



**PEACEBUILDING FUND**  
**IRF project Budget or Duration Revision with No Overall Cost Implication<sup>1</sup>**

<p><b>Project Title:</b> IRF-75 Contributing to Myanmar Peace Dividend Projects in Mon and Kayin States, Myanmar</p>	<p><b>Recipient UN Organization(s):</b>                  UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, UN Women, UNESCO and UNDP.</p>
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<p><b>MPTF Office Project Number:</b>                  0088269</p>	<p><b>Project Location:</b> Mon and Kayin States, Myanmar</p>
<p><b>Project Description:</b> The project contributes to the Myanmar peacebuilding process by building responsive governance in Mon and Kayin States, strengthening peaceful coexistence in the conflict-</p>	<p><b>Total Project Cost:</b> USD 2,417,580  <b>Peacebuilding Fund:</b> USD 1,600,000  <b>Government Input:</b> Human Resources  <b>Other:</b></p>

<sup>1</sup> Please use this form ONLY to request (i) an extension of project implementation time with no cost increase and no substantive scope outcome change or (ii) a budget reallocation within the existing project budget with an effect of more than 15% on any budget category and no substantive outcome change.

<p>affected communities and engaging women, youth and media as critical stakeholders for peace. The expected results are improved social services in ethnic areas, collaboration between State and Non-State actors, mutual trust and empowering women, youth and media in peacebuilding.</p>	<p><b>Project Start Date:</b> 30 November, 2013.  <b>Initial Project End Date:</b> 30 May, 2015. Start date is the date funds were transferred. End date is 18 months from start date.  <b>Revised End Date (if applicable):</b> 31 December, 2015.</p>
<p><b>Gender Marker Score<sup>2</sup>: 3</b>  <i>Score 3 for projects that have gender equality as a principal objective.</i>  <i>Score 2 for projects that have gender equality as a significant objective.</i>  <i>Score 1 for projects that will contribute in some way to gender equality, but not significantly.</i>  <i>Score 0 for projects that are not expected to contribute noticeably to gender equality.</i></p>	
<p><b>Project Outcomes:</b>  1. Social cohesion and multi-ethnic trust are increased with vulnerable groups (IDPs, women, youth and ethnic minorities) being given a voice in peace negotiations and programming.  2. The Government is more responsive to the needs of vulnerable groups (IDPs, women, youth and ethnic minorities) living in ceasefire areas</p>	
<p><b>PBF Focus Area<sup>3</sup></b> which best summarizes the focus of the project:  PBF Priority Area 2: Promote coexistence and peaceful resolution of conflicts  PBF Priority Area 3: Revitalise the economy and generate immediate peace dividends</p>	

<sup>2</sup> PBSO monitors the inclusion of gender equality and women's empowerment all PBF projects, in line with SC Resolutions 1325, 1888, 1889, 1960 and 2122, and as mandated by the Secretary-General in his Seven-Point Action Plan on Gender Responsive Peacebuilding.

<sup>3</sup> PBF Focus Areas

1: *Support the implementation of peace agreements and political dialogue (Priority Area 1):*

(1.1) SSR; (1.2) RoL; (1.3) DDR; (1.4) Political Dialogue;

2: *Promote coexistence and peaceful resolution of conflicts (Priority Area 2):*



(2.1) National reconciliation; (2.1) Democratic Governance; (2.3) Conflict prevention/management;

3: *Revitalise the economy and generate immediate peace dividends (Priority Area 3);*

(3.1) Employment; (3.2) Equitable access to social services

4) *(Re)-establish essential administrative services (Priority Area 4)*

(4.1) Strengthening of essential national state capacity; (4.2) extension of state authority/local administration; (4.3) Governance of peacebuilding resources (including JSC/PBF Secretariats)

(for IRF-funded projects)*	
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<p><b>Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)</b></p> <p>Name of Representative:</p> <p>Signature</p> <p>Peacebuilding Support Office, NY</p> <p>Date &amp; Seal</p>	<p><b>Representative of National Authorities</b>                      Name of Government Counterpart: <i>Myanmar Peace Centre</i></p> <p>Signature</p> <p>Title: <i>Kyaw Soe Hlaing, Executive Director,</i></p> <p>Date &amp; Seal</p>

