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2017 First Quarterly Report

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Section 1: Summary of Overall Project Progress

Since the launched of the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (UNPBF) Project in July 2016, various activities under the outcome are contributing to the creation of an inclusive space for dialogues and reconciliation. The project continues to facilitate a neutral space for partnership and coordination, increasing trust and confidence during this transition time. Since July of last year, the project through the government of Solomon Islands has been engaging with Malaita and Guadalcanal leaders and communities, organized targeted consultations for reconciliation activities in hotspot areas such as in Kwaio and the Weather Coast. The project facilitated consultations and visits to these areas attended by the Prime Minister's team, other senior members of government, victims, and the affected communities. These consultations were designed with these key communities in mind bringing stakeholders together.

The project continues to assist the national government and the provincial governments in Malaita, Guadalcanal and Western provinces to engage closely with each other by providing support to joint preparation for provincial peace dialogues. The provincial dialogues were important since they brought space for alternative partnership for sustaining peace and development. The dialogue brought representatives of women, youths, church leaders, tribal chiefs, provincial members and parliamentarians to discuss and find solutions to sustainable institutional arrangement, development and governance issues.

Achieving the coherent voice of women was accomplished through the inaugural National Women's Summit which brought together many of participants from provinces and rural areas. For the first time, the women from rural areas and policy makers were provided with a platform to come together to discuss strategy, how to advance women's participation, and validated and endorsed a national action plan on women, peace and security.

Overall, delivery against the annual target of USD ~~xxxx~~ for this quarter only stands at USD ~~xxxx~~ as per the atlas Combined Delivery Report. 15496439 351187 (238)

Outcome Statement 1: - Inclusive space established for dialogue and reconciliation, and national capacity strengthened for implementation of peace policy

- The project provided support to the national government to conduct dialogues in terms of initiation, planning and review of the Western Provincial Peace Dialogue and the National Dialogue which will be held in May and June 2017 to addressing issues of peace and development.
- Ongoing facilitation of a neutral space for partnership and coordination on transition considering RAMSI's operations drawdown.
- The project provide support to the national government in terms of peacebuilding and conflict analysis training, outreach and visits to hotspot communities for consultation on reconciliation and accelerating peace and development in the areas.
- Through technical and logistical support, the project recruited and hired two reparation experts to conduct and provide technical expertise, advice and international best practices relevant to Solomon Islands for the reconciliation and reparation policy framework
- The project supported the national government to initiate two provincial women's consultations to be conducted by women's forum that will contribute and lead to a unified women voice on TSM and national peace and development policies. Both province have worked on logistics and budgets for the planned consultations

Outcome Statement 2: - Youth engaged in implementation of national peace strategy

- The project support the national government to conduct a Young Women's and Youth Leaders national dialogue in Honiara on the 27th of February to 1st of March 2017 to discussed, contributed and exchanged perspectives to the development of a new 3-tier policy framework for youth development in Solomon Islands to succeed the 2010 – 2015 national Youth Policy, contributed and made inputs towards the development of the 3-tier policy framework for youth development in Solomon Islands and ensured that it is in line with the DCC Government's policy priorities for youth economic empowerment and to inputs on the current 6 priority policy outcomes of the Solomon Islands National Youth Policy 2010 – 2015 which including the fourth key outcome on increased number of young people participating in activities that promote peace building and conflict prevention (Youth and Peace-building), to be reflected as a key feature of the new youth development policy framework.
- A youth in – country mission was undertaken in January 2017 to identify potential partners to operationalized the trust initiatives for youth economic empowerment within the Peace Building Fund. Coconut Technology Center (CTC) was identified as a potential partner to provide targeted training for youths providing them with skills for these young people to use as an impetus for them to build on economic and social opportunities they have in their respective communities and villages. Target beneficiaries for the project include rural and peri – urban youths affiliated to champion DMEs and from targeted communities. The training will involve directly 100 youths from DME and targeted communities in mainly North Malaita and South Guadalcanal with secondary beneficiaries to be the communities they come from and their own family groups.
- The project initiated and support Youth at Work, which was previously identified as a key partner to implement a significant portion on youth economic and cultural engagement under this outcome. The project is working on finalizing an agreement with Youth@Work to engage 200 marginalized youths in the informal settlements around Honiara to engage in trainings and entrepreneurial activities.

