

**Liberia Peacebuilding Fund
Project Summary**

Recipient UN Organization:	UNDP	PBF Priority Area:	3.3; 3.3.1		
Implementing Partner(s)					
Project Number:	PBF/				
Project Title:	<i>Supporting the Ministry of Justice in Improving Prosecution Services</i>				
Total Approved Project Budget:	1,099,106 USD				
Location:	Nationwide				
JSC Approval Date:					
Project Duration:	18 Months	Starting Date:	November 1, 2008	Completion Date:	April 30, 2009
Project Description:	<p>The breakdown of the rule of law has been identified as one of the underlying causes of Liberia's conflict and one of the areas where intervention is critically needed. The Ministry of Justice – the key Government agency in this sector – lacks the resources and personnel to fulfill its role in providing due process and assuring public safety and security. Specifically, in the criminal justice system, prosecution services have been weakened by a lack of human and material resources and as a result, public safety is undermined and citizens have little faith in the ability of the criminal justice system to hold criminals accountable or to provide victims of crimes with redress. This Project is designed to increase public confidence in the criminal justice system's ability to provide redress by addressing weaknesses in the prosecution element of the criminal justice system stemming from lack of qualified and properly trained prosecutors and deficiencies in the infrastructure and logistics needed for prosecutors to effectively and justly perform their role.</p>				
Peacebuilding Impact:	<p>Improving prosecution services will contribute to establishing a functioning and credible criminal justice system capable of ensuring that criminals are fairly prosecuted, the innocent are acquitted, and victims have fair and effective redress through the justice system, with a view towards enhancing public trust and promoting public safety and justice.</p>				
Goals and Key Activities:	<p>Key Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Justice's internal management is enhanced and there is greater efficiency of its utilization of resources and personnel • Prosecutors are effectively trained in procedural and substantive areas in order to enhance justice delivery to the community, and donor funding is coordinated to eliminate duplication and maximize impact of training activities • Standard operating procedures are developed and put into place to create consistent application of institutional rules and regulations to promote support for the legal system, generally, and the Ministry in particular, through the creation of accountability mechanisms and the improvement in 				

	<p>the professional delivery of services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linkages are created between the prosecutors, the police, and the communities served by them in order to develop sustainable relationships to enhance public trust and promote public safety and justice <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic plan for improving prosecution services created by the Ministry of Justice • The Office of Training and Development (OTD) established within the Ministry of Justice to design a comprehensive training programme, provide training courses and materials in identified substantive areas, including juvenile justice, to county attorneys and city solicitors, and coordinate donor training activity • The Office of the Deputy Minister of Justice for Administration and Public Safety (DMA)'s capacity for operational management built, and the development of standards and policies for prosecutors, including a code of conduct/ethics, supported • Mechanisms for community outreach developed to promote joint police-prosecutor efforts, increase public investment in rule of law and justice, and to enhance public dialogue <p>Key Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic plan approved; implementation plan designed; disseminated to the public • Office of Training and Development established; comprehensive training programme designed; various trainings undertaken • Database established; standard policies and procedures developed and submitted to the Minister for approval; complaint mechanism established • Community forums held in three counties
Indicator and Benchmarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of cases reviewed by prosecutors increased. • Number of cases dropped, compromised, or misplaced decreased. • Number of cases dropped and/or dismissed due to lack of victim/witness follow-through decreased. • Number of pre-trial detainees decreased. • Number of cases with a final disposition increased. • Public perception of prosecutors and their performance improved. • Public perception of the Ministry of Justice improved. <p>Benchmarks are detailed in Annex 2.5.</p>
Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office equipment and supplies • MOSS compliant vehicle (to be turned over to the MoJ for use by the OTD at the end of the project)

Submission Form
To
Joint Steering Committee

ANNEX 3

Part A: Meeting Information	
<i>To be completed by the PBF Secretariat</i>	
SC Meeting No:	
Item No:	
Date of Meeting:	

