**PEACEBUILDING FUND**

**EMERGENCY WINDOW**

### FINAL PROJECT REPORT

**Participating UN Organisation: United Nations Office for Project Services**

**(Report prepared by United Nations Integrated Peace Building Office in Sierra Leone (UNIPSIL)**

### Country: Sierra Leone

### Project No. PBF/EMER-11 (MDTF: 00071304)

### Programme/Project Title: Support to the Sierra Leone Police Public Order Maintenance Capacity and Integrity

### Reporting Period: June 2009 through December 2009

### I. PURPOSE

**Main Goal and Key Immediate Objectives**:

To restore civilian trust in the Police Force and to strengthen the institution as a contributor to a just and peaceful order by:

Enhancing the operational capacity of the SLP to ensure public order, prevent and reduce crime and provided for security for all Sierra Leoneans.

Providing the Sierra Leone Police with essential means to improve and maintain its integrity.

**Outputs and Key Activities**:

The provision of adequate equipment, to police officers assigned to Operational Support Division (OSD), Crowd Control (CCU), Police Support (PSU) and Mobile Armed Vehicle Response Units (MARV), e.g. riot equipment for crowd control.

Training of officers assigned to OSD, CCU, PSU and MARV Units,

The provision of adequate equipment to investigators assigned to the SLP Complaints, Discipline and Internal Investigations Department (CDIID).

Training of investigators assigned the CDIID.

Enhanced capacity of the Sierra Leone Police Force to respond to public complaints against police officers and to confirm their credibility,

The Sierra Leone Police was both the primary beneficiary and the implementing partner of this project. More specifically this project involved the Operations Support Division, the Police Division, the SLP Executive Management Board and the Complaints Disciplinary Internal Investigations Department. UNDP, UNOPS and UNIPSIL worked closely with the Ministry of Internal Affairs as well as the Office of National Security to ensure government’s support to this initiative.

The UNIPSIL Police and National Security Advisers played an instrumental role in collaborating with the Sierra Leone Police to ensure that the trainings were conducted in a sustainable way and the equipment was appropriately distributed. The UN Police Advisers travelled to, attended and assisted in conducting all training sessions at divisional headquarters throughout the country to ensure compliance with standards.

### II. RESOURCES

The Emergency Window Peace Building Fund provided the “Support to the Sierra Leone Police Public Order Maintenance Capacity and Integrity Project” USD $999,870.

### III. RESULTS

**Main Activities Undertaken**:

In March 2009, Sierra Leone witnessed the eruption of violence involving supporters of two of the main political parties in the country, which resulted in injuries, allegations of sexual assaults and the destruction of property. The violent episodes which occurred in March clearly demonstrated that the SLP capacity to professionally manage public disorder incidents needed to be improved.

It was against this background that the Emergency Window Peace Building Fund (EWPBF) provided ***USD $999,870*** in financial support to the Sierra Leone Police. The EWPB Funds were used for two specific purposes; first for the training of and equipment for officers responsible for crowd control; and secondly for the training of and equipment for officers assigned to investigate cases of police misconduct. In the first category EWPB funds were utilized to provide training for ***2,423*** officers assigned to Crowd Control (CCU), Mobile Armed Response Vehicles (MARV) and Police Support Units (PSU) from thirty two Police Divisions throughout the country. EWPBF funds were utilized to also procure crowd control equipment for ***538*** personnel assigned to CCU, MARV and PSU units in seven divisions in the Western/Freetown Area. Equipment included two 4x4 vehicles, two large transport trucks, and an assortment equipment such as helmets, batons, shields, handcuffs, loud hailers, flashlights, protective clothing.

In the second category, EWPB funds were used to provide investigative training for ***134*** officers assigned to the SLP Complaints, Discipline and Internal Investigations Department (CDIID). Funds were also utilized to procure equipment such two 4x4 vehicles, computers, printers, flashlights, digital cameras and crime scene tape, to strengthen the capacity of the CDIID to investigate cases.

**Assessment:**

In general the UNOPS, UNIPSIL and the Sierra Leone Police successfully completed the objectives, outputs and key activities set out in this EWPBF project. All project equipment was ordered, procured, delivered and distributed to the SLP prior to the December 2009 deadline. In addition the training component of the program was also completed prior to the said deadline and approximately ***81%*** of crowd control personnel and ***100%*** of the CDIID investigators completed the required training.

Initially the goal of the project was to train ***3000*** officers assigned to CCU, PSU and MARV Units and 116 investigators assigned to the CDIID. However only ***2,423*** of the targeted 3000 officers were trained because the remaining were involved in providing security for the run up period to numerous Chiefdom elections or were taking part in robbery patrols as ordered by the President of Sierra Leone when he enacted the Military Assistance to Civil Powers Act (MACP). ***134*** officers completed the CDIID training. Overall according to a UNOPS preliminary expenditure report USD 937,669 of the EWPB funds USD 999,870 were disbursed in 2009. The remaining funds will be utilized to pay for outstanding project charges.

**Constraints and Lessons Learned**: