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**ANNUAL programme NARRATIVE progress report**

**REPORTING PERIOD: 1 january – 31 December 2009**

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**PBF, Liberia Country Office-: Approved Project Numbers and Titles, Durations,**

**Approved Budgets, Implementing Partners, Thematic Areas**

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| 1. Good Governance Total Approved Budget: 1, 100,000 USD | | | | | |
| Project Number and Project Title | **Recipient UN Organization** | **Implementing Partner** | **Programme/ Project Duration (Approval Date/ Original End Date/ Revised Date).** | **Approved Budget (USD)** | **Participating Organization** |
| PBF/PP/R5/A3/01:  Supporting the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission | UNDP | Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) | Eighteen (18) Months: 31 March 30- September 2010. | 500, 000 | Ministry of Justice, CSOs,  General Auditing Commission, GC, UNMIL, MPEA. |
| PBF/ CN/R3/A1/01  Strengthening Liberia’s Collaborative State Capacity for Peace Consolidation | UNDP | Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars (WWICS) | April 2009- October 2010 | 600, 000 | Executive Branch of Government, legislators, judiciary, political parties, lawyers |
| PBF/PP/R1/A3/01:  Government of Liberia Peace Building Support Office | UNDP | Ministry Of Internal Affairs | 01 Oct 08- 30 June 2010 | 1,073,745 | Cabinet Ministers, Heads of Agencies, UNOPs/ Interpeace, UNMIL |
| 1. Security Sector Total Approved Budget: 750,000 USD | | | | | |
| Project Number and Project Title | **Recipient UN Organization** | **Implementing Partner** | **Programme/ Project Duration (Approval Date/ Original End Date/ Revised Date).** | **Approved Budget (USD)** | **Participating Organization** |
| PBF/ LBR/ E7:  Enhancing the Relationship Between the Police and Civilians in Communities | UNDP | Ministry of Justice (MoJ) / Liberia National Police (LNP) | Eighteen (18) Months: 30 June 2009- 31 December 2010. | 750, 000 | CSOs, UNPOL, UNMIL |
| 1. Justice Sector Total Approved Budget: 1, 0832. 066, 00 USD | | | | | |
| Project Number and Project Title | **Recipient UN Organization** | **Implementing Partner** | **Programme/ Project Duration (Approval Date/ Original End Date/ Revised Date).** | **Approved Budget (USD)** | **Participating Organization** |
| PBF/*/R3/A3/09:* Improving Public Prosecution | UNDP | Ministry of Justice | Twelve (12) Months: 30 1 May 2009- 30 April 2010. | 1, 082.000 | Liberia National Bar Association, CSOs, University of Liberia Law School, Judiciary |
| PBF/*/R3/A3/09:* Strengthening Public Defense | UNDP | The Judiciary | Twelve (12) Months:1 May 2009- 30 April 2010. | 750,066.00 | Monrovia Central Prison, Public Defenders |
| 1. Human Rights Total Approved Budget: 350, 000. 00 USD | | | | | |
| Project Number and Project Title | **Recipient UN Organization** | **Implementing Partner** | **Programme/ Project Duration (Approval Date/ Original End Date/ Revised Date).** | **Approved Budget (USD)** | **Participating Organization** |
| PP/R5/A1/03: TRC Final Reconciliation Initiatives: County Consultations and National  Reconciliation Conference | UNDP | TRC, Umbrella Civil Society Organizations, relevant GOL Agencies and Ministries | Three (3) months: 1 March- 30 June 2009. | 350,000 | Governance Commission (GC), ECOWAS, UNMIL, UNOPS/ Inter-peace, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peace Building Resource Centre, Human Rights Groups |
| 1. Youth Empowerment and Employment Total Approved Budget: 2, 181, 609. 00 USD | | | | | |
| Project Number and Pro | **Recipient UN Organization** | **Implementing Partner** | **Programme/ Project Duration (Approval Date/ Original End Date/ Revised Date).** | **Approved Budget (USD)** | **Participating Organization** |
| *PP/R1/A2/01:*  “Supporting Peaceful Reintegration of High Risk Youth into their Communities through Facilitating Rural Transport Livelihood Opportunities” | UNDP | YMCA | Eighteen (18) Months: 22 March 2009- 21 September 2010. | 358, 109.00 | LNP, UNMIL, Ministry of Transport, Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization |
| *PP/R1/A2/01:* Tumutu Agricultural Training Programme (TATP) | UNDP | Landmine Action | Eighteen (18) Months: 1 October 2008- 31 March 2010. | 1, 123.500 | AFL, Central Agriculture Research Institute, DDRR, Liberia Rubber development Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, UNMIL, UNPOL |
| PP/R2/A2/06:Volunteers for Peace Programme | UNDP | Ministry of Youth and Sports | Eighteen (18) Months: 28 February 2009- September 2010 | 700,000 | UNMIL, and Federation of Liberia Youth |