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**Reason for changes to the project and justification**

**Nature of change and justification:** *This section outlines the nature of the revision being sought and the justification for the change.*

Three of the Recipient UN Organisations (RUNOs), (i.e. UN Women, IOM and UNDP), who are responsible for implementing three of the project's five components, are requesting an extension to the project end date. A five month no-cost extension from 30 May, 2015 to 31 December, 2015 will meet the requirements of all three RUNOs. The other RUNOs in the project, (i.e. UNICEF, UNHCR and UNESCO), have no objection to the extension of the project. The justifications in each case are as follows:

**Project component 3:**

- **Empowerment of Mon women through participation in peacebuilding and prevention of and response to gender-based violence. The RUNOs for this component are UNHCR and UN Women.**

The sustainability of project component 3 will largely depend on the engagement and ownership of the local stakeholders. Therefore, UN Women needs to partner with an implementing partner that understands political sensitivity, local context, relevant stakeholders, and particularly the local language. Given the political sensitivity of this project and the need to coordinate with different conflicting parties, it is critical to partner with local NGO and stakeholders to drive the implementation, create ownership and build trust among local partners. Meanwhile, UN Women in collaboration with the external consultant, experts and international NGOs will provide an impartial and neutral space for constructive discussion and negotiations, while providing technical advice and support to ensure the quality of the project implementation and build long-term capacity among the local partners

Given that the PBF project component 3 is the first project implemented by UN Women in Mon state, the implementation has taken more time than anticipated to ensure the ownership of women organizations as well as to identify specific national and local expertise. Furthermore the selection of implementing partners requires detailed examination and careful consideration to maximize the results and impact due to the high political sensitivity among conflicting partners. Subsequently, the selection of partners to implement the second part of the funds took more time than expected.

The capacity building efforts have to be done carefully to empower local partners, particularly Mon women to participate in the peace process. Furthermore, the peace negotiation processes in Myanmar has been stalled due to a number of unforeseen political factors. In response, the local partners have had to adjust their work plan to be in line with the current situation. In this regard, they have also identified the 2015 parliamentary election as a key potential entry point to enhance women's role in the peace process. Due to this uncontrollable political circumstance, it will be helpful for UN Women to receive the approval an extension to allow the local partners to have sufficient time to complete their work on the ground. This will have significant implications on the key results which will layout the critical foundation for Mon women to continue to participate in the peace process.

**Project component 4:**

- **Empowering ethnic youths as peace-builders in Mon and Kayin State. The RUNO for this component is IOM.**

The project officially started on 30 November, 2013 but the project team only fully came on board in January, 2014 which impacted on the slow start of the project. The project took extra months in reassessing the potential project partner in Mon State (as a result the project partner in Mon State changed from National Youth Congress to Mon Youth Educators Organization). In order to complete the remaining activities, the following activities are scheduled in the months indicated below:

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| • Project review visits  | March - May   |
| • Youth forums   | April and May |
| • Community-based project evaluation processes                     | April - May   |
| • Experience sharing visits between youths in Mon and Kayin States | June          |
| • Project evaluation workshops with youth                          | June          |
| • Best practices and lessons learnt workshop                       | July          |
| • Development of the final project report                          | August        |

**Project component 5:**

- **Capacity development of mass media institutions in support of peacebuilding and local development in Mon and Kayin States. The RUNOs for this component are UNDP and UNESCO.**

UNDP's contribution to project component 5 seeks to achieve its results through establishing Community Radio/Community Media and/or Township community Dialogue and Information Centers (TDIC) in three selected townships in Mon and Kayin States. Trust-building entailing separate and joint stakeholder discussions among local government, CSOs and media has required time to develop approval and participation in TDIC initiatives. Grant making to local organizations is also restricted by the slow NGO registration processes in Myanmar.

UNDP has switched plans to direct support for costs to implement activities involving dialogues and discussions on peace processes in the communities as TDIC *community initiatives*, even in advance of the physical Center establishment. A regional community-led Peace Forum covering Mon and Kayin States was supported in January, 2015. The planned follow up community dialogues with the Government in Mawlamyine, Mon state, have been agreed by stakeholders for launch in March 2015. The dialogues will be linked with mass media coverage through the Southern Myanmar Journalist Network, and as soon as possible with community media content production (through links with community radio/alternative community media below).

