



[**COUNTRY:** Yemen]

**PROJECT HALF YEARLY PROGRESS UPDATE**

**PERIOD COVERED: JANUARY – JUNE 2015**

<b>Project No &amp; Title:</b>	PBF/Peacebuilding Fund Secretariat		
<b>Recipient Organization(s)<sup>1</sup>:</b>	UNDP		
<b>Implementing Partners (Government, UN agencies, NGOs etc):</b>	Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation (MoPIC) and RCO		
<b>Location:</b>	Sana'a, Yemen		
<b>Total Approved Budget :<sup>2</sup></b>	1100000		
<b>Preliminary data on funds committed :<sup>3</sup></b>	267,467	<b>% of funds committed / total approved budget:</b>	24%
<b>Expenditure<sup>4</sup>:</b>	136,249.35	<b>% of expenditure / total budget: (Delivery rate)</b>	12%
<b>Project Approval Date:</b>	03/07/2014	<b>Possible delay in operational closure date (Number of months)</b>	
<b>Project Start Date:</b>	09/07/2014		
<b>Expected Operational Project Closure Date:</b>	July 2016		
<b>Project Outcomes:</b>	Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and communication on the achievement of the Priority Plan results and the projects that support it.		
<b>PBF Focus Area<sup>5</sup></b> (select one of the Focus Areas listed below)	Secretariat support to all applicable outcomes		

<sup>1</sup> Please note that where there are multiple agencies, only one consolidated project report should be submitted.

<sup>2</sup> Approved budget is the amount transferred to Recipient Organisations.

<sup>3</sup> Funds committed are defined as the commitments made through legal contracts for services and works according to the financial regulations and procedures of the Recipient Organisations. Provide preliminary data only.

<sup>4</sup> Actual payments (contracts, services, works) made on commitments.

<sup>5</sup> PBF focus areas are:

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) Management of natural resources;

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

(3.1) Short-term employment generation; (3.2) Sustainable livelihoods

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

(4.1) Public administration; (4.2) Public service delivery (including infrastructure).

## Qualitative assessment of progress

<p><i>For each intended outcome, provide evidence of progress during the reporting period.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, for each outcome include the outputs achieved. (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>Outcome: Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and communication on the achievement of the Priority Plan results and the projects that support it.</p> <p>Outputs achieved:  Recruitment of the PBF secretariat (PB Programme Officer, M&amp;E Officer and Admin Assistant).  Recruitment of international consultant to manage the Secretariat set-up.  Reporting and monitoring guidelines were provided to projects' focal points.  Follow-up with RUNOs to submit requested reports (Status Report update, Suspension Report, etc.)  Review of the submitted project reports.</p>
<p><i>Do you see evidence that the project is having a positive impact on peacebuilding? (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>PBF Secretariat project does not address conflict issues but it is assisting and ensuring the effective implementation of the PBF supported projects.</p>
<p><i>Were there catalytic effects from the project in the period reported, including additional funding commitments or unleashing/ unblocking of any peace relevant processes? (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>There were not many catalytic effects from the project in the period reported as the project is meant to coordinate and monitor the achievement of the Priority Plan results.</p>
<p><i>If progress has been slow or inadequate, provide main reasons and what is being done to address them. (1000 characters max.)</i></p>	<p>Progress was affected by the deteriorating political situation in Yemen, therefore PBF Secretariat staff were sent on mission to Amman to ensure coordination with all PBF projects to report on financial updates as well as all the suspension of project activities as requested by PBSO, NY.</p>
<p><i>What are the main activities/expected results for</i></p>	<p>Review submitted project status (including financial) reports.  Follow-up with all projects bilaterally on suspension procedures.</p>

<i>the rest of the year? (1000 characters max.)</i>	In case of termination of projects, ensure that project closure guidelines are provided to the concerned project to refund the remaining balance and that end of reports are submitted as required.
<i>Is there any need to adjust project strategies/ duration/budget etc.? (1000 characters max.)</i>	NO
<i>Are there any lessons learned from the project in the period reported? (1000 characters max.)</i>	1- Results framework of projects should be reviewed before the implementation of the project ensuring all outcomes, outputs, indicators are relevant to the PPP results. 2- When there are reporting or monitoring requirements, proper guidelines and bilateral meetings with projects should be held in order to clarify any confusion and ensure overall quality of their reports.
<i>What is the project budget expenditure to date (percentage of allocated project budget expensed by the date of the report) – preliminary figures only? (1000 characters max.)</i>	330,000
<i>Any other information that the project needs to convey to PBSO (and JSC) at this stage? (1000 characters max.)</i>	1- This Project has been essential to support the PRF projects in their implementation and suspension. 2- The calculation of the preliminary data funds committed was done based what is in Atles system and some based on estimation as some financial data was not reflected in the system yest.

**INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT:** *Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document- provide an update on the achievement of key indicators at both the outcome and output level in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation in the qualitative text above. (250 characters max per entry)*

	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline</b>	<b>End of project Indicator Target</b>	<b>Current indicator progress</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</b>	<b>Adjustment of target (if any)</b>
<b>Outcome 1</b> Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and communication on the achievement at the priority plan results and the projects that support it.	Indicator 1.1 Timely submission of the JSC Annual Report	N/A	Acceptable rating by PBSO review team.	The time of annual report has not come yet.		
	Indicator 1.2 Quality coordination and communications from JSC Secretariat	N/A	Key partners (e.g. RUNOs and other stakeholders) satisfied with level and timelines of JSC secretariat communication and coordination.	The secretariat continues to coordinate and communicate with the RUNOs and PBSO/MPTFO supporting the monitoring and reporting processes.		
Output 1.1	Indicator 1.1.1					
	Indicator 1.1.2					
Output 1.2	Indicator 1.2.1					
	Indicator 1.2.2					

Output 1.3	Indicator 1.3.1					
	Indicator 1.3.2					
<b>Outcome 2</b>	Indicator 2.1					
	Indicator 2.2					
Output 2.1	Indicator 2.1.1					
	Indicator 2.1.2					
Output 2.2	Indicator 2.2.1					
	Indicator 2.2.2					
Output 2.3	Indicator 2.3.1					
	Indicator 2.3.2					
<b>Outcome 3</b>	Indicator 3.1					
	Indicator 3.2					
Output 3.1	Indicator 3.1.1					
	Indicator 3.1.2					
Output 3.2	Indicator 3.2.1					
	Indicator 3.2.2					

Output 3.3	Indicator 3.3.1					
	Indicator 3.3.2					
<b>Outcome 4</b>	Indicator 4.1					
	Indicator 4.2					
Output 4.1	Indicator 4.1.1					
	Indicator 4.1.2					
Output 4.2	Indicator 4.2.1					
	Indicator 4.2.2					
Output 4.3	Indicator 4.3.1					
	Indicator 4.3.2					