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

# Introduction

The (2009) Annual Progress Report for the MDTF projects in Liberia covers activities implemented for the period, 1 January- 31 December 2009 under the Peace-Building Fund (PBF). The Report is consolidated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Country Office in Liberia, detailing information on progress made during the implementation of projects funded by PBF, flanking the purpose/ objectives, resources, implementation and monitoring arrangements, results, common challenges, lessons learned, photos, and a list of acronyms and abbreviations. The report is submitted to the Multi-Donor Trust Fund Office, through the Country Director of UNDP, Liberia, who provides overall supervision and leadership to the program/ project managements of PBF funded projects, managed and implemented by the UNDP Country Office in Liberia. This Report is submitted in execution of the reporting provisions of the PBF Terms of Reference, the existing MOU between the UNDP and MDTF Offices, and the Letter of Agreement between the UNDP/ MDTF Office and Donors.

The Annual Progress Report for the MDTF projects in Liberia is consolidated on the basis of information and data contained in the individual PBF annual narrative progress report, submitted by all PBF projects to the Office of the Programme Analyst for Democratic Governance. The Report is a consolidation of individual PBF project-level progress report; narrating interventions of unswerving and immediate relevance to enhanced and strengthened peace-building initiatives in post-conflict Liberia, and is presented in two central components. The first component provides a consolidation of Annual Narrative Progress Report for PBF funded projects, managed and implemented by UNDP Liberia. Whereas, the second component provides financial information on progress made in the implementation of projects funded by the PBF, and shall however, be submitted subsequently, in consideration of the financial reporting deadline provided, 30 April 2010. Additionally, Country Office can provide Donors, upon request, with the individual project progress reports submitted by the respective PBF funded projects, presenting in depth information on the activities and results of each projects. At the climax of the reporting period (1 January- 31 December 2009), the PBF has funded projects in five thematic areas: Good Governance, Security Sector, Justice Sector, Human Rights, and Youth Empowerment and Employment. Within these thematic locales, the followings are projects funded by the PBF, and are embedded in this Report:

* Supporting the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC);
* Strengthening Liberia’s Collaborative State Capacity for Peace Consolidation;
* Government of Liberia Peace Building Support Office;
* Enhancing the Relationship Between the Police and the Civilians in Communities;
* Improving Public prosecution;
* Strengthening Public Defense ;
* Supporting the Final Reconciliation Initiatives: County Consultations and National Reconciliation Conference;
* Supporting the Timutu Agriculture Training Programme;
* Supporting Peaceful Reintegration of High Risk Youth into Communities through Rural Transport Livelihood Opportunities;
* Volunteers for Peace Programme.

Building on lessons learned, alongside the setbacks and achievements, it is fervently anticipated that PBF through the MDTF will continue to support interventions that are of critical and immediate bearing to the continued enhancement and strengthening of peace-building inventiveness in a Liberia that is gradually transitioning from conflict and poor governance to peace and democratic governance.

