> Peacebuilding Support Office, NY <i>Date & Seal</i>	Representative of National Authorities Replace with: <i>Name of Government Counterpart</i> <i>Signature</i> <i>Title</i> <i>Date & Seal</i>

COMPONENT 1: Situation Analysis

About 80% of Sudan's population is directly dependent on the natural environment for survival and competition over limited local resources is a key driver of conflict in Sudan. Local conflicts have been exacerbated by socio-economic and political marginalization, the spread of small arms and weak local governance. Despite the signature of several peace agreements, Sudan continues to experience a vast range of conflict. As a result of these dynamics, a huge amount of war-affected people are today fully dependent on humanitarian assistance.

Eastern Sudan suffers from some of the lowest development indicators seen amongst states in Sudan and the level of poverty is very high, especially across rural areas and poverty, particularly those parts of the region that were most affected by the armed conflict. The East Sudan Peace Agreement 2006 (ESPA) brought an end to the conflict in Eastern Sudan. The agreement offered the opportunity to alter the structural position of the East and to address the root causes of the conflict. It is also providing a new impetus for locally driven economic recovery, effective decentralization and participation in governance, and access to development.

Women make up half of the population of the three States of East Sudan and occupy a central role in the family and labour force. Women constitute the majority of the rural population and are at the heart of agriculture and livestock related activities. Women also generate income in these areas through small-scale animal husbandry activities, through the production of handcrafts and by processing food substances such as oil and butter.

Women have been heavily affected by the conflict, as many have suffered displacement and human right violations. The conflict has further deteriorated their low social and economic status in society and further limited their opportunities for education, productive livelihoods, access to health services and participation in political and decision making processes. Persistent barriers to women's advancement in the region include the prevalence of tribal politics that marginalise women from participating in decision making processes. For instance, the prevalent use of traditional tenure systems curtails the ability of women to own land, livestock and to own other economic assets.

The majority of women who work in the informal economy are sole heads of households and have come to main urbanized areas after being displaced – leaving them in a position of acute and unique vulnerability. They have limited access and control to resources, particularly land and financial services, Women further suffer from a high level of illiteracy, high prevalence of violence including domestic violence and harmful practices such as early marriage and fgm. Moreover, existing social norms and traditional cultural roles which serve to undermine women's economic productive capacities and for which there are no clear development policies specifically with regard to women's skills and knowledge capacity which in turn perpetuates women's limited employability and access to jobs and .

COMPONENT 2: Narrative Section: Project Justification

UNWOMEN supported the participatory process of developing women's priorities for the East Sudan Donors and Investors Conference in Kuwait in December 2010. The priorities highlighted the huge gender gap in provision and delivery of basic services –

including: education, health care and reproductive health services - and the disproportionate impact on women's lives in the East. In particular, the women's priorities highlighted the gaps in key issues relating to women's political participation and leadership; protection of women's rights; as well the promotion of the role of women in stability and peace building. Women's economic empowerment was highlighted as crucial to eliminate feminized poverty and to mitigate tribal conflict over the limited resources. Key national counterparts played an active role in the development of women's priorities process and valued the catalytic role of UN WOMEN. Consequently, they are interested to maintain the groundwork of good collaboration and to support the concrete implementation of the women's priorities.

Indeed, the ESPA provides an opportunity to address the root causes of the conflict and to correct social inequities based on gender, ethnicity, geographic location and socio-economic status. The UN Country Team in Sudan has that indicated East Sudan is one of the most underserved areas in the North and calls upon the international community to support the implementation of ESPA. The East Sudan Donors and Investors Conference was an UN-supported mechanism to identify the priority areas for funding and to instigate funds to support the recovery in East Sudan. Though women priorities were integrated in the final declaration of the conference, funding for women priorities has yet to be mobilized. This project will prepare the ground for the women in East Sudan to bring their needs and aspirations into reality and to stimulate national and international community support for women's needs and agenda in the ESPA implementation phase.

This project seeks to stimulate the conflict-affected and under-developed economy of East Sudan through specific attention to the exclusion of women. In doing so, it targets immediate peace dividends through access to micro-finance, job creation and small business opportunities --not only addressing critical issues of feminised poverty but also generating confidence in the ESPA and reconstruction process. This in turn addresses pervasive socio-political issues such as under-employment and discrimination which threaten the stability of East Sudan and the sustainability of peace.

