

PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT
COUNTRY: SOMALIA
TYPE OF REPORT: SEMI-ANNUAL, ANNUAL OR FINAL:
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YEAR OF REPORT: 15 JUNE 2020



Project Title: Secretariat support to the PBF portfolio in Somalia Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway: PRF 113011	
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:	Type and name of recipient organizations: please select UNDP (Convening Agency) please select please select please select please select
Date of first transfer: 9 November 2018 Project end date: 31 May 2021 Is the current project end date within 6 months? No	
Check if the project falls under one or more PBF priority windows: <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):	
Recipient Organization	Amount
UNDP	\$ 1,401,700
	\$
	\$
	\$
	Total: \$ 1,401,700
Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget: 44%	
ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE	
Gender-responsive Budgeting:	
Indicate dollar amount from the project document to be allocated to activities focussed on gender equality or women's empowerment: 267,000	
Amount expended to date on activities focussed on gender equality or women's empowerment: 100,000	
Project Gender Marker: GM1	
Project Risk Marker: 1	
Project PBF focus area: Governance of peacebuilding resources (including PBF secretariats)	

Report preparation:

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Project report approved by:

Did PBF Secretariat review the report: Yes

NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

- *Avoid acronyms and UN jargon, use general /common language.*
- *Report on what has been achieved in the reporting period, not what the project aims to do.*
- *Be as concrete as possible. Avoid theoretical, vague or conceptual discourse.*
- *Ensure the analysis and project progress assessment is gender and age sensitive.*

PART 1: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

Briefly outline the **status of the project** in terms of implementation cycle, including whether preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (i.e. contracting of partners, staff recruitment, etc.) (1500 character limit):

The Covid-19 pandemic reached Somalia in mid-March and has had an impact on implementation, mainly outreach and monitoring activities. Joint monitoring missions to Kismayo and Beledweyne had to be cancelled as a result. Despite the challenges posed by Covid-19, the project has continued implementation with a focus on preparations for Somalia's request for PBF re-eligibility. To support the design and facilitation of a virtual consultation process on peacebuilding priorities to inform the PBF re-eligibility request, the PBF Secretariat contracted Build Up, an organisation specialised in the use of technology for peacebuilding. On 9 March, the PBF Secretariat met with a Somali film producer to discuss the possibility of producing a film capturing human impact stories from the PBF portfolio.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Government of the Netherlands and UNSOM on 15 April 2020 for the secondment of a Conflict Analysis and Peacebuilding Officer to work in the PBF Secretariat and support efforts to ensure PBF projects are based on a thorough conflict analysis and that analysis generated by PBF projects informs other UN programming in Somalia. Discussions began with the Government of Sweden on the secondment of a Youth, Peace and Security Officer to UNSOM, with agreement on a draft Memorandum of Understanding reached on 10 June pending signatures, that would have a reporting line to the PBF Coordinator and support efforts to mainstream youth in the PBF portfolio.

Please indicate any significant project-related events anticipated in the next six months, i.e. national dialogues, youth congresses, film screenings, etc. (1000 character limit):

At the time of writing it is expected that the Prime Minister's letter to the UN Secretary-General will be dispatched in the next 14 days upon which the full eligibility request will be submitted to UN Headquarters – constituting a major deliverable by the PBF Secretariat in 2019 and 2020. Should conditions allow, the PBF Secretariat plans to hold a high-level event in Mogadishu to announce the start of a new eligibility period and the priorities that the PBF will focus on during the next five years.

The first project under the new PBF eligibility period will be a flagship initiative on women, peace and security, planned to be launched at high level in Mogadishu in conjunction with the twentieth anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on 30 October 2020.

FOR PROJECTS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF COMPLETION: summarize **the main structural, institutional or societal level change the project has contributed to.** This is not

anecdotal evidence or a list of individual outputs, but a description of progress made toward the main purpose of the project. (1500 character limit):

In a few sentences, explain whether the project has had a positive **human impact**. May include anecdotal stories about the project's positive effect on the people's lives. Include direct quotes where possible or weblinks to strategic communications pieces. (2000 character limit):

The project is not a frontline peacebuilding intervention, but seeks to coordinate the implementation of the PBF portfolio as a whole, raise awareness of the work undertaken with the PBF's support, promote peacebuilding approaches across the work of the UN in Somalia, and provide a liaison function between the UN and the government, civil society, and the diplomatic community on matters of peacebuilding.

