



## PROGRESS REPORT

<b>Reporting UN Organization</b>	: <b>United Nations Development Programme</b>
<b>Country</b>	: <b>Lebanon</b>
<b>Project No.</b>	: <b><u>RF7-00058325</u></b>
<b>Project Title</b>	: <b><u>Enhance Performance of the Social Sector</u></b>
<b>LRF Signature date</b>	: November 2007
<b>Project Start date</b>	: November 2007
<b>Project Timeframe</b>	: One year (Nov. 07 – Nov. 08)
<b>Reporting Period</b>	: January – March 2009

### I. PURPOSE

#### Project Summary:

The Project “Enhance the Performance of the Social Sector” aims at supporting the implementation of a number of reform initiatives that were called upon in the Social Action Plan to be undertaken by the inter-ministerial committee for Social Issues. The Project calls for supporting the Inter-Ministerial Committee to enhance the performance of the Social Sector in the country through increased coordination in the implementation of social programs and provision of social services as well as in devising and building consensus around a social development strategy.

#### Project Objectives and outcomes:

1. Elaborate a national social development policy, strategy and related implementation plan  
**Outcomes**
  - National comprehensive and integrated social strategy elaborated
  - Implementation plan designed (including time frame, budget and performance indicators)
  - Consensus around the plan built
2. Enhance effectiveness in social service delivery and implementation of social programs between public agencies  
**Outcome**
  - Duplication in the delivery of social services among the social ministries reduced
3. Enhance effectiveness in the implementation of local development initiatives  
**Outcomes**
  - Exhaustive mapping of local development initiatives completed
  - Framework of national needs and priorities defined
  - Consensus around needs and priorities built

**Project Linkages to National Priorities and Reconstruction Goals:**

The Project is actually the implementation tool of many of the Social Action Plan recommendations. The Social Action Plan that was prepared submitted by the government to the Paris III donors' conference back in January 2008 called for a number of initiatives to enhance the performance of the social sector. The initiatives include the elaboration of a social strategy which represents the government's vision and policy to improve the social conditions of the population and to push the social development forward. In addition to the social strategy, the Social Action Plan emphasized the need for increasing coordination and synchronization in the delivery of social services and programs and the implementation of local development initiatives; both are crucial to improve efficiency in public social spending and implementation of social interventions.

**Project Implementation Partners:**

**International Partners:** United Nations Development Program  
**National Partners:** Ministry of Social Affairs and the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Social Issues

**II. RESOURCES****RESOURCES***AS of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009*

<b>Total budget approved</b>	\$270,000.00
<b>Disbursements</b>	\$39,595.25
<b>Available Balance</b>	\$230,404.75
<b>Commitments for next quarter</b>	\$30,000

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>TOTAL BUDGET (USD)</b>	<b>TOTAL EXP. TO DATE (USD)</b>
Personnel	180,000.00	37,004.91
Training	35,000.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	36,100.00	0.00
Agency Management Support (7%)	18,900.00	2,590.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>270,000.00</b>	<b>39,595.25</b>

### III. RESULTS

#### Progress in Project Implementation:

Project Outputs	Activities	Status
<b>Output 1:</b> A national social strategy and related work plan developed.	• Prepare TORs for consultant(s) to support the elaboration of social strategy	Completed
	• Recruit consultant	Completed
	• Develop the social strategy	Initiated
<b>Output 2:</b> Provision of Social Services and implementation of programs coordinated between MoSA, MoPH and MEHE	• Identify duplicated programs between ministries of Social Affairs, Public Health, and Education and Higher Education	Completed
	• Organize/coordinate working sessions/ meetings to discuss and reach consensus on actions to reduce duplication	Ongoing
<b>Output 3:</b> Implementation of local development initiatives better coordinated and synchronized with needs and priorities	• Support the elaboration of a Mapping of Local Development Initiatives implemented by the Public sector	Completed
	• Coordinate/support the establishment of national database of local development initiatives	Completed / Under final revision
	• Elaborate a framework of needs and priorities / regional profiles	Initiated

#### Implementation Constraints and Lessons Learned:

Delay in the implementation of the working plan is taking place due to limited technical capacities and human resources in the field.

### IV. FUTURE WORK PLAN

Please refer to attachment

#### Adjustments to strategies, outcomes or outputs:

No adjustments have taken place

