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Date of first transfer: January 2019 Project end date: Feb 2021 Is the current project end date within 6 months? No													
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Total PBF approved project budget (by recipient organization): <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Recipient Organization</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>UNMPTF NATIONAL WINDOW</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 2,386,617</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UNDP</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 942,023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 3,328,640</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget: see the attached excel sheet *ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE*</p>		Recipient Organization	Amount	UNMPTF NATIONAL WINDOW	\$ 2,386,617	UNDP	\$ 942,023	\$		\$		Total:	\$ 3,328,640
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Gender-responsive Budgeting: Indicate dollar amount from the project document to be allocated to activities focussed on gender equality or women's empowerment: \$715,985 Amount expended to date on activities focussed on gender equality or women's empowerment: \$ 85,000.00													
Project Gender Marker: 2 Project Risk Marker: please select Project PBF focus area: please select													

Report preparation:

Project report prepared by: S2SII Project Team

Project report approved by:

Did PBF Secretariat review the report: please select

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)**:

Besides unprecedented challenges, the project completed its first District Council Formation (DFC) in Dinsor, and immediately shifted to complete the remaining activities in Dhusamareb DCF.

The project recruited all vacant positions for Gender specialists and the Project Manager in January and February 2020 respectively. Delay of trench II release was and the FGS reformation of Galmudug State affected all planned activities in the second half of 2019 including Dhusamareb DCF. Similarly, the Covid_19 lockdown continues to hamper DCF activities in Dhusamareb and other districts. Considering these challenges, the Project Manager requested from the Board to affect an extension of the project to complete outstanding activities. In April 2020, the board granted an extension of eight months starting from July 2020.

Other developments include capacity building provisions including gender mainstreaming within the civil servants (7/3/2020) in MOIFAR. Three national and three state-level (Jubbaland, South West, and Hirshabelle) stabilization coordination meetings were held during this reporting period. These meetings were in addition to FGS inter-ministerial stabilization task force appointed for Lower Shabelle stabilization.

On the National Window, a three-layer cash transfer from the FGS treasury account through FMS MoF to the district has been established (Jubbaland and South West) which improved coordination and cooperation between the levels of the government.

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)**:

The next six months Support to Stabilization Project II is expected to support the following outputs listed below:

Output 1.1 Empowering local governments leads to higher levels of legitimacy; Project will continue providing technical support to 14 priority districts and 6 technical staff for Federal level; Project will effectively manage stabilization activities at three levels of government by producing monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and yearly reports.

Output 1.2 Financial support enables local governments to operate; Financial procedures for the flow funds between the various level of the government are implemented and allow

financial support to district administrations and Federal Members States; Fiduciary monitoring visits reports and recommendation are implemented; The project will continue to transfer financial support to district administrations for 14 priority districts and 2 new districts that formed elected council.

Output 2.1 Coordination mechanisms strengthened to attract new partners and align actions; Project will have continued to support and organize coordination meetings of National Stabilization Coordination meetings, Lower Shabelle stabilization coordination, and other relevant meetings on stabilization efforts.

Output 2.2 Reconciliation enhanced efforts to support district council formation and stability; Project to continue supporting 9 existing Community Representative District Peace and Stability Committee (DPSC) in Baladweyn, Jowhar, Baidoa, Barawe, Hudur, Bardere, Abudwak, Garbaharay, and Bardale.; As part of district council formation, the project will conduct clan and conflict mapping through community consultations and nominations of district preparatory committee; The project will conduct awareness-raising campaigns through local media, banners and local artists; Project will organize preliminary consultative meetings with specific sessions targeting women; Project will conduct wider district peacebuilding conference; elections of the district council and post district council formation

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)**:

The successful completion of the Diinsor district council in March 2020 was a major project peacebuilding result in terms of legitimacy, inclusivity, and in terms of reconciliation. For the first time in the history of the region, a district council with 10 female councillors out of a 21 was elected in Dinsor. The chair of the council was equally competed for by female and male candidates. This was historic both in terms of the process and the result; and unique to the S2S II project.

Additionally, a major peacebuilding result was the election result of the Garbaharay Youth Council in January 2020. The district council facilitated the electoral process. 272 delegates voted and elected Mohamed Dhay as the chair with 138 votes, whereas his contender, Khadar Shareo, received 134 votes. The impact of the youth election includes the acceptance and the internalization of democratic principles to transfer power through respecting people's will as demonstrated in the result of the ballot box. Such peacebuilding results were made possible by PBS support through the S2S project.

