

Government

MOH&SW will: Select 45 – 60 health and social welfare workers to participate in this project and Educate CHT and health facility leadership on the project and related referral systems. The MOH&SW will support the provision of critical psychosocial services in partnership with ARC social workers and use the National Social Welfare Policy & Plan as a guiding mechanism to improve access to care, service delivery, welfare institutions, and workforce development in the counties. The MOH&SW staff dedicated to this program will include members of the County Health & Social Welfare teams (CHTs), which function as an extension of the Ministry by providing treatment and support at health facilities in every county, as well as Community Health Workers and Social Workers deployed from the Central MOH&SW office in Monrovia.

Civil Society/NGO's

ARC will provide its' proven model for psychosocial support services to MOH&SW and community partners. ARC will tailor and apply its proven model of integrated psychosocial support and life skills training to this joint program, with the goal of ultimately transitioning ownership to MOH&SW: Combine classroom and field training to improve the capacity of MOH&SW social workers and CHT members to provide psychosocial care. With MOH&SW, offer psychosocial support services in county health facilities. With the MOH&SW, strengthen traditional community safety nets. ARC will implement all aspects of the livelihood empowerment program with assistance from the MOH&SW in facilitating referrals. ARC will furthermore coordinate with LRRRC for returning refugee referrals to the livelihood empowerment program.

ARC has implemented psychosocial counselling services in Liberia for 4 years in 5 counties since the end of the latest conflict. ARC has also significant experience in the provision of psychosocial counselling for survivors of GBV. In addition to the years of implementation experience, ARC staff have been trained on a 10 month internationally recognised standards of counselling training. ARC has particular experience in providing psychosocial counselling in post-conflict Liberia and compiled a comprehensive training manual in 2005 that will be used as a basis for modification for this project. In terms of livelihood provision, ARC has implemented various micro-enterprise development (MED) services particularly for vulnerable beneficiaries throughout Liberia for the past four years. ARC MED staff have received international training through Making Cents International to compliment their in-field implementation knowledge. Furthermore, ARC has specifically worked on trauma counselling and peacebuilding activities in multiple counties in Liberia between 1999 and 2002. A manual to this effect has been produced and will be utilised for this project

Academia

As the project will be subject to rigorous project evaluation, the project partners will work with the monitoring and evaluation technical team from Yale University to develop the rigorous evaluation design for the project. It is anticipated that the project team will continue to work with the Yale University technical team throughout the project to ensure quality evaluation that will provide crucial information for the development of further psychosocial programs throughout Liberia and to inform through its' lessons and best practices, future psychosocial programming particularly in post-conflict situations such as Liberia.

UN Agencies

UNFPA is the funding recipient and will work with WHO, ARC and MOH&SW to track the project implementation progress and monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the joint program at regular intervals and at the program's conclusion. UNFPA in Liberia has a long standing experience of project management and leadership in the area of Reproductive and Sexual Health, Population and Development and Gender. For the past years, UNFPA has supported projects that provide training and service delivery in the area of psychosocial support. UNFPA has specific technical experience in Gender Based Violence (GBV) including supporting programmes that provide psychosocial support and training. Building the capacities of national counterparts is a major contributing factor to the overall strategic thrust of UNFPA in Liberia. The UNFPA programme is derived from national priorities outlined in national frameworks, while promoting the attainment of the MDG's. The overall goal of UNFPA is to improve the quality of life of women, men and children and is guided by the principles of a human rights based approach and culturally sensitive programming.

WHO will support the supervision of training of social workers and collaborate with ARC to ensure quality training for MOH&SW social workers through support to the supervision of training of government social workers. WHO continues to provide strategic policy guidance and support to government in line with government priorities including the PRS, the BPHS, National Social Welfare Policy and implementation Plan and the National Mental Health Policy.

4. Monitoring & Evaluation

Community level: To evaluate program impact at community level, the baseline assessment will include household surveys of a random sample of community members in both intervention and comparison communities. Intervention and comparison communities will be identified at the beginning of the project with the understanding that comparison communities should receive the intervention at a later date. Surveys will provide information on community members' understanding of psychosocial issues in their communities, care of the most vulnerable members in their communities, and attitudes and beliefs about mental illness, its origins and treatment. This baseline information will simultaneously help to design the program interventions and serve as a pre-intervention measure. Random samples of both intervention and comparison communities will be surveyed at the end of the program to measure the difference in change between the communities, enabling the program to identify the impact of the community member training and sensitizations.

