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**PROJECT1 QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE**

*(for posting on the YNDCRTF web site)*

***as of [ 31st March 2015]***

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| **Participating UN or Non-UN Organization:** | UNOPS (Coordinating Agency: DPA-OSESG) | | | | |
| **Implementing Partner(s):** | **Constitution Drafting Committee General Secretariat (The Secretariat)** | | | | |
| **Project Number:** | 85078 | | | | |
| **Project Title:** | Constitution-Drafting Process Project | | | | |
| **Total Approved Project Budget:** | **US$** 9,839,360 | | | | |
| **Location:** | Yemen-wide | | | | |
| **SC Approval Date:** | 12 March 2014 (SC Project approval) | | | | |
| **Project Duration:** | **21 months** | **Starting Date:** | **20 March 2014** | **Completion Date:** | **31 Dec 2015** |
| **Funds Committed:** | **US$ 3,861,527.49** | | | **Percentage of Approved:** | **39.2%** |
| **Funds Disbursed:** | **US$ 3,570,477.50** | | | **Percentage of Approved:** | **36.2%** |
| **Expected Project Duration:** | **21 months** | **Forecast Final Date:** | **31 December 2015** | **Delay (Months):** | **0 Months** |

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| **Outcomes:** | **Achievements/Results:** | **Percentage of planned:** |
| **Outcome 1: “Implementation of the CMP advanced according to agreed timelines and steps, on the basis of coherent technical, financial and administrative support ”** | | |
| * 1. Well-resourced Constitution Drafting Commissions Secretariat (the Secretariat) provides the administrative, logistical and technical support to the Constitutional process. | The Constitution Drafting Commission General Secretariat (the Secretariat) implemented the following activities during the period of reporting:   * Coordinated several meetings for the CDC presidium members and CDC rapporteur to review of draft constitution. In addition, to finalizing the draft constitution design for sharing with the National body and for the public consultation phase. * Coordinated a meeting, on Jan 17th 2015, for the CDC members and the National Body, under the sponsorship of the President, to officially handover the first draft of the constitution to the National Body. The meeting was conducted and the National Body officially received the draft constitution. * An English version was translated and the final design for printing was finalised * Following the kidnap of the Secretary General of the Secretariat on 17 Jan, other members of the Secretariat received threats on 19 Jan 2015 to stop distributing the draft constitution. Since then the Secretariat staff have been working from home. | **100%** |
| * 1. The CDCS is provided with administrative budget, technical and political support, including lessons learned and comparative analysis and mediation / facilitation assistance when requested. | * Before the process was put on hold by mid-January, OSASG ensured UN Political Officers attended the daily CDC meetings in Sana’a and UAE to monitor progress, identify issues which might require expert advice and facilitation or mediation support, to reach agreement. After the process was put on hold, the political officers continued to monitor the political situation and inform if the process would need to start again and continue. * OSASG held bilateral meetings with YNDCRTF donors to extend the fund and sign agreement’s modifications. * OSASG and the Secretariat worked with UNOPS on downsizing the staff after the process was put on-hold. The Secretariat discussed with UNOPS the best options to enable keeping essential staff to ensure the Secretariat can provide support if the process is back again as long as possible. The decision was to keep essential 19 staff continue after March. The remaining 30 staff contracts were not renewed beyond 31 March 2015. New archiving plans were designed and implemented to secure the documents from loss or damage. | **100%** |
| * 1. Work of the CDC is informed by high-quality international expertise and best practice in constitution-making and on specific issues including – but not restricted to – federalism, protections for minorities, the structure of the state, good governance, and improved political participation of women and young people. | * The Secretariat and OSASG ensured the Constitution making process was provided with the needed technical planning to ensure the CDC are moving forward to complete their work and complete the draft Constitution. * International experts provided technical support to the Secretariat while writing the Complementary report with the CDC members. * The Secretariat opened a communication channel with official from Tunisia and Morocco who have recently implemented a public consultation campaign and referendum. Several virtual meetings took place to share their experience and lessons learned. | **100%** |
| * 1. International assistance to the NDC (closing phase, communication of NDC outcomes) and the Constitution Making Process is well coordinated, with limited transaction costs for national actors and efficient allocation of resources. | * Two (one of which was virtual) Steering Committee took place during this quarter in January 2015. * Two UN interagency meeting took place during this quarter. OSASG couldn’t hold more meetings due to the deteriorated security in the capital. * The Secretariat conducted several meetings with the YNDCRTF donors and other organizations to provide updates on the public consultations campaign planning and coordinate the efforts for the campaign. * OSASG continued to provide updates on the process and approve the extension of fund and project’s extension from donors through bilateral and virtual meetings. | **100%** |
