**Ethiopia**

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| **Programme Title:** | Harnessing Diversity for Sustainable Development and Social Change |
| **Programme number & MDTF ref:** | MDGF-1791-G-ETH Harnessing Div (67178) |
| **Window:** | Culture & Development |
| **Approved Budget by NSC (US$):** | 5 million |
| **Participating Organizations:** | UNDP, UNESCO |
| **First Tranche transferred on:** | 2-Jul-2009 |

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| **ACTIVITIES Reported:** |
| **Main Substantive Activities:** |
| * Two inception workshops completed. Training plan completed. Regional on cultural values in six regions completed. The first training exercise to produce a cultural tourism strategy and methodology was completed. Several studies on cultural issues under preparation. * Centralized database (handicraft industry) with an interactive website which comprised of data compiled from the six regions classified according to UNESCO’s guidelines (Methodological Guidelines for the Collection of Craft Data) with some adaptation to the Ethiopian context created. * A detailed proposal for the establishments of six living cultural resource centers that contains the locations jointly identified with the respective regional authorities, means of acquiring the facilities, the necessary equipment/materials for the center prepared * Assessment of the regional and municipality institutional capacity as well as assessment of stakeholder’s structure in destination development have been completed. * A feasibility study on the tourism industry’s use of cultural assets completed. * The study on the development of marketing strategies linked to tourism activities completed. * Baseline surveys of prevailing cultural values in four regions completed. * Identification of actors in the cultural industries undertaken. * Value chain and the development of linkage modalities, * Compilation of shared values of various religious communities regarding natural heritage conservation completed.   The development of an intercultural/religious toolkit completed.  Handicraft skill development trainings in the six regions |
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| **Problems and lessons learned:** Lack of harmonized implementation modalities between the UN agencies, delay in fund utilization and reporting , absence of intermediary senior person to follow up implementation at the ministry, inability of the implementing partner to solve internal problem to carry on project implementation in timely fashion, etc, are the major problem faced and still persisting. For smooth implementation of JP , the lesson learnt by partners are: a joint programme has to have limited outcome and outputs; a mechanism should be put in place to harmonize implementation modalities of partnering UN agencies before going into programme implementation; and division of roles and responsibilities and accountability framework within the government should be elaborated and clarified beforehand. |
| **The programme reports relevant linkage to the UNDAF:** Yes |
| **The programme has communications strategy in place:** Yes |

CHARTS & FIGURES

As of 31 December 2010