Community dialogue and information initiatives around peace are also anticipated in Kayin State. UNDP has been recruiting for a vacated local staff position covering Kayin State since early January, 2015. The vacancy has slowed down implementation of this project component. The expectation is that that the position can be filled by April, 2015 and the dialogue and information activities initiated with communities with UNDP on-the-ground support shortly thereafter.

Community radio development has been delayed by lack of legal enabling environment, as the Broadcasting Law has not yet been passed by the Upper House of Parliament and no licenses can yet be issued. UNDP is in discussion with the Ministry of Information about ways to pilot community radio in advance of the legislation and bylaws, in the form of a pilot project with the Ministry. Meanwhile, UNDP continues to explore alternative ways to implement community media initiatives not covered by licensing requirements that can outreach rural communities with involvement of women and youth. These have included so far support for community arts performance for peace in Kayin State.

**II. Budget impact**

The total output budgets allocated to Project components 3, 4 and 5 referred to above remain the same (i.e. no increase and/or decrease in the overall budget allocations). For this reason, Table 1 below has not been filled in.

**Table 1: Indicative Project Activity Budget<sup>4</sup>**

Outcome/output number	Output name	RUNO(s)	Output budget	Any remarks (e.g. on types of inputs provided or budget justification)
Outcome 1:				
Output 1.1				
Output 1.2				
Output 1.3				
Outcome 2:				
Output 2.1				
Output 2.2				
Output 2.3				
Total <sup>5</sup>				

<sup>4</sup> Project outcomes listed must be those stated in the original project document. If revisions to the outcomes are being requested, please use template 2.2.

<sup>5</sup> As this is a no-cost extension, the overall total must remain the same as in the approved, original project document.

Table 2: Project budget by UN categories by RUNO<sup>6</sup>

<b>PBF PROJECT BUDGET – RUNO 1 (add other tables if more than 1 RUNO)</b>			
<b>Project Component 1 – Strengthening government social services in ethnic minority areas and improved collaboration with non-state actors. The RUNO for this component is UNICEF.</b>			
<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Proposed increase/decrease</b>	<b>Proposed new budget</b>
1. Supplies, commodities, equipment and transport	77,143	0	77,143
2. Personnel (staff, consultants and travel)	32,143	0	32,143
3. Training of counterparts	64,286	0	64,286
4. Contracts	225,000	0	225,000
5. Other direct costs	32,143	0	32,143
<b>Sub-Total Project Costs</b>	<b>430,715</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>430,715</b>
6. Indirect Support Costs*	19,285	0	19,285
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>450,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>450,000</b>

<sup>6</sup> As this is a no-cost extension request, sub-total and total budget must remain the same as in the approved, original project document



<b>PBF PROJECT BUDGET – RUNO 1 (add other tables if more than 1 RUNO)</b>			
<b>Project Component 2 – Creating a favourable protection environment for IDP and refugee returnees and supporting durable solutions through monitoring, capacity building and documentation. The RUNO for this component is UNHCR.</b>			
<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Original Budget (Revision approved by PBSO on 12 February, 2015)</b>	<b>Proposed increase/decrease</b>	<b>Proposed new budget</b>
1. Staff and other personnel	124,103	0	124,103
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	147,000	0	147,000
3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture (including Depreciation)	0	0	0
4. Contractual services	0	0	0
5. Travel	0	0	0
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	0	0	0
7. General Operating and other Direct Costs	56,000	0	56,000
<b>Sub-Total Project Costs</b>	<b>327,103</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>327,103</b>
Indirect Support Costs	22,897	0	22,897
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>350,000</b>

**PBF PROJECT BUDGET – RUNO 1 (add other tables if more than 1 RUNO)**  
**Project Component 3 - Empowerment of Mon women through participation in peacebuilding and prevention of and response to gender-based violence. The RUNOs for this component are UNHCR and UN Women.**