The *Most Significant Change* approach will also be used as a qualitative participatory method of monitoring changes in individuals and communities throughout the project. Community discussions guided by questions about key changes but largely driven by the community (rather than program indicators) will be held at three points during the program. This methodology will compliment the quantitative and indicator-based surveys to inform the program of both changes and potentially unexpected events that occur.

Individual level: In order to assess individual change among those referred for psychosocial care, the program will develop pre- and post-counseling assessments. The assessments will help guide social workers in treatment planning and will also serve as a baseline assessment. Individual assessments will include demographic information (all identifying data will be kept confidential), presenting problems, risk and protective factors, symptoms, and treatment plan.

Post-counseling assessments will be conducted, which will enable the social worker to assess change and will provide the program with feedback on individual treatment. Both pre- and post-assessments will include economic indicators to assess referral needs for the livelihood program and to serve as measure of change for the livelihood intervention. Finally, the program will conduct a follow-up assessment four to six months after the completion of treatment to assess the maintenance of changes over time. The primary goal of the individual assessments is to track individual change. However, the individual assessments will also provide essential information on who is being referred, the problems presented in the community (i.e., trauma, substance abuse, aggression, depression, domestic violence, etc.), and change related to intervention. This will help identify needed interventions and training throughout the project and for future projects. Data will be entered and kept at county team level.

Psychosocial Counsellors / trainees: Psychosocial counsellors will be assessed on knowledge and skills gained in the trainings through pre- and post-training tests. Regular supervision by ARC Social Workers, including review of cases and progress notes, will also be used to assess trainees' performance. This will further inform the ongoing supervision and training needs throughout the program.

Referral system: The program will establish a referral system, which will also be used to monitor program performance. Referrals for individual assessment and intervention will be made at fortnightly meetings of community members and community health workers (with the exception of emergency referrals, which will happen immediately). Referrals and meetings between community health workers and county health teams will take place on a monthly basis. Throughout the program, notes on these meetings will be reviewed by the central Monrovia team based to monitor and strengthen the referral system. Further, team meetings between the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, ARC, WHO and UNFPA will be held three times during the project to review and make necessary adjustments to collaboration, capacity building, and the referral system.

A joint monitoring committee including UNFPA and WHO in collaboration with the MOH&SW and ARC will undertake bi-monthly or quarterly monitoring visits to track progress of the project. UNFPA and WHO will jointly develop monitoring tools together with the MOH&SW that will capture impact of the project at community level. The joint committee will use a logical framework to track program performance which will include data collection at the field level on a monthly basis. Of particular importance, will be tracking the percentage of clients who have received psychological, medical, economic or any other form of support through the program. Another primary concern will be measuring client satisfaction with the types of services provided. This information will be collected through client feedback surveys, focus group discussions and interviews.

ARC Social Workers will also carry out monthly support supervision meetings at the county level with psychosocial

support team members and hold weekly case review meetings. At the end of the training and mentoring period, a final evaluation will be held with each of the MOH&SW staff.

Rigorous Project Evaluation

The project partners are working with the monitoring and evaluation technical team from Yale University to develop a rigorous evaluation design. As described above, this includes both pre- and post-intervention assessment and a relevant community comparison group. The project team will continue to work with Yale University technical team throughout the project to ensure quality evaluation that will provide crucial information for the development of further psychosocial programs throughout Liberia. The results of the evaluation will also contribute to the broader knowledge base for psychosocial programs in post-conflict regions. The program will allocate five percent of project costs for monitoring and evaluation.

5. Sustainability of the project

Sustainability

It is envisioned that this project will contribute to capacity building of the MOH&SW to deliver appropriate psychosocial support services to vulnerable populations, beyond the lifespan of the pilot project. Throughout the 18 months of this pilot, the MOH&SW will take on a greater role in managing and implementing the activities so that by the final month they are working 100% independently from ARC and UNFPA. It is intended that this model will be applied nationwide, thereby ensuring a catalytic effect.

