

**Minute of PBF Governance & Leadership Project  
Local Project Approval Committee Meeting.**

**24<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**UNDP Conference Room. 10:00- 11:00 AM.**

**Attendance:**

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**Agenda Item**

**Welcome/  
Opening  
Remarks**

The UNDP Resident Representative Aissata De opened the meeting and commended partners for collaborating with the UNDP PBF focal point in identifying their priorities as it relates to the consolidation of Governance in the Gambia especially with the view to address some of the conflict drivers identified in the updated CDA.

**Peacebuilding Fund Guidelines and support to the Governance Leadership Project.**

PBF Program Coordinator Ms. Ndella Faya Colley presented this session.

The Peacebuilding Fund is the UN Secretary General’s Fund launched in 2006 to support activities that “directly contribute to post-conflict stabilization and strengthen the capacities of governments, national/local institutions and transitional or other relevant authorities”. It currently supports 120 projects in 25 countries by delivering fast, flexible and relevant funding. The Gambia became eligible to receive the PBF fund in 2017. PBF has committed \$20m for Gambia to support peacebuilding initiatives to promote peace for sustainable development.

She noted that support to the Gambia is informed by: Priorities in the National Development Plan (2018-2020) and UNDAF, UN Commitments of support to Gambia towards achieving Agenda 2030 and The Africa we want in 2063, UNSCRs on ‘Sustaining Peace’ and evidences of conflict drivers identified by the Conflict and Development Analysis (CDA, 2018, updated 2019) On PBF projects in the country, she noted that:

- In April 2017: 3.1 Million USD approved for 3 projects i.e. Security Sector Reforms – OP/UNDP, Transitional Justice – Min. of Justice/UNDP and Support to Presidency – OP/UNDP.
- PBF Support in 2018 - \$7.1m for 4 Projects i.e. a) Transitional Justice and Human Rights (Continuation with an added focus on HR) – Ministry of Justice/UNDP/OHCHR & establishment of Peacebuilding Secretariat at OP/UN RCO, b) Addressing Conflicts Over Land and Natural Resources in The Gambia- Ministry of Lands/FAO/UNDP, c) Strengthening sustainable and holistic reintegration of returnees in The Gambia – OVP/IOM/ITC/UNFPA, d) Increased Women and Youth Participation in Decision making process and as agents of community conflict prevention – OVP/UNFPA/UNICEF.
- Support for 2019 Projects under development with US\$ 5.5 million allocated funding : Strengthening Rule of Law and Enhancing Justice and Security Service Delivery in The Gambia (UNDP, UNICEF & UNFPA), Support to strengthen inclusive citizen engagement for accountable governance in The Gambia (UNDP & UNICEF) & Strengthening community coping mechanisms to mitigate risks of conflicts and reduce climate related tensions in NBR, CRR and URR (WFP, UNFPA,ITC)

**2020 PBF Governance & Leadership AWP**

**Presentation of Recommendations from PBF & UNWAS for the Governance and leadership.**  
The UNDP Governance Officer Yirah Mansaray presented this session.

Some of the comment that were incorporated in the draft proposal and final project document on strengthening inclusive citizen engagement for accountable governance in the Gambia includes:

- While the proposal plans to tackle some clearly identified peacebuilding issues and proposes appropriate interventions in different areas (exchange with leadership, work with political parties and work with civil society and media) to enhance accountability and transparency of institutions; It was suggested to restructure the results framework with outcome 1 focused on more effective exchange between the population and the leadership which then would subsume the activities of CSOs (as one output, currently as a separate outcome) and media (another output) for them to play the role as constructive and engaged representatives of communities/ channels to input into public policy.
- On Outcome 2 (political parties), Even though it was suggested that the proposed activities remain very relevant, the proposal to elicit the collaboration with UNOWAS and the DPPA regional desk especially around work within political parties was suggested. Invariably, all of these comments were taken on board reflecting the final outcomes, outputs, activities of the Implementing Partners as stated below:

