SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PEACEBUILDING FUND PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT TEMPLATE



PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT COUNTRY: SOMALIA

TYPE OF REPORT: SEMI-ANNUAL, ANNUAL OR FINAL FINAL

DATE OF REPORT: 21 OCTOBER 2018

Project Title: Coordination Support for the Implementation of the Peacebuilding Priority Plan and Measures to Pilot Studies of Public Response to Peace- and State-building Efforts in Somalia Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway: 00102014
PBF project modality: ☐ IRF ☐ PRF ☐ PRF ☐ Regional Trust Fund ☐ Name of Recipient Fund:
List all direct project recipient organizations (starting with Convening Agency), followed type of organization (UN, CSO etc): UNDP Somalia List additional implementing partners, Governmental and non-Governmental: UNSOM, Ministry of Finance, Prime Minister's Office, World Bank, UN Global Pulse Project commencement date ¹ : 1 June 2016
Project duration in months: ² 18 months, plus a no cost extension until 30 September 2018
Does the project fall under one of the specific PBF priority windows below: Gender promotion initiative Youth promotion initiative Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions Cross-border or regional project
Total PBF approved project budget* (by recipient organization): UNDP: \$ 952,889 : \$: \$ Total: 952,889 *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 How many tranches have been received so far: 1
Report preparation: Project report prepared by: Chanil Jung, UN Global Pulse / Peter Nordstrom, PBF Coordinator Project report approved by: Peter Nordstrom, PBF Coordinator Did PBF Secretariat clear the report: Yes Any comments from PBF Secretariat on the report: No Has the project undertaken any evaluation exercises? Please specify and attach: Ongoing

¹ Note: commencement date will be the date of first funds transfer.

² Maximum project duration for IRF projects is 18 months, for PRF projects – 36 months.

NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

- Avoid acronyms and UN jargon, use general / common language.
- Be as concrete as possible. Avoid theoretical, vague or conceptual discourse.
- Ensure the analysis and project progress assessment is gender and age sensitive.

PART 1: RESULTS PROGRESS

1.1 Overall project progress to date

Briefly explain the **status of the project** in terms of its implementation cycle, including whether all preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (1500 character limit): The project was granted a no cost extension until 30 September 2018 to allow for conclusion of ongoing activities and bridging the PBF coordinating function until it is absorbed in a new PBF Secretariat project. All activities have been completed and the final evaluation is ongoing with expected delivery date on 30 October 2018.

Given the recent/current political/peacebuilding/ transition situation/ needs in the country, has the project been/ does it continue to be **relevant** and well placed to address potential conflict factors/ sources of tensions/ risks to country's sustaining peace progress? Please illustrate. If project is still ongoing, are any adjustments required? (1500 character limit)

The project has played a critical role in designing the new generation of PBF projects under the PRF facility in Somalia and ensuring the required government buy-in. The PBF Secretariat has facilitated two monitoring visits by the PBSO to Mogadishu as part of this process, as well as organised a planning workshop for the UN Country Team on lessons learned from past projects and potential priorities for future PBF investment. Somalia is slowly turning its attention to holding elections in 2020/21. The electoral process will dominate much of the political landscape for the next two years, with increased tensions as a result. The PBF can play an important role to support tailored interventions designed to mitigate the risk that important peacebuilding gains are reversed.

The second component of the project has concluded its pilot of the use of big data analysis in Somalia, which has informed the development of more precise tools and plans to scale up of the Global Pulse initiative. While currently of limited use in Somalia, the approach holds potential to inform programming, analysis and policy formulation for the UN and other entitites.

In a few sentences, summarize **what is unique/innovative/interesting** about what this project is trying/ has tried to achieve or its approach (rather than listing activity progress) (1500 character limit).

With a growing portfolio of PBF-funded projects in Somalia, the secretariat function has an important role to play in ensuring the coherence and coordination of the projects and their alignment with the Peacebuilding Priority Plan, the National Development Plan, and other guiding frameworks in the Somali context. The Somalia portfolio is undergoing a generartional shift in 2018, with several projects nearing their end and new projects (both through the PRF and IRF modalities) coming online. This has required the support of a secretariat both in terms of conceptualizing the ideas, ensuring the required buy-in from the UN Country Team and the government, as well as government. The interest in the PBF modality in Somalia remains strong and the understanding of the PBF as a strategic tool is improving thanks to the consultative approach to project design. Similarly, the government ownership of and support for the PBF-funded projects is significant.