Considering the essence of sustaining the project, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare is developing a National Social Welfare Policy and an implementation Plan. The Policy addresses development of human resources which include training of psychosocial service providers as well as other professionals. It is the will of the Department of Social Welfare of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare that the Peace Building Fund project activities be incorporated into the Implementation plan of the Policy that is being developed. The experiences from the project will help the national government adopt many of the best practices needed to provide psychosocial services. This would ensure a smooth transfer from the NGO sector to national government.

Furthermore, the Department of Social Welfare of the MOH&SW has recruited and placed county supervisors to monitor the provision of psychosocial services in the counties. As the government revenue increases, allotment for the Department has also increased for the current fiscal year. This has enabled the recruitment of more social workers at all levels. As the provision of services increase nationwide, budgetary allotment for social welfare is going to increase. The MOH&SW is committed to ensuring the sustenance of the project by allocation of wages and benefits for the trained social workers in the counties after project completion.

Moreover, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare provided scholarships for individuals to be trained at Mother Pattern College of Health Sciences in psychosocial counseling. This sponsorship is continuing and is about to be extended to the United Methodist University. Individuals that would be trained from the Peace Building Fund Project will be recruited to boost those that have been trained by National Government.

b) Replication/Expansion

It is intended that critical services in areas of psychosocial counselling that have been formerly provided through the ARC will be provided through trained and field experienced MOH&SW staff after the 18 month project life cycle. This project, as a pilot, only focuses on limited number of communities within Montserrado, Bong and Margibi counties ensuring that communities selected offer a range of geographic, demographic, economic and cultural settings. This will increase the potential for the project to be replicated in other counties in the country, and have the opportunity to expand within the counties of current intervention. Replication and expansion would be determined by GoL's Ministry of Health/Social Welfare strategy to provide qualified staff to respond to psychosocial counselling needs in the country. After the 18-month life cycle of the project, MOH&SW staff that are trained through this project, will be able to act as leaders and catalysts for the Government of Liberia.

6. Project Implementation with timeline

Describe (i) the methodology and (ii) list the key proposed project activities (including roles of partners), and planned outputs/milestones, including the timeline for delivering these outputs.

Please see detailed workplan below Annex 2.5

THE PROJECT BUDGET

CATEGORY	Unit	Qty.	Period	Unit Cost	Total Cost	UNFPA Contr.	ARC Contr.	PBF Contr.
				USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
1. Personnel								
ARC Management Support (CD, Admin, Programme) (15%)	person	3	18	1,125	60,750	0	0	60,750
ARC GBV Programme Coordinator (40%)	person	1	18	1,280	23,040	0	0	23,040
ARC Grants Officer (25%)	person	1	15	625	9,375	0	0	9,375
ARC support staff (finance/admin/logs) (Mon./ Margibi) (40%)	person	6	15	260	23,400	0	5,850	17,550
ARC National Coordinator (60%)	person	1	18	660	11,880	0	0	11,880
ARC Psycho Social Programme Manager (80%)	person	1	15	520	7,800	0	6,825	975
ARC Health Programme Assistant(100%)	person	1	15	450	6,750	0	5,835	915
MED Field Staff (Manager, BDAs) (Monrovia/ Margibi) (75%)	person	5	15	450	33,750	0	0	33,750
ARC Programme Drivers (100%)	person	2	15	300	9,000	0	0	9,000
MOH&SW Coordinator	person	1	18	750	13,500	0	0	13,500
MOH&SW Administrative Assistant	person	1	18	400	7,200	0	0	7,200
MOH&SW Programme Driver (100%)	person	1	15	150	2,250	0	0	2,250
MOHS&SW Facilitators	persons	3	16	300	14,400	0	0	14,400
MOH&SW Social Workers	person	60	15	100	90,000	0	0	90,000
UNFPA Programme Coordinator (UNV)	person	1	18	3,342	60,150	60,150	0	0
Personnel sub-total	-	-	-	-	373,245	60,150	18,510	294,585
2. Contracts (Professional Services, grants)								
Psychosocial Counsellors (1 per District)	person	7	15	400	42,000	0	0	42,000
Entrepreneurial Grants	person	450	1	100	45,000	0	0	45,000
Master Trainers - Participatory Video	persons	2	6	250	3,000	0	0	3,000
Baseline Study	county	3	1	4,000	12,000	0	0	12,000

