PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

COUNTRY: Gambia

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

semi-annual

YEAR OF REPORT: 2020



Project Title: Addressing Conflict Over Land and Natural Resources (LNR) in The Gambia	
Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway: PRF 00113367	
If funding is disbursed into a national Type and name of recipient organization	ions:
or regional trust fund:	
Country Trust Fund RUNO FAO (Convening Agency)	
Regional Trust Fund RUNO UNDP	
please select	
Name of Recipient Fund: please select	
please select	
Date of first transfer: 11 December, 2018	
Project end date: 31st December 2020	
Is the current project end date within 6 months? Yes	
Check if the project falls under one or more PBF priority windows:	
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):	
Recipient Organization Amount	
FAO \$ 1,100,00	
UNDP \$ 300,000	
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Total: \$ 1,400,000	
Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget: 4350%	
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Gender-responsive Budgeting:	
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Amount expended to date on activities focussed on gender equality or women's emp	100/
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Project Gender Marker: GM2	
Project Risk Marker: Low	
Project PBF focus area: 2.3 Conflict Prevention/Management	
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Report preparation:	
Project report approved by: Jatou Penda Tommy Project report approved by: Dr. Mustapha Cossay	
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Did PBF Secretariat review the report: Yes	

NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

- Avoid acronyms and UN jargon, use general /common language.
- Report on what has been achieved in the reporting period, not what the project aims to do.
- 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: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

Briefly outline the status of the project in terms of implementation cycle, including whether preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (i.e. contracting of partners, staff recruitment, etc.) (1500 character limit):

The Project Coordinator recruited, and a national counterpart assigned.

- •Project office is located within the Ministry of Lands to facilitate project operations and institutionalization of systems and processes introduced by the project.
- •Established the Project Steering Committee (Forestry, Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock, Justice, UNDP and FAO) and Thematic Working Groups
- •Developed the annual and costed quarterly plans by implementing partners in consultations with stakeholders including non-state actors
- •Project national launch & inception workshop help in September 2019
- -The Department of Livestock held community sensitizations and consensus building in 10 districts in the in Central River Region South and West Coast Region, between farmers and pastoralist. Identification of cattle tracks and watering points have been completed and each intervention site costed. Two sites have been identified as pilot and all processes to commence construction on sites cleared.
- -Consultant for the review of legislation: Gaps Assessment draft report submitted to be validated by stakeholders.
- Responsible partnership agreement signed with West Africa Network for Peace to conduct assessment/ analysis in the identified four regions and report has been validated.
- -Consultations with local chiefs on state of land conflicts done
- Capacity needs assessment of local communities on land dispute resolution completed -Developed and distributed advocacy material (project leaflets) to raise awareness on

aims and objectives of the project

- -Department of Forestry identified 20 forests for demarcation and communities surrounding the forests have been engaged in sensitization and dialogue to identify key conflict areas and factors to mitigate these. Due to covid-19 a reduced number of people were engaged, however the diversity of individuals ranged from community leaders to volunteers working in the forests.
- -Baseline assessment is underway to update the indicators
- -ActionAid to conduct an empirical assessment on grievance mechanisms.
- Land Commission received technical support and assistance to strengthen its institutional framework and outreach.

A number of training activities, consultative forums, sensitizations and meetings programmed for the 2nd quarter had to be postponed due to the ongoing covid19 pandemic

Please indicate any significant project-related events anticipated in the next six months, i.e. national dialogues, youth congresses, film screenings, etc. (1000 character limit):

- -Technical meeting of teams working in natural resources to identify areas of overlap and better working solutions.
- -Installation of the watering points and cattle tracks in Sincho Gundo & Bisssari Bajoki
- -Validation of Gaps assessment to be followed by the drafting and/or amendments of legal frameworks.

Introduction of electronic tagging of cattle

- -Stakeholders consultation with a view to identify key causes of LNR conflict and working towards long term solutions this will include government, CSOs, farmer and livestock association, district level authorities etc
- -Trainings for national and local authorities in the application of inclusive LNR frameworks

FOR PROJECTS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF COMPLETION: summarize the main structural, institutional or societal level change the project has contributed to. This is not anecdotal evidence or a list of individual outputs, but a description of progress made toward the main purpose of the project. (1500 character limit):

Collaboration with the Ministry of Lands and government counterparts. Capacity enhancement of Implementing Partners (IPs) in project and activity formulation and implementation Introduction of better working procedures and guidelines between government institutions. Specifically in the surveying of forest parks, plantations and community forests. Initiating joint surveying exercises between the Department of Forestry and Physical Planning to ease the process of map authentication and gazetting of mapped areas.