**PURPOSE**

*Thematic Area I: Good Governance* Three projects, ***Supporting the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC);* Strengthening Liberia’s Collaborative State Capacity for Peace Consolidation; and** **Government of Liberia Peace Building Support Office**were approved in the Country Office (Liberia) under this Thematic Area during the reporting period. The project, ***Supporting the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC),***  seeks to address the challenges of corruption that threaten peace in Liberia, by enhancing public awareness and sensitization, and overall, fostering democratic governance—good governance through the establishment and nurturing of an integrity system in government, to enhance transparency and accountability in the management of state resources and assets. Outputs include the provisions of logistical, human resource capacity development, and institutional support to enhance the technical and operational capacities of the LACC, and thereby make the Commission fully functional with aptly trained staff members to provide support in tackling corruption in all areas of governance. Under the project, ***Supporting the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC),*** the underlying objective of the project is catalytic, that is, to respond the immediate need of the Commission to achieve functionality as key institution of good governance, by investigating allegations of corruption, building operational and public engagement capacity, and deterring corruption. During the period under review, a three-year comprehensive strategic work plan, also known as “3-Year Plan of Action” was established to maintain and enhance operational and administrative effectiveness at the Commission.

*Thematic Area I: Good Governance (***Strengthening Liberia’s Collaborative State Capacity for Peace Consolidation).** The objective of this project is to build the collaborative capacities of leaders from key sectors of the Liberian society for governance and national development by re-establishing their mutual trust, effective relationships, communication skills and creating an agreement on the way in which governance is effected through a sense of common interests and shared vision. During the reporting, the project has contributed to the broader goals of the Peace Building Fund’s—strengthening state capacity for peace consolidation. In addition, there are enhanced collaborative decision making skills amongst Liberian leaders, and the project has established a network amongst participants, fostering peace initiatives, and sustained governance.

*Thematic Area I: Good Governance (***Government of Liberia Peace Building Support Office).** The project provides support to key Government decision-makers (Ministers and Agency heads) to understand conflict sensitivity and peace building issues, and seeks to establish a conflict sensitive framework amongst stakeholders. Of its outputs, the **Government of Liberia Peace Building Support Office** hasdisseminated the Civil Society framework across all levels of Government; enhanced information gathering and sharing initiatives on hotspots and emerging conflicts through early warning mechanisms. Also, PBO staff capacities have been built through the provisions of conflict sensitivity and peace-building training. Of note, the PBO as well provided technical advice to GoL on applying conflict sensitivity.

*Thematic Area II: Security Sector (***Enhancing the Relationship Between the Police and Civilians in Communities).** One project, **Enhancing the Relationship Between the Police and Civilians in Communities** was approved in the CO under Thematic Area II (**Security Sector**) during the period under review. The objective of the project is to improve public trust in the Liberia National Police (LNP) and the criminal justice system by increasing the presence LNP in rural and high crimes areas of Liberia, and fundamentally enhancing and strengthening community policing and governance—seeking the cooperation of communities in identifying and solving crimes problems through training, public awareness and sensitization endeavors, and through the provisions of logistical and infrastructural support. Prominent of its outputs, the Project, **Enhancing the Relationship Between the Police and Civilians in Communities** has yielded enhanced capacity in community-police interventions, addressed some root causes of potential conflicts at the community level—formalizing sustainable mechanism to achieve peace and facilitate dialogs and community policing forums through consultative processes, thereby raising public awareness and maintaining public trust.