Evaluation	lumpsum	1	1	45,000	45,000	0	0	45,000
Contracts sub-total						0	0	45,000
3. Training						0	0	147,000
Psychosocial Counselling Trainers (2 per county)	persons	6	16	500	48,000	0	0	48,000
Training of 9 MoH County staff in how to be a trainer - 1 week	training	1	1	1,750	1,750	0	0	1,750
Training of 9 MoH County staff + 28 MoH District staff + 3 County Hospital staff (total 40 pax) in Psychosocial Counseling - 2 weeks	training	1	1	13,000	13,000	0	0	13,000
Refresher trainings for all 40 MoH staff on Psychosocial Counseling- 6 trainings (1 every 8 weeks) x 3 counties for 2 days each = 18 trainings	training	18	1	600	10,800	0	0	10,800
Start up training for 21 Community Networks- 3 days	training	21	1	300	6,300	0	0	6,300
Refresher Trainings for Community Networks - 21 groups x 1 day x 3 trainings = 63 trainings total	training	21	3	100	6,300	0	0	6,300
Community Awareness Campaign	counties	3	1	7,500	22,500	0	0	22,500
Community Awareness Training - 21 groups x 2 trainings = 42 trainings	community training	21	2	40	1,680	0	0	1,680
Business Management Training	persons	750	1	10	7,500	0	0	7,500
Training sub-total		-	-	-	117,830	0	0	117,830
4. Transport								
Vehicles (ARC, Used, in-kind)	vehicles	2	1	20,000	40,000	0	40,000	0
Motorbikes (ARC, Used, in-kind)	bikes	8	1	3,000	24,000	0	24,000	0
Motorbike Fuel (15 gallons per motorbike/ month)	bikes	14	15	62.25	13,073	0	0	13,073
Vehicle Fuel (MOH&SW/ARC)	vehicles	3	18	750	40,500	0	0	40,500
Motorcycle registration	bikes	8	1	25	200	0	200	0
Vehicle Registration	vehicles	3	1	100	300	0	300	0
Motorbike Maintenance	bikes	14	15	25	5,250	0	0	5,250
Vehicle Maintenance/ spare parts	vehicles	3	18	350	18,900	0	0	18,900
Transport sub-total		-	-	-	142,223	0	64,500	77,723
5. Supplies and Commodities								

ARC Office Supplies	lumpsum	1	1	5,000	5,000	0	0	5,000
MOHSW Stationery	lumpsum	1	1	5,000	5,000	0	0	5,000
Entrepreneurial Opportunities (Start-up kits)	persons	300	1	125	37,500	0	0	37,500
BCC Material - development, printing and distribution	sum	1	1	6,500	6,500	0	0	6,500
Conflict resolution activity fund (mediation services in communities)	counties	3	1	4,000	12,000	0	0	12,000
Supplies and Commodities sub-total		-	-	-	66,000	0	0	66,000
6. Equipment								
Motorcycle safety equipment	bikes	14	1	200	2,800	1200	1,600	0
Computer Laptop (used)	pieces	2	1	1,250	2,500	0	2,500	0
Computers desktops (used)	pieces	7	1	1,000	7,000	0	7,000	0
Copy machine (MOH&SW)	pieces	3	1	1,500	4,500	0	0	4,500
Stabilizer / UPS	pieces	4	1	50	200	0	200	0
Printers	pieces	3	1	150	450	0	450	0
Mass Storage Device	pieces	1	1	200	200	0	0	200
Digital Camera/memory card	pieces	2	1	200	400	0	150	250
Memory Stick	pieces	4	1	50	200	0	200	0
Photocopier	pieces	1	1	600	600	0	600	0
Generator 3 KVA (ARC Bong Stopover Space)	pieces	1	1	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0
Generators 3 KVA (MOH&SW)	pieces	3	1	1,000	3,000	0	0	3,000
Generator Fuel	gal/month	160	18	5	14,400	0	0	14,400
Protective gear for staff	persons	25	1	25	625	0	0	625
Security related costs	lumpsum	1	18	50	900	0	0	900
Office furniture (MOH&SW)	lumpsum	4	1	750	3,000	0	0	3,000
Equipment sub-total		-	-	-	41,775	1,200	13,700	26,875
7. Travel								
Local Staff travel allowances (in-country)	lumpsum	1	1	3,000	3,000	0	0	3,000
Supervision (UNFPA, MOH&SW)	lumpsum	1	1	7,000	7,000	0	0	7,000
Travel sub-total		-	-	-	10,000	0	0	10,000

