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**PROJECT1 QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE**

*(for posting on the YNDCRTF web site)*

***as of [1st July 2015- 30th Sep 2015]***

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| **Participating UN or Non-UN Organization:** | UNOPS/Coordinating Agency: Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen (OSESG); UNICEF | | | | |
| **Implementing Partner(s):** | Constitution Drafting Committee General Secretariat (The Secretariat) | | | | |
| **Project Number:** | 89810 | | | | |
| **Project Title:** | Constitution-Drafting Process Project | | | | |
| **Total Approved Project Budget:** | **US$** 9,842,984 | | | | |
| **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:** | $5,345,263 | | | **Percentage of Approved:** | **54.3%** |
| **Funds Disbursed:** | $5,345,263 | | | **Percentage of Approved:** | **54.3%** |
| **Expected Project Duration:** | **21 months** | **Forecast Final Date:** | **31 Dec 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. | Under this Outcome, the Office of OSESG, UNOPS and the Secretariat implemented the following activities during the period of reporting:   * The Secretariat finalised their final report for the constitutional process support which documents the work done to support the constitutional drafting process. * The Secretariat different departments worked on their own archiving and final handover for the documents used in the Constitution process or developed. In addition, to all the materials prepared for the resumption of the process. * The Secretariat with UNOPS worked on the closure of the Secretariat operations and staff clearances before 30 Sep 2015. * After militants took over the Secretariat office on March, UNOPS contracted a warehouse and negotiations between UNOPS and the Secretariat verses Houthis continued for over two months during this reporting period to allow moving some of the assets and equipment which could get stolen or damaged. | **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. | 1. OSESG continued providing updates to donors. They continued coordinating with the UNDP MPTF office on administrative issues and coordinated funds reimbursements and other project related issues with relevant parties (Secretariat, UNOPS, SC members). | **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. | CDC work was suspended and all work on the Constitution was put on hold earlier on 2015. | **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. | 1. OSESG worked with MPTF to process requested terminations of donor contributions after 8 months passing without hopes to continue the constitution process in the near future. In addition to only holding one Steering Committee virtual meeting to approve the assets disposal policy. | **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 | During this quarter, the Secretariat was preparing for the closure on Sep 2015 and the following activities were conducted:  **Traditional media:**  **TV:**  During this quarter, the national TV stations working from outside Yemen continued to broadcast the "Public Consultation", and “Matlabi Campaign” TV flashes..  Few TV flashes were completed but never broadcasted for “ Teshti Te3ref” Campaign and archived with other materials of the campaign.  **Outdoor Campaign:**  Messages were developed during the second quarter for “Tesh’ti Te3raf" and the “Public Consultation” campaigns. But with the current situation, the closure decision was taken and all the preparation stopped and the Secretariat worked on archiving the old materials and the newly developed for the resumption in the future.  **Website:**   * The NDS website was off during the first half of the year. Then it was back online during this quarter running with the Draft Constitution published and available for download. |  |
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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”**  During this quarter, it became clear that the peaceful political transition process will not be resumed soon. In addition, some donors’ agreements came to end this quarter or were terminated. It was decided to prepare for a closure of the Secretariat on September 2015. OSESG, UNOPS and the Secretariat worked on the closure preparations. UNOPS and the Secretariat worked on contracts terminations and notifications to staff and other contractors. The Secretariat premises were still held by militants but the Secretariat was able to negotiate moving the equipment and servers out which could get stolen or damaged in the building and had to leave the furniture until the militants approve the transport. All the items released were moved to the new warehouse rented for this purpose.  The OSESG held a virtual meeting to approve the asset disposal policy after the closure. It was then agreed to move them to the new peace support project. In addition, OSESG continued to work with the MPTF office on administrative issues like ending SAAs, coordinating the refunding process of the remaining amounts in the YNDCRTF and other donor related documentation.  Among the preparations for closure, archiving the developed materials for the public consultation phase, technical support documents among others, was one of the most important activities which were done by the Secretariat during this reporting period. Finalising handovers of previous staff who were released back in June 2015 and then the handover of the few staff who were finalizing the closure during this quarter.  **Outcome 2: “The outcome of the CMP reflects an inclusive, transparent, meaningful and participatory process**  Under this outcome, after the closure decision was taken, the Secretariat stopped the preparation for the resumption and started to finalise archiving the materials which have been prepared for the public consultation phase which included plans and messages on a number of chapters of the draft Constitution, in addition to the prepared materials for “teshti Te3ref Campaign”, which was interrupted earlier after it was launched. The national TV stations working outside Sana’a continued to broadcast the TV flashes of “Public consultation campaign” which was launched in 2014.  In February 2015, UNICEF received USD 250,000 from the Yemen National Dialogue and Constitutional Reform Trust Fund (YNDCRTF) to conduct community outreach around the NDC outcomes and the new constitution making in over 60 districts of Yemen. However, following consultations and based on donor partner’s decision amidst growing tension in Yemen, UNICEF considerably scaled down implementation of the community outreach programme in March 2015. |

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