

Total Budget:	USD 2,500,000		
Budget by Agency:	IOM: 204,126	UNHCHR	773,005
	UNDP: 590,240	UN-Habitat	650,349
	UNICEF: 282,280		
Participating Gov. Entities:	Minister of the Public Administration, and Local Self Government		
Start Date:	29 October 2009		
End Date:	29 October 2012		
Extension:	Not yet requested		
Disbursements:	First Disbursement:	29 October 2009	USD 1,146,529
	Second Disbursement:	18 March 2011	USD 1,072,196
	Third Disbursement:		
In Brief:	<p>South Serbia has the country's only concentration of ethnic Albanians, and is also the poorest part of the country. Problems continue to exist over inequalities, actual and perceived, between ethnic communities in South Serbia (including Serb, Roma, and IDPs from Kosovo), and between the south and the rest of Serbia. Increased tensions in Kosovo threaten to spill over into South Serbia unless sources of resentment are addressed. This programme will focus on the thirteen municipalities of South Serbia (with particular focus on the three with ethnic Albanian populations) with a multi-pronged approach to address many of the key obstacles to sustainable peace in this region, including to strengthen dialogue, partnership, and social cohesion, improve access and quality of public services, and to stimulate equitable economic development. It will focus on building sustainable capacities of local institutions for mitigating the causes of tension between the populations in the region.</p>		

Outcomes:

- Community cohesion and human capital: Communities in South Serbia are stronger, more integrated, and better able to reduce inter-ethnic tensions and conflict risk.



Regions of Intervention:	• South Serbia	
MDGs	MDG1 T1.A & T1.C; MDG3 T3.A; MDG7 T7.D	
Beneficiaries	Direct	Indirect
• No. Institutions	107	85
• No. Women	17486	42,950
• No. Men	17,468	42,950
• No. ethnic groups		

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Status	The JP experienced significant delays during its inception , but has improved its pace and is advancing towards the expected outcome. This JP has a 'sister' JP addressing complementary outcomes.
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Estimated financial execution status as of the June 30, 2011 biannual report:	
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Main Achievements:	<p>Although it is too early to talk about institutional and social change, a significant contribution has been made to enhancing community cohesion, promoting inter-ethnic dialogue and supporting community mobilization on social I issues. The following are the key impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PBILD has contributed directly to the inclusion of vulnerable groups in Serbia, ensuring that their rights are advanced and better protected. 8 civil society organizations have been awarded small grants to raise awareness of gender and minority rights issues. Of particular note are an inter-ethnic (Roma & Serbian) children's theatre play in Lebane, women & employment round table discussions, a gender action plan in Vlasotince (that will be done in cooperation with Vlasotince Local Self-Government) and a Roma round table. Mentoring and monitoring plan was developed in order to support and improve the implementation of the grants.• The promotion of the Youth and Migration report in south Serbia raised awareness on issues facing youth and migrants in Serbia today. Current trends, needs, problems and recommendations are highlighted and discussed thus contribution has been to evidence based advocacy and evidence based policy making. Over 20 Civil Society Organizations and 12 Youth Offices participated at "Info days" and this opportunity was used for the promotion of the Youth chapter from the "Inclusive Development Opinion survey" in Leskovac on 27 June 2011. The promotion of the "Youth in south Serbia" report raised awareness on issues that: youth is facing in Serbia today, current trends, needs, problems and recommendations leading towards evidence based advocacy and evidence based policy making. One way of verifying this is by the number of project proposal being submitted for the current Call for Proposal and the topics that those proposals are covering.• PBILD ability to respond to demand driven requests by local stakeholders resulted in enhanced participation of local police which is a milestone in achieving community cohesion. . 'Safer Cities' Local Safety Diagnoses to identify safety needs for each municipality are in the final stage. 42 training sessions delivered in 11 municipalities to Safety Council members, Municipal Staff and interns, and Police officers. Additional four training sessions (Training cycle) delivered to 17 police officers from Pcinjski district Police stations, as response to Regional Police Directorate request – added value for PBILD and Safer Cities, as this activity was not planned by Programme Document. PBILD ability to respond to demand driven requests by local stakeholders resulted in enhanced participation of local police which is a milestone in achieving community cohesion. Furthermore, 11 local professionals have been trained in 'Conflict management through mediation skills' Training of Trainers (ToT) trainings .The training modules have involved a creative approach to mediation training provided more specialized insight into conflicts and mediation process in a broader community, teams, organizations and at work. Additionally, 30 representatives from key local institutions (Centers for Social Works, National Employment Service, primary and secondary schools, the media etc.) and CSOs from Jablanicki and Pcinjski districts have received the training in 3 modules (Conflict and Mediation-Concept and Context, The Role of a Mediator-Techniques and Skills of Mediation, Family and Partnership-Family Mediation) of conflict mediation training roll out which has commenced in the reporting period.• Strengthened capacity in conflict mediation. Communities are more able to recognize and mitigate sources of potential conflict. Mediation as a concept in conflict prevention is introduced through local skilled individuals into state and local administration institutions. 44 IDP families, 163 individuals, have left collective centers to move into private accommodation through PBILD support with a number of measures. A total of 302 IDPs have benefitted from a range of grant assistance, including: village house purchase grants, cash and in-kind grants, and building materials grants. 2,569 applications for legal assistance have been resolved, and the computerization of dislocated registry books completed.
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Does the JP incorporate gender considerations in the **activities/outputs/outcomes?** (example)

Local government mechanisms such as Gender Councils/Committees/Co-ordinators/Gender Regional Working Group have been strengthen through a workshop that has been organized in co-operation with the Gender Equity Institute. The focus of the workshop was on gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting.