8. Miscellaneous									
ARC Office rental/ maintenance (Mo/Gb) (30%)	offices	2	18	1,260	45,360	0	0	0	45,360
Security ARC Bong Stopover space	lumpsum	1	15	575	8,605	0	0	0	8,605
ARC Legal fees (20%)	lumpsum	1	1	500	500	0	0	0	500
ARC Bank Charges (20%)	fees	1	18	300	5,400	0	0	0	5,400
ARC Communication Costs	lumpsum	1	1	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
MOH&SW Communication Costs (60 persons @ USD 10 per month)	lumpsum	1	1	7,000	7,000	0	0	0	7,000
ARC Admin Support Costs	HQ costs	1	1	19,807	19,807	0	0	0	19,807
Miscellaneous sub-total		-	-	-	91,672	0	0	0	91,672
Project sub-total					988,544	60,150	96,710		831,684
9. Agency Management Support (7%)	UNFPA				58,218				58,218
TOTAL					1,046,762	60,150	96,710		889,902

* The Standard Financial Report that has been reviewed with the UNDG Financial Policies Working Group.

** The rate shall be within the range of 5% to 9%, with overall expected average of 7% of the total of categories 1-8., as agreed to by Recipient UN Organizations in MOU signed with the PBF's Administrative Agent, the UNDP MDTF Office

ANNEX 2.5

Detailed Work Plan for 18 Months 2008-2010

Outcome/Output	Activities	Budget	Delivery Date
Component 1: Training and Establishment of Psychosocial Support Teams			
MOH&SW staff are able to provide quality psychosocial counseling to women and men within the 3 pilot counties	Selection of MOH&SW staff to be involved in program Development of the training manual on Psychosocial Counselling	292,242	1 st 3 months of projects
Referral pathway for psychosocial counseling developed and utilized by MOH&SW and targeted communities	Initial 3 week training followed by 18 months of mentoring and supervision		
MOH&SW better able to effectively coordinate services at the community, district and county level	Training of referral pathway to MOH&SW staff and community networks		
	Training of 9 MOH&SW staff in "How to be a Trainer"		
	Training of 9 MOH&SW County staff + 28 MOH&SW District staff + 3 County Hospital staff (total 40 pax) in Psychosocial Counseling - 3 weeks		
	Refresher training for MOH&SW staff as needed during project cycle		
Component 2: Provision of Psychosocial Support Services			
Individuals to feel comfortable and confident in accessing psychosocial counselling	Provision of psychosocial counseling to women and men especially to those that would not normally seek assistance	240,740	Months 4-18 of project
Decrease of individuals showing signs of depression and aggression and Feelings of vulnerability within the community reduced	Directed conflict resolution activities and provision of psychosocial counselling		
Individual ability to resettle amongst community members and reconcile differences			
Component 3: Strengthening of Community Based Networks			

<p>Greater understanding of the psychosocial / mental health symptoms and needs of community members</p> <p>Communities able to identify and manage cases of psychosocial trauma through prevention, mediation and referral</p> <p>Improved community leadership structures and skills at community level</p>	<p>3 formal trainings of Community Networks</p> <p>Start up training for 21 Community Networks- 3 days</p> <p>Refresher Trainings for Community Networks - 21 groups x 1 day x 3 trainings = 63 trainings total</p> <p>Promotion of Community Networks and community awareness campaigns - Community Awareness Campaigns - 21 groups x 2 campaigns = 42 campaigns</p> <p>Community awareness program, distribution and use of BCC materials</p> <p>Ongoing supervision and support to community networks</p> <p>Inclusion of community leaders in community network initiative</p>	262,540	Months 4-18 of project
Component 4: Livelihoods extension and empowerment			
<p>Social support structures are created / strengthened and are utilized by vulnerable individuals.</p> <p>Increased empathy for individuals requiring psychosocial counseling Participants of livelihoods program show greater stability and feelings of empowerment.</p> <p>Level of vulnerability due to economic reasons is reduced.</p>	<p>Provision of small grants, entrepreneurial opportunities and business management training</p> <p>Follow-up and supervision support</p>	251,240	Months 4-18 of project