Successful implementation of the project necessitates developing knowledge and shared understanding regarding the structural, social and technical barriers to women's economic empowerment. The knowledge generated and shared about such concerns will inform state planning, and can be also effectively used in future resource mobilisation. Knowledge generated on best practices concerning gender and economic development in post-conflict environments is particularly useful to the broader goal of peacebuilding in Sudan. There are many opportunities for this project to be replicated in other parts of Sudan which will strengthen national peacebuilding efforts.

It is further envisaged that this project can be used to stimulate other donor resource opportunities and encourage concrete commitment to support the implementation of ESPA beyond this project. In this way, the PBF funding is directly seen as a catalytic opportunity.

Objectives:

The project will employ a rights based approach and conflict sensitive planning tools to achieve the following specific objectives:

- Amplifying women's economic opportunities by building their skills and provide them access to information and resources.
- Promoting women's roles in the local tribal socio-economic structures and

- improves their access to land and other resources.
- Integrating women's priorities on reconstruction plans and projects at the state and federal levels.
- Promote the social, civic and economic rights of women in Eastern Sudan.

COMPONENT 3: Logical Framework (including implementation strategy)

Part 1 (Strategic Level):

Objectives	Measurable indicators/Targets	Means of verification	Important assumptions
<p><i>Area3: Early Economic Recovery and Immediate Peace Dividends</i></p>	<p><i>No. of state level pilot projects to improve livelihood opportunities for vulnerable women. Target: two states – Kassala and Gaderef livelihood pilot projects implemented for marginalized /impoverished groups.</i></p> <p><i>No. of women helped by projects for vulnerable groups. Baseline: Approximately 1,000 women indirectly benefited and 150 directly benefited from the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Programme. Target: 1150 women helped by livelihood improvement projects.</i></p> <p><i>Change in the number of women clients using micro finance providers disaggregated by age and location. Baseline: Limited micro finance (cooperative) facility. Target: 350 direct women clients accessing micro finance.</i></p> <p><i>No. of state and federal projects and plans integrating the needs of women and girls in economic recovery</i></p>	<p><i>Established M&E system</i></p> <p><i>Impact Assessments</i></p> <p><i>Project final evaluation report</i></p>	<p><i>The project assumption that the commitment of the government to support women's empowerment agenda at the state and federal level is maintained.</i></p> <p><i>Accessibility to the target areas and groups is granted and facilitated</i></p>

	<i>No. of tribal and community leaders champions for women's rights to land and resources</i>		
PBF Outcome(s) <i>Early revitalization of the economy, e.g. through promotion of partnerships with private sector to develop micro enterprises and youth employment schemes; revitalizing agricultural sector, technical support to design more inclusive and sustainable policies for the management of natural resources, etc.</i>	<i>Increased investment of private sector, e.g. numbers of new jobs and businesses created for women</i> <i>Microfinance services are accessible to women.</i> <i>Increased overt role of women in effective resolution of land disputes (property rights) to resume agricultural production</i> <i>Equal rights to economic assets for women is clearly advocated.</i>	<i>Established M& E system</i> <i>Impact Assessments</i> <i>Project final evaluation report</i>	<i>(Immediate Objective to Development Objective)</i> <i>External conditions necessary if achieved project purpose is to contribute to reaching project goal</i> <i>The project assumes increased bilateral funding will become available to ensure sustainability of interventions.</i>
OUTPUTS: <i>Output 1: Livelihoods of conflict affected vulnerable households/women stabilized through income generation and vocational training</i>	<i>Livelihoods assessment reports made available and shared with stakeholders for participatory planning;</i> <i>No. of women, men and households provided with information and grants;</i> <i>No. of affected women (returnees, rural and nomad) benefitting from vocational (skills development) training;</i> <i>No. of men sensitized to project through advocacy for redress to structural barriers against women's economic empowerment</i>	<i>Base line surveys</i> <i>Impact Assessment report</i> <i>Progress reports</i> <i>Field mission reports</i> <i>Documentation of successful stories and best practices</i>	<i>(Outputs to immediate objective)</i> <i>Deterioration of the security in the target areas</i> <i>Less or lack commitment from the government</i> <i>Lack or limited capacities of the local implementing partners</i>

	<p><i>1000 women benefitting from micro finance schemes</i></p> <p><i>Increased access to economic resources for women</i></p>		
<p>Output 2: Framework for integration of women's priorities in the reconstruction plans developed</p>	<p><i>No. of state plans and projects integrate women's priorities and needs</i></p> <p><i>No. of decision makers, especially men, sensitized on gender and reconstruction approaches</i></p>	<p><i>Training Reports</i></p> <p><i>Field Visits</i></p> <p><i>Bilateral meetings</i></p>	<p><i>Deterioration of the security in the target areas</i></p> <p><i>Less or lack commitment from the government</i></p> <p><i>Lack or limited capacities of the local implementing partners</i></p>
<p>Output 3: women's roles in the land tenure system and the tribal controlled resources improved</p>	<p><i>No. of tribal and community leaders championing for women economic rights</i></p> <p><i>No. of men and youth involved in fora addressing masculinities and non-violent approaches</i></p> <p><i>No. of community initiatives supporting women economic empowerment</i></p> <p><i>Baseline study on women in the tribal economy and land tenure system completed</i></p>	<p><i>Media coverage</i></p> <p><i>Field missions</i></p> <p><i>Successful Stories</i></p> <p><i>Program evaluation reports</i></p>	<p><i>Deterioration of the security in the target areas</i></p> <p><i>Less or lack of commitment from the government</i></p> <p><i>Lack or limited capacities of the local implementing partners</i></p>
<p>Output 5: Project Management and Support strengthened for the Eastern Region</p>	<p><i>Design of a clear organigram for the project and link to CO</i></p> <p><i>Recruitment of human resources (consultants) for the project</i></p> <p><i>Development of an M & E system;</i></p>	<p><i>Delivery Reports</i></p> <p><i>Staff Appraisal</i></p> <p><i>MRF</i></p>	<p><i>Institutional framework is in place</i></p>

	<i>Communication strategy for the project undertaken two months after project startup date.</i>		
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Part 2 (Implementation Level): *This table describes what will be implemented, by whom, how, and how much.*

PBF Outcome: (One table for each PBF Outcome)

Main Activities	Inputs	Rough Cost Estimate (optional)	Person(s) responsible for mobilizing inputs
<i>Promote Women's economic empowerment through livelihoods improvement and business training using ILO tools for promoting WED (i.e. Get Ahead – Gender and entrepreneurship together) which was developed specifically for women entrepreneurs in rural areas. Activity will ensure reasonable representation across ethnic groups and will include positive messages re diversity as well as sensitisation of men to the project to harness their support</i>	<i>A rapid assessment for livelihoods in the targeted locations to identify existing and potential market opportunities</i>	<i>\$ 10,000 (ILO)</i>	<i>ILO staff (lead implementer) UNWOMEN staff</i>
	<i>Building national/local capacity of female trainers through 2 ToTs on Get Ahead in the two locations (Gadaref & Kassala States) including the preparation of simplified business plans</i>	<i>\$ 40,000 (ILO) (\$35,000+5,000 tool adaptation)</i>	
<i>Set up a scheme to start income generation activities/micro enterprises/ cooperative by women in the targeted areas. Scheme will accessible in balanced way across ethnic groups. Activity will include IEC and other messages to sensitise men and community generally to harness support for project</i>	<i>-Training of women entrepreneurs on starting income generating activities (IGAs)</i>	<i>\$ 60,000 (ILO)</i>	<i>ILO staff (main implementer) UNWOMEN staff</i>
	<i>- Establish linkages with NGOs/ Institutions providing micro credit to set up revolving funds for trained entrepreneurs</i>	<i>\$20,000 for linkages +30,000 small grants to selected trainees with) (ILO)</i>	
<i>Artisans skills development training.</i>	<i>Provision of technical support to train groups of women on specific skills to be able to utilize in businesses and/ or IGAs.</i>	<i>\$ 20,000 (ILO)</i>	<i>ILO staff (main implementer) UNWOMEN staff</i>
<i>Specific and tangible peacebuilding actions: including peacebuilding dialogue fora (workshops etc);</i>	<i>Training package (academic institution partner)</i>	<i>\$40,000 (UNW)</i>	<i>UNWOMEN staff</i>

<i>IEC to support public information on women's economic development and the linkage with peace. This activity and IEC will encourage non-violent approaches and provide avenue for discussion of masculinities</i>			
<i>Gender and livelihoods assessment, specifically including value chain analysis and opportunity mapping as well as identifying key attitudes to target.</i>	<i>Consultancy firm</i>	<i>\$40,000 (UNW)</i>	<i>UNWOMEN staff</i>
<i>Baseline study on women in the tribal economy and land tenure system</i>	<i>Consultancy firm</i>	<i>\$ 15,000 (UNW)</i>	<i>UNWOMEN staff</i>
<i>Technical support on integration of gender in the state reconstruction plans</i>	<i>Consultant Subcontract/reconstructi on fund Direct support</i>	<i>\$ 75,000(UNW)</i>	<i>UNWOMEN staff</i>

