

**SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PEACEBUILDING FUND  
PROJECT DOCUMENT TEMPLATE**



**PBF PROJECT DOCUMENT**  
Length: Max. 12 pages (plus cover page and annexes)

<b>Country:</b> Somalia	
<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> Secretariat project: Support and capacity development for joint analysis, design, and coordination of PBF interventions in Somalia	
<b>Project number / from MPTF-O Gateway portal (for existing projects):</b> 00140251	
<b>PBF project modality:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IRF <input type="checkbox"/> PRF	<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>
List all direct project recipient organizations (starting with Convening Agency), followed by the type of organization (UN, CSO etc.): United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) List additional implementing partners, governmental and non-governmental: Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation (MoIFAR) and others to be determined following formation of the PBF Steering Committee	
Approximative project start date <sup>1</sup> : 13 July 2023 Project duration in months: <sup>2</sup> 41 months (until 31 December 2026) Geographic zones for project implementation: Somalia	
<b>Does the project fall under one of the specific PBF priority windows?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Gender promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Youth promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Transition between different UN configurations (i.e. peacekeeping mission withdrawing) <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-border or regional project	
<b>Total PBF approved project budget* (by recipient organization):</b> UNDP: \$ 2,009,223.53  Total PBF: \$ 2,009,223.53	
<small>*The overall approved budget and the release of the second and any subsequent tranche are conditional and subject to PBSO's approval and subject to availability of funds in the PBF account. The coordinating agency must prove that the project has spent/committed at least 75% of the previous tranche and submit all the PBF reports due covering that same period.</small>	

<sup>1</sup> Note: the project start date is the date of the first transfer.  
<sup>2</sup> The maximal duration 18 months for IRF projects and 36 months for PRF projects.

<p><b>Any other existing funding for the project (amount and source):</b> N/A  <b>Total project budget:</b> \$ 2,009,223.53</p>			
<p><b>PBF 1<sup>st</sup> tranche (70%):</b>  UNDP: \$ 1,406,456.47</p>	<p><b>PBF 2nd tranche* (30%):</b>  UNDP: \$ 602,767.06</p>		
<p><b>Two-three sentences with a brief project description and succinct explanation of how the project is time sensitive, catalytic, and risk-tolerant/ innovative:</b>                  The main objective of the project is to maintain and expand the PBF Secretariat in the Integrated Office of the UN DSRSG/RC/HC for Somalia, working in close partnership with the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation (MoIFAR) as its main government counterpart to ensure that relevant research/ (conflict) analysis, is conducted in partnership with civil society, government, and development partners to measure overall impact of the PBF portfolio and to inform the design of PBF-supported, gender-, age-, and conflict-sensitive programming. The PBF Secretariat together with MoIFAR will serve as a convener to encourage the joint design and conduct of relevant analysis, thereby contributing to and shaping the UN's Common Country Analysis. It will equally aim at building the capacities within the UN, the government, especially MoIFAR, and civil society to design, monitor and learn from age- and gender-responsive and conflict-sensitive peacebuilding interventions. The design and monitoring of PBF-funded projects will consider risk management and integrity measures. The Secretariat will ensure synergies and coordination of these interventions across the portfolio, while promoting national ownership and government leadership, and steering of PBF interventions. The PBF Secretariat will support MoIFAR to co-lead on the development and operationalization of identified priorities and carry out M&amp;E, learning and research activities to measure the overall impact of the PBF-funded work in line with the strategies.</p>			
<p><b>Summarize the in-country project consultation and endorsement process prior to submission to PBSO, including through any PBF Steering Committee where it exists:</b>                  The project builds on the lessons learned and experiences of the previous PBF Secretariat projects in Somalia. This project will be critical to strengthen national ownership and to foster Government leadership in steering peacebuilding interventions, working closely with MoIFAR. The project will support MoIFAR to ensure that the steering of PBF interventions will be streamlined and complementary vis-a-vis the overall aid architecture that may be adapted by the Government together with development partners. A steering mechanism for PBF interventions may therefore be either a dedicated PBF Steering Committee that is complementary to this architecture or PBF steering functions may be meaningfully integrated in other emerging steering structures to foster Government leadership when taking decisions regarding the PBF portfolio. Noting that details of how PBF steering functions will be structured are unknown and have to be agreed upon (including with MoIFAR, UN leadership in Somalia and the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)), this document will refer to 'PBF Steering Committee' as a governance mechanism for PBF interventions. This Secretariat project was consulted with MoIFAR, within the Integrated Office of the UN DSRSG/RC/HC for Somalia, and with PBSO. It also considers identified needs of the UNCT/ Agencies, Funds and Programmes emerging from past project design and implementation.</p>			

