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**PEACE BUILDING FUND
Joint Steering Committee**

PBF Joint Steering Committee (JSC) Meeting
November 28, 2017
Time: 0900hrs
Venue: Level 1 Conference Room, Manasupe Haus, Waigani
Port Moresby

Participants

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Agenda

	Agenda Item	Chair/Presenter(s)
08:30	Arrival of JSC members	---
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks	JSC Co-chairs: Ambassador Issac Lupari , Chief Secretary to PNG, Mr. Joseph Nobetau , Chief Secretary to ABG Mr. Roy Trivedy , UNDP Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator
09:10 – 09:15	Expected Outcomes of the JSC meeting	Roy Trivedy (United Nations)
09:15 – 00:45	Presentation of the UN PBF PPP & Reports	Lawrence Bassie – Peace Building Fund Coordinator (United Nations)
09:45 – 10:00	Discussion and endorsement of 2017 Annual Reports	PBF JSC members
10:00 – 10:30	Discussion on recommendations of the PBF Technical Committee	Co-Chairs [to facilitate]
10:30 – 10:45	Summary and next steps/action points looking into 2018 and beyond	Co-Chairs [to facilitate]
10:45 – 11:30	Morning Tea	---
END OF MEETING		



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The minutes and outcomes of the JSC meeting are set out in two parts. Part 1 outlines the key resolutions of the JSC and Part 2 sets out the details of the discussions.

Part 1: Summary of the PBF JSC Resolutions on the Technical Committee's Recommendations on Key Issues Arising

A. Discussions on the Peacebuilding fund 2017 Annual Reports

Recommendation:

The Technical Committee having deliberated generally on the presentation of the achievements and challenges faced by the PBF in 2017, commended the PBF for the achievements arrived at, and acknowledged the challenges that have hindered full implementation of the PNG Peacebuilding Priority Plan (PPP) 2015 – 2017. The technical committee further accepts the reports provided and recommends to the JSC to consider and endorse the 2017 PBF reports.

JSC Acknowledgement and Resolution

The JSC acknowledged and endorsed the recommendation of the Technical Committee to accept the PBF 2017 Annual reports for submission to the Peace Building Support office (PBSO).

B. Discussions on the No-Cost Extension of the Peacebuilding Fund from 01 January – 31 March 2018

Recommendation:

The Technical Committee having deliberated on the no-cost extension request for the PNG Peacebuilding Priority Plan, reinforces the decision of its extra-ordinary meeting of June 14, 2017 and recommend to the JSC to consider and endorse the undermentioned:

- i. A no-cost extension of the current PPP from 01 January to 31 March 2018 to allow for its full implementation*
- ii. Establishment of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) during this period*

JSC Acknowledgement and Resolution

- i. The JSC acknowledged and endorsed the recommendation of the Technical Committee that the No - Cost extension be granted from 01 January to 30 April 2018, instead of the recommended*



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timeframe of 01 January to 31 March 2018, to ensure that all activities to be done during the no-cost extension period are progressed before the expiration of the PNG Priority Plan.

- ii. The JSC noted that the National and Autonomous Bougainville Governments have been discussing the establishment of an Eminent Persons Group since September 2016. The Committee further noted that this issue was again raised at the extraordinary meeting of the PBF Joint Technical Committee held in Buka in June 2017. The JSC affirmed that if the EPG concept is put in as an agenda item and approved by the Joint Supervisory Body at its meeting of 14/15 December 2017, the UN Peace Building Fund will work with both governments to support the establishment of the Eminent Persons Group.

C. Discussions on the Costed Extension of the Peacebuilding Fund from 01 April 2018 – 31 December 2022

Recommendation:

The Technical Committee having considered and deliberated on the request from PBF for a costed extension of the Peacebuilding Priority Plan from 01 April 2018 - 31 December 2022 after the no-cost extension comes to an end in March 2018, to support peacebuilding in Bougainville and PNG pre-and post-referendum recommends JSC endorsement. The costed extension must be informed by a series of consultations with development partners and the two governments.

JSC Acknowledgement and Resolution

The JSC acknowledged and endorsed in principle the recommendation of the Technical Committee. The PBF was requested to develop the proposal for the Costed extension ensuring that both governments are central in its design to ensure buy-in and ownership. The team was also encouraged to consult with various development partners for their inputs in the design phase. The JSC was of the view that a proposal with cost estimates after consultations will better inform PBSO as the quantum of support being requested by UNDP



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Part 2: Minutes of the PBF Joint Steering Committee Meeting

I. Introduction

Meeting called to order by Mr. Roy Trivedy, the UNDP Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator to PNG, and Co-Chair of the PBF Joint Steering Committee.