<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Proposed increase/decrease</b>	<b>Proposed new budget</b>
1. Supplies, commodities, equipment and transport	UNHCR: 0 UN Women: 4,000	UNHCR: 0 UN Women: -4,000	UNHCR: 0 UN Women: 0
2. Personnel (staff, consultants and travel)	UNHCR: 11,464 UN Women: 46,116	UNHCR: 0 UN Women: -31,116	UNHCR: 11,464 UN Women: 15,000
3. Contractual services including training of counterparts (Original budget lines combined since all training of counterparts to be provided under contract)	UNHCR: 0 UN Women: 124,800	UNHCR: 0 UN Women: +41,200	UNHCR: 0 UN Women: 166,000
4. Travel	UNHCR: 0 UN Women: 0	UNHCR: 0 UN Women: +5,916	UNHCR: 0 UN Women: 5,916
5. Other direct costs	UNHCR: 81,994 UN Women: 12,000	UNHCR: 0 UN Women: -12,000	UNHCR: 81,994 UN Women: 0
<b>Sub-Total Project Costs</b>	<b>UNHCR: 93,458 UN Women: 186,916</b>	<b>UNHCR: 0 UN Women: 0</b>	<b>UNHCR: 93,458 UN Women: 186,916</b>
Indirect Support Costs	UNHCR: 6,542 UN Women: 13,084	UNHCR: 0 UN Women: 0	UNHCR: 6,542 UN Women: 13,084
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>UNHCR: 100,000 UN Women: 200,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>UNHCR: 100,000 UN Women: 200,000</b>

<b>PBF PROJECT BUDGET – RUNO 1 (add other tables if more than 1 RUNO)</b>			
<b>Project Component 4 – Empowering ethnic youths as peacebuilders in Mon and Kayin States. The RUNO for this component is IOM.</b>			
<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Proposed increase/decrease</b>	<b>Proposed new budget</b>
1. Supplies, commodities, equipment and transport	33,000	-16,800	16,200
2. Personnel (staff, consultants and travel)	107,400	-44,400	63,000
3. Training of counterparts	78,114	0	78,114
4. Contracts	25,200	+41,458	66,658
5. Other Direct Costs	42,000	0	42,000
6. Travel	0	+5,942	5,942
7. Monitoring & Evaluation	0	+13,800	13,800
<b>Sub-Total Project Costs</b>	<b>285,714</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>285,714</b>
Indirect Support Costs	14,286	0	14,286
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>300,000</b>

**PBF PROJECT BUDGET – RUNO 1 (add other tables if more than 1 RUNO)**  
**Project Component 5 – Capacity development of mass media institutions in support of peacebuilding and local development in Mon and Kayin States. The RUNOs for this component are UNDP and UNESCO.**

<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Proposed increase/ decrease</b>	<b>Proposed new budget</b>
1. Supplies, commodities, equipment and transport	UNDP: 15,000 UNESCO: 30,000	UNDP: 0 UNESCO: 0	UNDP: 15,000 UNESCO: 30,000
2. Personnel (staff, consultants and travel)	UNDP: 30,000 UNESCO: 30,000	UNDP: 0 UNESCO: 0	UNDP: 30,000 UNESCO: 30,000
3. Training of counterparts	UNDP: 25,000 UNESCO: 25,000	UNDP: 0 UNESCO: 0	UNDP: 25,000 UNESCO: 25,000
4. Contracts	UNDP: 15,000 UNESCO: 15,000	UNDP: 0 UNESCO: 0	UNDP: 15,000 UNESCO: 15,000
5. Other direct costs	UNDP: 8,458 UNESCO: 8,458	UNDP: 0 UNESCO: 0	UNDP: 8,458 UNESCO: 8,458
<b>Sub-Total Project Costs</b>	<b>UNDP: 93,458 UNESCO: 93,458</b>	<b>UNDP: 0 UNESCO: 0</b>	<b>UNDP: 93,458 UNESCO: 93,458</b>
Indirect Support Costs	UNDP: 6,542 UNESCO: 6,542	UNDP: 0 UNESCO: 0	UNDP: 6,542 UNESCO: 6,542
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>UNDP: 100,000 UNESCO: 100,000</b>	<b>UNDP: 0 UNESCO: 0</b>	<b>UNDP: 100,000 UNESCO: 100,000</b>