Outcome Statement 3: Project Effectively managed

- The project board has its first board meeting in January of this year. This was aimed at seeking endorsement from all board members regarding the project's Annual Work Plan (AWP) 2017. The AWP was endorsed and approved and implemented. This was conducted with key government partners and stakeholders.
- Continuous project meetings were conducted with government counterparts and stakeholders to ensure the implementation is on track

Section 2: Indicator Based Performance Assessment

The tabular form below reveals details of the progress made in the implementation of planned activities as per the approved 2017 Annual Work Plan (AWP). It highlights the indicator based performance for all the output indicators and shows where the current standing of each output indicator and the project as whole in its implementation for this quarter. By looking at the indicator based performance the project can put emphasizes on priority activities that needs to be conducted to ensure the project progress as anticipated and that outputs and outcomes are achieved.

INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 2017

	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	INDICATOR BASELINE	END OF PROJECT INDICATOR TARGET	CURRENT INDICATOR PROGRESS QUARTER 1 2017	REASONS FOR VARIANCE/ DELAY (if any)	ADJUSTMENT OF TARGET (if any)
Outcome 1: - Inclusive space established for dialogue and reconciliation, and national capacity strengthened for implementation of peace policy	Indicator 1.1: - Increased national capacity and effectiveness to lead the post conflict /RAMSI transition; resulting in visible signs of improvements in SIG's response to transition and peace building implementation needs and challenges	Baseline 1.1: - No coordination mechanism in place, ad hoc initiatives, no sharing of data including for planning and programmatic responses	Transition coordination mechanisms are formally established and functioning, resulting in implementation progress of the peace building policy and negotiated closure of some of the unfeasible demands and challenging issues.	This outcome is yet to be measured	n/a	n/a
Output 1.1.1 MNURP/PMO capacity strengthened and evidence base and coordination improved	Output Indicator 1.1.1: - Progress towards the establishment and implementation of the institutional mechanism to coordinate and implement peace policy established and implemented.	Baseline 1.1: - No functioning coordination mechanism in existence.	Target 1.1.1: - At least 2 coordination and joint planning meetings organized for national peace builders.	First board meeting for this year was conducted in February 2017 which saw the project's AWP endorsed for implementation, Western province and National dialogue agendas and initiatives regularly reviewed by Technical Working committees (Provincial government, MNURP, PMO & UNPBF Project staff)	n/a	n/a
	Output Indicator 1.1.2: - Percentage of research findings on peace building being used to inform policy	Baseline: - 0%	50% of findings on peacebuilding used to inform policy design on reconciliation and	No research conducted in this quarter. However, a TOR for a perception index study/ research was put together and advertised	n/a	n/a

	<p>design on reconciliation and peace building efforts, dialogue platforms and generate debates/discussions on peace building and reconciliation by MNURP, PMO and MWCYA.</p>	<p>Output Indicator 1.1.3: - Number of peacebuilding activities unfunded through the national programme is supported</p>	<p>Baseline: - 0 (Zero)</p>	<p>peacebuilding efforts by December 2017</p>	<p>Project supported the young women's and youth leader's national dialogue in Honiara this quarter</p> <p>Project facilitated initiatives for the Western and National dialogue this quarter</p> <p>Project supported MNURP to facilitate the Peacebuilding and conflict analysis training this quarter</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Output 1.2: Effective national reconciliation initiated</p>	<p>Output Indicator 1.2.1 Number of experts deployed on TRC action plans and implementation</p>	<p>Baseline: - 0 (Zero)</p>	<p>3 experts deployed to provide technical assistance to do consultation for the reconciliation and</p>	<p>Two reparation expert recruited and hired to do consultations and coordination meetings regarding the reparation policy framework this quarter</p>	<p>The delay in facilitating the Western province and National dialogue was due to the PMO's wanting to be engaged in the planning processes and their availability</p> <p>The MNURP staff traveling overseas for a peacebuilding and conflict analysis training in the Philippines and will not available on the schedule dates for the dialogues</p> <p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>