II. Welcome and opening remarks JSC – Chairs

Co-Chairs:

- Mr. John Punde, Deputy Secretary, Department of Prime Minister & NEC, National Government
- Mr James Tanis, Secretary, Department of Bougainville Peace Agreement Implementation, Autonomous Bougainville Government
- Mr. Roy Trivedy, UNDP Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator, United Nations in PNG

The Co-Chairs apologized on behalf of the National Chief Secretary Ambassador Isaac Lupari for not attending the meeting due to other National Government commitments. Apologies were also tendered for the confusion on timings for commencement of the meeting as well as its late start.

The Co- Chairs informed that the Joint Steering Committee meeting was held firstly as a key governance requirement of the Peace Building Support Office (PBSO), and secondly to consider recommendations of the PBF Joint Technical Committee meetings held on 14 June in Bougainville and 23 November in Port Moresby respectively.

Mr Roy Trivedy called for a round of introduction of JSC members and observers.

III. Expected Outcomes

1. Update on the PBF provided since last meeting of the Joint Steering Committee in September 2016.
2. Discussion and decisions on PBF JTC recommendations.
 - i. Endorsement of 2017 PBF Reports
 - ii. No-Cost Extension for the PNG Peacebuilding Priority Plan January to March 2018
 - iii. Costed extension of the PNG Peacebuilding Priority Plan April 2018 to December 2022.

Presentations were made on (i–iii) by the PBF Coordinator to the Joint Steering Committee to inform their decision making. The presentations¹ requested the JSC to consider the recommendations of the JTC and endorse the 2017 PBF Reports; Endorse JTC recommendations for a PBF no-cost extension (Jan- Mar 2018) and a Costed Extension of \$12.5 M (April 2018 – December 2022).

¹ See presentations attached as Annex 3 to this minute



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IV. Presentation and Discussion of Peace Building Fund Project reports

The PBF Joint Steering Committee having deliberated on the recommendation of the Joint Technical Committee below:

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The JSC accepted and endorsed the PBF reports 2017 and directed that they be submitted to the Peace Building Support Office (PBSO):

V. Presentation and Discussion of Peace Building Fund Project No-Cost extension request

The PBF Joint Steering Committee having deliberated on the recommendation of the Joint Technical Committee below:

The Technical Committee having deliberated on the no-cost extension request of the PNG Peacebuilding Priority Plan, reinforces the decision of its extra-ordinary meeting of June 14, 2017 and recommend to the JSC to consider and endorse the undermentioned:

- *A no-cost extension of the current PPP from 01 January to 31 March 2018 to allow for its full implementation*
- *Establishment of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) during this period*

The JSC accepted and endorsed that the PBF No Cost Extension of the PNG Priority Plan be granted by PBSO with the caveat that the extension should be from January – April 2018, instead of March to ensure that all Priority Plan activities are properly completed within that time frame.

On the Establishment of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG), The JSC noted that the national and ABG governments had been discussing the establishment of an Eminent Persons Group since December 2016, and that this was again discussed at the PBF Extra-ordinary meeting of the Joint Technical Committee held in Bougainville in June 2017. The JSC lauded the idea, and stated that if this is made an agenda item of the Joint Supervisory Body meeting 14-15 December 2017, and endorsed by both Governments then it will be supported by UNDP through the PBF.

VI. Presentation and Discussion of Peace Building Fund Project Costed extension request

The PBF Joint Steering Committee having deliberated on the recommendation of the Joint Technical Committee below:



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The Technical Committee having considered and deliberated on the request from PBF for a costed extension of the Peacebuilding Priority Plan from 01 April 2018 - 31 December 2022 after the no-cost extension comes to an end in March 2018, to support peacebuilding in Bougainville and PNG pre-and post-referendum recommends JSC endorsement. The costed extension must be informed by a series of consultations with development partners and the two governments.

The PBF JSC endorsed the recommendation in principle and made suggestions as to how the PBF team must proceed with getting the documents together for the cost extension 01 May 2018 – 31 December 2022.