*Thematic Area III: Justice Sector* **(Improving Public Prosecution, Strengthening Public Defense)***.* Two projects were approved under this Thematic Area during the reporting period—**Improving Public Prosecution, and Strengthening Public Defense projects.** The project, **Improving Public Prosecution** seeks to augment public confidence in the criminal justice system’s ability to provide redress by addressing weaknesses in the prosecution element of the justice sector, stemming from lack of qualified and properly trained prosecutors which inhibits their ability to effectively perform their role. Overall, the objective of the **Improving Public Prosecution** project is to establish a functional and credible criminal justice system, capable of ensuring that latent criminals are fairly prosecuted, and justice is fairly administered, with a view towards enhancing public trust and promoting public safety and the rule of law—an area that has been identified as one of the underlying causes contributing to the civil conflict in Liberia. Also, under **Thematic Area III (Justice Sector)** is the project, **Strengthening Public Defense.** The project, **Strengthening Public Defense** seeks to rebuild the trust of the Liberian people following the nation’s long term war and insecurity which have led to the disintegration of the nation’s legal system. As well, the project aims at establishing and fostering an effective and accessible public defense system in Liberia, serviceable to underprivileged and economically challenged individuals, though accused of crimes, can rely upon and trust for adequate legal representation—protecting the right to due process. Of relevance, the **Strengthening Public Defense** project, during the reporting period, provided training and logistical support to public defenders. It’s worth noting however, that one key area which is still to be fully addressed by the project is the rights of prisoners and defendants in the legal system. For the last quarter of the reporting period, efforts were educe along this conduit, ensuring that pre-trial detainees are not languishing in jail as a result of poor case management procedures, lack of transportation, and lack of legal representation. Technical and logistical supports are directed along this path.

*Thematic Area IV: Human Rights (****Final Reconciliation Initiatives: County Consultations and National Reconciliation Conference).*** *One* project, ***Final Reconciliation Initiatives: County Consultations and National Reconciliation Conference*** was approved under this Thematic Area during the reporting period. The **Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Final Reconciliation Initiatives** project seeks to promote national peace, security and reconciliation in Liberia. As its objectives, the Project provides opportunity for the local population of Liberia, including victims and victimizers to actively participate in harnessing the recommendations of the TRC in relation to the four policy issues: Reconciliation, Amnesty, Reparation, and Prosecution—facilitating a forum wherein victims and perpetrators can mediate and dialog on issues relating to peace and justice. The two main outputs of the project, ***Final Reconciliation Initiatives: County Consultations and National Reconciliation Conference*** were the County Consultations, and National Reconciliation Conference. These activities sought to connect peace and reconciliation in Liberia by providing the opportunity and space in which the people of Liberia discussed reconciliation and deepen their understanding of the four policy issues. Additionally, key outputs of the TRC Final Reconciliation included: Increased participation of local Liberian populace in harnessing the TRC’s recommendations, with the aim to prevent conflict and promote peace and reconciliation; National peace and reconciliation initiatives strengthened to sustain peace and stability in Liberia. Overall, the project addresses issues of the Liberian civil war and its impact on the country, considering national prospects—promoting reconciliation and sustaining peace.

*Thematic Area V: Youth Empowerment and Employment* (***Supporting Peaceful Reintegration of High Risk Youth into their Communities through Facilitating Rural Transport Livelihood Opportunities; and Tumutu Agricultural Training Programme-TATP;* Volunteer for Peace project*).*** Under **Thematic Area V (*Youth Empowerment and Employment)***, three projects were approved: ***Supporting Peaceful Reintegration of High Risk Youth into their Communities through Facilitating Rural Transport Livelihood Opportunities; Tumutu Agricultural Training Programme; and* Volunteer for Peace project*.*** Central of its objectives, the project, “***Supporting Peaceful Reintegration of High Risk Youth into their Communities through Facilitating Rural Transport Livelihood Opportunities”*** seeks to enhance the socio-economic reintegration of high risk youth, operating informal transport services (motorcycle); promotes mechanism for resolving conflict among motorcycle riders, the community and the Police; and ensures that motorcyclists receive training on Highway Code and other safety measures that are in compliance with rules and laws while riding, thereby promoting peace, human safety and lives. Outstanding of its outputs, the Project has enhanced and strengthened the leadership, skills and technical capacity of youth who may be vulnerable to conflicts by developing bike riders code of conduct—a regulatory mechanism. Also, along the path of Thematic Area V (**Youth Empowerment and Employment**) is the project, ***Tumutu Agricultural Training Programme-TATP.*** The project aims at establishing an improved regional and national security framework via relocation and training of ex-combatants involved in illegal natural resource exploitation from priority ‘hotspots’, hence reducing their vulnerability to engage in criminal activities or to be recruited into illicit military activities. During the reporting period, the outputs of the ***Tumutu Agricultural Training Programme-TATP*** were as follows: fewer ex-combatants involved in illegal activities in hotspot regions and command structures dismantled; 800 beneficiaries with new skill sets, enabling them to pursue sustainable livelihoods—local and national food security improved; social and behavioral skills of 800 beneficiaries improved and enhanced; and improved chance of beneficiaries successfully reintegrating into their communities through the provisions of agriculture training programs and services.

