



“Recovery, Stability and Socio-economic Development in Libya”
T05-EUTF-NOA-LY-05

Technical Committee Meeting N.11

Meeting Minutes

DATE	31 May 2021
TIME	10:00 - 12:00 (Libya time)
VENUE	Ministry of Local Governance, Conference Room. <i>Videoconference via zoom</i>
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Local Governance: [REDACTED] - GNU Representative: Cabinet of the Minister for Prime Minister's Affairs: [REDACTED] - EU Delegation: [REDACTED] - EU DG NEAR: [REDACTED] - AICS: [REDACTED]



<p>AGENDA ITEMS</p>	<p>OPENING SESSION: welcome and remarks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Adoption of the meeting agenda: Chair (MoLG) 2- Adoption of meeting minutes for TC n.10 of 25 January 2021: Chair (MoLG) 3- RSSD-Baladiyati Phase1 state of play: AICS, [REDACTED] <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Joint Monthly Update n.14 of April 2021: Intervention Matrix 3.2. Programme variations 3.3. No Cost Extension request 3.4. [REDACTED] 4- RSSD-Baladiyati Phase 2 - Introduction to themes/sectors, geographic scope, additional municipalities, logical framework, strategic communications: EU and implementing partners 5- Next Steering Committee meeting - confirmation of the agenda and date, tentatively on the 15th of June 2021: Chair (MoLG) 6- Next TC meeting date (tentatively, Oct. 2021), AOB and closing remarks: Chair (MoLG)
<p>ITEM 1,2</p> <p>Opening remarks /</p> <p>Adoption of the meeting agenda /</p> <p>Adoption of the Minutes of the TC Meeting N.10</p> <p><i>Chair (MoLG)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [REDACTED] Opened the 11th Technical Committee meeting - [REDACTED] <p>He clarified that based on communicating with the technical team of this project and reviewing the reports of the achieved activities during the previous period, he has confirmed the support of the Ministry of Local Governance for this project, both for completing the first phase and working jointly to coordinate for the second phase. He also conveyed greetings and support on behalf of His Excellency the Minister of Local Governance, and his apology for not attending this meeting, as he confirmed that he would be present at the next Steering Committee meeting.</p> <p>He also clarified the need to agree on all the initiatives to be implemented during the coming phase, and the need for a joint cooperation and coordination in this programme as well as for the future programmes which are in line with files of the Ministry of Local Governance. He has also indicated that the Government of National Unity has standards and criteria related to work and timetable, and he looks forward to working</p>



	<p>jointly with all parties, organizations and entities supporting the decentralization and the local administration in Libya, to accomplish what can be accomplished as much as possible and effectively during the next phase, he further added that based on previous and current meetings and discussions with all partners, many files and projects that are currently being implemented under the supervision of the Ministry of Local Governance have been put forward. He hoped that some of these projects would be accomplished through the RSSD program as well as with the possibility of work on other projects separately.</p> <p>He also expressed his optimism and he stressed the importance of cooperating and working as one team in order to leave a tangible impact on the ground through this programme in such a short period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [REDACTED] announced the following: - The Technical Committee members confirmed the adoption of the agenda for the meeting. - The Technical Committee members confirmed the adoption of the meeting minutes of the previous TC meeting n.10, held on 25 January 2021.
<p>ITEM 3</p> <p>3 -RSSD - Baladiyati Phase 1 state of play:</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>3.1 Joint Monthly update 14 April 2021</p> <p>3.2 Program variation</p> <p>3.3 No Cost Extension</p> <p>3.4 Joint communication Initiative update: One Team (OCT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [REDACTED] (MoLG): Expressed the necessity to create a database concerning the interventions carried out through the Ministry of Local Governance during this phase. Thereby the implementation or the launch of any project/programme should be reported in the database, to ensure the greatest efficiency and effectiveness of the initiatives. He added that after reviewing previous reports, studies and research conducted, they felt grateful for the efforts which have been made by the RSSD team to promote development, namely providing data and identifying needs on the ground, whether in terms of capacity building or studies related to infrastructure. <p>Likewise, he ensured the importance and necessity of defining the mechanism and modality of work in preparing and submitting detailed reports for needs assessment studies so that they can be relied upon in the implementation of the projects for the next phase, whether if the projects are related to RSSD program or with regard to projects that have been coordinated with the Ministry of Local Governance. On the other hand, he requested to provide the Ministry of Local Governance with future reports which will be produced within the programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -



- [REDACTED] (AICS): Welcomed all the participants. He referred to item 3- RSSD - Baladiyati Phase 1 state of play, the last Joint Monthly Update April, that was circulated to the TC members prior to the meeting, which provides detailed information about the development of the different interventions in each of the municipalities. He also referred to the matrix of the programme interventions which illustrates those already completed and delivered.
He certified that AICS is progressing towards achieving the goals that have been set at the beginning of the program, despite of challenges they have encountered caused by the pandemic of Covid-19.

He referred to the key progress of the AICS component:

All the interventions in Zuwara and Janzour municipalities have been completed.

In Misrata municipality, the planned interventions in the health sector will be completed by June 2021.

Additional set of interventions in the remain municipalities will be completed by December 2021.

Two lots of activities in southern region of Libya have been facing major delays due to environmental factors.

He emphasized the need for the request of a nine month *No Cost Extension* of the programme, from October 2021 to June 2022, in order to be able to complete all the planned activities.

Minor *variations of interventions* took place upon agreement with the local authorities, due to the identification of different priorities from what have been initially identified, documentation supporting the variations available and negotiations have been taking place with the local authorities. Also, those variations have been approved by the TC during the previous Technical Committee meeting held on 25 January 2021. Also, the COVID-19 related request for support from the authorities has led to some changes and variations of few programme interventions.

Over estimation of budget led to some unspent balance in some works/supply/service contracts; If approved by the TC and SC; after consulting with the local authorities the value can be allocated to implement additional interventions in the same municipalities and same sectors, without relocating the recourses for other municipalities or sectors.

All interventions and relevant variations were done under a close oversight of the monitoring partners who operate under EU umbrella, as



well as an internal audit system which automatically tracks the use of resources to be compliant with rules and regulations of agencies and the EU.

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[REDACTED] (MoLG): Clarified that most of the members of the Technical Committee faced problems and delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, security and other factors, thereby, there was a common demand and agreement from all parties on the necessity of requesting a No-Cost Extension to complete the implementation of the remained interventions.

Finally, he affirmed his understanding of the uncontrollable causes and factors of delay and expressed their desire for that the Ministry of Local Governance to have a role in the future in accelerating work implementation and avoiding delays besides addressing its causes.

- [REDACTED] (AICS): Gave a presentation about the last accomplishments achieved by the three partners agencies, under the framework of the Joint Communication Initiative.
- [REDACTED] (EUD): In terms of RSSD phase 1, he referred back to the previous discussion which took place on 25 January 2021 and he expressed his happiness to clarify and confirm that the ongoing work with partners to finalize the programme is almost done and they are



