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Country and Thematic Area:

Sierra Leone, Democracy and Good
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Programme No: PBF/SLE/A-2

MDTF Office Atlas No: 00066683

Programme Title:

Support to Capacity Building and
Programmes of National Anti-Corruption
Strategy (NACS) Secretariat

Participating Organization(s):

UNDP

Implementing Partners:

Anti-Corruption Commission

Programme Budget (from the Fund):

USD 349,034

Programme Duration (in months):

Start date²: 31 December 2008

End date: 31 December 2010

Budget Revisions/Extensions:

June 2010

¹ The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

² The start date is the date of the first transfer of funds from the MDTF Office as Administrative Agent.

I. Purpose

Committed to the fight against corruption, the Government of Sierra Leone established the Anti-Corruption Commission through an Act of Parliament in February 2000 with a mandate to prevent all forms of corruption in Sierra Leone.

The project sets out to achieve the following immediate objectives:

- A well structured secretariat equipped with manpower and logistical support to carry out the coordination of the NACS implementation.
- Adequately sensitized Sierra Leonean public on their social responsibilities in the fight against corruption through national sensitization on all pillars of integrity in the fight against corruption
- A well formulated action plan developed for tracking progress made on the implementation process
- Production of Monitoring reports to track progress made in the implementation of the NACS (production of these reports will be coordinated by the NACS secretariat by collating the monitoring reports of entities with monitoring responsibilities as indicated in the policy matrix of the NACS).

II. Resources

Financial Resources:

The project received a total of 349,034 USD from the Peacebuilding Fund.

Human Resources:

The secretariat presently comprises of five staff – the NACS Director, Coordinating Manager, Coordinating Officer, Coordinating Assistant and a Driver.

III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements

The ACC is the implementing partner responsible for overall coordination and management of project activities. NACS Secretariat, on behalf of ACC is in regular consultation with UNDP to coordinate work plans and provide regular updates on project progress. There is a Project Board, which comprised of MoFED, ACC, UNDP and the UN Peace building Secretariat Office (based at UNIPSIL). The role of the Project Board is to provide overall technical guidance on decision-making process and project implementation. These regular consultations provide an opportunity for professional guidance in specific areas such as procurement. UNDP holds fiduciary responsibility, including fund management.

The project is implemented under the NEX modality, and procurement under this project has been conducted in accordance with the UNDP rules and regulations.

IV. Results

The following outputs were achieved in 2010:

- Following the planning meeting with regional and district Coordinators and CSMG, Civil Society Monitoring of Ministries, Department and Agencies implementation of the NACS was carried out and validated nationwide; the report indicated that about 80% of the entities monitored shows that some actions have been taken to implement the recommendations contained in the strategy, while 20% are still grappling with the problem of capacity to do so. As a result of the monitoring, the ACC has recommended reforms for four Departments/Agencies as well as increased monitoring and improvement of service for public sector workers in order that zero tolerance for corruption is to be achieved.
- During the period under review the Secretariat has continued to provide administrative and logistical support to the Steering Committee on NACS as well as the Sub-Committee appointed for the Mid-Term Review of the strategy.
- The Secretariat also vigorously engaged with the media to sensitize the general public about the outcomes of the 1st and 2nd quarter of the Civil Society Monitoring Group (CSMG) reports on the NACS implementation. This has allowed to public gained understanding of how corruption is being fought at all levels through this independent monitoring in the public service
- NACS signed a joint communiqué between the media and CSOs with the objective of garnering support for the ACC in line with the AU's recommendation.
- The Secretariat undertook an experience sharing tour in Ghana and Tanzania on corruption in order to garner experiences on their successes and failures and how they can be customized and replicated to help in the fight against corruption.
- The Secretariat continued to engage with the Strategy Policy Unit (SPU) at State House to facilitate the inclusion of corruption issues in the performance contract for Ministers. Indicators of corruption issues were compiled by the Secretariat in collaboration with the Systems and Processes Review Department of the Commission and forwarded to the SPU.
- NACS secretariat facilitated a visit for a delegate visiting from the Swaziland Anti-Corruption Commission to share lessons from the Sierra Leone Anti-Corruption Commission as well as is to form an alliance with their Sierra Leonean counterparts that will encourage the sharing of information and experience between the two Commissions in order to help fight the endemic corruption that faces the two nations.

- The Secretariat has facilitated the commencement of the mid-term review process and continues to provide the necessary support and assistance to the consultants. The review process is expected to be concluded by the end of the May 2011. The review process is in line with the policy recommendation of the strategy.

V. Abbreviations and Acronyms

ACC	-	Anti-Corruption Commission
AU	-	African Union
CSMG	-	Civil Society Monitoring Group
CSO	-	Civil Society Organization
NACS	-	National Anti Corruption Strategy