Part B: Project Summary							
<i>To be completed by the Recipient UN Organization</i>							
From: Dominic Sam, Representative Head of Recipient UN Organization	Date of Submission: 17 September 2008						
Contact: 06 995 555, dominic.sam@undp.org Telephone number, email							
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Authorities initiative within Liberia PBF Terms of Reference <input type="checkbox"/> UN Agency initiative within Liberia PBF Terms of Reference <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)						
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Implementing Partner(s):							
Theme/Cluster/Priority Area: 3.3; 3.3.1							
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Amount requested: 1,099,106 USD							
Amount and percentage of indirect costs requested: Agency Costs: 7% of budget							
Projected Annual Disbursements:	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">2008</td> <td style="width: 33%;">2009</td> <td style="width: 33%;">2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">\$77345.5</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$890,789.5</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$53176</td> </tr> </table>	2008	2009	2010	\$77345.5	\$890,789.5	\$53176
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*Narrative summary of Project
Not to exceed 500 words*

⁶ The term "Programme" is used for projects, programmes and joint programmes.

1. Background

The Government of Liberia and the UN have identified weak justice systems as one of the challenges facing Liberia today. The challenges identified include an acute shortage of qualified personnel and general capacity as well as an undue delay or no prosecution of matters.

To that end, the PBF set forth its Priority 3.3: Strengthening State Capacity for Peace Consolidation, and proposed support to Strengthening and Expanding State Authority – security sector reform, justice strategies with restructured security architecture, including decentralized security to support the rule of law; extension of legal services, public lawyers in rural areas, with sensitivity for issues affecting women, youth and underrepresented groups; construction/rehabilitation of protection and rule of law infrastructure.

This project aims at strengthening the prosecution arm of the Ministry of Justice so that it can expand its reach into rural areas and address issues relevant to those communities, including issues relating to women and youth. This project also build the capacity of the Ministry of Justice itself to better manage its personnel, train its personnel, and build a long-term plan for sustainable development of its prosecution services. The result of this capacity development will be qualified and well-trained personnel in all counties in Liberia, operating under a set of standard operating procedures, with ongoing training, as well as linkages with other justice players, namely the public defenders and the police. Furthermore, an emphasis will be placed on community outreach to ensure public perception and faith in the justice system is increased, through ensuring timely, fair and equitable disposition of cases.

2. Purpose of Proposed Project

The breakdown of the rule of law has been identified as one of the underlying causes of Liberia's conflict and one of the areas where intervention is critically needed. The Ministry of Justice – the key Government agency in this sector – lacks the resources and personnel to fulfill its role in providing due process and assuring public safety and security. Specifically, in the criminal justice system, prosecution services have been weakened by a lack of human and material resources and as a result, public safety is undermined and citizens have little faith in the ability of the criminal justice system to hold criminals accountable or to provide victims of crimes with redress. This Project is designed to increase public confidence in the criminal justice system's ability to provide redress by addressing weaknesses in the prosecution element of the criminal justice system stemming from lack of qualified and properly trained prosecutors which inhibits their ability to effectively and justly perform their role.

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

Technical Advisory Panel Review Date:

Provide date(s) of review

3. Evaluation of Proposal by the Technical Advisory Panel

Provide concise summary evaluation of proposal against:

<i>i) General principles and selection criteria</i>		
(a)	Is the Project explicitly based on Liberia PBF Priority Plan?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Does the project build capacity within national institutions?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Does the project promote and ensure national and local ownership?	Yes <input 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(e)	Does the project avoid duplication of and significant overlap with the activities of other actors?	Yes <input 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(g)	Does the project build on existing resources, capacities, strengths and experience?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(h)	Can the Project be completed within 18 months?	Yes <input 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Are related gender dimensions taken into account and adequately addressed by the proposal?	Yes <input 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 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 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 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Is the project likely to have multiplier effects, including scope for replication and/or extension?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Does the proposal have mechanisms to ensure that it is sustained beyond the end date?	Yes <input 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Overall Technical Advisory Panel review of project submission [Recommendations]		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>