Institutional support to the Land Commission; recruitment of an administrative and finance officer to assist in institutional strengthening. Procurement of office equipment and support in conducting advocacy and awareness on the functions of the Commission. This works towards enhancing the governments institutional structure to handle and mitigate land conflicts.

In a few sentences, explain whether the project has had a positive **human impact**. May include anecdotal stories about the project's positive effect on the people's lives. Include direct quotes where possible or weblinks to strategic communications pieces. (2000 character limit):

The installation cattle tracks and watering troughs have already had a positive impact on the farming communities. Communities where conflicts between herders and farmers are common have indicated that this will alleviate the conflicts and also encourage more people to return to farming. Many farming communities have shied away from crop farming as the losses suffered severely affect their crop outputs.

The majority of the communities engage in the West Coast Region are willing to fully participate in joint forest park management of their Forest parks as it a natural resource that directly benefits their communities. The Alkalo of Sotokoi, a village next to Finto Manareng Forest Park said: "without community engagements in the management of the forest park the people will not see the benefit of protecting the forest, so you have to engage all the communities so when we see something that is wrong happening we can stop it ourselves"

Wildlife officer Pirang Forest Park: "we need to protect the wildlife we have in this forest park & to promote the ecotourism"

PART II: RESULT PROGRESS BY PROJECT OUTCOME

Describe overall progress under each Outcome made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration). Do not list 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.

- "On track" refers to the timely completion of outputs as indicated in the workplan.
- "On track with peacebuilding results" refers to higher-level changes in the conflict or peace factors that the project is meant to contribute to. These effects are more likely in mature projects than in newer ones.

If your project has more than four outcomes, contact PBSO for template modification.

Outcome 1: Local and national authorities adopt strengthened, inclusive legislative and policy frameworks for land and natural resources dispute resolution

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: off track

Progress summary: (3000 character limit)

The consultant carried out the review of existing legislation, engaged in consultations with national and local stakeholders and taking their recommendations into consideration to produce a draft Gaps Assessment on the legislative framework. A draft document has been submitted to be validated by stakeholders. However due the covid19 pandemic, the validation has been delayed as the composition of the stakeholders forum and the participation of FAO Legal support are key.

After a lengthy review and negotiation process, the Letter of Agreement with Action Aid the Gambia to conduct an empirical assessment of grievance mechanisms has been finalised and signed. This activity will commence in June

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome: (1000 character limit)

The Voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests in the context of national food security (VGGT) has been used to carry out the Gaps Assessment, this is to ensure that a gender responsive approach is used in legislative review process to be more inclusive of the rights of women in the security of land tenure.

Outcome 2: National authorities and communities use dispute resolution mechanisms to address LNR disputes in conflict hot spots. regions.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: off track

Progress summary:

The Department of Livestock of the Ministry of Agriculture have completed community consultations and identification of the cattle tracks and watering points in 10 districts within the West Coast Region (WCR) and the Central River Region (CRR) South Bank. These comprise of Upper and lower Saloum, Upper and Lower Fuladu, Niamina East and West, Foni Bondalli and Bintang, Kombo Central and East. Boreholes have been drilled in Bissari Bajonki WCR and Sinchu Gundo CRR with the construction of the cattle tracks and watering points to commence before the end June. The boreholes are designed to be fitted with taps for the community's uses. The communities have also agreed to form a management committee to oversee the use and maintenance of the borehole and troughs. The project will assist the beneficiary communities in this aspect as well.

The Invitation to Bid (ITB for the overhead water tanks and solar power have been launched. During the implementation of these components, a short video of 10 to 20 will be produced on Solar Powered Irrigation Systems in the Gambia as it is one of the best systems in Sub-Saharan Africa. The video will be show cased during the World Water Day in Dakar in March 2021.

