



LIBERIA PEACEBUILDING FUND PROJECT DOCUMENT COVER SHEET

Recipient UN Organization: Human Right Section: UNDP- Liberia	Liberia PBF Priority Area: 1 Fostering National Reconciliation and conflict Management
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Project Number: PP/R5/A1/03	Project Duration: Three (3) months
Project Title: TRC Final Reconciliation Initiatives: County Consultations and National Reconciliation Conference	Project Location: Monrovia and the 15 counties
Project Description: The regional reconciliation consultations and the national reconciliation conference seek to harness peace and reconciliation in Liberia by providing the opportunity and space in which Liberians can discuss reconciliation and provide further understanding of the four policy issues (Reconciliation, Amnesty, Reparation, , and Prosecution) of the TRC. The project focuses on two key activities: (1) Three Regional reconciliation consultations. The consultations will be for five-days in each region involving five counties. Region I (Maryland, Grand Kru, River Gee, Sinoe in Grand Gedeh; Region II (Grand Bassa, River Cess, Nimba, Lofa will meet in Bong County. Region III (Gbarpolu, Bomi, Cape Mount and Margibi will meet in Montserrado. A total of 200 key stakeholders (13 representatives from each county) are expected to attend the regional consultations, and (2) The National Reconciliation Conference. It is expected that these consultations and the national conference will help Liberians explore and experience a range of motivations, values and best practices in reconciliation and peace-building initiatives.	Total Project Cost: \$460,000.00 Peace building Fund: \$350,000.00 Government Input: \$110,000.00 Other: Total: \$460,000.00 Project Duration: Three Months (April – June 2009)

Peacebuilding Impact and key outcomes:

To provide opportunity for local Liberian populace to actively participate in harnessing the TRC recommendations in relation to the four policy issues of Reconciliation, Amnesty, Reparation, prosecution; To facilitate a forum for victims and perpetrators mediation in the three regions; To provide forum for dialogues among Liberian and partners on the TRC's findings and recommendations; and Together, chart a course for national reconciliation.

Outputs and Key Activities:**Output**

The project is expected to produce the following outputs: 1. Increased participation of local Liberian populace in harnessing the TRC recommendations with the aim to prevent conflict and promote peace and reconciliation at regional and county level; 2. National peace and reconciliation initiatives strengthened to sustain peace and stability in Liberia.

Key Activities

The key activities of the project will include: 1. Convene three regional consultations for five days each in Grand Gedeh, Bong and Bomi counties; Discuss the TRC four policy issues in relation to the views and expectations of the participants; identify key issues of the conflict specific to each county and region for mediation; to compile report on county specific outcomes and issues for the national conference; and facilitate the selection of 13 delegates per county to the national conference. Main activities related to output 2 (National conference) include: Establish Secretariat to plan and execute the regional consultation and national conference; Convene a five-day national conference in Monrovia that will bring together participants from across the 15 counties, the Diaspora and to include international partners; Facilitate reconciliation ceremonies; and compile conference report.

Technical Advisory Panel Review Date: 17 February 2009

PBF Secretariat Review Date 20 March 2009

Joint Steering Committee Approval Date: 22 March 2009


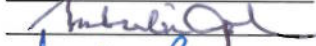
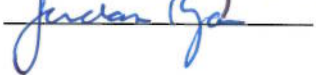
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Logical Frame work

Objectives	Measurable indicators	Means of verification	Important assumptions
Development Objective: Promote national peace, security and reconciliation in Liberian.	Number of successful mediations carried out nation wide TRC recommendations owned by Liberians and its implementation supported.	Report of reconciliation initiatives at county, regional and national level TRC report and recommendations.	Lack of Political will to support and implement peace and reconciliation initiatives
Immediate Objectives: To provide opportunity for local Liberian populace to actively participate in harnessing the TRC recommendations in relation to the four policy issues of Reconciliation, Amnesty, Reparation, prosecution; To facilitate a forum for victims and perpetrators mediation in the three regions; To provide forum for dialogues among Liberian and partners on the TRC's findings and recommendations; and Together, chart a course for national reconciliation.	375 cross-section of key stakeholders from the 15 counties participated in the regional consultations. Number of conflict mediation conducted. Regional and county specific report outlining key outcomes of the consultations. 250 persons with the 15 counties, the Diaspora and key international partners attend the national conference.	Regional consultations report County Specific report National conference report County specific presentations at the national conference.	Gender sensitive representation at regional consultation and national conference maybe difficult.
OUTPUT 1: Increased participation of local Liberian populace in harnessing the TRC recommendations with the aim to prevent conflict and promote peace and reconciliation at regional and county level;	200 cross-section of key stakeholders from the 15 counties participated in the regional consultations. Number of conflict mediation conducted. Regional and county specific report outlining key outcomes of the consultations.	Regional consultations report County Specific report	Limited capacity at county level to input significantly to the TRC's recommendations.
ACTIVITIES for output 1: Convene three regional consultations for five-day each in Grand Gedeh, Bong and Montserrado counties;	INPUTS: The total cost of the regional consultation is \$87,026.00. this amount takes into consideration the cost of venues, hosting and transportation of delegates	Financial report: the commission will submit a mid-term and final report in April and end of June 2009.	(Activity to output) The TRC is time bound and must complete its work by June 2009. Any delay in implementing as scheduled could impact the project.

