

12 July 2021

Excellency,

Building on the recommendation to continue strengthening synergies between the Peacebuilding Fund and the Peacebuilding Commission as contained in the report on the Peacebuilding Commission's tenth session, I am pleased to provide the list of projects approved by the Peacebuilding Support Office during the second quarter of 2021.

In compliance with the PBF's Terms of Reference and Guidelines, all submissions have been reviewed by the Peacebuilding Project Review Group and recommended for approval by PBSO's Project Appraisal Committee. Please note the amount indicated below is the total project budget approved. Typically, these amounts are disbursed in two or more tranches linked to performance conditions and contingent on availability of funds in the PBF. In addition, given some administrative conditions, some fund transfers remain pending.

In **Burundi**, PBSO approved a **cost extension** to the project "*Appui à la Coordination et au Suivi des Projets du Fonds pour la Consolidation de la Paix (PBF) au BURUNDI*" for an additional **\$475,749**, bringing the total project budget to \$2,535,429. The objective of this project is to support the functioning of the PBF Secretariat, support for the implementation and monitoring & evaluation of the PBF portfolio in Burundi, as well as capacity building of the Joint Steering Committee (CPC). It will take into account the priorities of the Government and analysis of conflict factors. UNDP is the implementing partner.

In **Guatemala**, PBSO approved the project "*Secretariado PBF en Guatemala*" (**\$1,490,357**). The project aims to give continuity to the work of the PBF Secretariat established in Guatemala to support the coordination, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, visibility and communication of the PBF projects and the PBF Executive Committee. It will support the design, implementation, and coordination of a new portfolio of projects under the 2020-2025 PBF Strategic Framework following the declaration of eligibility by the Secretary-General in October 2020, incorporating lessons learned from the two previous phases to achieve catalytic effects and contribute to achieving high-level results for peacebuilding and sustaining peace. UNDP is the implementing partner.

In **Haiti**, PBSO approved the project "*Appui au Processus Électoral en Haïti (PAPEH): Prévention des violences liées aux élections y compris la violence politique à l'égard des femmes en Haïti*" (**\$1,500,000**). The project aims to support the electoral process in Haiti. Haiti is preparing to organize constitutional referendum, presidential, legislative and municipal elections in 2021. Ensuring the participation of citizens in peace and without violence is fundamental for political stability and the establishment of a just democracy and

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inclusivity. This project will finance activities intended for the prevention of violence, management of conflicts linked to the elections, the strengthening of dialogue and the fight against violence against women in the electoral process in Haiti. UNDP and UN Women are the implementing partners.

In **Liberia**, PBSO approved a **cost extension** to the project “*Support to LMPTF-PBF Joint Secretariat*” for an additional **\$401,591**, bringing the total project budget to \$1,540,869. The project aims to ensure strengthened coordination, oversight and monitoring of the PBF portfolio, including support to identification and design of new PBF support to Liberia. The project is administered by UNDP on behalf of the UN Resident Coordinator’s Office.

In **Niger**, PBSO **approved** the project “*Appui à la Coordination des Projets du Fonds pour la Consolidation de la Paix au Niger*” (*ACOP-NI*) (**\$1,200,000**). The project aims to support the governance, implementation and monitoring system of PBF interventions programmed in the new PBF support phase in Niger, through capacity building of the Joint Steering Committee and its technical secretariat. UNDP is the implementing partner.

Finally, PBSO approved a **cost extension** to the project “*Humanitarian-Development-Peacebuilding and Partnership Facility*” for an additional **\$3,230,396**, bringing the total project budget to \$7,635,903. This is a global project that will provide advisory support and grant funding to UN entities to establish strategic and/or operational frameworks with IFIs across the humanitarian, development, and peace nexus in crisis-affected situations. It will enable UN operations to leverage partnerships to increase impact in efforts to build resilience of the most vulnerable, reduce risk and sustain peace in crisis-affected situations. UNOPS is the implementing partner.

I would be grateful if you could share this information with the members of the Peacebuilding Commission.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Oscar Fernández-Taranco', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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