

**GUINEA-BISSAU
PEACEBUILDING FUND
PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

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Project No & Title:	PBF/GNB/B-1 – Rehabilitation of Selected Prisons				
Recipient UN Organization:	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	Priority Sector:	Security and Justice Sector Reform		
National Authority:	Ministry of Justice				
Location:	Guinea-Bissau				
Project Cost:	USD 900.000				
SC Approval Date:	16/06/2008	Starting Date:	01/09/2008	Completion Date:	31/08/2011
PBF Outcome and Priority area	<p>Priority 1. Activities designed to respond to imminent threats to the peace process, support for the implementation of peace agreements and political dialogue, in particular in relation to strengthening of national institutions and processes set up under those agreements.</p> <p>Programme Result 1 (PMP): Security sector reforms and judiciary systems put in place and providing services and goods at national and local level that reinforce the Rule of Law</p> <p>Indicator 1.1 (SSR): # of PBF supported programmes where communities use transitional justice systems to resolve conflicts/disputes without recourse to violence ensuring the respect of Human Rights of women and girls in particular</p>				
Project Description:	<p>Under the peace building goal of supporting government efforts to reform its security sector in order to stabilize the peace process and protect the social development of the country against drug trafficking, organized and other forms of crime, the project's objective is to establish a fair, humane and efficient justice system for all by ensuring a strengthened capacity of the prison sector to respond to the needs of the criminal justice system as a whole. The project addressed the requirement for secure and adequate physical infrastructures able to host prisoners and detainees in compliance with international standards while focusing on capacity building of prison staff in order to ensure the effective management of prisoners' data files in line with international standards.</p>				
Immediate Objectives:	<p>The project comprises a set of interrelated activities focused on the delivery of three key outputs as follows:</p> <p>(i) Two prisons in Bissau, one in Mansoa and one in Bafatá refurbished in line with international standards;</p> <p>(ii) Data management system established for the two prisons in Bissau and the two provincial prisons;</p> <p>(iii) Prison managers and senior penitentiary staff trained with special focus on the management of the data files.</p>				
Project Status as at June, 2011					
Funds disbursed:	USD 900.000				
Delivery rate:	100 %				

<p>Outputs delivered:</p>	<p>Output 1: Two regional prisons refurbished in line with international standards, one in Mansoa and one in Bafatá;</p> <p>Output 2: Data management system established for the two regional prisons.</p> <p>Output 3: Prison managers and senior penitentiary staff trained with special focus on the management of the data files.</p>
<p>Achievements and challenges</p>	<p>A greater belief in the criminal justice system was promoted, putting an end to the pervasive feeling that impunity always prevails. An effective establishment of rule of law institutions restored faith in the justice system</p> <p>Only two of the four selected prisons were refurbished because of the insufficiency of funds to rehabilitate 4 prisons. The assessment report of refurbishment needs was clear that Guinea-Bissau needs at least 500 places for prisoners.</p> <p>A new prisoners' registry & file management system is available (GoDMS). The development of the Data Management System was finalized and was already implemented in both Bissau Guinean rehabilitated prisons.</p> <p>All prison officials were trained and the knowledge was increased among trainees on each of training topics, especially on human rights standards.</p> <p>The 78 guards and a roster of 5 Directors selected by the Ministry of Justice received training by Portuguese trainers of the Directorate General of Prison Services of the Portuguese Ministry of Justice in cooperation with UNODC. The training course ended on November 10, 2010 and included also the delivery of 160 uniforms, 30 handcuffs and 80 batons. The course had an intensive format (6 hours per day), duration of two and half months and included theoretical training as well physical training.</p> <p>Upon completion of the basic training, 12 selected guards were appointed as supervisors. Also the best graded Directors in this first training were definitely appointed as the first two Directors for Mansoa and Bafatá, being both women.</p> <p>An even more profound development of information management capacity in the 2 prisons is being done with the support of the Directorate General of Prison Services of the Portuguese Ministry of Justice, which has a team of experts <i>in loco</i>, training and building capacity for Prison guards, Chiefs and Directors.</p>