**TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING ON RECENT INITIATIVES ON SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

***“Strengthening Inclusive Institutional Mechanisms for the Consolidation of Peace in the South”***

***Task:*** *A project in Madagascar funded by the UN Peacebuilding Fund, “Strengthening Inclusive Institutional Mechanisms for the Consolidation of Peace in the South” ($3,521,397), implemented by UNFPA, UNDP and IOM, aimed to contribute to greater stability and a tangible improvement in the security situation near the Andriry mountain range by supporting coherent security systems, strengthening the protection and confidence of local populations, and encouraging inclusive, structured and institutionalized local peacebuilding initiatives that take into account local realities and the socio-economic needs of the most vulnerable populations.*

***Timeframe:*** *January 2020-July 2022*

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| **Please provide more details on each initiative including items below:** |
| **Objective(s):** | *Please indicate which, if any, of the following fall among the main objectives of the initiative:* |
| * Ensuring no one is left behind (advancing empowerment, inclusiveness and equality through sport)
 | * Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity
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| * Leveraging sports events to promote action to combat climate change, advance peace and/or sustainable development
 | * Conflict prevention/peace building
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| * Research development, data collection and/or data dissemination
 | * Safely harnessing sport for sustainable development, peace and wellbeing in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, including through the use of technology
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| * Reinforce the 2030 Agenda and eradicate poverty in times of multiple crises, leading to the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions
 | * Safeguarding sport from corruption and crime
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| * Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace
 | * Other (please specify)
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| **Situation** | *What is the challenge or problem that the initiative aims to address?*The South of Madagascar, commonly known as the “Great South”, is one of the most isolated regions of the country. This region is characterized by insecurity, marginalization and extreme poverty of the population. Local populations have experienced decades of exclusion combined with the weakness of state authorities to meet the population’s social, economic and cultural needs.  |
| **Implementation mechanisms:** | *What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?*The project was implemented by UNDP, UNFPA and IOM in close coordination with ministerial partners, including Ministry of National Defense, State Secretariat for the Gendarmerie, Ministry of the Interior and Decentralization, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Population, Social Protection and Promotion of Women, as well as Ministry of Youth and Sports. Each implementing agency was responsible for implementing the activities of its component and coordinated with other project implementing agencies as well as the PBF Secretariat and national partners.*What are the main deliverables/activities involved?*The project aimed to contribute to greater stability and a tangible improvement in the security situation near the Andriry mountain range by supporting coherent security systems, strengthening the protection and confidence of local populations, and encouraging inclusive, structured and institutionalized local peacebuilding initiatives that take into account local realities and the socio-economic needs of the most vulnerable populations. A number of sporting events were organized between local communities and state officials, and young people benefitted from receiving sport equipment as well as reconstruction of playing fields.*What is the time frame of implementation?*The project was implemented between January 2020 and July 2022. |
| **Target Audience(s):** | *Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?*The project targeted local communities, specifically youth and women, in 12 municipalities located in the Anosy, Androy, Atsimo, Atsinanana and Ihorombe regions in the South of Madagascar, as well as gendarmes in Kelivaho, Begogo, Sokibany, Lavaraty and Maropaika. |
| **Partners/Funding:** | *Who are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles?*The project was implemented by UNDP (lead), UNFPA and IOM. The main governmental partners include: Ministry of National Defense, State Secretariat for the Gendarmerie, Ministry of the Interior and Decentralization, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Population, Social Protection and Promotion of Women, as well as Ministry of Youth and Sports. The main civil society partners include: Search for Common Ground, Association for Development and Environmental Actionof Madagascar (ACDEM), Action Against Hunger (ACF), Action Interoperation Madagascar (AIM), Association Betroka Refitats Art (ABRA) and other local CSOs.*What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?*UN Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) is the main source of funding of this initiative, with the total amount of $3,521,397. |
| **SDG Alignment:** | *To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?**Please indicate any other national or internationally agreed goals/commitments to which this initiative is aligned.*The project is in line with the Axis 1 of the General Policy of the State: PEACE and SECURITY.The project contributes to the following Sustainable Development Goals: 5, 10, 16. |
| **Alignment with global frameworks:** | *How does this initiative align with/contribute to the objectives of the* [*Kazan Action Plan*](https://en.unesco.org/mineps6/kazan-action-plan)*,* [*WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity*](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/272722/9789241514187-eng.pdf) *or other related internationally agreed frameworks on sport and/or physical activity?*The project is in line with the WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity, specifically Activity 3.3: “Enhance provision of, and opportunities for, more physical activity programmes…”. |
| **Alignment with United Nations Action Plan on SDP:** | *Which of the four thematic areas of the* [*UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace*](https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2018/06/14.pdf) *is this initiative designed to align?**To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?*The project is aligned with the UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace, namely “Resource mobilization, programming and implementation” thematic area – action 3 (c): “integrate relevant thematic areas and cross-cutting issues in sport for development and peace programmes, including the allocation of dedicated resources.” |
| **Outcomes:** | *What are the expected/actual outcomes of the initiative?*The project built 5 advanced gendarmerie posts in Kelivaho, Begogo, Sokibany, Lavaraty and Maropaika, also providing them with equipment and training the gendarmes. The project installed 200 streetlights for public lighting. The project also organized community and civil-military outreach events, including 15 community dialogues, 13 peace rituals, 17 cultural and sporting outreach events and 3 inter-community events. Together, all of this has resulted in a substantial drop in local crime in the areas around the gendarmerie outposts. The percentage of community members satisfied with the actions of the gendarmerie has increased from 12% at the start of the project to 82% in 2022. Also, 97% of those surveyed now feel comfortable going to the communal market, an important sign of confidence. 81% of individuals surveyed perceive a positive change or improvement in local security. |
| **Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation:** | *What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?**What specific monitoring and evaluation tools are involved?*The project conducted rigorous monitoring initiatives, including periodical site visits by the project team and partners. The Project Steering Committee met quarterly to assess progress in the implementation of project activities, identify opportunities and difficulties as well as mitigation means, review work plans and monitoring and evaluation activities, technically review the reports, and identify solutions to blockages. An independent project evaluation has also been completed. |
| **Challenges/Lessons learned** | *What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?*COVID-19 and drought represented main challenges for project implementation.*What lessons learned have been/can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?*The involvement of young people and women among the implementation actors, combined with the financial resources mobilized for products favorable to vulnerable groups, have reinforced the project's attention to these two groups. The project showed that security and social problems can be resolved within a community and thus gradually reduce tensions, develop common commitments, build trust and collaboration between the different actors at the local level by putting women and young people at the center of the intervention. The project has demonstrated that awareness-raising work can effectively contribute to changing certain practices and behaviors (for example regarding the roles of young people and women). Building confidence among local populations through the development of income-generating and social activities (including sport) helps reduce community violence. |