Department of Forestry have conducted community consultations with communities members and regional forestry officials surrounding 20 forest parks and plantations have been conducted with a reduced target of 82 persons reached, while observing government guidelines, due to the ongoing covid19 pandemic

WANEP has undertaken a community assessment and conflict analysis in selected communities identified in four regions of the country namely: WCR, LRR, CRR and URR which is now validated. Furthermore, the draft training manual targeting knowledge, skills in addressing land conflict matters at community level, targeting local authorities and agencies involved in land management has also been validated. The training manual/guide will be used to conduct step down trainings at different levels in all the regions, and be translated into the local languages. This will be carried out in the next quarter with the Ministry of Lands – Department of Community Development.

Administrative support has been provided to the Land Commission to facilitate its establishment as well as support in conducting sensitization and awareness raising of its mandate. This is strengthening their institutional capacity to manage the issues affecting land as ascribed in their mandate which is a key step in mitigating land conflict.

The implementation of the animal tagging component has been modified as international travel is not feasible due to the covid19 pandemic. This will be implemented by a local IT company that will source the software and tags and provide the relevant training to local stakeholders.

(3000 character limit)

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome: (1000 character limit)

All activities have had the participation of both women and youth especially at the community level where they are most affect. Women have been vocal especially with regards to the implementation of cattle tracks as their livelihoods are directly impacted and also in the area of the management of forestry resources where logging of trees for wood and burning of charcoal are a source of income for many.

Outcome 3:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select

Progress summary: (3000 character limit)

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome: (1000 character limit)

Outcome 4:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select

Progress summary: (3000 character limit)

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome: (1000 character limit)

PART III: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

Monitoring: Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period (1000 character limit)

Monitored community consultations in CRR & WCR prior to the drilling of boreholes. This was followed up by a site visit to the borehole drilled in CRR to ensure work was completed as per the contract.

Monitoring of Department of forestry community consultations and dialogues in WCR & CRR.

Data collection for the baseline is ongoing.

Do outcome indicators have baselines? yes

Has the project launched perception surveys or other community-based data collection? yes

Evaluation: Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period?	Evaluation budget (response required): 27,000.00
no	If project will end in next six months, describe the evaluation preparations (1500 character limit): The Project was expected to end by November 2020. However, due to the COVID 19, planned activities could not be implement which are critical to achieving Project objective, thus evaluation preparations have not started.
Catalytic effects (financial): Indicate name of funding agent and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project. A technical proposal has been received from the Ministry of Lands. As travel to meet the Belgian Representative in Dakar is no longer possible and online meeting is planned.	Name of funder: Amount: Belgian Government 10,000,000.00
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)	Due to covid19 pandemic Local and international travel, trainings, sensitizations, stakeholder consultations and validations could not be held as planned which has led to significant delays in project implementation as a large part of Outcome 1 comprises of meetings and consultations.

PART IV: 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)

Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Delay in delivery and inability to hold validation due to covid19 restrictions		
Current indicator progress			
Indicator Milestone			
End of project Indicator Target	20	30%	
Indicator Baseline	0	TBC	
Performance Indicators	Indicator 1.1 Number of district tribunals that adopt reviewed frameworks for land dispute resolutions;	Indicator 1.2 Percent of target community including women and youth that are satisfied with the resolution of land and NR related disputes;	Indicator 1.3
	Outcome 1 Local and national authorities adopt strengthened, inclusive	legislative and policy frameworks for land and natural resources dispute resolution	

	Baseline project Indicator	ct Milestone tor	progress	(if any)
			Report ready for stakeholder validation	Indicator adjusted by stakeholders at the inception workshop. targets set based on indicators. gaps assessment will determine the number of legislation, policy, frameworks to be revised/drafted or repelled.
	-		Letter of Agreement with Action Aid completed for activity to commence	
TBC	20			Community interventions for 2 nd Quarter postponed due to covid19 restrictions

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
	Indicator1.1.4 Number of legislative frameworks and policies revised	TBC	75% of identified frameworks			
Output 1.2 Capacity of National and local institutions strengthened to enforce	Indicator 1.2.1 Number of officials (national and local) trained in the application of inclusive LNR frameworks.	TBC	200			indicator adjusted to reflect numbers not percentage
inclusive LNR governance and conflict resolution mechanisms	Indicator 1.2.2 Proportion of national and local aware of the gender and age-related aspects of LNR dispute resolution mechanisms	TBC	20%			

Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)		Community interventions for 2 nd Quarter postponed due to covid19 restrictions	Community interventions postponed due to covid19 restrictions
Current indicator progress			
Indicator Milestone			
End of project Indicator Target	7	10	40
Indicator Baseline	0	•	TBC
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Performance Indicators	Indicator 1.2.3 Number of Youth and Gender Desk established and funtional	Indicator 1.3.1 Number of advocacy carried out on Revised LNR legal frameworks Indicator 1.3.2 Number of communities sensitize on LNR legal frameworks	Indicator 1.3.3 Number of communities who aware of dispute
		Output 1.3 Increased awareness of authorities and communities on revised legal frameworks/ policies	

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Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)																					
Current indicator progress																					
Indicator Milestone																					
End of project Indicator Target				50% of	target	communities															
Indicator Baseline				TBC									TBC								
Performance Indicators	resolution frameworks	Indicator 1.4.1	Indicator 1.4.2	Indicator 2.1	Proportion of	targeted	communities that	utilize reviewed	dispute resolution	mechanisms to	resolve land	conflicts	Indicator 2.2	Number of	disputes resolved	using improved e	information	system,	disaggregated by	gender and age	where appropriate
		Output 1.4		Outcome 2	National	authorities	and	communities	use dispute	resolution	mechanisms	to address	LNR	disputes in	conflict hot	spots,					

	Performance	Indicator	End of	Indicator	Current indicator	Reasons for Variance/ Delay
	Indicators	Baseline	project Indicator Target	Milestone	progress	(if any)
	Indicator 2.3		50% in			
	Percentage		target area			
	LNR disputes by					
	end of the project					
Output 2.1 Information	Indicator 2.1.1 Land dispute	0	7			Community interventions for 2 nd Quarter nostnoned due to covid19 restrictions
system to	gu					
track land						
disputes and	contains updated					
to inform	information from					
policy and	all regions					
investments extablished						
Cstabilished						
	Indicator 2.1.2		Provide			
	Number of		equipment &			
	national and		20 national			
	regional		and local			
	authorities trained		authorities			
	on information		trained			
	system					
	Indicator 2.1		,		Roraholos in 2	Pine to the hindrefery allocation proposed
Output 2.2	markator 2.2.1		4		pilot sites drilled	number of sites has been revised from 10 to 2.

Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)		implementation of field activities delayed due to covid19 pandemic	
Current indicator progress	and construction to commence	Consultations completed May 2020. Survey exercise to map GPS coordinates commence in June	
Indicator Milestone			Manual validated
End of project Indicator Target		1000	
Indicator Baseline			
Performance Indicators	Number of rural communities with clearly demarcated livestock tracks , rangeland & watering points	Indicator 2.2.2 Number of communities with Forest parks identified and redemarcated Indicator 2.2.3: Proportion of livestock with identification	Indicator 2.3.1 Percent of local Alkalos and Chiefs with skills to resolve dispute through dialogue
	Strengthened capacity of rural communities to prevent conflict LNR	disputes	Output 2.3 Percent of local Alkalos and Chiefs with skills to

resolve Indicator 2.3.2 resolve Indicator 2.3.2 dispute Number of disputes resolved dialogue system female and male familiar with different communities communities Output 2.4 Indicator 2.4.1 Outcome 3 Indicator 2.4.2 Indicator 2.4.1 Indicator 2.4.2 Indicator 2.4.1 Indicator 2.4.2 Indicator 3.1 Indicator 3.1		Denforment	Indianton	Thursday.	Indiana	Contract Sandiscont	Description for Venice of Parties
Indicator 2.3.2 Number of disputes resolved through traditional system Indicator 2.3.3Number of female and male familiar with different conflict systems in the communities Lindicator 2.4.1 Indicator 2.4.2 Indicator 2.4.2		Indicators	Baseline	project Indicator Target	Milestone	progress	(if any)
	40	lumber of isputes resolved isputes resolved irough traditional ystem adicator a.3.3Number of smale and male uniliar with ifferent conflict ystems in the ommunities				A mapping exercise of households to be interviewed was conducted by WANEP focal points in the said communities - Sixteen (16) individuals trained on the methodology and taken through the questionnaires to be used for the exercise - A data programmer and data analyst taken through the tools be	
		ndicator 2.4.1					
	П	ndicator 2.4.2					
		ndicator 3.1					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	
			Target				
	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						
	Indicator 3.3.2						
Output 3.4	Indicator 3.4.1						
	Indicator 3.4.2						
Outcome 4	Indicator 4.1						,
	Indicator 4.2						

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator Milestone	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	
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	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						_
Output 4.4	Indicator 4.4.1						_

Annex D - PBF project budget

Note: If this is a budget revision, insert extra columns to show budget changes.