COMPONENT 4: Budget

The budget should utilise the Standard Format* agreed by UNDG Financial Policies Working Group with necessary modifications to suit the expected PBF project activities. The use of the budget format is mandatory since it allows the UNDP MDTF Office as the Administrative Agent of the PBF to consolidate and synthesize the periodic financial expenditure reports that will be submitted by Recipient UN Organizations.

Recipient UN Organizations are encouraged to attach a copy of the project budget in the standard format for their organization to facilitate review.

Budget split for the activities to be undertaken by:

UN Women: 170,000

ILO: 180,000

PBF PROJECT BUDGET – UN Women component	
CATEGORIES	AMOUNT
1. Supplies, commodities, equipment and transport	60,600
2. Personnel (staff, consultants and travel)	70,000
3. Training of counterparts	15,000
4. Contracts	5,000
5. Other direct costs	7,500
Sub-Total Project Costs	158,100
Indirect Support Costs** (7%)	11,067
TOTAL (UN Women)	169,167

PBF PROJECT BUDGET – ILO component	
CATEGORIES	AMOUNT
1. Supplies, commodities, equipment and transport	10,000
2. Personnel (staff, consultants and travel)	20,000
3. Training of counterparts	115,000
4. Contracts	15,000
5. Other direct costs	7,400
Sub-Total Project Costs	167,400
Indirect Support Costs** (7%)	11,718
TOTAL (ILO)	179,118

PBF PROJECT BUDGET -TOTAL	
CATEGORIES	AMOUNT
1. Supplies, commodities, equipment and transport	70,600
2. Personnel (staff, consultants and travel)	90,000
3. Training of counterparts	130,000
4. Contracts	20,000
5. Other direct costs	14,900
Sub-Total Project Costs	325,500
Indirect Support Costs** (7%)	22,785
TOTAL	348,285

* See the UNDG Harmonized reporting to Donors for Joint Programmes approved in 2006 and available on <http://www.undg.org/docs/9442/Explanatory-Note---Annex-D.doc>.

** The rate shall not exceed 7% of the total of categories 1-5, as specified in the PBF MOU and should follow the rules and guidelines of each recipient organisation. Note that Agency-incurred direct project implementation costs should be charged to the relevant budget line, according to the Agency's regulations, rules and procedures.

COMPONENT 5: Management Arrangements

UN Women will take the leading role for the entire project cycle, while utilizing ILO's technical and professional expertise to implementation the economic assessments, business training and development of the necessary resource materials. The UN Women Peace and Security Advisor, under the overall supervision of the Country Programme Manager, will be responsible for ensuring smooth implementation of activities described.

Additional human resources will be recruited to bear the direct responsibility of the project implementation. UN Women is dedicating resources and expertise to strengthen itself as the lead entity on gender equality and women's empowerment with the full support of the UNCT in North Sudan. ILO will be the main counterpart within the UN, due to their niche in economic empowerment and their leading role within the UN family in job creation and employability training. UN Women will utilize close partnership with the UN. The RC/UNDP office in East Sudan is providing logistical support and backstopping to the activities in the Eastern region. RC/UNDP office support enables our ongoing activities in gender justice and our previous activities during the national election and the preparation for the international donor's conference to succeed. UNWOMEN has strong partnership with the Federal and States gender machineries and the National Strategy for Women's Empowerment is directly relevant to the project interventions. UNWOMEN have also built the capacities of several NGOs and women's groups in and East Sudan which provides a pool of potential implementing partners. All activities will be taken in partnership with the Women Directorate/ Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender Wali Advisors offices and the Gender Units in the State Universities with close partnership with Eastern Sudan Reconstruction Fund.

COMPONENT 6: Monitoring and Evaluation

The UN Women country team will utilize human rights and conflict sensitive planning methodologies as programmatic approaches for the project. UNWOMEN will draw upon the efforts in place to domesticate the UN SG indicators for the implementation of SCR 1325 as guidance for results-based management approach, and will align monitoring and evaluation interventions with those of the UNDAF. Results-based monitoring and evaluation systems will help track the progress of and assess project implementation. The inputs, activities, outputs, outcomes and strategies in above matrix will be regularly monitored by the country team to ensure implementation. Final evaluation will be conducted by independent consultants. Best practices will be documented and shared with counterparts and stakeholders.