Somalia continues to suffer from widespread insecurity, which hampers the UN's and the internaitonal community's access beyond urban areas. The second component on the use of big data analysis to support peace- and State-building has shown potential as a tool to better understand public perceptions and as a complement to the analysis already being undertaken as part of the UN's mandate in Somalia.

Considering the project's implementation cycle, please rate this project's overall progress towards results to date:
on track

In a few sentences summarize **major project peacebuilding progress/results** (with evidence), which PBSO can use in public communications to highlight the project (1500 character limit): The PBF secretariat component was instrumental in supporting the UN in Somalia and the Somali government to develop its Peacebuilding Priority Plan for 2016-2019 and to expand the portfolio of PBF projects in the country. The PBF secretariat also contributed to raising the profile of the UN's peacebuilding support in the country and to strengthen the UN's integrated approach through the development of joint programmes involving members of the UN Country Team and UNSOM, as well as deepening the partnership with key government counterparts such as the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation.

First results from the Global Pulse pilot project in Somalia have demonstrated have the tools developed as part of the initiative can be used to inform peacebuilding and State-building efforts in the country. Based on in the initial results, some members of the UN Country Team in Somalia have expressed their interest in applying the technology to their programming efforts to better monitor and inform interventions. The use of the technology reduces the risk to UN staff in a high-risk environment such as Somalia and allows for faster and more flexible analysis.

In a few sentences, explain how the project has made **real human impact**, that is, how did it affect the lives of any people in the country – where possible, use direct quotes that PBSO can use in public communications to highlight the project (1500 character limit): Through its programmatic and coordination support to the development of the projects funded by the PBF in Somalia, the PBF secretariat has contributed to furthering the peacebuilding and State-building agenda through the successful implementation of projects under the Peacebuilding Priority Plan.

The Global Pulse component has contributed to amplifying the voices of ordinary Somalis as expressed through radio and social media channels included in the pilot project.

If the project progress assessment is **on-track**, please explain what the key **challenges** (if any) have been and which measures were taken to address them (1500 character limit). While the use of data mining from traditional and social media in Somalia holds significant potential, the limits of the approach have also been recognised as part of the pilot project. Challenges, in particular, concern the limited demographic that use social media (mainly diaspora and urban youth populations) making the representativeness of the data questionable. Additionally, more work is required to develop tools to allow voice recognition of the Somali language to improve analysis.

If the assessment is **off-track**, please list main reasons/ **challenges** and explain what impact this has had/will have on project duration or strategy and what **measures** have been taken/ will be taken to address the challenges/ rectify project progress (1500 character limit): on track

Please attach as a separate document(s) any materials highlighting or providing more evidence for project progress (for example: publications, photos, videos, monitoring reports, evaluation reports etc.). List below what has been attached to the report, including purpose and audience. Attached are information material produced by the Global Pulse pilot project, including:

- Big Data for Peacebuilding
- Radio Content Analysis Toolkit
- Social Media Analysis Toolkit
- Scaling Up Big Data in Somalia
- Completion report Exploring the Use of Big Data in Somalia Peacebuilding

1.2 Result progress by project outcome

The space in the template allows for up to four project outcomes. If your project has more approved outcomes, contact PBSO for template modification.

<u>Outcome 1:</u> The Peacebuilding Priority Plan will provide an effective contribution to Somalia's peacebuilding and State-building priorities due to effective coordination support in the design and implementation of PRF projects.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track

Progress summary: Describe main progress under this Outcome made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration), including major output progress (not all individual activities). If the project is starting to make/ has made a difference at the outcome level, provide specific evidence for the progress (quantitative and qualitative) and explain how it impacts the broader political and peacebuilding context. Where possible, provide specific examples of change the project has supported/ contributed to as well as, where available and relevant, quotes from partners or beneficiaries about the project and their experience. (3000 character limit)?

As a result of the work of the PBF secretariat, the UN in Somalia has supported the development of two PRF projects, namely Midnimo and Daldhis, and their implementation. The Midnimo project has proven particularly successful in promoting the use of a durable solutions approach to the mass displacement crisis facing Somalia, with more than 2.6 million internally displaced persons. The PBF secretariat has also supported the Daldhis project team in navigating the challenges the project has faced due to its high degree of complexity as a "joint programme of joint programmes" as well as managing the delays faced as a result of the highly politicized nature of the issues the project has addressed. Furthermore, the PBF secretariat has supported the development of two projects funded through the PBF IRF modality, of which one was granted funding in 2017 and the second proejct pending approval by PBSO. Finally, the PBF secretariat has also supported the UN Country Team in developing the next generation of projects to be funded by the 2018 PRF allocation to Somalia. These projects include the continuation of a PBF secretariat support project, continuation of Midnimo through a second phase, the continuation of the Support to Stabilization project previously funded through the IRF facility, and the development of the Dhulka Nabaada (Land of Peace) project which provides tailored support to dispute resolution around land in Somalia - a key driver of conflict in the country.

