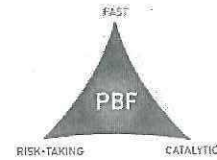


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**PEACEBUILDING FUND
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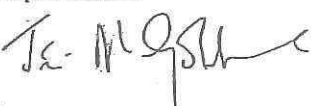

Project Title: Peacebuilding Fund Secretariat	Recipient UN Organization(s): UNDP
Project Contact: Zarak Saleem Jan Address: c/o UNDP Yemen Telephone: +967.712.222.205 E-mail: zarak.jan@one.un.org	Implementing Partner(s) – name & type (Government, CSO, etc): <i>Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation Resident Coordinator Office</i>
Project Number: <i>Use project number provided by UNDP MPTF Office</i>	Project Location: Sana'a, Yemen
Project Description: Support to the Joint Steering Committee to manage the peacebuilding programme in Yemen	Total PBF project budget: \$1,100,000 Any non-PBF project contribution: NA Total project budget: \$1,100,000
	Project Start Date: 09/07/2014 Initial Project End Date: July 31 2016 Revised End Date (if applicable): December 31 2016
Gender Marker Score²: <u> </u> 2 (based on gender sensitivity of overall programme)	

¹ Please use this form if there is a no-cost extension with no substantive effect of project results OR if there is a within-the-budget re-allocation of funds, affecting more than 15% of any budget category. This form does not need to be accompanied by a Transmittal Form (template 3.3). However, within 3 months of the proposed change, there should be JSC minutes indicating non-objection to the change by the JSC. The form and the minutes by JSC need to be submitted to MPTF and PBSO for information.

² PBSO monitors the inclusion of gender equality and women's empowerment all PBF projects, in line with SC Resolutions 1325, 1888, 1889, 1960 and 2122, and as mandated by the Secretary-General in his [Seven-Point Action Plan on Gender Responsive Peacebuilding](#).

Project Outcomes: Secretariat support to all applicable outcomes.

PBF Focus Area³ : The delivery of quality secretariat services to the Joint Steering Committee in the management of the Peacebuilding Priority Plan (PPP), including project implementation, coordination, support for the implementation of a monitoring & evaluation framework, reporting on Priority Plan results, and liaising with implementing and other partners.

<i>(for PRF-funded projects)*</i>	
Recipient UN Organization(s) <i>(include one signature box per RUNO)</i>	
Mr. Jamie Mcgoldrick UN Resident Coordinator UNDP Resident Representative	
Signature Date & Seal	
Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)	
Oscar Fernandez Taranco Assistant Secretary General Peacebuilding Support Office, NY	
Signature Date & Seal	

***Government Co-Chair of the JSC signature is not required for this extension due to the exceptional situation in the country.**

³ PBF focus areas:

1: Support the implementation of peace agreements and political dialogue (Priority Area 1):

(1.1) SSR; (1.2) RoL; (1.3) DDR; (1.4) Political Dialogue;

2: Promote coexistence and peaceful resolution of conflicts (Priority Area 2):

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

3: Revitalise the economy and generate immediate peace dividends (Priority Area 3);

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

4) (Re)-establish essential administrative services (Priority Area 4)

(4.1) Strengthening of essential national state capacity; (4.2) extension of state authority/local administration; (4.3) Governance of peacebuilding resources (including JSC/PBF Secretariats)

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I. Reason for changes to the project and justification

- a) **Nature of change and justification:** *This section outlines the nature of the revision being sought and the justification for the change.*

Yemen's transitional period after the Arab Spring in 2011 was interrupted by a series of events that started when the Houthis captured the capital city of Sana'a, and further escalated through a military intervention led by Saudi Arabia and the Coalition Forces.

The Houthi movement expanded during the past years and eventually took over the capital in September 2014. Despite the signing of the Peace and National Partnership Agreement (PNPA) on 21 September, 2014 by the Houthis and all political parties; and despite the formation of the new Cabinet; the Houthis continued to take control over security and government institutions in Sana'a and expanded their military presence in other governorates, mainly Damar, Taiz, Ibb, and finally Aden. In March 2015, President Hadi fled to Saudi Arabia and called for International military support to help the Government return to Yemen. On March 26, 2015, a coalition led by Saudi Arabia launched a military operation 'Decisive Storm' to reinstate the legitimate government and which entailed airstrikes on Houthi affiliated camps and forces.

These events resulted in a clear interruption of the peacebuilding process that had been underway since 2012 and that had been the basis of Peacebuilding Fund investments in Yemen. Accordingly, in April 2015, PBSO suspended, in principle, activities in Yemen financed by the Peacebuilding Fund. However, PBSO authorized the continuation of a few specific activities financed by the PBF, including human rights monitoring, the development of modules for conflict sensitive programming as well as some limited capacity building of NGOs on conflict sensitive programming and assistance delivery.

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Secretariat for Yemen, PBSO also authorized the continuation of this project until the end date of the Yemen Peacebuilding Priority Plan.

