

**SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PEACEBUILDING FUND
PROJECT DOCUMENT TEMPLATE**



PBF PROJECT DOCUMENT

Country (ies): SRI LANKA	
Project Title: Promoting Reconciliation in Sri Lanka Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway (if existing project): 00105730	
PBF project modality: <input type="checkbox"/> IRF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRF	If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Country Trust Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trust Fund Name of Recipient Fund:
List all direct project recipient organizations (starting with Convening Agency), followed type of organization (UN, CSO etc): The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) (lead agency), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and World Health Organization (WHO)	
List additional implementing partners, Governmental and non-Governmental: Government: Directorate of Mental Health of the Ministry of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine (MoH); National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH); Family Health Bureau of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine; Health Education Bureau of the Ministry of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine; Ministry of Women and Child Affairs District Secretariat (DS) in target areas; Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare; Provincial Director of Health Services (PDHS); Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS); Ministry of Education (MoE); National Institute of Education (NIE); Ministry of Higher Education and Highways; University Grants Commission (UGC); Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training; National Education Research and Evaluation Center (NEREC); Provincial Department of Education (PDE); Zonal Department of Education (ZDE); Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation (MNIR); Office of National Unity and Reconciliation (ONUR); Ministry of National Dialogue, Co-existence and Official Languages; Secretariat for Coordinating Reconciliation Mechanisms (SCRM); District and Divisional Administration CSO: Women Rural Development Society UN Agencies: UNESCO	
Expected project commencement date¹: April 2017 Project duration in months:² 29 months	

¹ Note: actual commencement date will be the date of first funds transfer.

² Maximum project duration for IRF projects is 18 months, for PRF projects – 36 months.

Geographic zones for project implementation:			
Does the project fall under one of the specific PBF priority windows below: <input type="checkbox"/> Gender promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Youth promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-border or regional project			
Total PBF approved project budget* (by recipient organization): UNICEF: US\$ 700,000 UNDP: US\$ 600,000 WHO: US\$ 300,000 Total: US\$ 1,600,000 <small>*The overall approved budget and the release of the second and any subsequent tranche are conditional and subject to PBSO's approval and subject to availability of funds in the PBF account. For payment of second and subsequent tranches the Coordinating agency needs to demonstrate expenditure/commitment of at least 75% of the previous tranche and provision of any PBF reports due in the period elapsed.</small>			
Any other existing funding for the project (amount and source): N/A Project total budget:			
PBF 1st tranche: UNICEF: \$ 490,000 UNDP: \$ 420,000 WHO: \$ 195,000 Total: \$ 1,105,000	PBF 2nd tranche*: UNICEF: \$ 210,000 UNDP: \$ 180,000 WHO: \$ 105,000 Total: \$ 495,000	PBF 3rd tranche*: N/A Total:	__ tranche N/A Total:
Two-three sentences with a brief project description and succinct explanation of how the project is time sensitive, catalytic and risk-tolerant/ innovative: <p>The project aims to contribute to national reconciliation efforts with specific focus on initiatives that strengthen inter-ethnic relationships and mutual understanding through building capacity and competencies as well as dialogue and early warning processes at national and sub-national levels. It also includes a focus on strengthening psychosocial support systems, in light of the peacebuilding and transitional justice processes that are taking shape, and thus aims to contribute towards healing and reconciliation at the community level.</p> <p>The communal violence in certain parts of the country and the political crisis owing to constitutional crisis, subsequent cabinet reshuffle in 2018 and the international call on the Government to pursue concrete steps towards reconciliation, transitional justice and non-recurrence of conflict highlights the need for continuous efforts to foster reconciliation and thereby reaffirms the relevancy of this project.</p>			
Summarize the in-country project consultation and endorsement process prior to submission to PBSO, including through any PBF Steering Committee where it exists: <p>The progress of the peacebuilding projects are regularly updated at the relevant multi-stakeholder meetings, such as the peacebuilding board and other development partner meetings. In addition, the three PRF projects receive feedback through the oversight committees for further improvement. In terms of this project extension, relevant Government Ministries, SCRM, development partners and implementing partners were consulted.</p>			
Project Gender Marker score: 2			

Specify % and \$ of total project budget allocated to activities in direct pursuit of gender equality and women's empowerment: _____

Project Risk Marker score: _____³

Select PBF Focus Areas which best summarizes the focus of the project (*select ONLY one*): _____⁴