Another major peacebuilding result is a major reconciliation conference held in January 2020. Organized by FGS/FMS, the conference brought together elders from warring clans, effected immediate ceasefire, discussed differences, and ended hostility. Following this social reconciliation, communities residing around Hinjilab and Bangelle under Abudwak district returned to normalcy.

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 S2S II team asked several members of the Dinsor residents about the impact of the newly elected district council. Cadey Sidey, a youth leader stated: (translated):

“We are proud & happy to have elected our district administration compared to the Interim Administration nominated and imposed on us that existed since 2015”.

Another interviewee suggested that she is hopeful following the formation of the district council. Ms. Barlin Haji, a district women leader stated:

“The new District Council since its formation even though it is too early, despite the numerous challenges from Al Shabab blockade, meagre resources, and Covid_19 pandemic, we have seen tremendous improvement in areas of service delivery, community cohesion & community-council relations unlike the handpicked administrations who did not care”

Another interviewee sees the Dinsor Council as inclusive and self-reliant. Haji Baasay who is a traditional leader stated:

“Our new Council is representative of all area communities (inclusive) & no complaints so far. Without any support, they have been mobilizing & sensitizing the community in town cleaning, community health, security & keeping the peace. Generally, community expectation is high”

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: Federal, state and district- level administrations can oversee, coordinate and implement stabilization activities

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: On track

Progress summary: (3000-character limit)

Federal Government level, the project is managed by a newly recruited project manager supported by five technical advisors including Monitoring and Verification advisor, Reconciliation advisor, Local governance advisor, gender mainstreaming advisor, and the administration and finance advisor. The project manager coordinates project activities in line

with FGS/MoIFAR strategy on stabilization of the country, and more so in newly recovered areas. Hence, the project empowers FGS, FMS, and district level authorities to coordinate stabilization efforts.

At the district level, the project continued to support 14 districts with skilled liaison officers (CLO) who support the interim district administrations or the elected district council administration officials in terms of improving the council's capacity to deliver service to the district residents and reconciliation activities. For example, the Jubbaland and the South West States established single treasury accounts (STA) which made possible three layers of cash transfer from the FGS treasury account, through the Ministry of Finance (MOF) of Federal Member States (FMS) to respective districts. This process increased the coordination and cooperation between different levels of the government to continue financial support to district and state administration levels. Much of this work was facilitated by the project's CLO officers stationed at districts.

The project team conducted four field missions in three priority districts (Dhusamareb, Diinsor, and Baidoa) during this reporting period. The objective of the visits was to strengthen working relations with the FMS/districts and increase oversight on the implementation of project activities. (see field mission reports)

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).

S2S II conducted DCF activities in a unique and parsimonious way and has produced results with the highest level of inclusivity including women's representation (47%) in the district council. This was unique because it was cost-effective. It is also unique because it was the only project implemented by the FGS/FMS, leading to a direct link between the government and the citizens.

S2S II is unique in its approach to reconciliation and gender mainstreaming as it has a high level of expertise in the Somali culture and the local context. It promotes both reconciliation and gender equality as a local cause co-owned by local leaders, civic and youth groups. Once they internalize the cause, these groups do most of the reconciliation among the varying groups e.g. clans, gender, and lead to unprecedented results as seen in Dinsor

Outcome 2: An enabling environment conducive to social cohesion, trust, civic participation and development led by the community is established in inaccessible districts

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: On track

Progress summary: (3000-character limit)

In this reporting period, a total of 653 participants took part of total 16 coordination meetings. The project supported 3 National Stabilization coordination meetings, 10 Lower Shabelle coordination meetings, and 3 Federal Member Stabilization coordination meetings. The main objective was to foster the information sharing and activity coordinate on key areas of governance. This platform is considered an important tool to prevent activity duplication and information sharing.

Furthermore, the project enables the government to engage with local communities at the district level and support the outreach and dialogue process that will bring the community together. Hence, a total of 9 districts (Abudwak, Garbaharay, Bardhere, Baladweyn, Jowhar, Bardale, Hudur, Barawe, and Baidoa) have DPSC members in place, which 32% are female members (M:198; F:46).

During Jan - June 2020 a total of 13 coordination meetings between DPSC, local community, peace dividend providers, and authorities have been held in Garbaharay, Jowhar, Barawe, Baladweyn, and Hudur.

An additional 18 of reconciliation meetings were held in Abudwak, Garbaharay, Bardere, Baladweyn, Hudur, Baidoa, and Bardale by DPSC aiming to address local disputes and clan grievances. Appreciations were expressed by the local communities who were supported in the prevention of further hostilities and crisis locally as the low - cost reconciliation impacted on the process of incentivizing the outcome.

