

### PROGRESS REPORT

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| **Reporting UN Organization** | **:** | **United Nations Development Programme** |
| **Country** | **:** | **Lebanon** |
| **Project No.** | : | 00059598 |
| **Project Title** | : | Increased Integration of the Disabled |
| **LRF Signature date** | : | February 7, 2008 |
| **Project Start date** | : | March 1, 2008 |
| **Project Timeframe** | : | 12 months |
| **Reporting Period** | **:** | April 1 2009 till June 30 2009 |

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| I. PURPOSE |

**Project Summary:**

The project aims at expanding and improving access of the people with disabilities, considered as marginalized and vulnerable population that was most affected by the war, to proximity services. The key objective of the project is to increase the integration of the disabled within the society through the provision of the needed proximity services and disability aids in order to better perform their regular roles in the community which will ensure their participation in the social, professional and economic life. The project will make use of the systems and procedures established by the MOSA Rights and Access program which proved to be efficient and reliable during the past years.

**Project Objectives:**

This project will respond to urgent direct needs of persons with disability, and helps reinforcing the implementation of the law 220 which clearly states the right of the persons with disability to have access to technical aids and supporting devices facilitating their proximity and increasing their independence.

**Project Outcomes:**

* To extend the provision of good quality reliable and suitable aids to the persons registered as disabled
* To cater for the new disabled groups that emerged as a result of the July 06 war

**Project Linkages to National Priorities and Reconstruction Goals:**

The Social Action Plan that was submitted to Paris III International Donor Conference highlighted the need to implement projects with immediate positive impact on improving the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable groups in Lebanon. Within this framework, the government is keen to put into action around 14 safety net programs, one of which is targeting, directly or indirectly, the disabled through the increase of allocations for “the Right and Access Program” to cater for the chronic needs of the disabled and to cover the emerging requests of the newly disabled people as a result of the war.

In this context, the project “Increased Support to Disabled People” was conceived and developed to provide proximity services to the disabled as both corrective and preventive measure as it often precludes the development of chronic or longer term treatments that are usually costly, time consuming and more painful. This is a basic right for the people with disabilities confirmed by the law 220/2000.

**Project Implementation Partners:**

National Partners: Ministry of Social Affairs – Rights and Access Program and Accredited Lebanese NGO's for proximity services delivery

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| II. RESOURCES |

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| **RESOURCES** |  |  |  |  |
|  | ***As of December 31st, 2008*** | | ***As of March 31st, 2009*** | ***As of June 30th, 2009*** |
| **Total budget approved** | $1,400,000.00 | | $1,400,000.00 | $1,400,000.00 |
| **Disbursements** | $841,738.62 | | $1,178,606.63 | $1,353,826.22 |
| **Available Balance** | $558,261.38 | | $221,393.37 | $46,173.78 |
| **Commitments for next quarter** | ***$46,174*** | | | |
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| **CATEGORY** | **TOTAL BUDGET (USD)** | **TOTAL EXP. TO DATE (USD)** | **TOTAL EXP. TO DATE (USD)** | **TOTAL EXP. TO DATE (USD)** |
| Contracts | 1,302,000.00 | 786,671.61 | 1,101,501.52 | 1,265,258.15 |
| Agency Management Support (7%) | 98,000.00 | 55,067.01 | 77,105.11 | 88,568.07 |
| **Total** | **1,400,000.00** | **841,738.62** | **1,178,606.63** | **1,353,826.22** |

\*see adjustments below for the time frame

1. Segregation of beneficiaries:

The amount committed during the reporting period has been spent to cover the following categories of services:

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| **Category of service requested** | % of the total cost |
| Orthopedic shoes: | 3.27% |
| Self propelled wheel Chairs: | 24.45% |
| Special chairs (special seats, attendant propelled chair, bathroom chair): | 35.58% |
| Mobility and standing aids (crutches, canes, walkers, standing frame): | 3.51% |
| Other technical aids (Medical beds, hangers, bed sides, …): | 8.29% |
| Aids for bedsores (water mattresses, pneumatic and gel cushions,): | 10.53% |
| Aids for incontinence and colostomy (pads, catheters …): | 14.27% |

Since the total amount available was very small relatively, we managed the operation as to allow the quickest administrative process possible, in coordination with the Service providers. The vouchers have been issued by all 6 centers of Right and Access.

Beirut (Jisr el Wati)

Mount Lebanon (temporarily in Badaro)

North (Tripoli)

Bekaa (Baalbek and Taanayel)

South + Nabatyeh (Sarafand)

The disabled beneficiaries originated from all Lebanese regions, and regrouped persons from all ages, male and female.

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| III. RESULTS |

**Project Outputs and Indicators:**

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| **Intended Outputs** | **Indicators** | **Timeframe** | | | | | |
| **2008** | | | | **9** | |
| 1. Assessment of disability and specific needs completed | Complete assessment through authorized doctors through the 6 centers of R&A | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |  |
|  | Home visits by authorized medical and administrative staff to persons unable to move |  |  |  |  | |  |
| 2. Access of disabled to adequate services increased | Delivery of prescribed and appropriate service (purchased equipment and material) by the accredited institution as per the pre-set procedure |  |  |  |  | |  |
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|  | Reimbursement of the delivered service after thorough control by the administrative staff |  |  |  |  | |  |

**Progress in Project Implementation during the period from April 2009- June 2009:**

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| **Project Outputs and Activities** | **Status** |
| Assessment | Needs assessment which was stopped during the first quarter, has been gradually re-activated during this quarter, for the reasons explained below, related to the time frame.  Vouchers were delivered to beneficiaries for needed services. |
| Delivery of services | - 161 persons, (42.86% females). Were served through 2 NGOs accredited centers in Beirut and the Bekaa. |
| Reimbursement | - 2 requests for direct payment (RDP) were prepared by R&A and are being processed by the UNDP, for a total amount of 48,100,450 LBP, approx 32,024 US Dollars.  -3 RDP’s are under processing by the R&A staff for the remaining budget. |
| Control & Monitoring | - Continuous control and monitoring of the processes is achieved  - All executed vouchers were double- checked |

**Implementation Constraints and Lessons Learned:**

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| As reported previously, we expected an additional 2 months to finalize the total closure of the project, and to ensure the reimbursement of the entire committed budget.  That period was underestimated, since we received some returned vouchers, mainly for cases of death or travel, or other different reasons; so we had to cancel those vouchers and re-issue new ones for other individuals with disability to benefit from this aid. For this, more time was needed to conduct a need assessment covering the reallocated budget of 33,400 US Dollars. |

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| IV. FUTURE WORK PLAN |

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| **Key Milestones** | **July 1-15** | **July 16-31** |
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| **Reimbursement** |  |  |
| check - up and control |  |  |
| issuing of invoice and statement of account |  |  |
| issuing of request for payment |  |  |
| Payment to NGO’s |  |  |
| **Evaluation** |  |  |
| **reporting** |  |  |
| Final report and closing |  |  |

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

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| The whole project will be considered finalized as soon as UNDP proceeds with the final transfers to the accredited NGO’s. |