<u>Outcome 2:</u> Support efforts to remotely monitor Somali public perceptions and behaviours relevant to the ongoing peacebuilding and State-building process.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track

Progress summary: (see guiding questions under Outcome 1)

Stakeholder engagement has been ensured from the initial steps of project implementation. Discussions, brainstorming sessions, two workshops in Mogadishu and working sessions in Kampala have provided the opportunity to all stakeholders to co-design the pilot initiative in consensus.

Roles and modalities of engagement among partners for project implementation were agreed upon. A Big Data Advisory Committee (BDAC) was formed to guide and support end-to-end project implementation. The partners included in the BDAC were: UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM), UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBSO), UN Department of Political Affairs (DPA) / Somalia Team, UN Development Programme in Somalia and Uganda, UN Resident Coordinator Office (RCO) in Somalia and UN Global Pulse.

Senior management was informed on the project, including a briefing to the UN Country Team in Somalia and two briefings to the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Somalia in January and November 2017.

One-to-one sessions were organized between project analysts and UN colleagues in Somalia, for sharing views on the technology prototypes under development and to explore how these could support the work of the teams in the country.

Stakeholders were given the opportunity to express their data gaps and expectations and to select the topics that will guide the Big Data analysis. This was promoted with a first workshop held with partners in Mogadishu in January 2017. Transparency and engagement with the newly formed Government of Somalia will be pursued for project implementation.

A second working session was held with stakeholders in Mogadishu in November 2017, where steps were taken to understand how Big Data Analysis can support the participant's work in Somalia, to explore the possibilities of analysing different topics with the technology prototypes and to decide the best way of working with self-identified users.

The following agreed deliverables of the pilot project were achieved:

- o Social media (FB) text analytics toolkit for Somali Arabic developed. The toolkit will include the software programme and a technical guide.
- o Prototype for analysis of radio content in Somali Arabic language developed. The toolkit will include the software programme and a technical guide.
- o Report and dashboard produced with pilot Big Data analysis to inform peace and state building process in Somalia.

Important milestones were achieved in the development of the technology prototypes. Especially relevant is the advancement with the radio prototype that is a worldwide innovation. Also relevant is the development of Qatalog, a tool for the analysis of FB and radio content. Additionally, analysis results were produced to probe the value of the analysis.

The success of the pilot initiative encouraged UN Global Pulse to start planning the next phase-scaled up of the pilot.

Outcome 3:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select one

Progress summary: (see guiding questions under Outcome 1)

Outcome 4:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select one

Progress summary: (see guiding questions under Outcome 1)

1.3 Cross-cutting issues

National ownership: How has the	While the project's focus was on supporting the UN's
national government demonstrated	internal capacity to support the Somali peacebuilding and
ownership/ commitment to the project	State-building capacity, close coordination was maintained
results and activities? Give specific	with key government counterparts in the conceptualization
examples. (1500 character limit)	of projects for funding by the PBF and in exploring the use
	of the data generated by the Global Pulse pilot project.
Monitoring: Is the project M&E plan on	M&E plan on track and reports attached. Monitoring has
track? What monitoring methods and	been carried out using desk review to produce regular
sources of evidence are being/ have been	progress reports, as well as coordination meetings with
used? Please attach any monitoring-	involved partners to gauge progress and finetune
related reports for the reporting period.	approaches. A consultant was engaged to produce the final
(1500 character limit)?	evaluation, who made a field visit to Somalia at the
	beginning of October 2018
Evaluation: Provide an update on the	The project is undergoing its final evaluation, which is
preparations for the external evaluation	expected to have been concluded by the end of October
for the project, especially if within last 6	2018.
months of implementation or final report.	
Confirm available budget for evaluation.	
(1500 character limit)	
Catalytic effects (financial): Did the	Members of the UN Country Team in Somalia have
project lead to any specific non-PBF	expressed their interest in building on the work carried out
funding commitments? If yes, from	by the Global Pulse pilot project, using non-PBF funding.
whom and how much? If not, have any	

