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Project Title: Sustaining Peace in Bougainville													
Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway: PRF 00111260													
If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country Trust Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trust Fund Name of Recipient Fund: PNG UN Country Fund	Type and name of recipient organizations: RUNO UNDP (Convening Agency) RUNO UN Women RUNO UNFPA please select please select												
Date of first transfer: 27.07.2018 Project end date: 30.01.2022 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 checked="" 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): <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Recipient Organization</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>UNDP</td> <td>\$ 4015600.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UN Women</td> <td>\$ 476150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UNFPA</td> <td>\$ 508250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total: \$ 5000000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget: 87% *ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE*</p>		Recipient Organization	Amount	UNDP	\$ 4015600.00	UN Women	\$ 476150.00	UNFPA	\$ 508250.00		\$		Total: \$ 5000000.00
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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: 965450.00 Amount expended to date on activities focussed on gender equality or women’s empowerment: 784850.00													
Project Gender Marker: GM2 Project Risk Marker: Medium Project PBF focus area: 1.3 Political Dialogue													

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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.*
- *Please include any COVID-19 related considerations, adjustments and results and respond to section IV.*

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):

A cost extension of the project 'Sustaining Peace in Bougainville', covering the period from July 2020 to Jan. 2022, was granted by PBF, with funds transferred on 24 September 2020. The staff who were implementing the project continued to implement this 18-month extension. They are: an Operation Analyst, an Administration Clerk, and a Driver. The recruitment process of the Project Manager and the National Liaison Officer is currently ongoing and should be concluded by the end of 2020. The Dept. of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA) Liaison Officer based in Buka continued to be the overall convenor for PBF support in Bougainville. The first inaugural Project Steering Committee meeting was conducted on 15 June 2020 and attended by representatives from both the National Government and of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, RCO, UNDP, UN Women, UNFPA, as well as development partners, including Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Japan, Ireland and UK. The project and its synergies with the UNDP Post-Referendum Support Project were welcomed by the partners. Despite some challenges due to the adoption of a State of Emergency in PNG (& in the ARoB) and its travel restrictions when a first case of the novel coronavirus was confirmed in PNG in March 2020, the project was able to implement a number of significant activities, such as the finalisation of the Bougainville youth policy and the launching of the Arawa Youth resource centre, that was supported by UNFPA.

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):

Following a first meeting of the two leaders of the JSB, Prime Minister Marape & new elected President of the ARoB Toroama, held in Port Moresby on 9 Nov, it is anticipated that the project will provide logistics support to the forthcoming meeting of the JSB (tentatively set for 30 Nov). This meeting is to adopt the post-referendum intergovernmental consultation process framework, designed by the Joint Post-Referendum Secretariat Working Group based on regular virtual meetings, facilitated by the UN. The project will also assist in the development of key post referendum messages and awareness campaigns on mainstream media in PNG. Constituency level awareness activities are also planned through the Bougainville Transitional Dialogues. A socio-economic baseline survey is being prepared by the two governments for the Bougainville Economic and Investment Summit. UNFPA will continue supporting Youth post-referendum awareness via the Bougainville Youth Federation in AROB.

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 project provided logistics support to the pre-JSB meeting of the two governments conducted in Port Moresby on 9 November 2020. This was the first official meeting between the two governments after the inauguration of the new President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville on 29 September 2020. For this pre-JSB meeting, President Toroama was accompanied by key members of his cabinet, including, among others, Vice President Patrick Nisira, Minister for Finance and Treasury Mathias Salas, Attorney General and Minister for Post-Referendum Consultation and Dialogue Ezekiel Masatt, and Minister for Primary Industries, Yolande Geraldine Paul (one of the two women members of Toroama’s cabinet. This meeting was particularly important as it helped to break the ice between the two leaders. It also contributed to the continued dialogue of the UN with the various factions in Konnou (South Bougainville), that remain outside of the Bougainville Peace Agreement. These two activities have received assistance under PBF project: 1) contributing to the overall objective of the PBF intervention in Bougainville and 2) assisting the two governments and the people of Bougainville and Papua New Guinea to continue sustaining peace and address potential tensions points during the post-referendum period.

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):

Following the meeting of the pre-JSB in Port Moresby, in which the two governments agreed on the agendas for the forthcoming JSB meeting, President Toroama signaled that he and his counterpart were developing trust, which was very significant for Bougainville and the forthcoming post-referendum process. He specifically thanked the Prime Minister “for this opportunity to discuss matters that are very important for Bougainville’s political journey. Let me state at the onset that I am very pleased with the cordial relations that our two offices continue to develop since my inauguration as it will provide a genuine platform on which to walk the journey ahead”. This was captured by a media statement issued by ABG media directorate and available here: http://www.abg.gov.pg/index.php/news/read/president-toroamas-response-speech-to-pm-marapes-welcome-remarks?fbclid=IwAR1hxSdco6uYPhpEjQrygUv9EWL00dqYqF1Qba4n-rN7_CfK9e0AF8HRbLg .