The PBF Secretariat maintains a strong presence on Twitter and coordinates messaging with the UN Somalia Communications Group to amplify the reach. The PBF Secretariat has also produced outreach material for use on social media and for sharing with interested parties. The relationship with the government is excellent, including at senior levels. The diplomatic community, and representatives of PBF donors, have expressed their appreciation of the close dialogue with the PBF Secretariat. The partnership with civil society is strong and a key priority.

PART II: RESULT PROGRESS BY PROJECT OUTCOME

Describe overall progress under each Outcome made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration). Do not list individual activities. If the project is starting to make/has made a difference at the outcome level, provide specific evidence for the progress (quantitative and qualitative) and explain how it impacts the broader political and peacebuilding context.

- *“On track” refers to the timely completion of outputs as indicated in the workplan.*
- *“On track with peacebuilding results” refers to higher-level changes in the conflict or peace factors that the project is meant to contribute to. These effects are more likely in mature projects than in newer ones.*

If your project has more than four outcomes, contact PBSO for template modification.

Outcome 1: Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation, and communication on the achievements of the PBF portfolio in Somalia and the continued growth of investment in peacebuilding programmes by the PBF or other modalities

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: On track with significant peacebuilding results

Progress summary: (3000 character limit)

On the 4-5 February 2020, the PBF Secretariat conducted a joint monitoring mission to Baidoa with PBF implementing agencies IOM, UNFPA, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, and WHO. The mission was received at senior level by the Southwest State authorities, including the Minister of Planning, Minister of Interior, Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, and the Minister of Youth and Sport. The Diinsoor district council formation was highlighted as a milestone achievement by the authorities in which 47% of councilors elected are women and 40% are between the ages of 20-30 years old. The South West State authorities requested the PBF to work and reach more remote districts where the need for peacebuilding support was the highest. Extending judicial systems to remote areas and the building of police stations were also prioritized by authorities as well the rehabilitating sports facilities, the creation of jobs for youth, building the capacity of government and scaling up support to IDPs.

The mission visited Baidoa Mental Health Centre, one of only five in Somalia. The monitoring team spoke to the Centre's Manager and saw firsthand the dire mental health needs in the region. The implementing agencies of the PBF's new project on the link between mental health and peacebuilding held separate discussion with management on how to support the Centre as part of the new PBF project.

Finally, the mission visited the newly constructed women defectors rehabilitation centre built by IOM through funding from the German Government at the back of an initial investment by the PBF. The centre qualifies as one of the most tangible catalytic effects from the PBF pilot project, and arguably from the PBF portfolio as a whole. At full capacity, the centre will provide services for up to 200 women. Furthermore, IOM also anticipates receiving further funding streams to continue and expand the project.

On 19 February, the PBF Secretariat (M&E Specialist) participated in a workshop organised by the Embassy of the Netherlands to inform their new development strategy for Somalia.

On 19-24 February, the PBF Secretariat (PBF Coordinator) joined the DSRSG/RC/HC on mission to Stockholm to participate in the first dialogue on the UN peacebuilding architecture review, organised by the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, and a workshop on the Resident Coordinator System's role in prevention, organised by the Folke Bernadotte Academy and PBSO. Separate discussions were held with the Government of Sweden on the future of the PBF's support to Somalia. Furthermore, the PBF Secretariat regularly contributed to high-level reports and engagements with peacebuilding analysis and examples of good practices derived from achievements by the PBF-supported projects in Somalia.