specific attempts been made to attract additional financial contributions to the project and beyond? (1500 character limit)	With the support of the PBF secretariat component, the Midnimo programme has successfully raised the profile of the durable solutions approach to displacement in Somalia and secured additional funding from non-PBF sources to carry the work forward.
<u>Catalytic effects (non-financial)</u> : Did	The PBF secretariat component of the project has
the project create favourable conditions	contributed to raising the profile of the PBF in Somalia and
for additional peacebuilding activities by	to develop several new peacebuilding projects for funding. The PBF secretariat has also acted as a resource for
Government/ other donors? If yes, please specify. (1500 character limit)	mainstreaming of peacebuilding through other programmes
specify. (1900 character lifting)	being implemented by the UN in Somalia, civil society,
	and government, as well as to monitor the horizon for new
	peacebuilding opportunities and policy developments with
	potential application in Somalia. Through its direct support to the development of peacebuilding projects, the PBF
	secretariat also contributed to raising awareness around the
	need for a durable solutions approach to internal
	displacement through the Midnimo project, which due to
	its success have generated spinoff programmes aligned
	with the scope of Midnimo and its comprehensive approach.
	арргонен.
	The Global Pulse component raised the awareness of how
	big data analysis can be used to inform the UN's
	peacebuilding and State-building efforts in Somalia. The pilot
Exit strategy/ sustainability: What steps	The PBF secretariat will continue to be funded through the
have been taken to prepare for end of	2018 PRF allocation for Somalia. This is critical as the
project and help ensure sustainability of	PBF portfolio in Somalia is currently undergoing a
the project results beyond PBF support for this project? (1500 character limit)	transition and that the Peacebuilding Priority Plan expires in 2019, after which a new prioritization exercise will have
Tor this project: (1000 character ming)	to be undertaken on the back of a comprehensive
	evaluation of the portfolio to date. The PBF secretariat will
	also play a critical role in guiding the Federal Government
	of Somalia in reapplying for eligiblity of funding from the
	PBF through the PRF modality.
	The Global Pulse component is part of the Secretary-
	General's initiative to use big data analysis to inform the
	UN's peacebuilding and State-building support. It is
	envisaged that the tools developed as a result of this pilot project will be further refined through their application by
	members of the UN Country Team and the continued work
	by the Global Pulse Lab in Kampala, Uganda.
Risk taking: Describe how the project	N/A
has responded to risks that threatened the	
achievement of results. Identify any new risks that have emerged since the last	
report. (1500 character limit)	
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period, which activities have taken place with a specific focus on addressing issues of gender equality or women's empowerment? (1500 character limit)	
Other: Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? (1500 character limit)	N/A

1.3 INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT: Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments- provide an update on the achievement of key indicators at both the outcome and output level in the table below (if your project has more indicators than provided in the table, select the most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight). Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (300 characters max per entry)

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Outcome 1	Indicator 1.1	N/A	75%	100%		
The	SDRF SC					
Peacebuildin	members are					
g Priority	satisfied with the					
Plan will	contribution of the					
provide an	PPP to the peace					
effective	and state building					
contribution	goals 3, 4, and 5					
to Somalia's	Indicator 1.2					
peacebuildin						
g and	Indicator 1.3					
statebuilding						
priorities due						
to effective						
coordination						
support in						
the design						
and						
implementati						
on of the						
PRF projects						