	strategy led by the government	Output Indicator 1.2.2: - Outreach of Government peacebuilding and reconciliation policy and programmes boosted through dialogues, radio programmes, newspaper articles etc. also informing new policy making.	Baseline: - No systematic outreach undertaken/ conducted	reparation policy framework Outreach and media strategy developed and launched to effectively communicate PMO, MNURP, MWCYA's peacebuilding policies and programmes.	Newspaper articles published in the Solomon Star and Island Sun regarding Young women and youth leaders national dialogue Newspaper article published in the Solomon Islands regarding Peacebuilding and Livelihood training by CTC for marginalized youths	n/a
	Output Indicator 1.2.3: - Perception of communities in targeted areas on national reconciliation initiatives at the national and community levels supported by the victims and community members.	Baseline: - 6 workshops with provincial participation were organized in 2014 to reach consensus on synergies between HSI-T3R SOI project and other key peacebuilding programmes targeting women, youth, and overall public attitudes and perceptions	Through proactive engagement with research institutions, research on priority topics will be supported that will provide input to policy decisions and implementation, including production of policy papers to provide evidence-based policy options and analysis.	TOR for perception Index study/ researches on priorities for peacebuilding and dialogue designed and advertised	n/a	n/a
	Output indicator 1.2.4 Number of reconciliation and peace activities designed and implemented as the result of the lesson learnt and practical	Baseline: - 0 (Zero)	At least 5 reconciliations implemented as the result of the south – south exchanges and knowledge sharing	There were no reconciliations conducted this quarter	According to the AWP 2017, this activity will be implemented in quarter 3 of this year	n/a

	examples offered by south-south exchanges and knowledge sharing	Baseline: - 0 (Zero))	At least 2 provincial dialogues and consultations made on issues affecting women at the provincial level with view to develop gender policy/ strategy that incorporate peacebuilding and development	There were no consultations done this quarter	According to the AWP 2017, these trainings are ongoing, and could be conducted in third quarter of this year	n/a
Output 1.3: Women's voice unified and connected	Output Indicator 1.3.1 Number of consultations conducted by women's forum contributed and led to a unified women voice on TSM and national peace/development policies.	Baseline: - 0 (Zero))	At least 2 trainings contributed to improve coordination	There were no trainings conducted this quarter	These trainings are ongoing and could be conducted in the third quarter of this year	n/a
	Output Indicator 1.3.2 Number of trainings provided to forum member contributed to improve coordination	Baseline: - Trainings were conducted impartially	Positive perception women in targeted provinces about their participation in shaping national peace and dev agenda	TOR for the Perception Index study/ research is being finalized and advertised and will be implemented in the third quarter of this year	n/a	n/a
	Output Indicator 1.3.3 Perception of women at provincial levels on their ability to participate and influence peace and development agenda	Baseline: - None	NAP validated and endorsed in national stakeholders' workshop	This is the first WPS/ NAP formulated and is currently awaiting finalization and endorsement by the cabinet.	n/a	n/a
	Output Indicator 1.3.4 Progress towards the finalization and endorsement by the cabinet of WPS/NAP	Baseline: - None	2 TSM refresher courses conducted	There were no consultation/training/workshop	Will need to consult with	
	Output Indicator 1.4.1	Baseline: - 0 (Zero)				

