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Meeting Minutes

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DATE	16th of August 2021	PAGE
TIME	11:00 - 13:00 (Libya time)	
VENUE	Ministry of Local Governance, Conference Room. <i>Video Conference via zoom</i>	
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Local Governance: [REDACTED] - EU Delegation: [REDACTED] - AICS: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [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 (MoI.G). 2- Adoption of meeting minutes for TC n.11 of 31st May 2021; Chair (MoI.G). 3- RSSD-Baladiyati Phase1 state of play. JMU May and June- [REDACTED] 4- RSSD Baladiyati Phase 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.0. Update on initial steps in the Inception Phase. 4.1. Alignment of the list of joint programmes proposed by the MoI.G & RSSD Baladiyati Phase 2. 4.2. Definition of the coordination mechanism with the MoI.G and municipalities. 4.3. Implementation schedule: municipality needs assessments. 5- Joint Communications Initiative – AICS on behalf of One Communication Team (OCT). 6- Next TC meeting date, AOB and closing remarks – Chair (MoI.G) 	<p>PAGE 4</p>
<p><i>Opening remarks</i></p> <p><i>RSSD-Baladiyati Phase 1 state of play. JMU May and June –</i></p>	<p>[REDACTED] Opened the 12th Technical Committee meeting by welcoming all the participants.</p> <p>[REDACTED] Welcomed and thanked all the participants and clarified that the programme has reached the state of stepping up its presence in Tripoli and accordingly a plan is being set to have a team permanently based in Tripoli starting from September to help convey future meetings in the Ministry in Tripoli and stated their willingness to discuss any issues that might arise in the meantime. And added that all the partners are working hard despite all the unfortunate circumstances they are facing this month, since the Steering Committee meeting last June, and due to the traveling issues between Tunisia and Libya in the past few months caused by Covid-19 that didn't help make the work any easier but hopefully hasn't affected the programme much. Also, delightfully he stressed that the EUDel is eagerly looking forward to the ending of the Inception Phase and deciding with the programme partners the proposed</p>	

RSSD-Baladiyati
Phase 1 state of play.
JMU May and June

actions in different southern municipalities as the support to the south remains a high priority for the government and the EU is ready to contribute to this support. Also, he stressed the importance of today's meeting agenda on the coordination of the work between the ministry and the municipalities, and discussing the actions needed to help accelerate the programme implementation.

[REDACTED]: greeted all the attendance and shared his regret for only being able to attend this meeting via internet due to lack of flights from Tunisia to Libya which will hopefully soon be resolved. Also, he stressed that AICS is still fully operational even though some colleagues are on an annual leave and will be returning next week.

Also, he shared his content to hold this meeting and expressed the need to have more meetings in the upcoming weeks and months for the necessity to better share information, points of views and identify priorities and possible challenges to address them on time.

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[REDACTED]: Added a comment concerning the update of phase 1 mentioning the SC endorsement of the no cost extension request and confirming that the three implementing agencies are in the process of finalizing the addendum for the no cost extension phase contract until June 2022. Also, he ensured that AICS are working hard to complete the activities according to their respective work plans. [REDACTED]

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	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
<p><i>Update on initial steps in the Inception Phase</i></p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] Also, he mentioned that initial meetings were held with the mayors of the additional six municipalities, that will be covered in phase 2, in addition to the previous 8 municipalities in phase 1. The meetings were set to give a brief idea to the local authorities concerning the programme and emphasize the fundamental role of local authorities and how their support is needed for the entire programme implementation starting by providing a needs assessment.</p> <p>Furthermore, he announced that AICS has launched two new vacancies, in addition to the previous ones, to help reinforce the technical secretarial capacity. Also, he stated that to improve the operations in the south, AICS Team in Libya has been mapping out an operation plan with several coordinators to set up an office in the South together with its logistic needs.</p> <p>[REDACTED] also shared AICS willingness to build on UNDP's experience regarding community coordination platforms to be used in the five municipalities they will be working in, namely: Ubari, Sebha, Morzouk, Brak AlShati and Alkufra. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

Definition of the coordination mechanism

_____ : Clarified that the MoL.G has already shared the details of the various other programmes and projects they are working on in the Ministry with different local municipalities and stressed the fact that some of the previously mentioned projects has reached the implementing stage. Also, he stressed the importance of the template and the necessity of its completion ASAP in order for all the partners to know their role and to share all the updates together. Also, he added that the MoL.G continues daily updates regarding the decentralization of transferring the competences of all the Economic Offices to the Ministry of Local Governance in addition to the transferring of the Housing and Facilities offices as well which has already been signed on by the Prime Minister. Moreover, he again mentioned and stressed the importance of setting up a coordination mechanism and the need for dividing the 14 targeted municipalities among all the partners which will make choosing the sectors and the outlines of the project possible and make the work go more smoothly and better coordinated. He also suggested conducting more future meetings to further discuss all the points and outlines in more details.

*Targeting
Municipalities*

[REDACTED] Stressed the importance that all the partners identify which municipalities they will working with within this programme.