Timeline

Dates	6 Month Benchmarks	Indicators of Progress
First 6 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identification by MOH&SW of 45-60 social workers to participate in program ▪ Training manual developed and approved by MOH&SW ▪ Training of MOH&SW staff at County and District level to have begun ▪ Phase 1 KAP survey conducted ▪ Provision of psychosocial services ▪ Preliminary identification of economic vulnerable persons carried out ▪ Community economic assessments 	MOH&SW social workers identified Training manual available Baseline study findings KAP survey findings Periodic reports Case files Economic assessment
Second 6 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of psychosocial services ▪ Identification and provision for economic vulnerable persons identified ▪ Refresher trainings for MOH&SW staff ▪ Community network trainings and refresher trainings provided ▪ Community awareness raising components undertaken ▪ Conflict resolution activities undertaken ▪ Mid-term evaluation completed 	Case files Periodic reports Workshop/training reports Findings of Mid-term evaluation
Third 6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of psychosocial services ▪ Identification and provision for economic vulnerable persons identified ▪ Refresher trainings for MOH&SW staff as needed ▪ Community refresher trainings provided ▪ Community awareness raising components undertaken ▪ Conflict resolution activities undertaken ▪ End of project evaluation started ▪ Rigorous project evaluation started 	End-of project evaluation Rigorous project evaluation Case files Periodic reports Workshop/training reports

Liberia Peacebuilding Fund Project Summary

Recipient UN Organization:	UNFPA	PBF Priority Area:	2: Critical Interventions to Promote Peace and Resolve Conflict		
Implementing Partner(s):	UN: World Health Organization (WHO) Government: Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MOH&SW) Civil Society: American Refugee Committee (ARC)				
Project Number:	PBF: Ref. # PP/R2/A2 - 09				
Project Title:	Psychosocial and Community Support Project				
Total Approved Project Budget:	USDS 889,902.00				
Location:	Monterrado, Bong, Margibi				
JSC Approval Date:					
Project Duration:	18 months	Starting Date:	01 February 2009	Completion Date:	01 August 2010
Project Description:	The proposed project represents an integrated approach to community-based psychosocial support that includes training/capacity building, service delivery, reinforcement of community-based safety networks combined with livelihoods extension and support.				
Peacebuilding Impact:	Individual and Community members are better able to promote a peaceful co-existence and prevent and respond to traumatic events and social problems that have the potential to create conflict.				
Outcome(s):	1. Established and trained Psychosocial Support Teams. 2. Psychosocial Support Services provided in communities. 3. Strengthened Community Based Networks. 4. Livelihoods extension and empowerment provided.				
Outputs and Key Activities:	1. Increased understanding of the nature and extent of community-based psychosocial support (including livelihood support) in the target counties through conducting baseline survey. 2. Increased knowledge and skills among staff of the MOH&SW in terms of psychosocial support services through training and capacity building. 3. Increased access to psychosocial support services in identified health facilities through a strengthened referral system, awareness/information provision and counselling. 4. Increased livelihoods schemes for vulnerable persons, by provision of entrepreneurial activities.				
Indicator and Benchmarks:	<u>Peacebuilding impact indicator:</u> Communities participating in the program demonstrate greater cohesiveness and positive mental health behaviours.				
Procurement:	-				

Submission Form To Joint Steering Committee

Part A: Meeting Information

To be completed by the PBF Secretariat

SC Meeting No:	6 th
Item No:	IV
Date of Meeting:	5 December 2008

Part B: Project Summary

To be completed by the Recipient UN Organization

From: Rose Gakuba <i>Head of Recipient UN Organization</i>	Date of Submission: 10 September 2008 (Draft 1) 06 November 2008 (Draft 2)	
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Proposed Project, if approved, would result in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Project/Joint Project <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of previous funding <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)	Proposed Project resulted from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Authorities initiative within Liberia PBF Terms of Reference <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UN Agency initiative within Liberia PBF Terms of Reference <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)	
Recipient UN Organization: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)		
Implementing Partner(s): American Refugee Committee, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare		
Theme/Cluster/Priority Area: Critical Interventions to Promote Peace and Resolve Conflict		
Project ¹ Title: Psychosocial and Community Support Project		
Total Project Budget: USD 1,046,762.00		
Amount requested: USD 889,902.00		
Amount and percentage of indirect costs requested: 7% = 58,218		
Projected Annual Disbursements:	2009 \$ 795,255.34	2010 \$ 251,506.66
Projected Annual Commitments:	2009 \$	2010 \$

¹ The term "Projectme" is used for projects, Projectmes and joint Projectmes.