Observations**Paris Declaration****Leadership of national and local governmental institutions:**

The PBILD Programme's interventions respond to national and regional policies and identified needs of the target population. The national authorities have participated fully into the programme design and implementation since the beginning of the programme. The local authorities did not participate in the design phase of the programme, but are fully engaged and supportive of the programme since the beginning of its implementation.

The lead Ministry (the Ministry for of Human and Minority Rights, Public Administration and Local Self-Government) was involved in the selection of Regional Development projects; which has become a good practice (i.e. that relevant Ministry representatives are involved in the selection committees for grants/projects etc.)

At local government level, the majority of members of the Regional Working Group for Gender Equality are local civil servants: the RWG has defined its own ToR and action plan and members are responsible for implementing activities with PBILD support, as agreed. Youth Offices, through the municipal Youth Coordinators, are involved in planning the PBILD capacity-building activities and other support, e.g. grants, for youth in the region. Additionally, various institutions are involved directly in the 'Safer Cities' consultations, including Safety Coalitions, and the work on IDP problems involves and empowers municipal Trustees wherever possible.

Involvement of CSOs and citizens:

The programme involves proactively civil society organisations and other social agents in its activities. Regional Working Group for Gender Equality includes CSOs. So far they have been involved in the mapping of CSOs, defining priorities for the Regional Gender group, capacity building programmes on gender and minority rights etc. Some of the CSO are directly involved in the programme as implementing partners like in Safer City activities.

The Mediation workshops have covered wide range of participants such as: representatives of Centers for Social Welfare, representatives of Health and Education, Local Self- Government, CSOs etc.

Alignment and Harmonization:**Innovative elements in mutual accountability:**

The Programme has established three important management and oversight bodies: the Programme Management Committee (PMC), the National Steering Committee (NSC) and the Programme Steering Committee (PSC). These bodies are engaged in decision-making processes and oversight of the programme. The programme has devised and is implementing a set of interventions to respond to the needs of beneficiaries. There appears to be a good mix of final beneficiaries among different groups, such as national minorities, children, women and young people, as well as government institutions.

The Ministry of Human and Minority Rights, Public Administration and Local Self-Government and co-chairs jointly UN Agency (the latter is selected on rotational basis).

Structurally, the JP's governance mechanisms involve the partners of all 13 municipalities and 10 central government ministries and official bodies through the PMC. There is full consultation on work planning through the PMC, in addition to specific bi-lateral meetings on key topics (e.g. Ministry of Youth & Sport on planning for support to Youth Offices, e.g. Commissariat for Refugees on activities with IDPs, e.g. Gender Equality Directorate on gender capacity building).

Delivering as One**Innovative elements in harmonization of procedures and managerial practices:****Role of the RCO and synergies with other MDG-F JPs:**

Strong support from RCO is provided, including assistance with development and implementation C&A efforts.

	<p>Inter-agency coordination: This JP is fully in line with UNDAF for Serbia. The new UNDAF for Serbia was launched in late 2010 and become fully operational as of 1st January 2011.</p> <p>New JP Manager was recruited smoothly in early 2011. A joint inter-agency panel was established and worked together in this process. The JPM had previous UN experience and managed smoothly to resume the responsibilities of the PBILD JPM. He was very well received by the JP partners and the team.</p> <p>The PBILD JP is comprised of the MDG F funded part of the programme and the multi-donor funded programme for which resources were recruited locally in Serbia from SWISS, SDC, NOR. Both programmes are managed jointly and have joint PMC and PiU.</p>	
<p>Sustainability (concrete actions and strategic partnerships)</p>	<p>Sustainability Plan in place?</p> <p>The Programme is strongly supported by national and local institutions. Nevertheless, the sustainability of results of the PBILD programme depends largely on the level of technical, human resource and financial capacities of government counterparts and their commitment to the sustainability of the PBILD components.</p>	
<p>Innovation and Scale-up</p>		
<p>External Factors and mitigation</p>	<p>The JP has a target area that includes sensitive multi-ethnic municipalities near the administrative boundary line with Kosovo: many other organisations are also undertaking activities in this one part of the target area.</p>	
<p>Communication and Advocacy</p>	<p>C&A plan in place?</p> <p>A Communications & Advocacy Strategy provides a framework for coordinated communications and visibility, and proposing specific communications and advocacy activities in support of specific programme outcomes / outputs that will be confirmed as activity planning proceeds. The Strategy acts as a 'living document', incorporating new plans and action points as the JP moves forward. The PBILD Communications Assistant works closely with the Communication and Advocacy Analyst (MDG-F) to ensure consistency in presentation of PBILD as a joint programme in Serbia to local, national and international audiences. To extend its outreach and communicate with the public and partners PBILD launched a monthly results and impact newsletter in May. And the website at http://rs.one.un.org/pbild/ was also launched. This has created additional avenues through which to convey PBILD's support to the people of municipalities of south Serbia.</p> <p>The preparations for the UN Week 2011 have started. The theme this year will be focused on Alliance of Civilization particularly highlighting its linkages with the MDG F. PBILDs activities and results will be given strong visibility to during this campaign. Key partners, besides the Government of Serbia and UNCT this year will be Governments of Portugal, Spain, Turkey as well as many others. Series of events will be organized around the country, including South Serbia in the period from the end September to the end of October 2011.</p>	
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<p>Missions from MDG-F Secretariat:</p>	<p>Date: February 2010</p>	<p>Members: Paula Pelaez</p>
<p>Mid Term Evaluation:</p>	<p>Evaluator: Robin Philip Sluyk</p> <p>Period: September – October 2011</p>	