| **Outcome 2: “The outcome of the CMP reflects an inclusive, transparent, meaningful and participatory process.”** | | |
| 2.1 Yemenis in different regions of the country receive information about the CMP and can input their views, in ways accessible to them | In the beginning of this quarter, the Secretariat launched Tesh'ti Te3raf? (Do you want to know?) Campaign" which is an introductory and educational Campaign that aims to raise the awareness of and educate the public about what the Constitution is; understand key issues related to the new constitution; how to participate in the public consultation and referendum. The campaign was put on-hold in Feb and March, hence the secretariat continued working on designing the campaign materials and preparing for the public consultation phase and “Our Constitution.. Our Life” campaign.  During this quarter (The activities mentioned below were implemented before 15 February 2015) the Secretariat conducted the following activities:  **Traditional media:**   * **TV:**   TV flashes produced last quarter as part of “Matlabi” Campaign were broadcasted on 8 national and private TV stations at least 7 times a day. (One hour per day on national TV stations and half an hour per day on private TV stations). On February and March the TV stations stopped broadcasting these flashes, only two private TV stations continued the broadcasting for one hour per day.   * Four TV flashes were produced for Tesh'ti Te3raf? Campaign. Another 3 TV flashes on (our Constitution…our life) campaign were written and drafted to be produced. These productions will be used as soon as a political resolution is reached and the process is back to motion. * The Secretariat planned and started discussions with an INGO to support and produced a documentary film on the process of drafting the new constitution. Only. Ideas were developed and actual implementation will start as soon as the process is on again.   **Radio**   * Flashes produced on the public consultations campaign were broadcasted on 13 national radio stations for 45 minutes per day, during this quarter. * 10 radio flashes were produced on Tesh'ti Te3raf? Campaign   **Press Releases & Updates:**   * The Secretariat circulated 52 press release & updates on progress work of 8 governorates coordinators of the public consultation campaign plan. Also 8 press releases were circulated on the progress work of the secretariat. Another 30 press updates were circulated on the progress of Matalbi campaign. All these press releases and updates were covered by 20 websites, 8 TV stations, 11 Radio stations and 9 national & private newspapers. * During this quarter, the secretariat circulated 9 weekly bulletins on the campaign to 1000 journalists ( Arabic version) and to more than 60 donors and INGOs ( English version)   **Outdoor Campaign & visibility materials:**   * 6000 sqm of first round of the outdoor visibility materials of “Tesh’ti Te3raf?” campaign were covering the main northern and southern governorates   **Print Materials:**   * The Secretariat developed and designed the brochure of “Tesh'ti Te3raf?” Campaignthat covers the key information of the new constitution. In addition to another brochure of 10 main Q&A on the new constitution. * The Secretariat drafted a booklet called (Local Dialogue) which includes information around the process linking the National Dialogue Conference to the Constitution Process and the referendum.   **New Media:**  **Website:**   * The NDS website continued to be used as a reference to provide updates on the CDC work, the draft constitution, the referendum, the progress work of the Secretariat with around 25 on daily basis were provided. More than 16 updates on the draft constitution articles were published on the website on daily basis. The number of downloads of the draft constitution from the website exceeded 10,000 during this quarter.   **Social media:**   * The Secretariat posted daily updates of CDC progress on different social media platforms. During this quarter, the NDC Facebook page likes exceeded 272,655 by the end of the reporting period.   **SMS System:**   * The Secretariat continued to use the SMS two way-system to send daily updates of the draft constitution to subscribers, around 8 SMS per day were delivered.   **Community Participation:**   * The Secretariat developed the Public Consultation Campaign educational and promotion messages which identify the most important articles of the draft constitution for the civic education Campaign * The Secretariat also developed Constitution Campaign Guide that provides orientation on the transitional phase and link it with the constitution referendum. * The Secretariat also developed "The School Students’ Educational Booklet". This booklet aims to educate students about important concepts and principles around the Dialogue and Democracy | **100%** |
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| **Qualitative achievements against outcomes and results:** |