	<p>looking forward to starting the kick-off of RSSD phase 2 in the next weeks, at the next Steering Committee meeting, scheduled for 15 June 2021.</p> <p>In terms of variations in RSSD Phase 1, he highlighted that they are considering certain changes and additions in order to cope up with the evolving and changing circumstances in Libya. Thereby, the Phase 2 will not be similar to Phase 1.</p> <p><u>With reference to the overall objectives of the Phase 2</u>, he expressed his happiness for maintaining the same group of partners. Then he explained that the overall objective of the Phase 2 is to contribute to improving the living conditions and resilience of migrants, refugees, returnees and local population, with a focus on the most vulnerable groups in the targeted municipalities of the Southern Libya where this will be achieved by implementing interlinked components that aim to contribute to improving basic services delivery (notably education, wash, sustainable energy, as well as in support to conflict prevention/mitigation and community security, to contribute to creating alternative livelihood opportunities for local communities, including for migrants, and to contribute to prevention/mitigation of conflicts, encourage reconciliation and strengthen community security and social cohesion. Further, he explained that this phase will be implemented in 14 municipalities.</p> <p>At last, he expressed their willingness and hopes to remain with the good work and cooperation with the Phase 1 consortium partners, as well as opening a new channel of cooperation with new Libyan counterparts, in order to deal efficiently and in a favorable way with the new Libyan context which has been evolving since January 2021. Finally, he expressed their willingness and openness to any discussions and feedback regarding the new situation and conditions in the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AICS): Reviewed and went through a presentation showing the <i>interventions</i> that took place during the <i>Phase 1</i> and explained the new municipalities which have been added in order to comply with the inclusive approach and clarified the division of certain municipalities such as Al-Zawiya, Al-Maya as well as Al-Kufra. A total budget of 50 million Euros is allocated for the three sectors, namely health, education and WASH, to improve livelihood conditions to most vulnerable groups and communities in 24 municipalities.
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RSSD - Baladiyati
Phase 2 – introduction:
themes/ sectors,
geographic scope,
additional
municipalities, logical
framework and
strategic
communications: EU
and implementing
partners

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(MoLG): Clarified that based on the current situation of the Government of National Unity there is a desire to relocate the distribution of donations and programs all across Libya, and he requested to amend the distribution of the targeted municipalities in the second phase program.

During this phase, the Ministry of Local Governance is working on several projects on solid waste management, water, sanitation and environmental sanitation, alternative energy, activating emergency offices within municipalities with the involvement of the civil society and the organizations, also building capacities and activating business incubators unit in the municipalities.

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thanked and expressed his happiness to know that the MoLG is offering a training program to all municipalities, and if comment is correctly understood, it means that this will be implemented jointly with the GIZ within the framework of the program funded by the European Union. He indicated that they are happy to contribute, and this is something they look forward to participating in, especially in a structured and planned program of capacity building for all municipalities.



	<p>He indicated that this is not the only project that the European Union is funding in Libya or in partnership with the Ministry of Local Governance, as in the past years the EU has funded several projects, some of which are still ongoing and some have recently been accomplished. The European Union has distributed 170 million euros for the implementation of these projects in 72 municipalities, contributing to the improvement of the health, education and solid waste management sectors, among which the latter is among the EU priorities. As regard the COVID-19 response, the EU has allocated 21 million euros.</p> <p>He also affirmed their keenness on distributing and supporting all municipalities in a fair manner in order to mitigate conflicts. He added that in the past period it was difficult to work in the eastern and the southern regions, so as a result the main focus was on the west of Libyan; for upcoming programs they will try to balance relocating the distribution of work and activities to cover all the municipalities equally. Therefore, [REDACTED], they requested that the upcoming program should include municipalities from the eastern region in particular. Finally he expressed their willingness to share opinions and discuss and any proposals in this regard with all partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [REDACTED], emphasized what [REDACTED] said and he further added that The Government of National Unity has ambitious staff working to serve citizens and this is not the only project as there are other projects they are working on. In the past the work was mainly focused on health and education sectors while now the focus is on solid waste management. This sector should be taken into consideration to better support the southern region of Libya.
<p>ITEM 5</p> <p>Next Steering Committee Meeting confirmation: Tentatively 15 of June 2021.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The date of the next Steering Committee meetings will be on 15 June 2021.



<p>ITEM 6</p> <p>Next TC meeting date, AOB and closing remarks:</p> <p><i>Chair (MoLG)</i></p>	<p>- (MoLG)</p> <p>He thanked all the participants for participating in this meeting and expressed the hope that this discussion would be fruitful. Then he said that the Ministry of Local Governance during this period of time is working intensively and daily in technical teams and that its door is open to all suggestions and discussions with all organisations and partners working in Libya.</p>
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