



PEACEBUILDING FUND

Project Budget Revision & Non cost Extension request *(to be filled and signed by the Recipient UN organizations and National Implementing Partner(s))*

Project Number: PBF/LBR/A-13: 000088042

Project Title: Women's Economic Empowerment: Building Peace, Promoting Prosperity

Duration of Project:

- As per original approval: 31/10/2013 –31/12/2015
- As per revised: 31/10/2013 –31/12/2016

Date of Submission: July 11, 2016

Reason revision is being requested:

No-cost extension is requested to finish final project activities that remain within 2% of the total project budget and are yet crucial for the project beneficiaries and project impact:

- 1) Final evaluation of the project and should capture the real projects' impact at the community level and individual women's success stories; and
- 2) Work on land rights with the PBF funded Land Desk at the Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Protection.

The Final Evaluation was foreseen to be conducted 3-6 months after graduation ceremony, which was organized on the 3rd of December when almost 5,862 women graduated from business and financial literacy skills and adult literacy and numeracy skills classes provided by PBF projects. (97.7 % of the targeted 6,000 women). This project evaluation will collect data from both UN Women PBF funded projects.

In the meantime, UN WOMEN and the Ministry have hosted two visits from PBF office and provided further input in evaluation and research as requested by the donor.

On this occasion, and having in mind the remaining project activities that need to go through particular procurement procedure, and the intention to manage the first gender-sensitive and transformative evaluation in West Africa, that includes perspective of the most vulnerable groups and which requires time and participation, both the Ministry and UN Women are officially requesting a no-cost extension for this project until the 31 December 2016.

The initial project launch was delayed in 2013, and in 2014 an external company, InDevelop, was recruited via repeated international tender to conduct survey and establish baseline project data. As the Ebola Virus Disease affected Liberia early in 2014, all project activities were put on hold due to the announcement of the international medical emergency and restriction of travel and movement in Liberia and in neighbouring countries.

As soon as the project activities were resumed in the 6 targeted counties after the first declaration of Liberia as the first Ebola free country on the 9 May 2015, an official no-cost extension request was prepared and submitted.

In the meantime, due to change of staff the PBF Support office, a significant time has elapsed without any official communication on the approved status of the first no-cost extension request. The UN Women and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and three implementing partners, civil society organizations, continued with project activities based on the formal verbal communication that "the no-cost extension was granted to all Ebola affected countries".

As of 30 June 2016, the projects have financial implementation rate of 98%. All project reports were submitted on time, uploaded to GATEWAY, this also includes the 2016 biannual reports recently submitted.

The No Cost Extension will not negatively affect project outcomes; however, the final evaluation will enable project team and beneficiaries to estimate project impact at the community level and to collect success stories from women since it will be the first gender-sensitive evaluation ever conducted in Liberia. In addition, it will facilitate women's empowerment at the grassroots level. With a No Cost Extension, the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and UN Women will be able to complete the final evaluation and conclude work with the land desk at the Gender Ministry.

Revised budget if applicable:

PROJECT BUDGET (for JP, budget breakdown by RUNO is needed)			
CATEGORY	CURRENT ALLOCATION	PROPOSED CHANGES	NEW ALLOCATION
1. Staff and other personnel	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -50,000	\$ 200,000.00
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	\$ 30,000.00	0	\$ 30,000.00
3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture (including Depreciation)	\$ 47,500.00	0	\$ 47,500.00
4. Contractual services	\$ 100,000.00	0	\$ 100,000.00
5. Travel	\$ 30,000.00	0	\$ 30,000.00
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	\$ 1,362,318.88	\$ +50,000	\$ 1,412,318.88
7. General Operating and other Direct Costs	\$ 50,000.00	0	\$ 50,000.00
Sub-Total Project Costs	\$ 1,869,818.88	0	\$ 1,869,818.88
8. Indirect Support Costs*	\$ 130,181.12	0	\$ 130,181.12
TOTAL	\$ 2,000,000	0	\$ 2,000,000

On behalf of Representative of National Authorities (s) and Recipient UN Organization (s):

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Heads of the Peacebuilding Support Office

6. Decision of Heads of the Joint Steering Committee

- ☒ Approve
☐ Approve with modification/condition
☐ Defer

Comments (if any):

Request approved by the JSC in its meeting on 22 July 2016

Dr. Henrique Tokpa
Government Co-Chair, PBF Joint Steering Committee

Signature
Date

09/12/16

DSRSG Waldemar Vrey
UN Co-Chair, PBF Joint Steering Committee

Signature
Date

22 Sep 16