The **Volunteer for Peace project** is the third project intervention under Thematic Area V: **Youth Empowerment and Employment**. The project seeks to diffuse potential conflicts at community levels and significantly reduce the numbers of reported incidents of youth conflicts in the 15 counties; seek to achieve a cascading impact of skills transfer on conflict diffusion and non-violent resolution strategies through training of trainers for youth in the local communities of the counties; improve mutual trust, social cohesion and community relations among youth; incorporate the Liberia Volunteers for Peace Programme (VPP) into the activities of the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MYS) and make it an integral part of the Ministry’s youth programs throughout the country. The project focuses on building peace and resolving conflicts amicably among youth in communities at the county levels. Highlighted in its outputs, the **Volunteer for Peace project** has enhanced awareness and sensitization on peace-building and conflict resolution amongst youth in the communities, schools, clinics, NGOs, government ministries, and other organizations to sensitize the people especially the youth on the Volunteer for Peace Programme. Campaigns are covey by the NYVS county Coordinator, and volunteers have been recruited and trained through a transparent and decentralized procedure and in accordance with an established selection criterion to engage youth across Liberia.

The Government’s Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) outlines six conflict factors that have been identified as those most likely to cause future violent conflict unless urgently addressed and alleviated. Under the five (5) specified Thematic Areas, all of the projects funded by the PBF aligned with the Government of Liberia Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) as well as the MDGs. Of note, during the reporting period, project funded under the PBF were implemented along the conduits of the areas requiring critical and expeditious interventions. In general, in all of the projects (Thematic Areas), implementation of activities are well on track, though additional funding is strongly recommended to achieve stabilized and strengthened national institutions—enhanced capacity and sustained peace, minimizing the risk of a relapse into conflict, potentially emanating from poor governance, poverty, and illiteracy.

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# RESOURCES

**Common Challenges**

Generally, during the reporting period, all PBF funded projects, managed by UNDP-Liberia were implemented under the DEX / Direct Implementation modality, with parallel funding from UNDP across all areas of interventions. Additional resources were provided by other donors: UNDEF, SIDA, EC, USAID, DANIDA, etc. Nevertheless, in presenting a proportional appraisal on human and financial resources, five Thematic Areas are highlighted to reflect a holistic representation of Country Office (Liberia) resources across projects/ interventions. These include: Thematic Area I- Good Governance (The total approved funding under this Thematic Area was $ 2, 173.745.00 USD, with $ 1, 366.983.00 in expenditure (**63.5 percent**- Supporting the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission; **34.5 percent**-Strengthening Liberia’s Collaborative State Capacity for Peace Consolidation; **92 percent**- Government of Liberia Peace Building Support Office). Thematic Area II: Security Sector (The total approved funding under this Thematic Area was $750.000 USD). The project, “Enhancing the Relationship Between the Police and Civilians in Communities” had $ 268, 800, i.e., **36%** in expenditure. Thematic Area III: Justice Sector (The total approved funding under this Thematic Area was $ 1, 0832. 066 USD, with $ 787, 643 in expenditure). Of the total amount, the project, “Improving Public Prosecution” had $ 306, 182 in expenditure, i.e., **30.7 percent;** whereas, the “Strengthening Public Defense” project had $ 481.461 in expenditure, i.e., **64.4 percent**. An additional Thematic Area of support is Thematic Area IV: Human Rights (The total of $350, 000. 00 USD was approved under this Thematic Area for the project, “TRC Final Reconciliation Initiatives: County Consultations and National Reconciliation Conference”). During the reporting period, the project had $329, 503 in expenditure, i.e., **96.6 percent**. In addition, Thematic Area V: Youth Empowerment and Employment, during the reporting period received the total approved funding of $1,571.452 USD. Of this amount, the Project, “Supporting Peaceful Reintegration of High Risk Youth into Communities through Facilitating Rural Transport Livelihood” had $ 261, 888 in expenditure, i.e., **73 percent**; the Tumutu Agriculture Training Programme (TATP) had $1, 123.500 in expenditure , i.e., **84 percent**; Volunteer for Peace project had 376.000 in expenditure, i.e., **54 percent**.