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)

1st March 2020, Project held Institutional Gender Mainstreaming training for MoIFAR to promote and encourage gender inclusiveness, empower staff and instil values and practices of gender equality and gender sensitivity. This allows for equal opportunity that would lead to better-informed policies and decision-making, as well as improve institutional practices and more informed civil servants.

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Outcome 3: N/A

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: N/A

Progress summary: *(3000 character limit)*

N/A

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)

N/A

Outcome 4: N/A

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: N/A

Progress summary: *(3000 character limit)*

N/A

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)

N/A

PART III: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

<p>Monitoring: Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period (1000-character limit)</p> <p>March 2020, field monitoring visit was undertaken MoIFAR project to Diinsor to verify the completion of and the inauguration of District Council Formation as well as the introduction of the newly elected district council. To improve the Council Formation plan based on lessons learned and recommendations by the elected council.</p> <p>December 29, 2019 – Jan. 4, 2020 MoIFAR project field monitoring visited Diinsor to verify and increase oversight implementation of District Council Formation activities.</p> <p>In April 2020 TPM agent visited Baidoa district, to identify 6 issues, including adequate supporting documentation, assets verification, excessive use of cash, bank reconciliation, lack of bank reconciliation, and failure to stamp supporting documents with "PAID" and delay in releasing running costs. The Ministry responded to each gap identified and developed a follow-up plan to address those issues.</p> <p>In April 2020 TPM visited Kismayo district, identifying five issues, including weaknesses in</p>	<p>Do outcome indicators have baselines? yes</p> <p>Has the project launched perception surveys or other community-based data collection? no</p>
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<p>record keeping, lack of segregation of duties, excessive use of cash, lack of bank reconciliation, and failure to stamp supporting documents with "PAID". The Ministry responded to each gap identified and developed a follow-up plan to address those issues.</p>	
<p>Evaluation: Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period? N/A</p>	<p>Evaluation budget (response required): N/A If project will end in next six months, describe the evaluation preparations (1500-character limit): N/A</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. N/A</p>	<p>Name of funder: Amount:</p>
<p>Other: Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>Advisory teams consist of 14 each in one respect district are experts on local governance and administration and community engagement and community reconciliation. The significance of the Advisory team’s (14 staff) presence in the 14 districts is noticeable, in various aspects of concerns. Alongside with addressing areas where immediate support is required like the development of Community awareness campaign; Training for Acting administration and DPSC; Logistic support for deployment of Acting administration; and Administrative support for Acting administration, the advisory team supports:</p> <p>Being sole source linking between the federal level ministry of interior, federal affairs and reconciliation (MoIFAR) and MoIs at the state level, the advisory team has the roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing solid bases for those mandated themselves for Council Formation Process including MoIFAR; • Facilitating local reconciliation meetings and community dialogues; • Participating in reconciliation coordination meetings at the state level and reporting it back to MoIFAR; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representing MoIFAR in official ceremonies at the districts..., etc.
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PART IV: INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

*Using the **Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments**- provide an update on the achievement of **key indicators** at both the outcome and output level in the table below (if your project has more indicators than provided in the table, select the most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight). Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (300 characters max per entry)*

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Outcome 1 Federal, state and district-level administrations have capacity to oversee, coordinate and implement stabilization activities.	Indicator 1.1 Levels of government administrations capacitated to manage and implement stabilization efforts through use of National Window	Embryonic	Advanced	Total 2 Third Party Monitoring has been conducted in Kismayo and Baidoa. 4 Field visit/ missions to Diinsor and Baidoa, Dhusamareb 1 Joined reports FMS and FGS made		
	Indicator 1.2 Value (in \$) of resources channeled through the national window.	Baseline: 1,435,615	Target: 4,000,000	Total \$ 1,670,632 channeled though the national window		