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: Enhanced political dialogue between the two Governments and the two Parliaments, ensuring decisions around BPA implementation and the *Post* referendum are progressed jointly.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track

Progress summary: (3000 character limit)

The project supported the efforts of the UN Liaison Officer and the facilitation team that have been providing assistance to the Joint Post-Referendum Interim Secretariat and its working group to progress consultations on the post-referendum structure. Despite the travel restrictions in place, the secretariat and the working group continued to meet remotely throughout 2020, encouraged by the UN. A number of papers, which constitute the basis of the post-referendum structure, were endorsed by the leaders of the Post-Referendum Joint Ministerial Consultation Preparation Team, Minister for Bougainville Affairs, Puka Temu, and the ABG Minister for Post-Referendum Consultation and Dialogue, Albert Punghau, before the inauguration of the new President of the ARoB.

The project also provided logistics support to the first official meeting between Prime Minister James Marape and newly elected President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville Ishmael Toroama, held on 9 November, in Port Moresby. This meeting aimed at endorsing the agendas for the JSB meeting, which included: i) Joint Post-Referendum Intergovernmental Consultation Process Framework; ii) Financial Issues (including outstanding Restoration and Development Grant arrears – the project supported the review of the formula by an independent expert in 2019); iii) Bougainville Economic and Investment Summit (which the project is supporting); iv) Tax Initiatives; v) Fisheries Matters; vi) Transfer of Bougainville Copper Limited (BCL) shares to ABG; vii) Small to Medium Enterprises Funding; viii) Transfer of Powers and Functions Matters; ix) National Elections outstanding payment of K5 million (2012 and 2017); x) By-election for the National Parliament Bougainville Regional Seat; xi) Invitation for Foreign Missions to establish development offices in Bougainville. Two vehicles have been procured for the National Coordination Office for Bougainville Affairs. This support enables NCOBA to implement its functions and post referendum responsibilities effectively whilst coordinating with their ABG counterparts. The project is ensuring the participation of women in the JSB meetings.

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 27-28 October, the project supported conducting a Youth Forum, co-organised by the Bougainville House of Representatives (BHoR) and the Department of Community Development. This forum involved a group of 29 youth leaders from the three regions of Bougainville and created an avenue for youths to air out their development priorities for the 4th BHoR and for members to take note of their views. 12 members of BHoR, including 2 women representatives, participated at the event. The project supported the participation of the only female representative at the leaders meeting of 9 November (Minister for Primary Industries, Yolande Geraldine Paul). UNDP, through the project, has commenced discussions with the four newly elected women BHoR to support their capacity development needs in the post-referendum dialogue. One of the four women representatives attended the First National Summit on Gender-based Violence held in Port Moresby. Programmes were designed targeting women and youth.

Outcome 2: Increased dialogue and awareness on the BPA and *post referendum* issues, ensuring that both the population in Bougainville is informed and feels included in the process. .

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track

Progress summary: (3000 character limit)

The project, as part of UNDP's Delivery Acceleration Plan for 2020, is preparing to begin constituency level dialogues within Bougainville. This will be implemented through Bougainville Transition Dialogue initiative, which involves the Department of Post-Referendum Consultation and Dialogue, where local facilitators will conduct awareness and dialogue sessions within the 33 constituencies around BPA and post referendum. Discussions and planning have also been initiated for the engagement of the national and ABG leaders to conduct BPA and post referendum dialogue sessions for actors within and outside Bougainville.

In order to ensure the ongoing inclusion of women's voices in the post-referendum discussions and decision-making, the project supported 22 out of the 45 women candidates contesting in the 2020 ABG election to attend a workshop on political leadership. Three out of four women who won a seat in the 2020 ABG election attended the workshop. The project, through UN Women, provided ongoing capacity building support to the Women, Peace and Security Working Group (WPS WG) for their continuous advocacy around the need for women's participation in the ongoing high-level peacebuilding discussions. The working group discussed the inclusion of women in all taskforces such as the Assistant Returning Officer (ARO) appointments announced by the Office of the Bougainville Electoral Commissioner (OBEC). As a result, the working group mapped advocacy strategies to ensure a better representation in the structure of OBEC for the upcoming ABG elections. UN Women conducted focus group discussions with communities across North, Central and South Bougainville to better understand community perceptions of women's leadership and engagement in political processes. Information from these FGDs is being used to inform UN Women's programmatic approach.

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)

The constituency awareness and dialogue sessions have been planned to target and include women, church, youths and ex-combatants. Details of evidence will be provided once the dialogues begin. Programmes were designed targeting women and youth. Workshops and dialogues were conducted which encouraged women and youth to participate in peace processes.