It’s important to note, however, that during the reporting period, projects funded under the PBF were implemented in a transitional context, post-conflict socio-economic and political challenges were seen as common constraints—challenges shared by projects in all Thematic Areas. Of note, delays on the part of most projects in releasing/ disbursing funds by the PBF/ MDTF have served as serious constraints in the implementations cycles of many projects managed by UNDP. Also, and perhaps preponderantly, is the need to have additional project staffers who will be paid under the PBF/ MDTF resource allocations. For the most part, while the highlighted factors are noted as common challenges, it’s of profound relevance to emphasize that most of the UNDP paid PBF project managers have worked relentlessly, having acquired requisite training and education, with enhanced human resource, administrative and leadership capacity, successfully implementing projects and interventions along all Thematic Areas in a timely and more effective manner.

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# Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements

At this stage, it’s of value to note that all UNDP-Liberia managed PBF funded projects seek to stabilize and strengthen national partners—enhancing capacities and sustaining peace across the following five Thematic Areas of interventions: Good Governance; Security Sector; Justice Sector; Human Rights; and Youth Empowerment and Employment. During the period under review, UNDP- Liberia collaborated closely with other international partners, notably UNMIL, USAID, EU/ EC, Government of Liberia, Government of Ireland, ECOWAS, AU, The Carter Center, and the American Bar Association, British Government, German Government, etc. Projects within these Thematic Areas are in complement to the Government of Liberia Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS) and the MDGs. The implementation and monitoring arrangements were alike in all areas of interventions, as implementation structures and monitoring arrangements consisted of (a) a Project Board (b) a Project Management Unit, backed by the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit (M&E) of UNDP, and supervised by a Project Board. Each project within these Thematic Areas consisted of a Detailed Work Plan, with 18 Months duration in most instances. Also, each project within the underscored Thematic Areas consists of Project Board, comprising Governmental partners, a Project Manager (UNDP), and stakeholders. The Project Board has been responsible for overseeing the project’s action plan, agreeing on success indicators, and ensuring periodic evaluation of the project’s progress and impact. It’s important to also note that the Project Board has been responsible for resolving any emerging issues, risks, conflicts or problems that could negatively impact on the project’s implementation. In ensuring optimal project coordination, each project Board has invited other partners on an “as needed” basis. Also identical in all areas of interventions are the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) arrangements of PBF funded projects, managed and implemented by UNDP- Liberia. During the reporting period, all PBF funded projects were conducted in line with CPAP and UNDAF plans, with a well-organized M&E framework organized by UNDP and governmental partners to ensure efficient resource utilization, accountability, transparency and integrity. Regular communications with stakeholders were as well utilized during the period under review. During the period under review, tracking the achievement of planned results for each activity reported were convey, utilizing the “Detailed Project Document” and/ or “Annual Work Plan (AWP).” Each Project Manager, in collaboration with the Project Board developed a results-based monitoring plan, which consisted of “SMART” indicators, enhanced effective implementations and monitoring. The specific mechanisms that were used for the implementations and monitoring of UNDP managed PBF funded projects were: Monthly and Quarterly progress and financial reports, submitted by Project Managers for review by the Project Board; a standard reporting format was used ; Risks, Issues and Monitoring Logs, completed by Project Managers; Annual progress report, technical and financial report submitted Project Managers; Quarterly Work Plan, reflecting procurement plan and budgets; Quarterly Project Board meetings; Regular field visits; Mid–Term review meeting with partners.