VII. Joint Steering Committee General Discussions and Comments

- The period for the No – Cost extension was considered too short and as such, added one-month April 2017 instead of ending in March. The JSC reaffirmed the crucial need for the extension based on successes of the current PPP and requests that have been made for continuation of this PBF support by PNG and Bougainville leaders. The JSC reiterated that the peacebuilding momentum in PNG and Bougainville must be maintained especially when both governments are facing difficult financial challenges to fund such activities.
- The JSC raised concerns over the potential for activities under the PNG PPP to overlap with activities that are being conducted by other development partners in Bougainville's limited space hence the need for more effective coordination and collaboration amongst partners to avoid duplication and making more efficient use of scarce resources. The strengthened coordinating role of the National Coordination office for Bougainville Affairs (NCOBA) was also considered quite critical.
- The JSC intimated that the amount of \$12.5 M requested by the UNDP from PBF over a period of 5 years (2018-2022) at an annual amount of \$2.5/annum be revisited and activities prioritised and costed. Considering the fact that PBF activities would largely involve consultations and dialogue between parties as opposed to infrastructural development, the funding being requested may be high. Conversely given international experience in conducting skills and financial inclusion programmes in post-conflict environments, this funding could just turn out to be inadequate. An encouraging statement made at the meeting is that the UN continues to use its comparative advantage to support political dialogue activities of both governments which is still quite relevant to the peace process. The UNDP/PBF informed that all 3 PPP outcomes were mutually reinforcing and that social issues do impinge on political issues hence the need for all outcomes to be given equal priority.



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- The JSC's attention was drawn to the fact that the Community Governments in Bougainville will have a significant role in the next phase of the implementation of the Peace Building Priority Plan as it is now the second tier of Government. This will be in addition to the critical role of the Parliament in impacting development, rule of law and good governance, in addition to peace building. These roles as discussed were duly recognised by the JSC and the PBF Team requested to factor this in the design of the costed extension.
- The JSC lauded the idea of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) envisaged to be the body which assists both Governments interpret the intent of the Bougainville Peace Agreement and its implementing laws relating to draw down of powers, fiscal arrangements and other contentious issues. The group with a small structure will informally deal with disagreements between the two governments.

VIII. Closing of Meeting

The PBF Joint Steering Committee (JSC) Meeting was concluded at 1100 Hrs. and all three Co-Chairs thanked all the members for making time to attend the meeting that was required to provide the strategic direction for implementation of the PNG Peacebuilding Priority Plan (PPP).

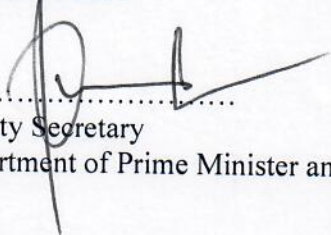


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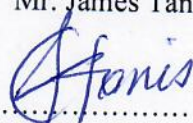


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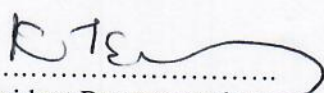
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PBF Presentations


2017 Progress


Presentation on PBF Annual Reports
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'Peace by Peaceful Means'

**Weapons Disposal Consultation
Panguna**



**UN ASG Political Affairs Miroslav Jenca
with President Momis during his visit to
PNG 16-19 November**



Brief Background

- Peace and Development Analysis 2013 informed the PNG Peace Building Priority Plan (PPP)
- PPP with 4 Outcome areas (projects) totalling 7.3 M\$ for 3 years 2015-2017
- Two additional 18 Months projects ended 2016
- PNG PPP to end in December 2017
- UNDP seeking a no cost extension of the PPP to March 2018 and a costed extension from April 2017 – December 2022

Scope

- The Peace Building Priority Plan Outcomes (1-4)
- Progress to date Jan-December 2017
- PBF Financial overview
- Challenges and Risks
- 2018 and Beyond

Peace Building Priority Plan Outcomes

PPP/Outcome 1

- Strengthening partnership and political dialogue between GoPNG and ABG.

PPP/Outcome 2

- Support knowledge-building and understanding of the Bougainville Peace Agreement

PPP/Outcome 3

- Promoting security and social cohesion in Bougainville.