| **Outcome 1: “Implementation of the CMP advanced, according to agreed timelines and steps, on the basis of coherent technical, financial and administrative support”**  Under this outcome, the Secretariat, OSASG and UNOPS continued to provide technical and operational support for the CDC during this quarter. With the ongoing changes in the political arena, the pressure which was put on the CDC in the fourth quarter of 2014 worked and by early January 2015 a Draft Constitution was finalised. On 17 January 2015, the Draft Constitution was officially handed over to the National Body in a big meeting in the Presidential Palace with the presence of the President. This meeting was disturbed with the incident of kidnaping the Secretariat Secretary General (SG) by Ansar Allah who didn’t sign the Draft Constitution due to the inclusion of the “six region” even if they have not agreed on the number of regions yet. After this date, in a sequence of events, Ansar Allah militants took control of the Presidential Palace and other government institutions, the President and his government resigned and the process was put on-hold. The Secretariat staff started working from home, after receiving threats from Ansar Allah on publishing some articles of the draft constitution on the secretariat website. The Secretariat started working on a new archiving models to ensure the important data and documents are secured. By the end of the quarter, after finding that implementing the remaining mile-stones of the process may take longer, UNOPS started to end ongoing contracts and kept only the vital ones.  On 4 March 2015, Ansar Allah broke into the Secretariat premises and broke into the offices. After searching inside the building, the armed men took the keys of the stores and the offices and withdrew from the building while placing guards outside the building and warned the Secretariat not to act without their permission.  Considering the unpredictable suspension of the project, the co-chairs discussed with UNOPS the best solutions to ensure the process can be supported at any during 2015 and the Secretariat can pick up as soon as that happen. UNOPS has already stopped covering any activities beyond February 2015 and cut down the operational cost of the Secretariat the least possible. The Secretariat worked on a staff downsizing to make more time of the critical staff who can retrieve the Secretariat when as fast as possible. Staff contracts were ending on March 2015, 30 of which were not renews and 19 (Senior critical positions) were extended for another two months. Few of these were on part time bases. At the same time, OSASG had to downsize the UN team as well and only renewed 9 contracts of 35 ( which included technical team national and international, core team and support staff).  **Outcome 2: “The outcome of the CMP reflects an inclusive, transparent, meaningful and participatory process.”**  During this quarter, the Secretariat launched “Tesh’ti Te3raf” outdoor campaign which is an introductory and educational phase of the campaign and aims to raise the awareness of and educate the public about what the Constitution is; understand key issues related to the new constitution; to be informed of the constitutional process, how to participate in the public consultation and referendum. After the suspension of the process, the Secretariat continued to finalize the development of detailed plans for the components of the campaign of "Our Constitution". Many activities were implemented during this quarter, numbers of productions are mentioned above in the report, in general the activities were:   * Producing promotional and educational materials production * Launching “Tesh’ti Te3raf “ outdoor campaign, radio and newspapers * Developing the training manual for the training of trainers, Guidelines and other materials for the upcoming phases * Recruiting 220 volunteers from the 22 governorates (10 from each governorate) to participate in the public consultation phase and outreach activities * Conducting the Training for Trainers for 6 Master Trainers   The Secretariat worked with the CDC rapporteur to identify the most important articles of the draft constitution that can derive educational messages for the civic education Campaign. Around 46 Articles were identified covering various issues which makes a difference for the people including Education, Health, security, Freedom Speech, Women, Children and Youth Issues, Trade and investment … etc.  The Secretariat developed a Constitution Guide that gives orientation about the Transitional Phase to be linked to the Constitution and then focuses on the Constitution and how it reflects the Public needs and enhance their reality.  The Secretariat had several meetings with a representative from the Ministry of Education to develop " School Student Booklet" The Booklet is child-friendly educating students about important concepts and principles around the Dialogue and Democracy. The information is presented in the form of story telling and drawings using Manga. The Booklet is going to focus on the values of dialogue as a way of conflict resolution, equal citizenship among other issues. These values are the basis in enforcing democracy in the new generation. |

*The term “project” is used for projects and joint programmes*