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# Results

To depict an all-inclusive analysis, it’s worth noting that five Thematic Areas were classified in highlighting the results across all areas of interventions. Of note, the results indicated herein cover the reporting period, and do not reflect those results within Thematic Areas VI and VII and those directly under the MDTF. *Thematic Area I: Good Governance.* Three projects were approved under this Thematic Area during the reporting period. Thematic Area results include:

* Functional and operational Anti-Corruption Commission established with increased mobility, enhanced collaborations from citizens and stakeholders, media involvements, and training of staff at the LACC;
* Public awareness and sensitization enhanced on anti-corruption mandates, strategies, and activities through e successful conduct of nation-wide anti-corruption campaigns, TV and Radio talk shows;
* Logistical support provided and capacity developed on initiatives, peace-building, and democratic governance;
* Advocacy and deterrence fostered across Liberia through publications and dissemination of print and promotional materials;
* Shared decision making skills enhanced through the provisions of capacity development training to 80 key Liberian leaders from all branches of Government;
* Strengthened networking dynamic amongst members of the Executive and Legislative branches, enhancing communication, teamwork, peace and conflict resolution;
* Strengthened state capacity for peace consolidation through the successful conduct of dialogs and forums on peace consolidation, communication and governance;

*Thematic Area II: Security Sector.* For the period under review, one project was approved under this Thematic Area. Thematic Area results are:

* Increased sensitization and awareness on community policing activities;
* Community policing and citizens participation mechanisms established through consultative dialogs and meetings/ forums;
* Logistical support provided and crime prevention system strengthened, with better equipments, and training provided to police officers of the LNP Emergency Response Unit (ERU);
* Three Vehicles; Twenty Three Bikes procured for LNP, enhancing mobility, operations, and effective project implementation amongst police and the communities;
* Project implantation capacity and coordination mechanisms strengthened through the establishment of PBF/ Community Security and Social Cohesion working groups

*Thematic Area III: Justice Sector*. During the reporting period, two projects were approved under this Thematic Area. Thematic Area results include:

* Strengthened the Ministry of Justice's internal management system, enhancing the Ministry’s efficiency in its utilization of resources and personnel;
* Enhanced prosecutors’ effectiveness and efficiency by providing capacity development trainings in procedural and substantive areas in order to enhance justice delivery to the community,
* Coordination and planning enhanced to eliminate duplication and maximize impact of training activities amongst prosecutors and public defenders;
* Standard operating procedures developed and put into place, creating consistent application of institutional rules and regulations—enhanced support for the legal system through the creation of accountability mechanisms;
* Established and enhanced linkages between the prosecutors and the police on the one hand, and the communities on the other hand;
* served by them in order to develop sustainable relationships to enhance public trust and promote public safety and justice
* Strategic plan for improving prosecution services created by the Ministry of Justice with training provided for public defenders in the use of electronic database for case management, reporting and tracking results of service delivered;
* Strategic plan developed and approved; implementation plan designed; disseminated to the public with enhanced training provided for stakeholders;
* Approved policies and procedures developed on performance monitoring and evaluation disseminated to all courts and public defenders.
* Mechanism established for receiving and addressing complaints regarding public defenders and staffs;
* A technical leadership team established, providing feedbacks and ensuring outputs are achieved;
* Logistical support provided for the offices of eight public defenders with training provided for staff;
* Database established to enhance justice system; standard policies and procedures developed and submitted to the Minster for approval; complaint mechanism established;
* Community rule of law forums held in three counties of Liberia.

*Thematic Area IV: Human Rights.* One project was approved under this Thematic Area during the reporting period. Thematic Area resulted included:

* Enhanced effectiveness of human rights tenets by ensuring and enhancing the participations of stakeholders in the final reconciliation initiatives;
* National Reconciliation Conference held with the successful holdings of enhanced Regional/ County consultation;
* Population sensitized on the role of the Final Reconciliation Initiatives: County Consultations and National Reconciliation Conference;
* Four pillars of the TRC’s recommendations discussed by stakeholders: Amnesty, Reconciliation, Reparation and Prosecution, providing perspectives to harness the TRC’s recommendations and peace.