Outcomes/Outputs	Activities	Implementer
Output 1.1: National platform for dialogue on	Develop guidelines, launch OGI and Convene 4 (bi-monthly) town hall dialogue sessions to be aired live on GRTS and community radios.	Department Strategic



public policies between Government and Citizens established and functioned	Organize Weekly radio/TV program, "OGI Hour and Install web-based and social media platforms to engage citizens on key NDP issues	Delivery (DSPD)	
Output 1.2: Strengthen Government mechanisms for coordination and performance management.	Build the capacity of strategic Policy and Performance Unit to improve public service performance and develop a performance dashboard to track the implementation status of priority actions	Department of Policy & Delive	
	Update and develop a monitoring framework for CLD compacts and priorities for Action		
Output 1.3: Strengthening the capacity of Civil Society for meaningful engagement	CSO capacity enhancement on proposal development, coordination, advocacy networking and budget analysis.	TANGO, Coaliti & FOI(GPJ) an ActionAid Inter	
	CSO advocacy for the enactment and popularization of the Freedom of Information and Anti-Corruption Acts.		
	Produce a simplified version of the Regional Strategic Plans of the 4 Local Councils and Develop Citizen's Local Council Demand Charter.		
	Key message development into jingles using local dialect and aired in community radio stations		
	TOT for Producers and Station Mangers of Community radios on the content of the strategic plans.		
	Regional Media Accountability Engagement townhall.		

Outcomes/Outputs	Activities	Implementin
Output 2.1: Interparty tensions and rivalry reduced through inter-party dialogue, improve community engagement and communication amongst political parties.	Training political party operative on facilitation of dialogue process and mediation efforts	Inter-Party Committee (
	Material development workshop to produce messages on political tolerance, non-violence and reconciliation	
	Dissemination of promotional materials and jingle messages on political tolerance, non-violence and reconciliation	
	Convene 4 inter-party dialogues on thematic subjects and Joint inter-party press releases/conferences	
Output 2.2: Capacity of the youth and women's wing of political parties to champion inclusion and gender equality in elective positions strengthen.	Lobby with political parties, national and local authorities for reaching a 30% quota for women representation in governance	Inter-Party Committee (IPC)/ Women's B
	IPYC hold Regional football matches engage key district and regional stakeholders.	
	Identify mentor to train potential women party candidates and assume public leadership positions	
	Develop Political party women wing strategic plan and resource mobilization strategy.	

Outcomes/Outputs	Activities	Implementing Part
<b>Outcome 3: Improved civic engagement of young people and governance systems to promote good governance based on participation, transparency, and accountability by strengthening their capacities and skills on civil rights and duties, citizenship and peacebuilding.</b>		
<b>Output 3.1: Young people leadership skills and civic rights strengthened to engage decentralized and governance</b>	Train young people (in and out of school) in leadership and civic rights and duties to prepare them for the transition to adulthood and citizenship, including school Support awareness-raising and access to information for children and adolescents in and out of school and within the community through U-Report and other medias including community radio to increase they informed participation in public life. Support the Children National Assembly to organize open school days and community dialogue sessions where children issues and community development issues are discussed and shared with decentralized structures and decision makers at national level for consideration in the decision-making process.	UNICEF/ MoBSE/N NYC
<b>Output 3. 2: Capacities of community and governance structures increased to exercise civic responsibilities and promote good governance</b>	Teachers and school staff trainings on civic education to help young people’s understanding of civic rights, laws, institutions and systems and to acquire the skills to engage with institutions peacefully. Train community structures (VDC, MIDFTs, Mothers’ clubs and other relevant decentralization structures) to promote civic education to increase inclusiveness and participation in decision-making. Organize reflections to analyze critical issues emerging from community discussions/engagement and early warning systems among mothers’ clubs, Village, Support Groups, young people’s groups and decentralized structures Support the Young people’s networks to conduct dialogues with community members, decentralized structures and key-decision makers on Constitution, Corruption, Governance, National Development Plan, localization of SDGs etc. Action 3.2.5: Train decision-makers on listening, engaging and responding to the needs and perspectives of young people focusing on good governance and public good.	UNICEF/ MoBSE/N DCD/
<b>Discussion and approval of the Plan</b>	<p>Reacting to the presentation, whilst the Inter- Party Committee representative commended the accurate reflections of their activities in the AWP, he requested sequencing during implementation. The ActionAid representative noted that the plan was silent on the administrative cost for implementing partners especially NGOs. Reacting, the UNDP DRR and Operation informed partners that proposal should be submitted with administrative cost. On his part, the representative of the CSO Anti-Corruption Coalition highlighted their aspirations of reviewing government authorities and examining public finances; and appealed for greater collaboration with the DSPD. The Director General of DSPD noted that a lot needs to be done to enable Government deliver on results, thus the need to scale up measures of accountability within government. He cautioned about the need to be innovative in addressing resistance to change or reforms.</p> <p>Following the brief statement of the Director General Department of Strategy, Policy and delivery (DSPD) Office of the President, Alhagie Nyangado, he moved for the approval of the activities, workplan, which</p>	

was moved by the IPC representative and seconded by representative from ActionAid International- The Gambia

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