Because there is a general dearth of reliable and up-to-date sex disaggregated data for the Sudan, especially at local government and community level, a baseline survey and livelihoods assessment will be undertaken to provide the basis for the monitoring and evaluation framework. UNWOMEN will contribute to the body of knowledge on the interlinkages between gender, peace building and economic empowerment and reconstruction by documenting results.

Finally, UN Women anticipates this project will catalyse more opportunities for resource mobilisation by demonstrating the potential results of donor investment in the women of East Sudan. It further anticipates the strengthened capacity of local government to deliver activities targeting women and reducing gender gaps in services, current or planned.

COMPONENT 7: Analysis of Risks and Assumptions

Risks / Assumptions	Mitigation Strategy
1. The success of the project will be contingent on continued political support and engagement from GOS.	1.1 UN Women will partner very closely with the national gender machineries and include them in all programming decisions. The National Strategy for Women's Empowerment is very relevant to the project interventions. It will also build upon the collaboration in previous programmes and the commitment to the women's priorities in East Sudan
2. Complicated and sensitive issues, especially relating to women's physical and economic security, gender roles and relations, must be handled with the utmost care to prevent a backlash or security threats against UN Women, partner organizations, and most importantly, the targeted women themselves.	2.1 UN Women will seek guidance from state gender machineries and local civil society organizations on how to approach and handle sensitive gender issues in targeted communities. 2.2. Support Peace Building efforts and processes in Eastern Sudan 2.3 Men including male tribal leaders will be sensitized to the project. The ongoing project collaboration with male leaders and officials will be sought at all times to ensure peaceful implementation. 2.4 Security measures as necessary will be explored with security sector representatives. However, this is envisaged to be more of a cultural and tribal issue and not a criminal threat. Therefore the best course is to engage with the tribal leaders and key community influencers as well as concerted sensitization campaign. 2.5 Men will be included directly in some activities as appropriate. 2.6 Masculinities issues and non-violent approaches will be incorporated into training activities to support the efforts to address the status of women
3. Insecurity in some areas could threaten project implementation and staff well-being.	3.1 UN Women will ensure MOSS compliance of all offices and residences and maintain close communication with UNDSS on all movement and asset protection. 3.2. Continuous monitoring of situation by project staff and senior management in coordination with UNDSS.
4. Tribal tensions may hamper meaningful peace dialogue and/or removal of barriers to women	Activities will ensure reasonable representation across ethnic groups and all activities will include positive advocacy messages and IBC re respect for diversity
5. The very specific cultural context of Beja tribes in East Sudan and the segregation of women from the public life may hinder the accessibility to the local communities	4.1 UN Women will engage the tribal and community leaders from the indigenous groups who are knowledgeable and acceptable by their communities.

	4.2UNWOMEN will use the pre-established women centres in the rural areas in the Kassala and Gadaref
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Annex I: Project Summary and Status Updates – Part One and Part Two

The completion of a standardised Project Summary template and subsequent Project Status Updates are required for posting on the PBF website (www.UNPBF.org). See Annex II.

**PEACEBUILDING FUND
ANNEX I**

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Number & Title:	PBF/				
Recipient UN Organization:					
Implementing Partner(s):					
Location:					
Approved Project Budget:					
Duration:	Planned Start Date:		Planned Completion:		
SC Approval Date: (Actual Dates)		MDTF Funds Transfer		Project Activities Start Date	
Project Description:					
PBF Priority Area:					
PBF Outcome:					
Key Project Activities:					
Procurement:					

QUARTERLY PROJECT UPDATE

Period covered:			
Project Number & Title	PBF/		
Recipient UN Organization:			
Implementing Partner(s):			
JSC Approval Date:			
Funds Committed²:		% of Approved:	
Funds Disbursed³:		% of Approved:	
Forecast Final Date:		Delay (Months):	

Outcome/Indicators:	Achievements/Results:	Challenges (incl. expected effect on project results):

² Project commitment is defined as legally binding contracts signed for goods, works, and services as permissible by the respective agency's financial rules and regulations.

³ Actual payments (for goods, works, and services) made against signed contract commitments. In most cases, total reported disbursements should not exceed total commitments, except in cases where disbursements are made against non-committed project funds (such as small scale payments, indirect programme costs etc, where no commitments are raised prior to payment).