*Thematic Area V: Youth Empowerment and Employment.* Three projects were approved under this Thematic Area during the reporting period. Thematic Areas resulting included:

* Increased awareness and sensitization in communities, schools, clinics, NGOs, government ministries, and other organizations, especially the youth on the Volunteer for Peace Programme and activities;
* Developed capacity of youth on peace-building and conflict resolution initiatives by recruiting and providing training to Volunteers for Peace, recruited based on a transparent and decentralized procedure;
* Strengthened the capacity of youth by providing training to youth in the communities on how to diffuse potential conflicts and peace-building;
* Indentified land for cultivation—brushed and cleared as a significant start made towards the successful implementation of Tumutu Agricultural Training Programme;
* Nursery beds prepared, with Animal housing constructed;
* Graduates under the High Risks Youth project remain in procession of all farming implements provided to them in phase 1;
* 367 students successfully completed training in peace-building, self-empowerment and livelihood activities;
* Successful conduct of motorcyclist mobilization meetings and technical training meetings across Liberia;
* Leadership training workshops conducted with bike rider associations code of conduct developed;
* Advocacy, planning and coordination enhanced through the provisions of conflict management, problem-solving and advocacy trainings;
* System with visibility and safety standards improved by providing 655 reflector jackets with riders tracking numbers produced and distributed to trained bike riders;
* Communication and peaceful conflict resolution enhanced through training.

# Abbreviations and Acronyms

**List of Abbreviations and Acronyms**

AU………………………………..……………………………………..African Union

AWP…………………………………………………………….….Annual Work Plan

CENTAL……………………....Centre for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia

CO………………………………………………………………………..Country Office

CSOs…………………………………….………………….Civil Society Organizations

DEX……………………………………………………………………..Direct Execution

ECOWAS……………………….……….. Economic Community of West African States

EU/ EC……………………………………………………European Union/ Commission

GC………………………………..…….....................................Governance Commission

GOL.................................................................................................Government of Liberia

GSA……………………………………………….………….. General Services Agency

IMF……………………………………………..….………..International Monetary Fund

LACC………………………………………..…...Liberian Anti-Corruption Commission

MIA……………………………………………..……………. Ministry of Internal Affairs

MPEA……………………………………….. Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs

MOU…………………………………..…………………Memorandum Of Understanding

NPRS……………………………………………..…National Poverty Reduction Strategy

PBF……………………………………………..……..………….…Peace Building Fund

TOR………………………………………….…………………..……Terms Of Reference

TRC………………………………………….…… Truth and Reconciliation Commission

UNDP…………………………………………..United Nations Development Programme

UNMIL……………………………………….…..……United Nations Mission in Liberia

USAID……………………………United States Agency for International Development

ULSU…………...........................................................University of Liberia Student Union

WONGOSOL……………………………………….. Women NGO Secretariat of Liberia

**Photos:** During the reporting period, five photos have been identified to reflect photos across the Country Office (Liberia) PBF funded areas of interventions. Thematic Areas of interventions photos include:

**Thematic Area I: Good Governance. THE ASSISTANTRESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UNDP’S GOVERNANCE TEAM AND LACC’S EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON DURING A PRESENTATION**



**Thematic Area II: Security Sector. AN ARRAY OF STUDENTS AT ONE OF NUMEROUS PBF FUNDED COMMUNITY POLICING FORUMS**

**Thematic Area iiI: Justice Sector. 14 PICK-UP TRUCKS PROCURED FOR THE JUDICIARY**



**Thematic Area IV: Human Rights. THE ROAD TO LASTING PEACE AND RECONCILIATION—PARTICIPANTS AT THE PBF FUNDED FINAL RECONCILIATION CONFERENCE**

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**Thematic Area V: YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND EMPLOYMENT. BENEFICIARIES OF THE PBF SUPPORTED TIMUTU AGRICULTURE TRAINING PROGRAMME SITE**