If applicable, **UNDAF outcome(s)** to which the project contributes:

UNSD (2018-2022) Driver 2: Strengthened, innovative public institutions and engagement towards a lasting peace

If applicable, **Sustainable Development Goal** to which the project contributes:

Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Type of submission:

- ☐ New project
☒ Project amendment

If it is a project amendment, select all changes that apply and provide a brief justification:

Extension of duration: ☒ Additional duration in months:

Change of project outcome/ scope: ☐

Change of budget allocation between outcomes or budget categories of more than 15%: ☒

Additional PBF budget: ☐ Additional amount by recipient organization:

Brief justification for amendment:

During implementation, the project faced several challenges due to three broad issues that affected its progress, especially in relation to changes in Government counterpart agencies and Ministries. First, internal changes and restructuring of Ministries within Government in the first half of 2018, including changes in their mandates, required re-negotiation and changes in planning and implementation of several key activities. Second, the Sri Lankan political crisis saw a period where ongoing activities stalled resulting in a time lag for programming with national counterparts. Third, the political crisis also led to further delays in disbursements of funds to national counterparts as the 2019 budget process that was scheduled to take place in

³ Risk marker 0 = low risk to achieving outcomes

Risk marker 1 = medium risk to achieving outcomes

Risk marker 2 = high risk to achieving outcomes

⁴ PBF Focus Areas are:

(1.1) SSR, (1.2) Rule of Law; (1.3) DDR; (1.4) Political Dialogue;

(2.1) National reconciliation; (2.2) Democratic Governance; (2.3) Conflict prevention/management;

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

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

November/December 2018 was delayed by four months to March/April 2019.

Given the above reasons, the implementing agencies would like to request for a **no-cost extension of the project for a period of 12 months until September 2020.**

In addition, due to the changing context there is a need to revise some of the original budget allocations as per budget categories. The suggested revisions are attached herewith and will not impact the envisaged overall result or the overall budget of the project.

Despite the above challenges, the project has to date achieved a number of key results that include:

- Online mandatory module on social cohesion for Sri Lanka Administrative Service officers (Government recruits) was developed and implemented. On average, 130 SLAS recruits (island wide) will be completing this mandatory education on an annual basis;
- 102 media programme producers of Rupavahini Corporation (State Media) were trained on conflict sensitivity to improve reconciliation focused media programmes and outreach;
- First-ever national system-wide study on the 'Issues of Ragging, Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Sri Lankan Universities' was conducted through a sample of 8 universities out of 15 and it informs the future strategies to combat such issues;
- More than 13,000 principals and teachers in 675 schools in the North, Central and Uva provinces have increased knowledge of and apply positive disciplining techniques to resolve conflict and inter-personal violence among students.
- 122 community mental health professionals (primary beneficiaries) trained on the delivery of Manohari - a community-based violence prevention programme. WHO conducted over 60 community programmes in project districts with participation ranging from 15 – 60 individuals per programme.
- 60 Medical Officers and 80 mental health professionals trained on alcohol abuse identification, referral and specialized interventions for rehabilitation in two project target districts

Note: If this is an amendment, show any changes to the project document in RED colour or in TRACKED CHANGES, ensuring a new result framework and budget tables are included with clearly visible changes. Any parts of the document which are not affected, should remain the same. New project signatures are required.

PROJECT SIGNATURES:

<p>Recipient Organization(s)⁵</p> <p> Tim Sulton Representative United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</p> <p></p> <p>Date & Seal: 14/3/19</p>	<p>Representative of National Authorities</p> <p> Ravinatha P. Aryasinha Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs Colombo 1</p> <p>Date & Seal: 29/03/19</p>
<p>Recipient Organization(s)</p> <p> Jorn Sorensen Resident Representative United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <p>Date & Seal: 14 March 2019</p>	<p>Head of UN Country Team</p> <p> Hanaa Singer UN Resident Coordinator UN Sri Lanka</p> <p></p> <p>Date & Seal: 14/3/19</p>
<p>Recipient Organization(s)</p> <p> Dr. Razia Pendese Representative World Health Organization (WHO)</p> <p></p> <p>Date & Seal: March 14, 2019</p>	<p>Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)</p> <p> Assistant Secretary-General, Peacebuilding Support Office</p> <p>Date & Seal: 25/04/2019</p>

⁵ Please include a separate signature block for each direct recipient organization under this project.