Discuss the TRC four policy issues in relations to the views and expectations of the participants;	See above	Financial report: the commission will submit a mid-term and final report in April and end of July 2009.	
Identify key issues and parties to the conflict specific to each county and region for mediation;	See above	Financial report: the commission will submit a mid-term and final report in April and end of June 2009.	County specific issues regarding the conflict and the TRC process have yet to be raised and discussed. This may limit the national scope of the TRC process
Compile report of county specific outcomes and issues for the national conference; and	See above	Financial report: the commission will submit a mid-term and final report in April and end of June 2009.	County reports are expected to inform the TRC final report and recommendations. The report needs to be national in character to reflect views and opinions of a broad representation of Liberians.
Facilitate the selection of 13 delegates per county to the national conference	See above	Financial report: the commission will submit a mid-term and final report in April and end of June 2009.	Participation in the national conference must be equal and broad in representation to be owned by all Liberians
OUTPUT 2: National peace and reconciliation initiatives strengthened to sustain peace and stability in Liberia.		Financial report: the commission will submit a mid-term and final report in April and end of June 2009	
ACTIVITIES for output 2			
Establish Secretariat to plan and execute the regional consultation and national conference;	\$139,514.00 for operational costs including travel, accommodations and general conduct of day to day activities.	Financial report: the commission will submit a mid-term and final report in April and end of June 2009	
Convene a five-day national conference in Monrovia bringing together participants from across the 15 counties, the Diaspora and international partners;	\$98,960.00	Financial report: the commission will submit a mid-term and final report in April and end of June 2009	
Facilitate reconciliation ceremonies; and compile conference report.	See above	Financial report: the commission will submit a mid-term and final report in April and end of June 2009	

Full Project Document – Outline (Max. 14 pages)

1. Background and problem statement

Liberia has experienced 14 years of violent armed conflict that adversely affected socio-economic life and led to destruction of lives and properties. The civil conflict is regarded as one of the most horrible civil crisis in West Africa. Fuelled by ethnic division and other factors, the conflict shattered the lives of over two hundred and fifty thousands (250,000.00) people and rendered nearly two million (2,000,000) people displaced both internally and externally. Most infrastructural were destroyed, while basic social services were inadequate in most parts of the country.

Following the Accra Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 2003 which brought relative peace and calm to Liberia after 14 years of bloody civil war, the TRC was established in 2005 as one of the five Commissions formed to address some of the underlying causes of the conflict in Liberia. The TRC has as one of its six mandates to promote national peace, security, unity and reconciliation with the aim to ensure that peace and reconciliation is sustained so as to enhance national stability and development.

Liberia is becoming more stable after the 14 years of conflict and that rehabilitation and recovery of basic social services are being achieved progressively. Despite the significant positive developments in the country, sustaining peace, stability and reconciliation remained a challenge. Essentially, promotion of peace and reconciliation are a prerequisite to accelerating economic growth and development in Liberia.

A Number of peace-building and reconciliation activities have been undertaken and/or being implemented by Community groups, civil society organizations, International Development Partners and the Government itself, but most of these have been on an ad-hoc basis. The creation of the Peace-building Fund for Liberia provides an opportunity to strengthen national capacity in preventing conflict and promote and sustain peace and reconciliation in Liberia.

