**PROJECT SUMMARY**

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| **Project Duration** | **January 2019 - June 2020** |
| **Overall Goal** | Contribute to the creation of an environment conducive to peaceful co-existence, trust and citizen participation in development processes |
| **Expected Outcome** | Improved national capacities for peace, inclusive dialogue, consensus-building and reconciliation, with participation of women, youth, marginalized and at-risk communities |
| **Output 1** | *Dialogue, engagement and accountability mechanisms for stakeholder and citizen participation in the Transitional Stabilization Programme (TSP)* |
| **Output 2** | *Improved dispute resolution services and social protection systems in marginalized and at-risk communities* |
| **Output 3** | *National healing and reconciliation strategy implemented by the NPRC, Government and in collaboration with key stakeholders* |
| **Strategies underpinning Project implementation** | The Constitution of Zimbabwe  The Transition Stabilisation Programme (TSP)  The NPRC 2018-2022 Strategic Plan  The ZUNDAF (2016-2020) |
| **Lead Implementing Partner** | Office of the President and Cabinet through the Office of the Vice President – Hon. Kembo Mohadi |
| **Responsible Parties** | Ministry of Finance and Economic Development  Ministry of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing  Ministry of Women Affairs, Community and SME Development  Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare  Ministry of Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation  National Peace and Reconciliation Commission  National Association of NGOs (NANGO)  Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education  Ministry of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services |
| **Participating UN Agencies** | UNDP (Convener and Technical Lead); UN Women, UNICEF and WFP |
| **Total Project Budget** | $3,145,000 |

**Key Summary of Output-Based Results**

This catalytic PBF Supported Project is nationally led, aligned to the TSP and contributing to the attainment of some of its (TSP)’s key objectives. It seeks to build citizen’s confidence and trust in the country’s transition - through a broad-based approach around through - sustained engagement on the TSP; improved social protection systems for at-risk and vulnerable populations and strengthened Country’s peace and reconciliation architecture. The ultimate goal is to contribute to the creation of an environment conducive to peaceful co-existence, - where citizens and key stakeholders meaningfully participate in key development planning and policy reforms being initiated during this transition phase.

During this reporting period (January-June 2019), the project:

1. Established multi-stakeholder platforms for enhancing awareness and dialogue on the TSP - where citizens and stakeholders continue to unpack the programme. These includes an ongoing citizen’s outreach on the TSP coordinated by NANGO which is complimented by an online platform where citizens are unpacking the TSP, providing their input and views on opportunities for accelerated implementation – while also recommending strategies for mitigating risks to attainment of expected results. A similar mechanism seeking to provide spaces for youth and women to engage on the TSP has been established. A joint initiative of the Ministry of Finance and Ministry Local Government has been established targeting all the 92 local authorities where CEOs, Treasures and Town Engineers are engaged in the design of respective strategies for implementing the TSP within their authorities. It is expected that through these platforms, there will be:
   1. Sustained engagement through dialogue among civil society; other non-State actors and with Government on key economic and governance reforms outlined in the Transitional Stabilization Programme;
   2. Strengthened multi-stakeholder mechanisms for accountability and collaborative monitoring of the implementation of the TSP.
2. Initiated efforts towards improving social protection systems. Effective implementation of the TSP - especially the austerity measures does require strengthening of safety nets to mitigate against any social impacts in the short term to vulnerable populations. Enhancing the understanding of the TSP and possible implications as outlined above is the beginning, but this needs to be compounded with improved systems for social protection services. During this reporting period;
   1. A review of the Social Protection Sector in Zimbabwe was concluded. The review serves as a baseline for holistic, integrated and collaborative support to the sector and provides useful data for the design of conflict-and gender-sensitive safeguards in the social systems. Such safeguards once implemented will include clear targeting, grievance handling and feedback mechanisms.
   2. Under the leadership of the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, the project has designed a framework for implementation of these recommendations through training will strengthen national capacities for delivering needs-informed protection measures during the transition period and beyond.
3. Accelerated the strengthening of national peace and reconciliation architecture in the country. Under the leadership of the NPRC, multi-stakeholder platforms for peacebuilding have been established at provincial level across the country. Through these structures, localized approaches to peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts will be scaled up tapping into existing traditional and alternative dispute resolution measures. The NPRC has also established thematic committees in line with its mandate and as provided for in its strategic plan. These committees will bring together state and non-state actors at different levels and will serve as avenues for prioritising region-specific reconciliation efforts and contribute to national healing.

| **Objective** | **Activities that have been implemented [Mechanisms in place]** | **Upcoming / Ongoing Activities** | **Key Remarks / Bottlenecks** |
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| To establish mechanisms for accountability and citizens participation in development planning and implementation through sustained dialogue on the TSP | * Platforms (online and offline) for citizen and stakeholder engagement on the TSP have been established at different levels targeting diverse stakeholders: * Civil Society Organisations under the coordination of NANGO * Youth and Women engagement * Local Authorities * Academia * Business Community and Private Sector * Engagement with the Media | * National outreach in all provinces on TSP led by NANGO is ongoing. * Youth outreach on the TSP coordinated by the Ministry of Youth and the Zimbabwe Youth Council * Women’s engagement coordinated by Ministry of Women Affairs and NANGO * Engagement with all the 92 Local Authorities * Roll out of the Media training | The project proposes to convene a first high-level policy feedback platform at the end of July where outcomes from the various TSP engagement / outreach processes will be brought together.  The Cabinet Committees on the TSP Pillars could provide a viable mechanism for policy dialogue on the outcomes from the outreach |

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| Under output 2, the project seeks to support efforts to ensure that vulnerable at-risk communities have access to social protection services designed with a peace building-lens | * Social Sector Review completed * Capacity enhancement plan for the social protection sector designed [informed by the Sector review findings] * Partnership with 8 State Universities brokered with the objective: | * Tailored capacity building programme / training of the Social Protection Steering Committee * Placement of 50 Students selected from 8 State Universities for on-the-job learning attachments in peacebuilding and social protection organisations |  |

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| The project is investing in strengthening national and sub-national mechanisms for inclusive healing and reconciliation | The Project has so far supported the design of:   * Recruitment of NPRC Secretariat Staff and Set up of offices * National outreach on the NPRC 5 Year Strategic Plan and Priorities [Conducted in all provinces] * 5 Thematic Committees for Stakeholder Engagement on Healing and Reconciliation have been established as per the NPRC General Regulations * Multi-Stakeholder Provincial Peace and Reconciliation Committees have been established in all the 10 provinces * Procurement of Office Equipment for the NPRC Secretariat including a Project Vehicle | * National conference to present the outcomes of the citizen’s outreach * Nation-wide engagement with Women on their role in promoting peace and reconciliation in the country * Induction and Orientation of the NPRC Secretariat Staff * Public hearings as part of the NPRC’s Strategic Plan Priorities |  |