On 13 March 2020, the Minister of Health presided over a launching ceremony in Mogadishu for the first ever project exploring the link between mental health and peacebuilding, funded by the 2019 Youth Promotion Initiative, alongside the PBF Secretariat and implementing agencies WHO, UNICEF, IOM and Somalia National University. The launching ceremony was attended by Parliamentarian Senators and MPs, Somali media outlets, local organizations as well as the Representatives from the Somalia National University, to name a few. The Minister of Health, Fawzia Abikar Nur, opened the ceremony and underlined the importance of improving our understanding of the mental health situation in Somalia and its impact on the peacebuilding process.

Between 24 April and 19 May, the PBF Secretariat held a virtual consultation to define new peacebuilding priorities for Somalia's request for PBF re-eligibility. With the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic in Somalia in mid-March, stopping plans to conduct a two-day workshop in Mogadishu in early April, the PBF Secretariat reconfigured the plans to hold the consultation virtually and seize the opportunity to expand the reach of the consultation. The PBF Secretariat fast-tracked, with exemplary support from UNDP Somalia, the engagement of Build Up, an organisation specialised in the use of technology for peacebuilding, to support the design and facilitation of the virtual consultation. A two-pronged approach was agreed to include a public consultation targeting the Somali general public using a WhatsApp-based platform and closed consultation for key stakeholders from government, civil society, the diplomatic community, and the UN using an online platform called Canvas for asynchronous discussions and two live calls using Zoom.

The public consultation received responses on peacebuilding priorities from 383 Somalis from across the country – an achievement that would not have been possible had the initially planned two-day workshop in Mogadishu gone ahead. A robust social media campaign promoted the public consultation and amplified the role of the PBF in Somalia. The PBF Secretariat also participated in the UNSOM weekly radio show *Tubta Nabadda* (Voice of Peace) together with the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation, to speak about the public consultation, Somalia's peacebuilding process, and the role of women in peacebuilding.

The closed consultation engaged 77 key stakeholders from the government, civil society, the diplomatic community and the UN, with senior-level engagement from the SRSG, the DSRSG/RC/HC, the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Minister of Women and Human Rights Development, the Office of the Prime Minister, and ambassador-level diplomatic representation.

At the time of reporting, the request for Somalia's PBF re-eligibility is ready to be sent pending the letter from Prime Minister Hassan Ali Khaire to the UN Secretary-General. A draft letter was shared with the Office of the Prime Minister on 19 May.

The PBF Secretariat developed a first draft of the portfolio level logical framework to support the measuring of the PBF's impact on Somalia's peacebuilding process and inform the design of new peacebuilding initiatives under the new eligibility period. At the time of reporting the logical framework is being finalised in close consultation with PBSO.

Implementation of the 2019 batch of PBF projects began during the reporting period. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound impact across the portfolio with most projects facing implementation challenges due to the measures taken to limit the spread of the pandemic and the need for some UN entities involved in the humanitarian response to the pandemic to shift their priorities. It is likely that most projects will seek no cost extensions as a result. Following the closure of two projects at the end of 2019 and beginning of 2020 means that the active portfolio now comprises of nine projects worth 21.5 million USD. The UN-Habitat and UNFPA project on youth political empowerment (PBF/IRF-205) and the IOM and UNSOM project on women defectors (PBF/IRF-261) have submitted their final reports. The final evaluation report for PBF/IRF-205 was submitted on 10 June and currently undergoing review by the PBF Secretariat.

As part of the effort to better position the PBF in Somalia as a trailblazer for bilateral peacebuilding support, the PBF Secretariat maintained close dialogue with the PBF Somalia

donor group, comprised of representatives from Canada, Finland, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom, regularly sharing information about portfolio implementation, analysis, and plans.

Finally, PBF Somalia's Twitter account (@PBFSomalia) continued to see a rise in the number of followers since its creation in January 2019. During the reporting period the number of followers increased by approximately 1430 reaching 2786 at the time of writing.