2. Project Rationale and expected results

The signing of the Accra Comprehensive Peace Accord in 2003 essentially provided a critical turning point and an opportunity for Liberia to turn from war to peace. As part of the peace deal, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Liberia was established. The Commission's mandate emphasises the promotion of national peace, security, unity and reconciliation. The Commission has made significant progress in meeting its mandate. For example, the Commission has collected, coded and documented over 20,000 statements in order to determine the various violations from witnesses and perpetrators within the 15 counties and in the Diaspora; conducted individual, thematic hearings in all 15 counties and is finalizing thematic and institutional hearings in February. These proceedings will enable the commission to make determinations for individual and institutional accountability. Also the Commission has investigated and researched 20 window cases in 14 thematic areas and has begun writing the final report, the first volume of which has been completed.

In 2008, The European Commission provided technical assistance to the TRC in supporting its peace-building mandate through the conduct of the National Conflict Mapping Programme. The mapping recorded current conflict that may threaten Liberia's peace and security including voice accountability in decision making processes, land and property disputes, identity conflicts as well as youth issues. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission by its mandates has been involved in reconciliation initiatives since its establishment in 2005. However, this mapping project, along with other investigations and research including economic crimes, the roles and experiences of women and children; the religious and traditional dimensions of the conflict, further informed the need for proactive actions, stronger and sustained reconciliation initiatives that will help sustain and promote peace and security in the country.

Enhancing national peace, unity and reconciliation is critical to the TRC's work and in meeting its mandate under the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. In addition, the promotion of sustainable peace and reconciliation is critical to sustaining Liberia's nascent democracy and its development agenda. The TRC National Reconciliation Initiatives: County Consultations and National Reconciliation Conference are designed to provide an opportunity once more, for Liberians in the 15 counties and from the Diaspora to come together and dialogue on peace,

reconciliation and share their perspectives on how peace and reconciliation can be sustained in Liberia and to strengthen the recommendation of the TRC.

Furthermore, this initiative will help to enhance accountability, inclusiveness, participation and ownership of the peace-building and reconciliation initiatives in Liberia by Liberians, and promote the implementation of the TRC's recommendations. Evidently, the civil conflict has posed a huge challenge to the country and there is a dire need to undertake post-conflict peace building and reconciliation initiatives that will help to support social cohesion, democracy and national development. The regional and national dialogue on reconciliation and conference will help provide the foundation for sustained peace in Liberia.

3. Partnerships and Management Arrangement

UNDP will be the recipient agency and management of the peacebuilding fund contribution, and will be responsible for procurement. UNDP will also be responsible for making financial reports for the Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF), and help provide technical to the project.

The **TRC** will ensure partnership and collaboration with its partners in conducting these Regional Counties Consultations. Organizations and institutions expected to partner with the TRC in planning and holding the Consultations include the Human Rights and Protection Section of the UNMIL, International Center for Transitional Justice, Interpeace, Foundation for International Dignity (FIND), the Ministry of Internal Affairs and others.

The main roles and responsibilities of partners shall include:

In collaboration with the Secretariat of the Regional Counties Consultation;

- Assist in developing training and consultation package/module
- Help to conduct training for County Coordinators/ Mobilizers and mediators
- Develop and deliver presentations on key topics such as: Reconciliation, Amnesty, Reparation and Prosecution
- Assist in facilitating plenary and county specific discussions along with Commissioners and other facilitators
- Support the mobilization exercise through existing structures at regional and county levels.
- Support the planning and execution of the National Conference

The Consultation

The Consultations will be held at the regional level and will bring together a cross-section of representatives from each county. Careful mobilization shall be conducted throughout the counties to ensure that representation is broad. County specific discussions in county groups are a key component of these consultations. Particular efforts will be made to ensure that county specific issues are raised and discussed.

The significance and value of bringing the counties together rest in the opportunity it provides representatives to share their perspectives on reconciliation, amnesty, reparation and prosecution. In addition, they will share and discuss their experiences and unique county issues.

The main intent of the regional consultations is to solicit the views and perspectives of Liberians through discussions on the four policy issues and to inform and enrich the TRC's report and recommendations. These consultations will also enhance the national scope of the outcome of the TRC process.

Mediation

Mediation is a key component of the consultation process. A team of mediators comprising TRC staff and partners will assist with mediation during the various consultations. The team will be provided training and orientation in basic mediation skills that will enable them actively mediate in emerging conflict issues during the regional consultation, as well as support county specific discussions.