	Number of TSM refresher courses and conference conducted that led to increase capacity to advance TSM agenda	Output Indicator 1.4.2 Progress towards the development of TSM implementation plan by the national government	Baseline: - No progress made towards development of TSM implementation plan	with Women's groups and related partners by 2017	on TSM Implementation plan. However, this is ongoing and will be conducted by UNWomen with MWYCFA	UNWomen on the progress of this activity to ensure that refresher courses are conducted as planned	n/a
Outcome Indicator 2 Youth engaged in peace process with society and leadership	Output Indicator 2.1 Degree and state of youth engagement and participation in social, political and economic areas in Solomon Islands	Baseline: - No research ever been done on this topic	Tangible increase in youth engagement and participation in peace advocacy work and engagement with national leadership	The outcome is yet to be measured	The government is committed towards development of TSM implementation plan, especially through the political party integrity act. SIG is working to increase women political leadership and participation. However there has not been any progress recorded in this quarter	n/a	n/a
Output 2.1: Youth leaders upheld as peace advocates	Output Indicator 2.2: -Perception of youths disaggregated by sex/age/geographical location of their chances/ability to participate in peace and reconciliation and the future of their country	Baseline: - None	Positive perception of youth groups on their ability to engage with issues re related to peace, reconciliation and future of their country	Active youth engagement in dialogue and public life through media	This outcome is yet to be measured	n/a	n/a
	Output Indicator 2.1.1 Number of youth leaders identified	Baseline: - Limited and uncoordinated peace building training for you		A youth in – country mission was undertaken in January 2017 and Coconut Technology Center (CTC) was identified as a	n/a	n/a	n/a

	and trained to become peace advocate	leaders in hotspots areas	(printed and radio) and provincial plus national forums results in their enhanced participation in social, political and economic areas in Solomon Islands.	potential partner to provide targeted training for 100 youths providing them with skills for these young people to use as an impetus for them to build on economic and social opportunities they have in their respective communities and villages.		
Output Indicator 2.1.2 Formal engagement mechanisms between youths and national government institution established to ensure youth voices are channeled through appropriate authorities	Baseline: None	By December 2017, a formal/written document is formulated and endorsed to facilitate ongoing engagement between youth and national authorities	During the young women's and youth leaders national dialogue end of February this quarter, The national dialogue saw young women and provincial and HCC youth leaders across the country engaged with national government institutions to discussed, contributed and exchanged perspectives to the development of a new 3-tier policy framework for youth development in Solomon Islands to succeed the 2010 – 2015 national Youth Policy.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Output 2.2.1:- Economic and cultural engagement increased for enhanced national unity	Output Indicator: 2.2.1:-Number of additional marginalized youth who participated in Youth at Work programme	Baseline: - Youth at Work programme over the years has provided youth with training, practical experience and support to increase their potential for workforce participation. The youth were trained in work related skills and key development issues and are	500 marginalized youths to participate in Youth@Work Programmes and other NGOs conducting related peacebuilding programmes for peacebuilding and livelihood by 2017	A proposal has been put together for Youth@Work to engage 200 youths in the informal settlements around Honiara to engage in trainings and entrepreneurial activities this quarter but not yet implemented 100 marginalized youths from North Malaita and South Guadalcanal have already been selected this quarter and will attend a Peacebuilding and Livelihood training conducted by CTC in the second quarter	n/a	n/a

		assigned to work placements for up to six months. Baseline: - 0	Output Indicator 2.2.2 Number of events supported to engage youth groups in peacebuilding activities such as sports, music, art and cultural activities	At least 5 events supported to engage youth groups in these peacebuilding activities	None of the planned events implemented in these quarter	n/a	n/a
Output 2.3: Young women included in nation-wide peacebuilding	Output Indicator 2.3.1 Level of engagement in dialogues between young women groups and the national leadership, including parliament	Baseline: - 0	Output Indicator 2.3.2 Number of support to young women in provinces for provincial activities	At least 2 dialogue platforms supported	None of the planned dialogues implemented in this quarter	n/a	n/a
	Output indicator 2.3.3 Number of young women groups national consultations supported	Baseline: - 0		young women in the 9 provinces involved in specific outreach events and provincial dialogues	None of the planned support facilitated in any of the 9 provinces	n/a	n/a
				At least 1 young women group consultation supported	Young women across the country attended a young women's national dialogue in February this quarter	n/a	n/a