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	Indicator 1.3					
Output 1.1 Empowering local governments leads to higher levels of legitimacy	Indicator 1.1.1 # of Staff at district, FMS and federal level recruited and in place to support stabilisation activities	Baseline: FGS 3; FMS 0, Districts 14	Target: FGS 6, FMS 10, Districts 18.	Total 20 staff are operational at district and federal level: 14 (M:13; F:1) at district staff (FMS), 1 per district 6 staff (F:2; M4) at MOFIFAR (FGS)		
	Indicator 1.1.2 Government effectively managed stabilisation activities at three levelsof government Indicator 1.1.3 % Staff utilized knowledge and experience gained from training	Baseline: Average 9-13 reports per month Baseline: 60%	Target: 18 districts reports Target: 80%	96% district level staff submitted reports (number reports received 95 out of 98) 91 % district staff appraisal received satisfactory rating 100% FGS Level reports received 91% staff have utilized their skills fully		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Output 1.2 Financial support enables local governments to operate	Indicator 1.2.1 Value (in \$) of resources expended by district administrations.	Baseline: \$50,000	Target: \$100,000	14 districts expensed a total of \$84,000 in course of this reporting period 4 FMS Ministry Interior total \$24,000 has been expensed		
	Indicator 1.2.2 Number of fiduciary monitoring visits with reports and recommendations for improvement adopted and implemented	Baseline: 10	Target FGS's PFM procedures.	financial procedures		
	Indicator 1.2.3 Indicator: # of financial procedures adopted and implemented	Baseline: adopted and implemented 4 sets of the PBF financial procedures				

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Output 1.3	Indicator 1.3.1					
	Indicator 1.3.2					
Output 1.4	Indicator 1.4.1					
	Indicator 1.4.2					
Outcome 2 An enabling environment conducive to social cohesion, trust, civic participation and development led by the community is established in	Indicator 2.1 Social cohesion improved and trust increased			coordination meetings held: 33 on 8/12/2019; 34 on 19/1/2020; 47 on 2/2/2020; 31 on 16/2/2020; 29 on 1/3/2020; 22 on 15/3/2020; 27 on 29/3/2020; 22 on 26/4/2020; 25 on 26/4/2020; 38 on 10/5/2020		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
accessible districts	Indicator 2.2					
	Indicator 2.3					
Output 2.1 Coordination mechanisms strengthened to attract new partners and align actions	Indicator 2.1.1 # of stakeholders participating in every 2-month coordination meetings organized at FGS level.	Baseline: 23	Target: 25	Total 168 participants attended in National Stabilization Coordination meetings: 1) 54 organizations/ institutions on 2/12/2019 2) 54 organizations/ institutions on 24/2/2020 3) 60 organizations /institutions (on 18/05/2020)		
	Indicator 2.1.2 # of state stabilisation coordination meetings organized at FMS level.	Baseline: 3	Target: 4	Total 3 stabilization coordination organized by Federal Member States (FMS): 1) 65 Jubbaland on 30/12/2019 2) 45 South West on 31/12/2019 3) 67 Hirshabelle on 31/12/2019		

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Output 2.2 Reconciliation enhanced efforts to support district council formation and stability	Indicator 2.2.1 # of gender-fair DPSC established with approved ToR	Baseline: 4 DPSC formed	Target: 1 per district 4 new	Total 9 DPSC or/and DP members (M:198;46) have been in place Abudwak, Garbaharay, Bardere, Baladweyn, Jowhar, Hudur, Bardale, Barawe and Baidoa		
	Indicator 2.2.2 # of coordination meetings between DPSC and peace dividend provider	Baseline: 4	Target: 6	Total 5 community consultations held in Diinsor district council formation process.		
	Indicator 2.2.3 # of disputes resolved by DPSCs					
	Indicator 2.2.4					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	# of districts consultations organized with community to form governance structures					
Output 2.3 Project Effectively Managed	Indicator 2.3.1 # of conferences and consultations held to form legitimate district councils.	Baseline: 4	Target: 6	Total 5 conferences held to form the district council of Diinsor: <>170 participants (F:65; M:105) on 1/1/2020 <>100 participants (F:45; M:55) on 5/1/2020 <>115 participants (F:50; M:65) on 6/1/2020 <>345 participants (F:150; M:195) on 7-9/1/2020 <>40 participants (F:5; M:35) on 11/1/2020		
	Indicator 2.3.2 # of people participating (Men: Women) in District council formation process.	Baseline: 10% female	Target: 30% Female	47% of district council formation of Diinsor participants were female.		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Output 2.4 Project Effectively Managed	Indicator 2.4.1 # of project board meetings held regularly	Baseline: 2	Target: 4	1 project board held on 28 April 2020		
	Indicator 2.4.2					
Outcome 3	Indicator 3.1					
	Indicator 3.2					
	Indicator 3.3					
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					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	Indicator 3.3.2					
Output 3.4	Indicator 3.4.1					
	Indicator 3.4.2					
Outcome 4	Indicator 4.1					
	Indicator 4.2					
	Indicator 4.3					
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					
Output 4.4	Indicator 4.4.1					