Program Methodology

The methodology applied here is not different from what the TRC has applied over the years. The commission has offices in all 15 counties that are headed by county coordinators. For operational purposes and work that has been done at the county levels, the commission has worked through the county and district coordinating committees. The size of each team varies from 15 to 25 persons representing a cross section of civil society, government representatives including office of the superintendent, the chief education officer, traditional and religious leaders, youth and women groups and eminent persons in the communities. The commission has budgeted for the coordinators and will recall them as Mobilizers. They will be deployed in the last week in February where they will together with the CCC who will be selected to come to the regional meeting. The following steps constitute the methodology process:

- Step 1. Develop guide-lines and content for Regional Consultations;
- Step 2. Identify/Select facilitation team and provide training;
- Step 3. Deploy County Mobilizers;
- Step 4. Selection of County Representation Target (CCC and DCC) key institutions to help identify county representatives- taking into consideration gender equality;
- Step 5. Facilitation of Regional National Conference.

The team of experts drawn from the partnership will collaborate with the TRC program department to modify existing monitoring instruments and schedules to measure the effectiveness of the implementation using these indicators. The commission is aware that its mandate ends in June 2009 and therefore plans to work in partnership with the entities mentioned in this document. This partnership ensures that other organizations are equipped to continue to build on the foundation laid for the peace process.

- The UNDP will participate as custodian of the funds. They will ensure that the funds are requested along line items and monitor activities against expenditure. They also have the responsibility to go into the field to monitor activities.
- Glencree, OSIWA, ICTJ, Ministry of Internal Affairs will form a team of experts along with the TRC program department and commissioners to conduct the county consultations. That team will also supervise the conclusion of the county reports in time for the national conference. Both ICTJ and OSIWA have developed capacity of a number of CSOs who will participate. MIA staffers at the ministry and county levels will conduct mediation and memorialization ceremonies where necessary.

Regional County Consultations

- Consultation and training modules completed by the expert team
- number of regional consultations completed
- number of delegates in attendance in each region.
- number and quality of county reports completed from the regions
- number of disputes resolved or documented for future resolutions
- number of major recommendations influenced by the consultations. Did the opinion of the participants change the original stance of the commissioners? If so which ones, amnesty, prosecution, reparations or reconciliation? Are cultural and local perceptions at variance with western laws and conventions? How were they resolved?
- Number of ceremonial rites conducted at these meetings.

National Reconciliation Conference

- number of delegates in attendance from the Diaspora and in country.
- Conference papers and presentations submitted on time for the conference.
- Number of inter-tribal and victims/ perpetrator negotiations completed in the one week of the conference.
- TRC institutional and thematic recommendations for reform submitted at the conference
- The Liberian Reconciliation Agenda finalized and agreed upon by partners
- Final TRC resolution read at the closing of the conference and copies of the report submitted to the legislature and to the president.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

5. Sustainability of the project

6. Project implementation and timeline

TRC Reconciliation Initiatives:

Phase I (March –May 2009) Regional County Consultation

Region 1 Maryland, River Gee, Grand Kru, Sinoe in Grand Gedeh -March 2009.

Region 2 River Cess, Grand Bassa, Lofa, Nimba in Bong County-April 2009.

Region 3 Margibi, Bomi, Cape Mount, Gbarpolu in Montserrado-May 2009.

County coordinators will be redeployed to engage the county coordinating. Committees in February 2009. A facilitating team of experts from the above will conduct the county meetings. Planning will be done in the first week of the month, the meetings in the second week and the report completed in the third week. The final week in May, all reports for the National conference will be finalized.

Phase II (June 2009) National Reconciliation Conference (two weeks)

Week 1- arrival and hosting of delegates and final preparations.

Week 2

Day 1 formalities and preliminaries/ speeches from appropriate stakeholders and presentations from internationals.

Day 2 presentations of 10 county reports and panel discussions

Day 3 presentations of 5 county reports and panel discussions and mediation meetings in the evenings

Day 4 presentations of the TRC report to the legislature and executive in the morning and mediation continues.

Day 5 TRC mediation finalized and reports made in plenary at the pavilion.

Day 6 national atonement, prayers for the way forward and peace in Liberia.

7. Project Budget (see projet budget)

The total budget of the project is \$460,000.00. In the two-part budget, budget A represents the Peace building component for \$350,000.00 for which 7% or \$24,500.00 is allocated to the UNDP for handling charges and \$325,500.00 is allocated to the TRC for direct implementation of the activities. Budget B is the TRC contribution from Government Funds representing the percentage of commissioner and staff time that will be allocated to the project and other charges including over head and other indirect costs.