Table 1 - PBF project budget by Outcome, output and activity

Output 1.1; Activity [1]	onal authorities adopt strengthened, inclusive legislative and pol- strengthened frameworks for LNR governance and conflict reso Assess policy, legal and institutional frameworks for the governance of LNR in The gambia against internationally accepted standars les and best practises, including gender equitable land governance Conduct empirical assessment of judicial and non judicial greivance mechanisms relating to Land disputs in The Gambia		d natural resources dispute re	solutiontransfer and dispute :	resolution	
Activity [11]	Assess policy, legal and institutional frameworks for the governance of LNR in The gambia against internationally accepted standars lds and best practises, including gender equitable land governance. Conduct empirical assessment of judicial and non judicial greivance			40		
Activity [] []	of LNR in The gambia against internationally accepted standars les and best practises, including gender equitable land governance Conduct empirical assessment of judicial and non judicial greivance	30,000				
Activity 112	Conduct empirical assessment of judicial and non judicial greivance				8,995 03	
		35,000				included as all documents are ready for insplementation to
	Organise inclusive and participatory stakeholders consultation with a view to identify key causes of LNR conflict	5,000				
Activity 1 f 4	Revise legislative frameworks and related policies	35,000			13,410 00	
	Capacity of National and local institutions strengthened to enformechanisms	ce inclusive LNR governance	ce and conflict resolution	40		
	Train national and local authorities in the application of inclusive LNR frameworks	50,000				
construct 122	Increase capacity of LNR institutions to facilitate LNR conflict resolution	55,000				
	Gender and youth desk established at Manistry of Justice and regional levels	15,000				
Output 1.3:	Increased awareness of authorities and communities on revised	legal frameworks/policies		40		
	Advocate at national and local level for adoption and application of revised LNR frameworks	18,200				
	Conduct sensitization of community members on legal and statutory frameworks through mucha channels	50,000				
TOTAL S FOR OUTCOME		293,200			52,025	
OUTCOME 2: National author	orities and communities use dispute resolution mechanisms to a	ldress LNR disputes in confl	lict hot spots,			
Output 2.1:	Information system to track land disputes and to inform policy	and investments established	1	40		
	Introduce and agree on scope and format of information system for the tracking of land disputes	100,000			110000	committed based on budget submitted by UNHabitat
	Provide needed equipment and train concerned national and regional actors to populate and maintain information system	50000				
Output 2.2:	Strengthened capacity of rural communities to prevent conflict	LNR disputes				
Authory 2.2.1	Build consensus on re-demarcation of cattle tracks with established watering point in conflict regions (WCR & CRR).	236,837		40	200,411.17	
Activity 2.2.2	Re-denarcate forest parks and cohance commutatity in conflict regions (WCR & CRR);	100,000			1,988 26	
Activity 2.2.3	Establish Investock rdentification system, conduct scassification campaign and conduct tagging 1 ¹¹ wave of and tagging exercise	100,000				
Output 2 3	Enhanced capacity of Alkalos and local chiefs to facilitate comm	nunity dialogue and resolve	land disputes	40		
Activity 2.3.1	Consultations with local chiefs on state of land conflicts					
Activity 2 3.2	Capacity needs assessment of local communities on land dispute resolution				58,562	
Activity 2.3 3	Sensitization and Training of Chiefs, Alkalos and VDCs in capacity gaps					
Activity 2.3.4	Development of guidelines for local land dispute resolution is local languages (UNDP)		280,374		21,716	amount advanced to
TOTALS FOR OUTCOME 2;		586,837	280,374		392,677	
Project personnel coste il noi included in activities above		54000			61,950 83	·
Project operational costs if not included in activities above		24,000			68,904.51	
Project M&E Integer		70,000			22,124 3	consultancy costs for baseline assesment
SUB-TOTAL PROJECT BU	DGET:	1,028,037	280,374	0	597,682	included
Indirect support costs (7%):		71962 59	19626.18		10,907 17	