[REDACTED] : Added that the business incubators in each office in each municipality office should be activated to support the communications departments.

*AICS Update;
New Entry Solar
Energy and
Agriculture*

*Kick-off Visibility
Event*

██████████ Mentioned that AICS will be working on all 14 municipalities in phase 2.

██████████ Also, he added that regarding the sectors, AICS will be providing support to the basic service facilities such as schools, in the education sector, that might need full rehabilitations or some basic rehabilitation work for some elements that need immediate intervention. Also, AICS stressed the importance of the water and sanitation sector, which is also a priority to the MoI.G. and stated that AICS is capable of supporting a wide range of interventions for improving the water supply, processing sewage water and garbage solid waste management. The municipalities should define the priorities of the interventions needed in the WASH sector in order to identify the activities to be done.

██████████ shared that the new entry the photovoltaic power installation will be absorbing attention and resources due to the situation with the power supply in many areas in the south, ██████████

The support to the agricultural livelihood is also an important sector. AICs will be working in this sector with CIHEAM Bari which is an intergovernmental organization dealing with agri-food sector in the Mediterranean area which gave them experience in supporting production, processing and marketing of agricultural products.

██████████: Stressed the need to complete all the tasks related to the project before moving forward with the kick off meeting in September.

██████████ Announced that the date of the kick-off meeting will be confirmed after the programme inception plan is fully prepared.

<p><i>Inception Meetings with Municipalities</i></p>	<p>Referred to the necessity to discuss and prepare every step of the programme to avoid any previous obstacles that occurred in phase 1. An arrangement with the municipalities concerning what is going to be acknowledged in the visibility event is highly needed to confront the questions asked by the Press and the public.</p> <p>Partners were given the possibility to finalize the inception phase by the end of November / December based on the communication difficulty with the south municipalities although it will be impressive to move faster.</p> <p>: Proposed to have few meetings with 6 out of 14 chosen by AICS. Also inviting 6 mayors to discuss on the terms needed to set up the project and to cover at least 50% of the inception phase in order be able to have the kick-off meeting.</p> <p>Welcomed and thanked all the participants. She, also suggested to have separate events starting off with the visibility meeting and another formal one with all municipalities within 3 months period in between, as it will be impractical to do so in such a short period of time knowing in phase 1 the inception took between 6 to 9 months.</p> <p>: Eagerly mentioned that despite the short stretch of time all the hard work is highly appreciated and we will be able to finish before the kick off meeting.</p> <p>: Welcomed and thanked all the participants and clarified that the procedure of identifying and activating local consultant engineers working on the ground especially in the south will take time due to the country's circumstances. However, AICS is already working with people in the south on the possibility of what potentially could be done according to the municipality's requirements and needs. A meeting should be held soon with the 14 municipalities from phase 1 and phase 2 to finalize the visibility plan and to initiate the process working on the ground.</p>
<p><i>Implementation schedule.</i></p>	

*Joint
Communication
Initiative*

████████████████████ Suggested using an approach based on phase 1 experience, which is conducting technical meetings in the upcoming weeks with AICS UNICEF, UNDP and EU to coordinate the entire project then transmit the meeting reports to the Minister of Local Governance to make the coordination process simpler and more efficient.

████████████████████ Referred to his previously mentioned points of the importance of having meetings together and sharing information to finalize the steps of setting up the templates and sectors of the project then have further discussion with the municipalities.

████████████████████ : Updates on social media particularly on Facebook platform:

- Publishing on social media has been active since April 2020 by posting 3 posts per week.
- Number of followers has been increased to 3900.
- Tripoli workshop in June has been successful by 23 attendance, incl. 3 communication officers from the ministry Local Governance and 20 from the municipalities.
- Tripoli workshop aimed to encourage inclusive communication, align with programme goals and it also helped to identify communication challenges and major weakness that can be focused on in the future.
- Communication team has developed compact structure of the template approved by the EU and the final product will go live on the 25th of August.

████████████████████ : Highlighted that the communication aspect is beneficial for the engagement with the municipalities and the MoI.G priorities as it is a good overlap with MoI.G programmes.

	<p>[REDACTED] Proposed a meeting on the 9th of September as it allows the EU to be present in Tripoli and to gather more information to plan for the kick-off meeting. He expressed the necessity of the meetings that are suggested in the calendar to address if the information is sufficient and how considerably more consultation and information is needed before composing a report. Also referenced that they are doing the conflict sensitivity analysis in the programme and it should come before starting of the implementation. Decisions should be based on the analysis of the extremely sensitive situation in the south. Also affirmed that to assure there isn't any difficult circumstances or damage created in different groups inside the community an analysis is needed before proceeding to the decision making.</p>
AOB Closing Remarks	<p>[REDACTED] Closed the 12th Technical Committee Meeting with expressing her gratitude and thanking all the participants offering to welcome if there is added follow ups as they're constantly available for any information needed.</p>
Next Technical Committee Meeting Date	<p>The date of the next meeting will be on the 9th of September 2021.</p>

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