Project Budget

No.	Category	Item	Number of items	Unit cost	Total cost
1.	Personnel (Staff & Consultants)	Secretariat:			
		- Coordinator	1	\$2,500 x 3 months	\$7,500.00
		- Admin. Assistant	1	\$500 x 3 months	\$1,500.00
		- Consultants	2	-	-0-
		Mediation team (3teams of 6 persons):	3 teams of 6 persons	-	-0-
		- Commissioners	-	-	
		- Facilitators	6 x 3	\$500.00	\$9,000.00
		- Drivers	2 x -0-		-0-
		- Mobilizers	15x2months	\$400.00	\$12,000.00
	Sub-total:				\$30,000.00
2.	Contracts (commercial, grants, professional services)	Regional Venues (Grand Gedeh, Bong, Montserrado)	3x10dys	\$50.00	\$1,500.00
		Agreements with Inter peace, Glencree, Mediation & Borders	-	-	-
		Bus Rentals 50 seated buses	4x250x10dys	-	\$10,000.00
		Contract with Cartoon Inc.			\$20,000.00
		Media coverage (radio & television)	2 months		\$8,000.00
	Sub-total:				\$39,500.00
3.	Training	Development of Modules & training package	\$10,000.00	-	\$10,000.00
		Mediation training	\$5,000.00	-	\$5,000.00
	Sub-total:				\$15,000.00
4.	Transport	Regional County	10gals x 10dys x 5 vehicles.	\$3.45	\$1,725.00
		Secretariat	1 veh. x 5gals x 90dys	\$3.45	\$1,552.00
		National Conference Buses & Vehicles 4(50seated)	4x10dys	\$250.00	\$10,000.00

	Sub-total:				\$13,277.00
5.	Supplies and Commodities	Stationeries: Papers, pens, pencils & Cartridges, etc	-	-	\$5,000.00
		Cost of printing(modules& handouts	-	-	\$15,000.00
		Fuel for generator	5gals x3x10dys x \$3.45		\$517.00
	Sub-total:				\$20,517.00
6.	Equipment	Portable Generator 2.5 KVA	3x\$700.00		\$2,100.00
		Projectors	3x\$1,500.00		\$4,500.00
		Computers(accessories)	1 x \$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
	Sub-total:				\$7,800.00
7.	Travel	Regional Consultation DSA:			
		Commissioners	8x6dys	\$58.00	\$2,784.00
		VIP Security	8x6dys	\$29.00	\$1,392.00
		Secretariat 4	4x6dys	\$29.00	\$696.00
		Facilitators 6	6 x 6dys	\$29.00	\$1,044.00
		Drivers 5	5 x 6dys	\$29.00	\$870.00
		Program (staff) Internal travel:	10x6dys	\$29.00	\$1,740.00
		Region 1 & 2			
		Travel	200 persons	\$40.00	\$8,000.00
		Lodging	200 persons x 5dys	\$20.00	\$20,000.00
		Feeding	200 persons x 5dys	\$15.00	\$15,000.00
		Region 3 (Montserrado)			
		Food	5dys x 100 persons	\$15.00	\$7,500.00
		Lodging	5 dys x 100	\$50.00	\$25,000.00
		Travel	100 persons	\$30.00	\$3,000.00
	Sub-total:				\$87,026.00
	Total for RCC				\$213,120.00
		National Conference			
		Feeding	7dys x 250 persons	\$15.00	\$26,250.00

		Lodging	187persons x 6dys	\$50.00	\$56,100.00
		Travel	187 persons	\$30.00	\$5,610.00
		Travel External Delegation			
		Key note speaker 2 persons(Desmond Tutu) Travel	2 persons	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00
		DSA Daily	5dys x 2persons	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
8.	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
9.	Agency Management Support	Agency Management (Over heal) Over head cost (fuel for generator, cost of maintenance of vehicles)			\$13,420.00
	Total for NC				\$112,380.00
10	UNDP 7%				\$24,500.00
11	TRC				\$325,500.00
	Grand total				\$350,000.00

Budget B. (TRC Contribution- GoL Funds)