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome:

(1000 character limit)

On 20-21 January 2020, the PBF Secretariat held a consultation with the UN Youth Advisory Board (YAB) in Mogadishu on the independent conflict analysis commissioned by the PBF to inform the new eligibility period. The Advisory Board is comprised of 18 prominent youth leaders from across Somalia, specifically; Adado, Hargeisa, Garowe, Beletweyne, Mogadishu, Baidoa and Kismayo. The consultation provided valuable input perspectives on how Somali youth view conflict and priorities for peacebuilding. The input was incorporated in the independent conflict analysis, which was widely shared within the UN in Somalia, the diplomatic community, civil society, and government. The conflict analysis also formed the basis for a large-scale consultation process on peacebuilding priorities to inform Somalia's request for re-eligibility.

Women, peace and security and gender equality and women empowerment was a central theme in the consultation process conducted in April and May 2020 and will be a cross-cutting priority for the PBF during Somalia's new eligibility period. The importance of women in peacebuilding was discussed on a separate section of the online platform and one of the two live sessions on Zoom was dedicated to the importance of women, peace and security, with opening remarks provided by the Minister of Women and Human Rights Development.

Outcome 2:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select

Progress summary: *(3000 character limit)*

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome:

(1000 character limit)

Outcome 3:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select

Progress summary: *(3000 character limit)*

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome:
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Outcome 4:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select

Progress summary: *(3000 character limit)*

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome:
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PART III: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

<p><u>Monitoring:</u> Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period (1000 character limit)</p>	<p>Do outcome indicators have baselines? Baseline for the first outcome indicator on overall satisfaction with support provided by PBF Secretariat is non applicable. Second outcome indicator on continued growth of PBF Secretariat does have baseline. Third outcome indicator on PBF projects meeting reporting deadlines is also non applicable.</p> <p>Has the project launched perception surveys or other community-based data collection? The project has developed a first draft portfolio level results framework which PBSO and PBSO M&E Specialist provided comments to. Once finalised, the Secretariat will carry out a perception survey for Outcome indicator 1 under this project and for indicators under the new portfolio results framework.</p> <p>The Secretariat conducted a joint monitoring mission to Baidoa on 4-5 February 2020, joined by UNICEF, UN-Habitat, UNFPA, IOM and WHO. The monitoring team met with Southwest State authorities ahead of the peacebuilding priorities consultation and visited project sites. The monitoring report was shared widely, including with PBSO. Plans for subsequent monitoring visits to other parts of Somalia were disrupted due to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>
<p><u>Evaluation:</u> Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period? No</p>	<p>Evaluation budget (response required): 85,000 USD No evaluation was conducted during this reporting period.</p>

	<p>The Secretariat developed a first draft portfolio level results framework, which has yet to be finalized. Once finalized the Secretariat shall conduct surveys to inform outcome indicators.</p> <p>The Secretariat provided support to all projects during their baseline, midline and endline evaluations, reviewing TORs, inception reports as well as evaluation reports before their submission to PBSO.</p> <p>If project will end in next six months, describe the evaluation preparations (<i>1500 character limit</i>):</p>
<p>Catalytic effects (financial): Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project.</p>	<p>The PBF Secretariat has actively supported implementing partners in their fundraising efforts and strengthened dialogue with the donor community on the work of the PBF in an effort to improve the catalytic potential of the PBF's investments in Somalia.</p> <p>During the reporting period, the PBF approved a cost extension of this project, extending it by twelve months and increasing the budget with 662,330 USD.</p>
<p>Other: Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? (<i>1500 character limit</i>)</p>	<p>The PBF Secretariat worked remotely from outside Somalia (Nairobi, Kenya and London, UK) since March 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and the decision by the Designated Official to significantly reduce the UN's footprint in the country during the pandemic.</p> <p>Following an increase in the number of serious direct attacks against the UN compound in Mogadishu, the Designated Official in 2019 initiated an extensive review of the UN's footprint in Mogadishu aimed at reducing the number of non-critical staff functions permanent based in Mogadishu. As a result of the review, the PBF Coordinator will be relocated to Nairobi duty station with frequent travel to Somalia. The M&E Specialist will remain based in Mogadishu.</p>

Annex D - PBF project budget

Note: If this is a budget revision, insert extra columns to show budget changes.