Narrative summary of Project
Not to exceed 500 words

1. Background

[Provide brief and concise information on the background of the project. Indicate how originated, refer to request endorsement or approval by relevant (Name of Country) authorities etc. If extension of existing project, provide information on original project, such as number, project amount, date of approval.]

In order to address limited government capacity and Liberians' social development needs, UNFPA in partnership with ARC and the MOH&SW will implement a broad-based psychosocial support program to encourage community recovery in post-conflict Liberia. The program will apply a model of community-based support with a focus on vulnerable groups such as youths, persons with disabilities (PWD) and recent returnees, to address emotional, physical, economic, and social aspects of recovery. Being conscious of conflict-sensitivity that is needed to foster a national security, the extension of livelihoods opportunities targeting returnees and especially youth is therefore a key element in the project. The proposed project therefore represents an integrated approach to psychosocial programming that includes training/capacity building, service delivery, reinforcement of community-based safety networks combined with livelihoods extension and support. The Psychosocial and Community Support project will be jointly implemented by ARC and the MOH&SW through health facilities located in rural Montserrado, Bong and Margibi Counties. The components of the Psychosocial and Community Support Project include: Establishment and training of Psychosocial Support Teams, 2) Provision of Psychosocial Support Services in communities, 3) Strengthening Community Based Networks, 4) Livelihoods extension and empowerment provided. The 5th Joint Steering Committee meeting was held on 5 December 2008, and at that meeting, the JSC Approved the current project, pending revision. The current proposed project carries a total budget of USD 1,046,762, out of which requested from the PBF is USD 889,902.

2. Purpose of Proposed Project

[Detail key outcomes, outputs, from project cover sheet and attach detailed project document following format laid out in Annex 2.3]

Peacebuilding Impact: Individual and Community members are better able to promote a peaceful co-existence and prevent and respond to traumatic events and social problems that have the potential to create conflict.

Key outcomes: 1. Established and trained Psychosocial Support Teams: 2. Psychosocial Support Services provided in communities: 3. Strengthened Community Based Networks: 4. Livelihoods extension and empowerment provided.

Outputs and Key Activities:

1. Increased understanding of the nature and extent of community-based psychosocial support (including livelihood support) in the target counties through conducting baseline survey.
2. Increased knowledge and skills among staff of the MOH&SW in terms of psychosocial support services through training and capacity building.
3. Increased access to psychosocial support services in identified health facilities through a strengthened referral system, awareness/information provision and counselling.
4. Increased livelihoods schemes for vulnerable persons, by provision of entrepreneurial activities.

Part C: Technical Review

(To be completed by the PBF Secretariat on behalf of the Technical Advisory Panel)

Composition of Technical Advisory Panel:

Provide names, titles and organizational affiliation of Panel members

Jerome Hansen / UNDP / PBO (PB Knowledge, Proj. Design)

Doris Kleffner UNMIL RRR / PB / Technical knowledge)

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Secretariat
Wilfred Gray-Johnson
Benjamin Spatz

Technical Advisory Panel Review Date:

Provide date(s) of review

19 September 2008

3. Evaluation of Proposal by the Technical Advisory Panel

Provide concise summary evaluation of proposal against:

The Project Proposal incorporated changes based concerns and comments made by both the TAP and JSC in its meeting on 9 August 2008. Also in conformity with the CN/PP criteria, the PP aligns with the PBF Priority Plan / PB Strategic objectives and the PRS. TAP recommends that the PP be approved by the JSC for funding, however, with some modification to address the following issue:

- **Risk: Workload of project staff – do people want counselling? Govt. appointing staff in nation budget need to be verified and intent on social welfare policy needs to be closely supported by UNFPA.**