Outcome 3: Strengthened unification of outlier communities into peace architecture and post referendum dialogue

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track

Progress summary: (3000 character limit)

Support was provided to both the National Coordinating Office for Bougainville Affairs and the Department of Commerce and Industry in the development of the questionnaires, survey methodology including the survey tools for the Bougainville Socio-economic Baseline Survey. Although the implementation of the survey has been delayed on the request of the

ABG, once completed, the survey findings will provide guidance towards the facilitation and discussions during the proposed Bougainville Economic Summit, planned for the first quarter of 2021.

The UN (Resident Coordinator’s Office/Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Department of Safety and Security), through its delivering as one modality, has been partnering with the Nazareth Centre for Rehabilitation (NCfR) to engage the various factions that remain outside the Bougainville Peace Agreement (BPA) in Konnou, South Bougainville, with a view to bringing them to the negotiating table and ensuring lasting peace. As many of the groups claim that they have been neglected by both the Autonomous Bougainville Government and international community, it is deemed critical to continue dialogue with the various groups until a lasting solution to the Konnou conflict is reached. The project has been supporting these joint efforts to bring all parties together for a roundtable of dialogue to reach a conclusion that sustains peace, is durable and acceptable to all relevant stakeholders. A total of six missions were conducted in Konnou involving the key factions but one (Me'ekamui 1). In all their interventions with the various Konnou groups that remain outside of the BPA, the members of the UN team reinforced the appeal of the United Nations Secretary-General, explaining its objective and the SG’s key message in the local languages. The groups engaged by the UN team welcomed the objectives of the SG and reassured that they are ready for peace dialogue in Konnou.

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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The UN has partnered with the Nazareth Centre for Rehabilitation, which aims providing holistic rehabilitation services to women, girls, men and boys and empower them to stand for their rights, and teamed up with one of its facilitators, peacebuilding advocate Ms. Rose Pihei. The dialogue has involved youth, through the youth leaders of Konnou and South Bougainville, as well as women leaders of Konnou.

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:

(1000 character limit)

PART III: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

<p><u>Monitoring:</u> Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period (1000 character limit)</p> <p>No</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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If relevant, please share a COVID-19 success story of this project (*i.e. how adjustments of this project made a difference and contributed to a positive response to the pandemic/prevented tensions or violence related to the pandemic etc.*)

PART V: 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 Key institutional and operational capacities at national and sub-national level are strengthened to support a successful referendum	Indicator 1.1 Number of women leaders participating in Post Referendum Joint Ministerial Consultations Preparation Team	2 women participated in December 2019 Task force meeting	At least 4 women participating in joint consultations	Women's participation in joint consultations is enhanced	0	will happen mid November 2020
	Indicator 1.2 Key government institutions with responsibilities for post referendum implementation and coordination are enabled to implement their	TBC	Timely inputs by responsible government departments into post referendum consultations	Technical and logistic support	2 vehicles have been procured for NCOBA	

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	functions effectively					
	Indicator 1.3 Number of post referendum dialogues with key federation groups - women, youth and churches conducted	0	3 per annum	Dialogue on post referendum process with key federation groups including women, youths, veterans and churches	0	yet to implement
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					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Output 1.4	Indicator 1.4.1					
	Indicator 1.4.2					
Outcome 2 Increased awareness on the post referendum process and progress ensuring that both the population in and outside of Bougainville is informed	Indicator 2.1 Number of Districts that host Joint Town Hall meetings covering BPA, and post referendum period	13 districts	13 districts but twice	Development of community facilitator awareness materials and capacity to conduct community dialogues	0	Yet to be implemented
	Indicator 2.2 Number of Districts that host Joint Town Hall meetings covering BPA, and post referendum period	13	13 district but twice	Joint townhall awareness sessions by leaders from both governments in Bougainville	0	Yet to implement

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	Indicator 2.3					
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					
Output 2.4	Indicator 2.4.1					
	Indicator 2.4.2					
Outcome 3 Increased opportunities for an inclusive peaceful process for	Indicator 3.1 Outlier groups engage in post referendum process	0	1	Impact through bottom up dialogue to support peaceful inclusion of	0	Yet to implement although some progress made in initiating meetings with relevant communities and local peacebuilding organizations

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
all stakeholders to participate in the Post Referendum Process and contribute to a future Bougainville				outlier groups		
	Indicator 3.2 Economic and investment summit leads to additional investment commitments and economic opportunities	0	1	Hosting of Economic Summit	0	Yet to implement but have already initiated preparatory stage
	Indicator 3.3 Development of Bougainville Human Right Action Plan including creation of a yearly report on Human Rights by the Human Rights and Gender BHoR Committee	0	1 Human Rights Action Plan and 2 Human Rights Report produced over 2 years	Work on Human Rights	0	Yet to implement
Output 3.1	Indicator 3.1.1					
	Indicator 3.1.2					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Output 3.2	Indicator 3.2.1					
	Indicator 3.2.2					
Output 3.3	Indicator 3.3.1					
	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					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	Indicator 4.2.2					
Output 4.3	Indicator 4.3.1					
	Indicator 4.3.2					
Output 4.4	Indicator 4.4.1					