No.	Category	Item	Number of items	Unit cost	Total cost
1.	Personnel Cost:	8 Commissioners	3 months x 30%	\$4,800.00	\$34,560.00
		Staff:			
		a. Administration	5 staff x 3 months x 10%	\$8,185.00	\$2,455.00
		b. Program	10 staff x 3 x 50%	\$1,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Sub-total:				\$52,015.00
2.	Over Head Cost:	Fuel	-	-	\$18,630.00
		Vehicle	-	-	\$11,250.00
		Stationery	-	-	\$15,000.00
		Vehicle maintenance (Spare parts, Repairs)	-	-	\$13,105.00
	Sub-total:				\$57,985.00
	Total:				\$110,000.00

8. Detailed Work Plan for 18 Months 2008-2009

Outcome/Output	Activities	Inputs	Budget	Delivery Date
	Grand Total			

Dates	6 Month Benchmarks	Indicators of Progress
First 6 Months		
Second 6 Months		
Third 6 months		

**Liberia Peacebuilding Fund
Project Summary**

Recipient UN Organization:	UNDP	PBF Priority Area:	Priority Area 1		
Implementing Partner(s):	True and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)				
Project Number:	PBF/PP/R5/A1/03				
Project Title:	TRC Final Reconciliation Initiatives: County Consultations and National Reconciliation Conference				
Total Approved Project Budget:	USD 350,000				
Location:	Nationwide				
JSC Approval Date:	27 February 2009				
Project Duration:	Three (3) Months	Starting Date:	April 2009	Completion Date:	June 2009
Project Description:	<p>The regional reconciliation consultations and the national reconciliation conference seek to harness peace and reconciliation in Liberia by providing the opportunity and space in which Liberians can discuss reconciliation and provide further understanding of the four policy issues (Reconciliation, Amnesty, Reparation, , and Prosecution) of the TRC.</p> <p>The project focuses on two key activities: (1) Three Regional reconciliation consultations. The consultations will be for five-days in each region involving five counties. Region I (Maryland, Grand Kru, River Gee, Sinoe in Grand Gedeh; Region II (Grand Bassa, River Cess, Nimba, Lofa will meet in Bong County. Region III (Gbarpolu, Bomi, Cape Mount and Margibi will meet in Montserrado. A total of 200 key stakeholders (13 representatives from each county) are expected to attend the regional consultations.</p> <p>(2) The National Reconciliation Conference. This activity will bring together 200 nationals from the 15 Counties and 50 persons from the Diaspora and other partners to participate in the national Conference. The Conference will last for five days. Each of the 15 counties will be represented by 13 persons and each county will make formal presentations of county specific issues and recommendations at the National Conference. The national Conference will be held in Monrovia.</p> <p>It is expected that these consultations and the national conference will help Liberians explore and experience a range of motivations, values and best practices in reconciliation and peace-building initiatives.</p>				
Peacebuilding Impact:	To provide opportunity for local Liberian populace to actively participate in harnessing the TRC recommendations in relation to the four policy issues of Reconciliation, Amnesty, Reparation, prosecution; To facilitate a forum for victims and perpetrators mediation in the tree regions; To provide forum for dialogues among Liberian and partners on the TRC's findings and recommendations; and Together, chart a course for national reconciliation.				
Outcome(s):					

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Indicator and Benchmarks:	<p>Number of successful mediations carried out nation wide</p> <p>TRC recommendations owned by Liberians and its implementation supported.</p> <p>200 cross-section of key stakeholders from the 15 counties participated in the regional consultations.</p> <p>Number of conflict mediation conducted.</p> <p>Regional and county specific report outlining key outcomes of the consultations.</p>
Procurement:	

**Submission Form
To
Joint Steering Committee**

Part A. Meeting Information

To be completed by the PBF Secretariat

SC Meeting No:	8 th JSC Meeting
Item No:	III
Date of Meeting:	27 February

Part B: Project Summary

To be completed by the Recipient UN Organization

From: <i>Head of Recipient UN Organization</i> Dominic Sam – Country Director - UNDP	Date of Submission: 18 March 2009 (final submission)		
Contact: <i>Telephone number, email</i>			
Proposed Project, if approved, would result in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Project / Joint Project <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of previous funding <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)	Proposed Project resulted from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Authorities initiative within Liberia PBF Terms of Reference <input type="checkbox"/> UN Agency initiative within Liberia PBF Terms of Reference <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)		
Recipient UN Organization: UNDP			
Implementing Partner(s): True and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)			
Theme/Cluster/Priority Area: One (1) Fostering National Reconciliation and Conflict Management			
Project¹ Title: TRC Final Reconciliation Initiatives: County Consultations and National Reconciliation Conference			
Total Project Budget: US\$ 460,000			
Amount requested: US\$350,000			
Amount and percentage of indirect costs requested:			
Projected Annual Disbursements:	2008 \$	2009 \$	
Projected Annual Commitments:	2008 \$	2009 \$	

¹ The term "Projectme" is used for projects, Projectmes and joint Projectmes.