PPP/Outcome 4

- The coordination, monitoring and reporting of results of the Peace building Priority Plan and Projects supported and strengthened through the establishment of a PBF Secretariat

Outcome 1: Strengthening partnership and political dialogue between GoPNG and ABG – Progress January to December 2017

- *Signing of The Bougainville Referendum Charter on 30 August by the national government which will establish the BRC; provision of seed funding of PGK 1.1 M*
- *Signing of the Roreinang Declaration by former factions on 17 May 2017 in Arawa*
- *Deployment of Weapons disposal expert to support the joint ABG/GoPNG weapons disposal strategy October 2017*
- *Signing of overarching MoU between national government and ABG for Drawdown of Powers in January 2017*

Outcome 2: Support knowledge-building and understanding of the Bougainville Peace Agreement – Progress January to December 2017

- *Outreach infrastructure support provided to the Media Bureau – 3 Community information centres in the regions as well as community information billboards*
- *Equipment support to the Media Bureau for production of Joint messages including financial support through the Letter of Agreement to support whole of ABG approach in referendum message dissemination*
- *Support to production of joint referendum awareness raising messages*

Outcome 3: Promoting security and social cohesion in Bougainville – Progress January–December 2017

- *Low-cost interventions for trauma counselling supported in 10 selected Health facilities in North Bougainville*
- *Support to healing of the memories Centre in Patpatuai South Bougainville*
- *BHOR Parliamentary Committee on Gender Peace and Security organization of women's unification programmes across the region*
- *Three-regional youth resource centers to be established will provide Bougainville's youth with informal skills for the job market.*
- *Promotion of social cohesion through unification and sports*

Joint ABG/UN visit to the Kingdom of Papala Tonnu to meet with Noah Musingku



Support to low cost interventions for trauma counselling

PBF Dry ration support to healing of the memories centre Patpatuai South Bougainville



Hon Isabel Peta Joining the Nazarene Sisters to receive the items from UNDP



PBF Financial Overview

- Total Funds allocated to PNG Peace Building Priority Plan (PPP) is \$7.3M (2014-2017)
 - Political Dialogue - \$2.5M
 - Knowledge Building on the BPA - \$2.5
 - Social Cohesion – \$1.5
 - Secretariat – 800K
- PBF funds spent 2015-2017 – \$6,529,183.12
- Programme funding for 2018 - \$770,816.88 (This funding can only support work till March 2018)

Challenges and Risks

- Available funding will take the programme from 01 January to March 31, 2018.
- APEC will take time and resources away from BPA and referendum issues
- Political sensitivities related to state sovereignty has hindered progress in some key areas but the UN's comparative advantage continues to support dialogue between both governments. Although there are delays given more time these can be addressed
- The need for the UNDP office to continue functioning in Bougainville
- A lot more work required to maintain peace building momentum and have a well-informed Bougainville population before the referendum in June 2019.
- Both Governments highly rely on the fund for traction of the peace process

Looking Ahead into 2018

- Establishment and funding of the Bougainville Referendum Commission (BRC)
- Nomination of Commissioners to the Commission including the chair of the commission
- National government and the ABG to work with development partners and raise awareness on the referendum
- Progressing Weapons Disposal in Bougainville and conducting the 2015 Joint Review of Autonomy Arrangements

No-Cost Extension

No-Cost extension for the Peace Building Priority Plan and Projects January –March 2018

Lawrence Bassie
Peace Building Fund Coordinator

Background

- The Peace and Development Analysis 2013 conducted by the UN (InterPeace)
- 3-year PNG Peacebuilding Priority Plan developed and approved 2014
- Funds provided by the Multi Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) July 2015.
- UNDP has implemented the Peacebuilding Priority Plan within the timeframe of slightly over 2 years since funds were made available in 2015
- Some key activities remain incomplete by December 2017

Key issues

- Challenges to implementation of the priority plan
- Justification for the No- Cost extension (Jan-Mar 2018)
- Activities during the no-cost extension phase
- Risks and Assumptions
- Budget for 2018 (Jan-Mar 2018)
- Recommendation

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UNDP roll out of Sustainable Development Goals



**Challenges to Implementation of
the Priority Plan**

- Political sensitivities related to state sovereignty in areas requiring strengthened dialogue in relation to joint decision making on the implementation of the Bougainville Peace Agreement;
- The absorptive capacity of the Bougainville Government in relation to the support provided under the Peacebuilding fund resulting in slow progress in the implementation of activities being supported;
- Ongoing administrative transition processes within the Bougainville Government during the period of the implementation of the Peacebuilding Priority Plan and supported activities
- Other competing priorities of key partners GoPNG and ABG e.g. National Elections, APEC etc.