<p><b>Project Gender Marker score<sup>3</sup>: 2</b>  <b>Specify % and \$ of total project budget allocated to activities in direct pursuit of gender equality and women empowerment: 31.62 %</b></p>	
<p><b>Project Risk Marker score<sup>4</sup> : 1</b></p>	
<p><b>Select PBF Focus Areas which best summarizes the focus of the project (select ONLY one)<sup>5</sup>: 4.3</b></p> <p><b>UN Cooperation Framework outcome(s) to which the project contributes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inclusive Politics and Reconciliation</li> <li>- Security and Rule of Law</li> <li>- Gender, Human Rights and Inclusion</li> </ul> <p>If applicable, Sustainable Development Goal to which the project contributes: SDG 16</p>	
<p><b>Type of submission:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New project</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project amendment</p>	<p><b>If it is a project amendment, select all changes that apply and provide a brief justification:</b></p> <p><b>Extension of duration:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional duration in months: 15 months.                  New end date: 31 December 2026</p> <p><b>Change of project outcome / scope:</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Change of budget allocation between outcomes or budget categories of more than 15%:</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Additional PBF budget:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional amount by recipient organization: USD XXXXX</p> <p><b>Brief justification for amendment:</b></p> <p>The extension of the project for 15 months is requested to support the completion of Somalia's ongoing Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) eligibility renewal process, which is expected to conclude by the end of 2025. This process is essential for ensuring Somalia's continued access to PBF funding and requires dedicated coordination.</p> <p>Additionally, the extension will allow the recruitment of a new PBF Coordinator to work for one year until the newly proposed end of the PBF Secretariat Project. This role is critical for finalizing the eligibility process</p>

<sup>3</sup> **Score 3** for projects that have gender equality as a principal objective (at least 80% of total budget allocated to gender equality and women empowerment).

**Score 2** for projects that have gender equality as a significant objective (at least 30% of total budget allocated to gender equality and women empowerment).

**Score 1** for projects that contribute in some way to gender equality, but not significantly (less than 15% of budget).

<sup>4</sup> 0 = low risk to achieving outcomes

1 = medium risk to achieving outcomes

2 = high risk to achieving outcomes

<sup>5</sup> (1.1) SRR, (1.2) Rule of law, (1.3) DDR, (1.4) Political dialogue;

(2.1) National reconciliation; (2.2) Democratic governance; (2.3) Conflict prevention/management;

(3.1) Employment; (3.2) Equitable access to social services

(4.1) Strengthening of essential national state capacity; (4.2) extension of state authority/local administration;

(4.3) Governance of peacebuilding resources and PBF Secretariat.

	<p>and guiding the transition into the next eligibility period.</p> <p>As Somalia has been selected to receive funding from the United Nations' assessed contributions from member states starting in 2026. The continuation of this project will facilitate the identification of priorities and new projects expected to be funded from these assessed contributions. The proposed extension of this project into December 2026 would also align to the transition of the United Nations Transitional Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNTMIS), which is scheduled to conclude by 31 October 2026. Therefore, the extension is essential to maintain momentum, safeguard institutional memory, and position Somalia for a smooth continuation of PBF-funded peacebuilding efforts, as well as the effective utilization of upcoming assessed contributions.</p>
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PROJECT SIGNATURE:

<b>Recipient agency<sup>6</sup></b>  <b>Lionel Laurens Resident Representative</b> <b>UNDP Somalia</b>  [Redacted Signature] <i>Signature</i> <i>Date &amp; Seal</i>  18-Sep-2025 	<b>Representative of National Authorities</b>  <b>Ali Yusuf Ali Hosh</b> <b>Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation</b> <b>Federal Government of Somalia</b>  [Redacted Signature] <i>Signature</i> <i>Date &amp; Seal</i>  23/9/2025 
<b>Head of UN Country Team</b>  <b>George Conway</b> <b>Deputy Special Representative of the Resident and Deputy Resident for Somalia</b>  [Redacted Signature] <i>Signature</i> <i>Date &amp; Seal</i>  2025 	<b>Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)</b> <b>for</b> <b>Elizabeth Mary Spehar</b> <b>Assistant Secretary-General</b> <b>Peacebuilding Support Office</b>  [Redacted Signature] <i>Signature</i> <i>Date &amp; Seal</i>  29 oct 2025 

<sup>6</sup> Please include a separate signature block for each direct recipient organization under this project.