Table 1 - PBF project budget by Outcome, output and activity

Outcome/ Output number	Outcome/ output/ activity formulation:	Budget by recipient organization in USD - UNDP	Percent of budget for each output reserved for direct action on gender equality (if any):	Level of expenditure/ commitments in USD (to provide at time of project progress reporting):	Any remarks (e.g. on types of inputs provided or budget justification, for example if high TA or travel costs)
OUTCOME 1: Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation, and communication on the achievements of the PBF portfolio in Somalia and the continued growth of investment in peacebuilding programmes through the PBF or other modalities.					
Output 1.1:	High-quality projects for PBF funding developed jointly by the UN, government, and civil society counterparts				
Activity 1.1.1:	PBF project development workshops for UNCT and NGOs	70,000	20,000	23,900	Consultancies, travel and logistics
Activity 1.1.2:	Eligibility assessment	20,000			Consultancies, travel and logistics for conducting the assessment
Activity 1.1.3:	Ongoing support to PBF project teams				
Activity 1.1.3:	Joint conflict analysis in support of peacebuilding programming	30,000		16,000	
Output 1.2:	Strengthened management structure and strategic position for the PBF portfolio in Somalia				
Activity 1.2.1:	Consultations with PBF project teams and government counterparts				
Activity 1.2.2:	Consultations with PBSO, including monitoring visits to Mogadishu and HQ	40,000			4 visits HQ to Mogadishu and 4 visits PBF Secretariat to HQ
Output 1.3:	M&E and knowledge management framework that provides the information required for strategic planning, decision-making, and learning for the benefit of the PBF portfolio and the wider peacebuilding work in Somalia				
Activity 1.3.1:	On going M&E support to the PBF portfolio	10,000	5,000		PBF Secretariat participation in M&E and project design trainings
Activity 1.3.2:	Creation of knowledge database				
Activity 1.3.3:	Production of outreach material	10,000	5,000		
Activity 1.3.4:	Establishment of social media presence for the PBF in Somalia				
Activity 1.3.5:	Improved understanding of M&E framework and PBF's strategic role at the field level	15,000	7,000		Joint field monitoring visits
TOTAL \$ FOR OUTCOME 1:					
Project personnel costs if not included in activities above	1 PBF Coordinator (P4) and 1 M&E Specialist (NOC)	892,000	200,000	450,000	
Project operational costs if not included in activities above	Accommodation, office space, supplies	108,000		80,000	
Project M&E budget		85,000	30,000		
SUB-TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET: 1,310,000					
Indirect support costs (7%): 91,700					
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET: 1,401,700					

Table 2 - PBF project budget by UN cost category

Note: If this is a budget revision, insert extra columns to show budget changes.

CATEGORIES	REVISED BUDGET				PROJECT TOTAL
	Amount Recipient UNDP				
	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3	Tranche 4	
1. Staff and other personnel	374500	160500	249900.00	107100	892000
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	3500	1500	3500.00	1500	10000
3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture (including Depreciation)					
4. Contractual services	44100	18900	11900.00	5100	80000
5. Travel	19600	8400	8400.00	3600	40000
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts					
7. General Operating and other Direct Costs	42000	18000	159600.00	68400	288000
7.1. Security (4%)	19348	7195.84	18099.31	7756.848	52400
7.2. Operations (4%)	19348	7195.84	18099.31	7756.848	52400
7.3 Operating Expenses	3304	3608.32	123401.38	52886.304	183200
Sub-Total Project Costs	483700	207300	433300.00	185700	1310000
8. Indirect Support Costs (must be 7%)	33859	57841	30331	12999	91700
TOTAL	517559	221811	463631.00	198699	1401700

APPROVED BUDGET		
Amount Recipient UNDP		PROJECT TOTAL
Tranche 1 (70%)	Tranche 2 (30%)	
374500	160500	535000
3500	1500	5000
44100	18900	63000
19600	8400	28000
42000	18000	60000
132.16	144.3328	276.4928
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41735.68	17711.334	59447.014
483700	207300	691000
33859	14511	48370
517559	221811	739370