As a result of the continuation of key activities of the PBF portfolio in Yemen, on April 21st 2015, the Secretariat team had to deploy to Amman to follow up with the suspension process, coordinating and ensuring timely delivery of reports for the different projects under PBF. Working from Amman for a while was not sought or planned in the original budget. The allocated budget line for Travel was not sufficient to cover for the carry out mission. The expenses included, Travel Ticket for three staff, DSA allocation for two month, which added to an estimated amount of \$55,000.

Furthermore, since the Program Coordinator position was suspended, an International Consultant was then recruited to help with some of the activities and tasks that were assigned to the Programme coordinator. A consultant was therefore recruited for six months, the consultation fees for six month, DSA and travel tickets were added to an estimated total of \$135,000.

Moreover, operational costs were missing from the initial budget and therefore a budget line has to be added in order to cover all operational and administrative costs related to the project. Since UNDP is providing the PBF secretariat with an office space, a common premises cost (rent) has to be paid, for 2015 the rent was \$35,000. The estimated amount for the year of 2016 is \$35,000.

Also, given the complexity of the situation in Yemen, it was recognized the need of creating stronger links and synergies between development-political-security within both the Office of the Special Envoy and the UN Country Team, as represented by the UN Resident Coordinator (RC). Therefore a position of the Peace and Development Advisor (PDA) which will be based in Sanaa become necessary so that it serves as a primary resource to establish a bridge between the UN's political efforts and the larger UNCT and to facilitate early and joint thinking on trust and peace-building activities in support of the political process. The PDA position will be covered by the PBF Secretariat budget for a period of six months. The UNDP/DPA Joint Programme on Building National Capacities for Conflict Prevention will fund other six months of the PDA position.

Therefore, and for all the above changes, there is a need for a budget revision and a reassignment of the available funding to cover for the new emerged expenses that need to be included in the plan. Furthermore, since the situation in the country is slightly improving, PBF activities that were previously impossible might be implemented, for example the “Joint Emergency Capacity Development Support to National NGOs Working in Communities Affected by Conflict” project will equip credible and capable National NGOs with conflict mitigation, prevention and sensitive skills that they can adopt and replicate to implement high quality and conflict-sensitive projects, Moreover the “Enhance trust between security institutions and the general population” project is viewed to establish the support for human rights and rule of law, and institutional frameworks should address longstanding grievances and lay the basis for accountable institutions that respect, protect and fulfil human rights, and criminalize any violations. As a result, an extension of the Yemen Peacebuilding Priority Plan has been requested and, in the event such request is approved, PBF Secretariat support will be required until the end date of the Yemen PPP.

These projects will directly contribute to the Peace outcomes identified in the Yemen Peacebuilding Priority Plan. The Peacebuilding Fund Secretariat (PBFS) project is ending on July 2016, a request for extending the project until December 31st is needed for effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and communication on the achievement of the Priority Plan results.

II. Budget impact

a) Budget revision:

Table 1: Project Activity Budget

Project Activities Budget remain the same.

SUPPORT TO THE JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE					
Theory of change: If quality support is provided there will be an expansion of the peacebuilding programme in Yemen					
National priorities	PBF specific outcome	Indicators	Partners	Indicative Budget	Assumptions
	Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, analysis and communication on the achievement of the Priority Plan results and the projects that support it.	<p>Timely submission of the JSC Annual Report Baseline: n/a Target: within 7 days of the deadline</p> <p>High quality JSC Annual Reports Baseline: n/a Target: "acceptable" rating by PBSO review team</p> <p>Quality PPP projects Baseline: n/a Target: fully meet selection criteria, including value-for-money criteria</p> <p>Quality coordination and communication from PBF secretariat Baseline: n/a Target: Key partners (e.g. RUNOs as well as non-UN stakeholders) satisfied with level and timeliness of PBF secretariat communication and coordination</p>	RCO	\$1.1 million	Priority plan signed off
Outcome 1: Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and communication on the achievement of the Priority Plan results and the projects that support it.					
Output number	Output name	Output budget	Any remarks (e.g. on types of inputs provided or budget justification)		

Table 2: Project budget by UN categories by RUNO

PBF PROJECT BUDGET – RUNO 1 (add other tables if more than 1 RUNO)			
CATEGORIES	Original Budget	Proposed increase/decrease	Proposed new budget
1. Staff and other personnel	733,914	-233,877	500,037
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	25,000	0	25,000
3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture (including Depreciation)	143,000	0	143,000
4. Contractual services	56,123	+93,877	150,000
5. Travel	20,000	+50,000	70,000
6. Training	50,000	0	50,000
7. General Operating and other Direct Costs	0	+90,000	90,000
Sub-Total Project Costs	1,028,037	0	1,028,037
8. Indirect Support Costs*	71,963	0	71,963
TOTAL⁴	1,100,000	0	1,100,000

* The rate shall not exceed 7% of the total of categories 1-7, as specified in the PBF MOU and should follow the rules and guidelines of each recipient organization. Note that Agency-incurred direct project implementation costs should be charged to the relevant budget line, according to the Agency's regulations, rules and procedures.

⁴ The total in the original budget and in the proposed new budget must be the same if using this template.