Narrative summary of Project

Not to exceed 500 words

1. Background

Liberia has experienced 14 years of violent armed conflict that adversely affected socio-economic life and led to destruction of lives and properties. The civil conflict is regarded as one of the most horrible civil crisis in West Africa. Fuelled by ethnic division and other factors, the conflict shattered the lives of over two hundred and fifty thousands (250,000.00) people and rendered nearly two million (2,000,000) people displaced both internally and externally. Most infrastructural were destroyed, while basic social services were inadequate in most parts of the country.

Following the Accra Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 2003 which brought relative peace and calm to Liberia after 14 years of bloody civil war, the TRC was established in 2005 as one of the five Commissions formed to address some of the underlying causes of the conflict in Liberia. The TRC has as one of its six mandates to promote national peace, security, unity and reconciliation with the aim to ensure that peace and reconciliation is sustained so as to enhance national stability and development.

Liberia is becoming more stable after the 14 years of conflict and that rehabilitation and recovery of basic social services are being achieved progressively. Despite the significant positive developments in the country, sustaining peace, stability and reconciliation remained a challenge. Essentially, promotion of peace and reconciliation are a prerequisite to accelerating economic growth and development in Liberia.

A Number of peace-building and reconciliation activities have been undertaken and/or being implemented by Community groups, civil society organizations, International Development Partners and the Government itself, but most of these have been on an ad-hoc basis. The creation of the Peace-building Fund for Liberia provides an opportunity to strengthen national capacity in preventing conflict and promote and sustain peace and reconciliation in Liberia.

2. Purpose of Proposed Project

Enhancing national peace, unity and reconciliation is critical to the TRC's work and in meeting its mandate under the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. In addition, the promotion of sustainable peace and reconciliation is critical to sustaining Liberia's nascent democracy and its development agenda. The TRC National Reconciliation Initiatives: County Consultations and National Reconciliation Conference are designed to provide an opportunity once more, for Liberians in the 15 counties and from the Diaspora to come together and dialogue on peace, reconciliation and share their perspectives on how peace and reconciliation can be sustained in Liberia and to strengthen the recommendation of the TRC.

Furthermore, this initiative will help to enhance accountability, inclusiveness, participation and ownership of the peace-building and reconciliation initiatives in Liberia by Liberians, and promote the implementation of the TRC's recommendations. Evidently, the civil conflict has posed a huge challenge to the country and there is a dire need to undertake post-conflict peace building and reconciliation initiatives that will help to support social cohesion, democracy and national development. The regional and national dialogue on reconciliation and conference will help provide the foundation for sustained peace in Liberia.

Part C: Technical Review

(To be completed by the PBF Secretariat on behalf of the Technical Advisory Panel)

Composition of Technical Advisory Panel:

Provide names, titles and organizational affiliation of Panel members

Christiana Solomon, UNMIL Civil Affairs, (Peacebuilding technical knowledge)

Ishmael Dadoo, UNDP (Project design technical knowledge)

Arto Immonen, UNFPA (Project design)

Koliab Nahataba, UNMIL RRR, (Peacebuilding technical knowledge)

Teresa Krafft, UNMIL RRR, (Peacebuilding technical knowledge)

Benjamin Spats, Ministry of Internal Affairs (Peacebuilding technical knowledge)

Saah Charles N'Tow, Liberia Peacebuilding Office / Peacebuilding Fund Secretariat (Peacebuilding technical knowledge)

Wilfred N. Gray-Johnson, Liberia Peacebuilding Office / Peacebuilding Fund Secretariat (Peacebuilding technical knowledge)

Technical Advisory Panel Review Date:*Provide date(s) of review***17 February 2009****3. Evaluation of Proposal by the Technical Advisory Panel***Provide concise summary evaluation of proposal against:*