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Output 1.1 PRF project proposals developed	Indicator 1.1.1 Quality PRF project proposals have been developed by the UN and FGS and endorsed by the SDRF SC	0	5	100%		
	Indicator 1.1.2 Projects funded by the PPP support women's and girls' empowerment	N/A	at least 15% of funding is clearly budgeted to support women's and girls' empowerment	100%		
Output 1.2 Technical assistance provided	Indicator 1.2.1 Number of workshops & trainings provided to PRF applicants/implem enting partners	0	4	100%		
	Indicator 1.2.2 Recipient UN/FGS	N/A	75% are satisfied/very	100%		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	implementing partners are satisfied with the level of technical support received by the PPP secretariat		satisfied			
Output 1.3 PPP implementati on coordinated	Indicator 1.3.1 PPP Secretariat functions effectively performed	0	6 SDRF SC - PPP meetings held	Coordination of the PPP projects have been done through the ordinary aid coordination structure and the Pillar Working Groups under the SDRF SC.		
	Indicator 1.3.2 Ensure timely and quality reporting of PBF-funded projects	N/A	75% of reports submitted on time and are deemed of good quality by PBSO	Reporting of the PBF portfolio up to date and progress is being made to ensure that concluded projects are operationally and		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
				financially closed.		
	Indicator 1.3.3 Functioning Knowledge Management System developed	0	1	A workshop with PBF implementing partners was held in Mogadishu in beginning of September. The work will carried on by the successor project.		
Outcome 2 Support	Indicator 2.1					
efforts to remotely	Indicator 2.2					
monitor Somali public perceptions and behaviors relevant to the ongoing peacebuildin	Indicator 2.3					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
g state building processes.						
Output 2.1 PPP Relevant stakeholder buy-in and proper needs assessment among potential users	Indicator 2.1.1 Agreed project plan and signed concept note among key stakeholders. With specific roles and responsibilities	PPP Stakeholders do not know about the Big Data project	Concept note, project plan and workplan agreed in consensus by key stakeholders	-Concept note designed and agreed by all stakeholders Big Data Project Advisory Group established by partners and met 9 times Workplan for implementation, budget and TORs approved2 workshops with partners held to launch project implementation and support progress.		
	Indicator 2.1.2					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Output 2.2 Project outcomes achieved as agreed in project plan and memoranda of understandin g	Indicator 2.2.1 Prototype technology for data analysis is developed	No prototype existed	An experimental technology package for analysis of Big Data content in Somali language from Facebook and radio is developed.	- IT equipment to capture radio content deployed and installed in Mogadishu and are fully operational Software to filter out radio content developed; software to target FB public pages developed; software to extract public FB messages developed and adapted Software platform 'Qatalog' developed		
	Indicator 2.2.2 Data analysis relevance is assessed	No Big Data Analysis was available for Somalia	Conduct assessment on the relevance of Big Data analysis to	- Analysis of the use of media in Somalia conducted.		

Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Indicator 2.2.3 Insights are incorporated into decision-making	No Big Data analysis is used in decision-	support Peace Building processes in Somalia. Insights extracted from Big Data analysis in Somalia are	biases and potentialities of radio and Facebook analysis conducted Complete list of radio stations that can be captured, with reasonable quality, in Mogadishu compiledWorking session held in Mogadishu in November 2017 with stakeholders to understand how		
processes	making processes	used for decision making processes in the context of Peace Building.	insights of Big Data analysis could be used in decision making processes in Somalia3 set of analysis using Big Data		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Output 2.3 Scale up of current to provide more analysis	Indicator 2.3.1 Developed future phase III project plan	No phase III project plan exists	Phase III project plan produced and endorsed by stakeholders.	have been shared with stakeholders3 day user training session on 'Qatalog' provided Scaling up phase of the project discussed during Advisory Committee meetings Inputs and feedback on need and challenges are collected for the drafting of Phase III plans through interviews and working sessions.		
	Indicator 2.3.2 Funding for future phase III secured	No funding is secured	Funding is available for scaling up of the project.	- Donors have been contacted to explore interests in funding scaling up Engaged in meetings with		

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
				stakeholders on collaborating for a joint proposals The need for Phase III highlighted during Advisory Committee meetings.		
Outcome 3	Indicator 3.1					
	Indicator 3.2					
	Indicator 3.3					
Output 3.1	Indicator 3.1.1					
	Indicator 3.1.2					
Output 3.2	Indicator 3.2.1					
	Indicator 3.2.2					
Output 3.3	Indicator 3.3.1					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	Indicator 3.3.2					
Outcome 4	Indicator 4.1					
	Indicator 4.2					
	Indicator 4.3					
Output 4.1	Indicator 4.1.1					
	Indicator 4.1.2					
Output 4.2	Indicator 4.2.1					
	Indicator 4.2.2					
Output 4.3	Indicator 4.3.1					
	Indicator 4.3.2					

PART 2: INDICATIVE PROJECT FINANCIAL PROGRESS

2.1 Comments on the overall state of financial expenditures

Please rate whether project financial expenditures are on track, delayed, or off track, vis-à-vis project plans and by recipient organization: on track

How many project budget tranches have been received to date and what is the overall level of expenditure against the total budget and against the tranche(s) received so far (500 characters limit): Recieved the whole amount in one tranche - the expenditure level is at 100%

When do you expect to seek the next tranche, if any tranches are outstanding: N/A

If expenditure is delayed or off track, please provide a brief explanation (500 characters limit): On track

Please state what \$ amount was planned (in the project document) to be allocated to activities focussed on gender equality or women's empowerment and how much has been actually allocated to date: N/A

Please fill out and attach Annex A on project financial progress with detail on expenditures/ commitments to date using the original project budget table in Excel, even though the \$\\$ amounts are indicative only.