	<i>i) General principles and selection criteria</i>	
(a)	Is the Project explicitly based on Liberia PBF Priority Plan?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Does the project build capacity within national institutions?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Does the project promote and ensure national and local ownership?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(d)	Does the organization have the appropriate system to deliver expected results (also looking at earlier performance and project delivery)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(e)	Does the project avoid duplication of and significant overlap with the activities of other actors?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(f)	Does the project use strategic entry points that respond to immediate needs and yet facilitate longer-term improvements?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(g)	Does the project build on existing resources, capacities, strengths and experience?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(h)	Can the Project be completed within 18 months?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>ii) Relevance to peacebuilding criteria</i>	

(a)	Are peacebuilding and reconciliation aspects adequately addressed by the proposal?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Are related gender dimensions taken into account and adequately addressed by the proposal?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Are the theory of change and strategy for the project appropriate for, and relevant to the particular conflict situation?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>iii) Project design criteria</i>		
(a)	Are the activities appropriate, practical, and consistent with the expected results?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Are risks taken into account and is this analysis reflected in the structure and design of the logframe?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Has the role of partners been identified and is their level of involvement and participation in the project satisfactory?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(d)	Does the proposal include realistic provisions for monitoring and are the indicators at impact, outcome and output level adequate?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>iv) Impact and Sustainability</i>		
(a)	Is the project likely to have a tangible/measurable impact on its target groups, especially in terms of building peace and reconciliation?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Is the project likely to have multiplier effects, including scope for replication and/or extension?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Does the proposal have mechanisms to ensure that it is sustained beyond the end date?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(d)	Does the proposal have the mechanisms to be fully integrated and mainstreamed into new Projects and projects?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Overall Technical Advisory Panel review of project submission [Recommendations]		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Part D: Administrative Review

To be completed by the Liberia PBF Secretariat

4. Review by PBF Secretariat

Date of review:
22 January 2009

Check on Project Proposal Format Contents

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cover sheet (first page) | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Logical Framework | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Justification | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Management Arrangements | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risks and Assumptions | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Progress Report (for supplementary funding only) | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Cost | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Provide concise summary assessment against:

- ☐ *18 Months Implementation*
Elaborate
- ☐ *Agency indirect support cost*
Elaborate
- ☐ *General evaluation criteria*
Elaborate

Part E General criteria for prioritising Projects/projects

(a)	Must be in line with Liberia PBF Priority Plan	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Recipient Organisation is unable to meet high or urgent priority needs with existing level of funding	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Addresses high priority activities that have significant impact, and by nature must address seasonal or timing imperatives and considerations.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(d)	Supports activities that are likely to improve the overall peacebuilding situation at national and local levels.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

5. Recommendation of the PBF Secretariat

Elaborate

Following final updates on the Project Proposal have been made are requested by TAP and JSC in its meeting on 5 December 2008. Secretariat has reviewed and verifies these changes and recommends MDTF funding.



Part F: Decision of Steering Committee

(To be completed by the Steering Committee)

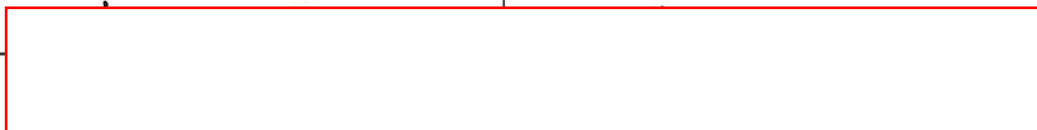
5. Decision of the Liberia PBF Joint Steering Committee

- ☒ Approved for a total budget of **\$889,902.00**
- ☐ Approved with modification/condition
- ☐ Deferred/returned with comments for further consideration
- ☐ Rejected

Comments/Justification

Ambulai Johnson
Minister of Internal Affairs
Co-Chair, PBF Joint Steering Committee

Jordan Ryan
Deputy Special Representative of
the Secretary-General (R&G)
Co-Chair, PBF Joint Steering Committee



Part G: Administrative Agent Review

To be completed by the Administrative Agent

7. Action taken by the Administrative Agent: MDTF Office, UNDP

- ☐ Project consistent with provisions of the Liberia PBF Memorandum of Understanding and Standard Administrative Arrangements with donors.

Bisrat Aklilu,
Executive Coordinator, MDTF Office, UNDP

Signature

Date