- This proposal makes no mention of those entities which have been intimately involved with the TRC process from the start, namely UNMIL's Human Rights Protection Section and the International Center for Transitional Justice.
- The effectiveness of the workshop needs to be explained (project proposes having only 3 regional workshops). National reconciliation implies reconciling the nation as a whole. Wouldn't it be better if the workshops were smaller but came to each of the 14 counties and having a national workshop in Monrovia? Regional workshops could be seen as giving preference to certain counties over others. This could have a decisive effect.
- Finally, the proposal foresees conflict mediation but no substantive details are provided. Who will be trained in mediation? The 3 teams of 6 persons are they TRC staff? What mediation training model will be used? Will conflict mediation be conducted in cooperation with the Community Peace Councils established in 2006/07 precisely to mediate conflicts? Will the local NGO

<i>i) General principles and selection criteria</i>		
(a)	Is the Project explicitly based on Liberia PBF Priority Plan?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Does the project build capacity within national institutions?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Does the project promote and ensure national and local ownership?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(d)	Does the organization have the appropriate system to deliver expected results (also looking at earlier performance and project delivery)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(e)	Does the project avoid duplication of and significant overlap with the activities of other actors?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(f)	Does the project use strategic entry points that respond to immediate needs and yet facilitate longer-term improvements?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(g)	Does the project build on existing resources, capacities, strengths and experience?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(h)	Can the Project be completed within 18 months?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>ii) Relevance to peacebuilding criteria</i>		
(a)	Are peacebuilding and reconciliation aspects adequately addressed by the proposal?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Are related gender dimensions taken into account and adequately addressed by the proposal?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Are the theory of change and strategy for the project appropriate for, and relevant to the particular conflict situation?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>iii) Project design criteria</i>		
(a)	Are the activities appropriate, practical, and consistent with the expected results?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Are risks taken into account and is this analysis reflected in the structure and design of the logframe?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Has the role of partners been identified and is their level of involvement and participation in the project satisfactory?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(d)	Does the proposal include realistic provisions for monitoring and are the indicators at impact, outcome and output level adequate?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>iv) Impact and Sustainability</i>		
(a)	Is the project likely to have a tangible/measurable impact on its target groups, especially in terms of building peace and reconciliation?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Is the project likely to have multiplier effects, including scope for replication and/or extension?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Does the proposal have mechanisms to ensure that it is sustained beyond the end	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

	date?	
(d)	Does the proposal have the mechanisms to be fully integrated and mainstreamed into new Projects and projects?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Overall Technical Advisory Panel review of project submission [Recommendations]</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Part D: Administrative Review
To be completed by the Liberia PBF Secretariat

4. Review by PBF Secretariat

Date of review:
20 March 2009 (final review)

Check on Project Proposal Format Contents

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|---|---|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cover sheet (first page) | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Logical Framework | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Justification | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Management Arrangements | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risks and Assumptions | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Progress Report (for supplementary funding only) | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Cost | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Provide concise summary assessment against:

- ☐ 18 Months Implementation
Elaborate
Self explanatory
- ☐ Agency indirect support cost
Elaborate
Explained
- ☐ General evaluation criteria
Elaborate
As mentioned

Part E General criteria for prioritising Projects/projects		
(a)	Must be in line with Liberia PBF Priority Plan	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Recipient Organisation is unable to meet high or urgent priority needs with existing level of funding	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Addresses high priority activities that have significant impact, and by nature must address seasonal or timing imperatives and considerations.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(d)	Supports activities that are likely to improve the overall peacebuilding situation at national and local levels.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

5. Recommendation of the PBF Secretariat

Elaborate

Proposal has addressed comments and concerns of both the JSC. The Secretariat recommends the proposal for Co-Chairs signatures and submission to the MDTF for funding.

Part F: Decision of Steering Committee (To be completed by the Steering Committee)

5. Decision of the Liberia PBF Joint Steering Committee

- ☒ Approved for a total budget of **US\$350,000**
☐ Approved with modification/condition
☐ Deferred/returned with comments for further consideration
☐ Rejected

Comments/Justification

Co-Chairs endorse Secretariat's recommendations and approve for funding.

Ambulai Johnson
Minister of Internal Affairs
Co-Chair, PBF Joint Steering Committee


Signature
Date

Jordan Ryan
Deputy Special Representative of
the Secretary-General (R&G)
Co-Chair, PBF Joint Steering Committee


Signature
Date 22/03/09

Part G: Administrative Agent Review
To be completed by the Administrative Agent

7. Action taken by the Administrative Agent: MDTF Office, UNDP

- ☐ Project consistent with provisions of the Liberia PBF Memorandum of Understanding and Standard Administrative Arrangements with donors.

Bisrat Aklilu,

Executive Coordinator, MDTF Office, UNDP

Signature

Date