

**Liberia Peacebuilding Office  
QUARTERLY REPORT  
As of 31 December 2009**

<b>Recipient UN Organization:</b>	UNDP	<b>PBF Priority Area:</b>	3: Strengthening State Capacity for Peace Consolidation		
<b>Implementing Partner(s):</b>	Ministry of Internal Affairs				
<b>Project Number:</b>	PBF/LBR/E-2 (PBF/PP/R1/A3/01)				
<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Government of Liberia Peace Building Office</b>				
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Establishment of a Peacebuilding Office (PBO) in the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) in Liberia supporting Government's conflict sensitive approach and Peacebuilding opportunities throughout the PRS. Overall project includes PBF-L Secretariat support.</p> <p><b>Outputs and Key Activities:</b>            Creation of conflict sensitive framework. Key Government decision-makers (Ministers and Agency heads) understand conflict sensitivity and peacebuilding. Dissemination of CS framework to all levels of Government. Information gathered and shared on hotspots and emerging conflicts through early warning mechanisms. PBO staff trained in conflict sensitivity and peacebuilding. PBO provides technical advice to GoL on applying conflict sensitivity. Key functional activities of the PBF Liberia secretariat covered.</p>				
<b>Total Approved Project Budget</b>	902,759				
<b>Funds Committed:</b>	902,759	<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>			
<b>Funds Disbursed:</b>	902,759	<b>Percentage of Approved:</b>	100%		
<b>SC Approval Date:</b>	29-Sep-2008				
<b>Expected Project Duration:</b>	18 months	<b>Forecast Final Date:</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	<b>Delay (Months):</b>	4 months

<b>Outputs:</b>	<b>Progress:</b>	<b>Percentage of planned:</b>
Joint Steering Committee Meetings	<p>During the reporting period, the PBO/PBFS facilitated the hosting of the 13th quarterly JSC meeting. At this meeting the JSC took decisions on critical issues emanating from the 12<sup>th</sup> JSC meeting held 16 September 2009 as follow-up actions. Issues decided upon include: Leftover funds from PBF projects; Extension of PBF project(s) beyond approved project end date; PBF Communication Strategy; PBF Annual PBF narrative and financial report; Quarterly meetings amongst project teams.</p>	<p>This is <b>not applicable</b> as the JSC meetings are regular quarterly events and not set in quantifiable measurable time.</p>
Monitoring PBF Projects by PBO & recipient agencies	<p>The PBO/PBFS conducted on-site monitoring and verification of two PBF projects including the Platform for Dialogue: UNOPS/Interpeace in Lofa County and Peace Human Rights and Civic Education implemented by UNHCR and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission. As</p>	

	reported to the Steering Committee these projects are being implemented on schedule despite some challenges related to inaccessibility in the field.	
<b>Training of PBO Staff and others</b>	<p>During the reporting period, the Secretariat conducted three (3) capacity building training with County Peace Committee members from 9 counties with a total of 103 participants (36 females &amp; 67 males) the participants included local government officials, women group, youth group, religious group and other civil society groups. The main goal of the training was to increase the capacity of the County Peace Committee members in order for them to adequately address localized conflict issues in support of the macro level conflict intervention as a strategy to prevent violence in the counties and to achieve peace consolidation in Liberia.</p> <p>We also conducted one Do No Harm training/Conflict Sensitive with 10 senior and middle levels staff of the Liberia Peace Building Office and the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The purpose of the training was to increase PBO staff capacity in conflict Sensitivity activity.</p> <p>In a related development the Executive Director participated in and made a presentation at a Senior Level Peacebuilding Training Course in Geneva Switzerland from 6-9 December 2009. The Training was organized by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, UNOPS/Interpeace, and UNITAR. Also the Senior Technical Advisor participated in a top level seminar on peace and security in Sweden. The training was organized by the University of Uppsala, in Sweden.</p>	
<b>Peace Hut Construction</b>	BAARA Construction was awarded the contract for the construction of 10 Peace Huts in the western region of Liberia. To date 7 of the 10 Peace Huts are completed. Those completed are: In Grand Cape Mount County (Garwula, Terwor and Gola Konneh Districts); In Bomi County (Klay, Snjeh, and Suehn/Mecca Districts); In Gbarpolu County (Bopolu). Outstanding areas are: In Monsterrado County (Caldwell and Harrisburg Districts) and In Gbarpolu County (Bokumu).	70% completion as per this target
<b>Coordination Meetings</b>	The PBO/PBFS continued to hold its regularly monthly coordination meetings with peacebuilding related Civil Society Institutions. These meetings are being very useful in fostering coherence and coordination amongst various peacebuilding actors in Liberia.	
<b>Early Warning &amp; Conflict hot spot analysis</b>	A first draft of a conflict early warning mechanism and indicators has been developed, but much work still needs to be done to conclude the indicators and test the conflict early warning mechanism especially at the county level. To this end, conflict early warning mechanism will be piloted in 5 out of the 15 counties in Liberia. These counties borders neighbouring counties and are also more susceptible to violent conflict. The PBO/PBF-L Secretariat also needs to work with Country Security Committees to understand and track potential conflict and treats and report to the	

	appropriate institutions for redress or action.	
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<b>Outcomes:</b>	<b>Progress: (In terms of Indicators)</b>	<b>Comments/Remarks:</b>
Social cohesion	Report on impact / change will be made during the next quarterly report.	
Conflict sensitivity programming	Report on impact / change will be made during the next quarterly report.	
Rule of Law	Report on impact / change will be made during the next quarterly report.	

<b>Qualitative achievements against expected results:</b>
In line with the PBO/PBFS quarterly and its strategic annual workplan and project activities at least 60% progress has been achieved. This percentage is however measurable in terms of outputs rather than impact. We hope to report on impact following
<b>Challenges (If Necessary):</b>
There has not been any notable challenges during the reporting period.