

**PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT**  
**COUNTRY: GLOBAL**  
**TYPE OF REPORT: SEMI-ANNUAL, ANNUAL OR FINAL:**  
**SEMI-ANNUAL**  
**YEAR OF REPORT: 2021**



<b>Project Title:</b> The Saving Lives Entity (SALIENT)					
<b>Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway:</b> PRF 00125606					
<b>If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Country Trust Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trust Fund  <b>Name of Recipient Fund:</b>	<b>Type and name of recipient organizations:</b>  <b>UNDP (Convening Agency)</b> <b>UNODA (Additional Implementing Partner)</b>				
<b>Date of first transfer:</b> 20 January 2021 <b>Project end date:</b> 18 January 2023 <b>Is the current project end date within 6 months?</b> no					
<b>Check if the project falls under one or more PBF priority windows:</b> <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					
<b>Total PBF approved project budget (by recipient organization):</b> <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 colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><b>Total: \$ \$3,795,599</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget: 2% (\$57,420,- spent to date)            *ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE*</p>		Recipient Organization	Amount	<b>Total: \$ \$3,795,599</b>	
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<b>Gender-responsive Budgeting:</b>  Indicate dollar amount from the project document to be allocated to activities focussed on gender equality or women’s empowerment: \$1,138,679.70 Amount expended to date on activities focussed on gender equality or women’s empowerment: \$0					
<b>Project Gender Marker: 2</b> <b>Project Risk Marker: 1</b> <b>Project PBF focus area: 1.2</b>					
<b>Report preparation:</b> Project report prepared by: TH / FS / AM Project report approved by: Katy Thompson / Ade Ebo Did PBF Secretariat review the report: no					

### ***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):

The SALIENT project has been jointly designed by UN ODA and UNDP in close consultation with PBSO throughout 2020. Quality assurance processes within UNODA and UNDP were concluded and the project endorsed by PBSO in December 2020. Project implementation started in January of 2021. SALIENT is envisioned as a grant-making facility to UNCTs. As a first step pilot countries were selected by the SALIENT Programme Coordination Team in close coordination with respective UNCTs.

The first two pilot countries are Jamaica and Cameroon, for which scoping missions have taken place from March to May (virtual) and in May 2021 (in person) respectively.

The further project report details the progress in these two pilot countries below.

South Sudan was selected as third pilot country in March 2021 and preparations for project design and scoping are underway.

#### **Jamaica:**

The Scoping mission has completed deliverables 1 and 2 while deliverables 3 and 4 are currently in progress.

- Deliverable 1: Desk review and Situational Analysis

The recruitment process for the mission consultant was completed in March 2021 to conduct the situational analysis and desk review. This included:

- The mapping of current programmes and projects to tackle crime and violence with an outline of donor support including that of the UN system to address crime in Jamaica.
- Identification of opportunities for strategic collaboration with UN agencies and other development partners in tackling crime in Jamaica.
- A gender analysis to ensure deepened understanding of the current gaps in programming for addressing violent crimes committed by and against men and women using illicit small arms.

- Deliverable 2: High level consultations and Bilateral meetings

The mission also completed the High-Level and Bilateral consultation with key stakeholders including ministers of government, technical and key experts within ministries, departments and agencies, civil society organizations, academia and the private sector.

- Deliverable 3: Scoping Mission Report and Recommendations

The final mission report and recommendations is currently being developed by the mission consultant. The completed document is expected to be shared by the first week of June.

- Deliverable 4: Joint Project Document

The mission is currently at the project development stage and is expected to be completed by mid-July 2021. The mission experienced delays primarily due to challenges faced securing dates for high level consultations and bilateral meetings with key stakeholders.

### **Cameroon:**

The project is on its preliminary stage and its main activity was a scoping mission carried on in the country from May 16th-24th. The scoping mission, carried out by UNODA and UNDP, aimed to assess the context related to SALW in Cameroon in order to identify areas where UNCT and other stakeholders, especially civil society organizations can play a significant role to support the government in implementing the SALIENT, in a holistic and transformative approach, through a gender lens. It held a series of audiences with Government officials and working sessions at technical level with relevant ministerial directorates and agencies, in addition to fruitful exchanges with the RC and his office, UNDP and the UNCT at large. The main finding of the mission is that SALW in Cameroon constitutes a significant security challenge of which the government is fully aware and to which it is trying to provide a multifaceted response, mainly to the triple security, judicial and humanitarian & social angles. This is rooted in various factors such as the insecurity linked to terrorism with the Boko Haram group in the North and the Far North regions; the insurrection of armed groups in the North-West and the South-West based on linguistic identity driven demands among others; organized crime in major cities across the country; poaching and clandestine gold mining, which mainly draws on the artisanal production of weapons.

### **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):**

On the **global level**, the first SALIENT Programme Board meeting is slated to take place in September 2021 (tbd).

In **Jamaica**, the joint project document as well as government consultation for review and endorsement will be concluded in June. The joint program document will undergo internal review by UN Agencies in Jamaica followed by a review meeting with the Government of Jamaica before finalization.

In **Cameroon**, the findings from the scoping mission will inform the proposal development, which is slated to conclude by July. Discussions with the Ministry of External Relations and

other relevant public administrations and CSOs on the way forward will be continued. The findings of the scoping mission will be shared and additional inputs from stakeholders necessary to elaborate the project document will be collected.

In **South Sudan**, discussions with UNMISS and the RCO are planned for June to determine the further roadmap.

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):

SALIENT is in an early stage of the project cycle and there are no findings yet to report.

**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.*

**SALIENT is at a very early stage of the project implementation cycle. Thus, for this report regional reporting structure (global / pilot countries) is deemed more adequate than Outcome level reporting (see Part I).**

**PART III: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES**

<p><b>Monitoring:</b> Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period (1000 character limit)</p>	<p>Do outcome indicators have baselines?</p> <p>Baselines have been established in the Project design process and will need to be adapted to country contexts.</p> <p>Has the project launched perception surveys or other community-based data collection?</p>
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	No. Will be part of the country-level design and implementation.
<b>Evaluation:</b> Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period? please select - no	Evaluation budget (response required): \$40,000.00  If project will end in next six months, describe the evaluation preparations (1500 character limit): n.a.
<b>Catalytic effects (financial):</b> Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project.	Name of funder:      Amount:
<b>Other:</b> Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? (1500 character limit)	

**PART IV: COVID-19**

*Please respond to these questions if the project underwent any monetary or non-monetary adjustments due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

- 1) Monetary adjustments: Please indicate the total amount in USD of adjustments due to COVID-19:

\$0

- 2) Non-monetary adjustments: Please indicate any adjustments to the project which did not have any financial implications:

Jamaica scoping mission has taken place virtually due to C-19 travel restrictions.

- 3) Please select all categories which describe the adjustments made to the project (*and include details in general sections of this report*):

- Reinforce crisis management capacities and communications
- Ensure inclusive and equitable response and recovery
- Strengthen inter-community social cohesion and border management
- Counter hate speech and stigmatization and address trauma

- Support the SG's call for a global ceasefire
- Other (please describe): planning and design

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.*)

n.a.

## **PART V: INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT**

SALIENT is in the early phase of country level scoping and design (see Part I). Thus far, no progress on individual indicators in the results framework can be reported.

### **Annex**

- 1) ToR Scoping Mission Jamaica (incl. budget breakdown)
- 2) ToR Scoping Mission Cameroon (incl. budget breakdown)