**Justification for the No-Cost Extension
(Jan-Mar 2018)**

- Some of the activities in the various outcome areas of the Peace building Priority Plan are yet to be completed
- Without the current requested No-Cost Extension, the outcomes of the Peacebuilding Priority Plan cannot be realistically achieved.
- The need for proper evaluation and closure of the priority Plan 2015-2017.
- The request for a No-Cost Extension bears no additional costing implications but will ensure full implementation of the PPP to achieve outcomes

Activities during the No-Cost extension phase

- Key outcome areas of the priority plan will remain unchanged
- Review of the Joint Autonomy Arrangements, draw down of powers and continued support to political dialogue forums of the two governments (JTT/JSB)
- Continuation of the Referendum Outreach to communities through BHOR and use of Community Information Centres in the 3 Regions
- Unification of factions and weapons disposal work
- Working with the ABG to establishment of the Media Code of Ethics
- Completion of the 3 Regional Integrated Youth Resource Centres ((UNDP/UNFPA)

Risks and Assumptions

- Three months (Jan-Mar) is a very short period to achieve all the outlined objectives of the PPP
- It is assumed that during the period all our implementing partners notably both ABG/GoPNG interlocutors will give the fullest support to the UNDP project team to achieve set goals
- The Peace Building Support Office (PBSO) grants the no-cost extension based on JTC and JSC recommendations

Recommendation

- The PBF is requested to consider its decision made in the last June Extra Ordinary Meeting of the PBF Joint Steering Committee in respect of the no-cost extension of the current PNG PPP which ends in December 2017 to March 2018
- To recommend this extension to the Joint Steering Committee of the PBF which sits on 28 November 2017 in POM

Costed Extension

Cost Extension for the PPP and Projects April 2018-December 2022

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NOVEMBER 2017

Overview

No cost extension if granted ends on 31 March 2018
The need for Peace Building work to continue way up to and
after the Bougainville Referendum in 2019
Initially integrated into the Bougainville Referendum
Support Project
Peace Building now separated from electoral events but to
be mutually supportive and reinforcing

Scope

Assumptions
Justification for the costed extension 2018-2022
Key areas of Peacebuilding focus 2018-2022
UN Referendum Support Project
Requested PBF support to Peacebuilding in PNG 2018-2022
Recommendations

Assumptions

The UNDP and other UN agencies continue to support peacebuilding efforts in Bougainville and PNG

Funds are made available by the PBSO for the period April 2018-December 2022 to support peacebuilding work as we approach the referendum target date of 15 June 2019

The period 2018-2022 is aligned with the UN UNDAF cycle and support will go to pre and post referendum periods

Justification for the costed extension 2018-2022

The current PNG PPP outcomes 2015-2017 will not be significantly altered

Extension will build on achievements of the current plan and prepare for pre and post-referendum periods

PPP 208-2022 will respond to new emerging issues relating to the referendum as the target date of 15 June 2019 draws closer.

Though PBF is catalytic in nature, it has been critical in progressing BPA implementation and constructive political engagements between the GoPNG/ABG

Poor road infrastructure and access to some project locations

Competing national priorities and the economy will make it difficult to fund all peacebuilding activities on Bougainville

The APR perception survey has indicated that there are areas in peacebuilding that still needs to be addressed before the referendum

“Some Key Considerations”



Key areas of Peacebuilding focus 2018-2022

Support to the JSB, its subsidiary committee structures and partners to progress key BPA processes and Referendum workstreams

Continued support to unification processes

Parliamentary support and post referendum negotiations

Support to capacity building for awareness raising on the referendum and informed public dialogues

Peace and Human rights education

Key areas of Peacebuilding focus 2018-2022 Con't

Provision of low cost dispute resolution mechanisms and unification

Provision of skills training centre for youth and support to low cost trauma counselling mechanisms

Cross border community engagement and cooperation

Support to grassroots financial inclusion processes for youth economic empowerment

Support to women's Groups to participate in political decision making and contribute to preparations for the referendum and negotiations

Peace and Security trainings within communities in preparation for the referendum

UN Referendum Support Project

The next wave of PBF support being sought was part of the UN Referendum Support Project (\$25M)

The Peacebuilding component now separated

Electoral budget for referendum activities will now be discussed separately

The Peacebuilding support will complement the work of the BRC for a peaceful and credible referendum

Requested PBF support to Peacebuilding in PNG 2018-2022

The UNDP is requesting \$12.5M over 5 years with a multi year Budget of \$2.5 M starting April 2018

This funding if provided will ensure that peace building activities on Bougainville are not disrupted

Peace does not come cheap but violence is even more costlier.

Recommendations

The PBF JTC is invited to consider the UN request for the Costed extension of the Peace Building Priority Plan (April 2018- December 2022) and endorse the recommendation to be taken up to the JSC for endorsement at its November 28 meeting in POM