



## 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>	: July - Sept 2010

### 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

Total budget approved	270,000.00 USD
Disbursements as for July 2010	109,658.22 USD
Commitments for next quarter	41,843.00 USD
Available Balance:	118,498.78 USD

## III. RESULTS

### Progress in Project Implementation:

	Activities	Status
<b>Project Outputs</b> <b>Output 1:</b> A national social strategy and related work plan developed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develop the social strategy – conduct desk review and situational analysis</li></ul>	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Elaborate vision statement, pillars and elements of social strategy and share with technical team</li></ul>	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Consult with stakeholders including government officials, international organizations, experts, and CSOs on elements, priorities and activities for social strategy</li></ul>	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Elaborate draft social strategy</li></ul>	Completed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present draft strategy to the technical team of the Inter-ministerial committee for comments and feedback</li> </ul>	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize national workshop to present and discuss strategy</li> </ul>	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update strategy based on workshop outputs and comments of IMC</li> </ul>	In Progress
<b>Output 2:</b> Provision of Social Services and implementation of programs coordinated between MoSA, MoPH and MEHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify duplicated programs between ministries of Social Affairs, Public Health, and Education and Higher Education</li> </ul>	Almost completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize/coordinate working sessions/ meetings to discuss and reach consensus on actions to reduce duplication</li> </ul>	On going
<b>Output 3:</b> Implementation of local development initiatives better coordinated and synchronized with needs and priorities – an electronic portal to coordinate local development initiatives developed and functioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate/support the establishment of national database of local development initiatives</li> </ul>	Completed / Under final revision
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract website/portal developing company</li> </ul>	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compile data on social indicators, projects, and concerned organization from different ministries and public institutions</li> </ul>	In Progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare first skeleton of portal</li> </ul>	In Progress

#### Implementation Constraints and Lessons Learned:

The risk in implementation in the coming phase relies on the efficiency in endorsing the social strategy – once completed – by the Council of Ministries.

#### IV. FUTURE WORK PLAN

Future work-plan for the third quarter of 2010 include:

1. Social Strategy:
  - a. Modify strategy draft based on feedback from workshop and IMC members
  - b. Endorse strategy by Council of Ministers
  - c. Initiate work on the action plan
2. Framework of developmental needs and priorities / Development of Electronic Portal to Coordinate Local Development Initiatives
  - a. Continue collection and compilation of data in coordination with the different concerned ministries
  - b. Continue with the development of the portal

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

No adjustments have taken place