

Minutes of Meeting

Project Board Meeting Development Partnership Programme For Kurdistan Region

Date: 10 December 2015

Location: KRG Ministry of Planning

Attendees

KRG: Mr. Zagros Fattah, DG of Capital Investment, Ministry of Planning

UNDP: Mr. Thair Shraideh, Development Partnership Programme, Programme Manager
Mr. Halwan Bakhtyar, National Project Manager

Agenda of meeting

- General review of progress up to date
- Endorsement of MoP for the formulated Provincial Development Strategies
- Status of delayed payment under agreement
- Discuss possible launching event for deliverables
- Set end date for completing the agreement with KRG MoP

General points discussed:

Mr. Shraideh highlighted the main deliverables achieved under the agreement with MoP, which includes: the capacity building provided for provincial teams, technical assistance for provincial annual planning, and the formulation of Provincial Development Strategies for Erbil, Sulaimaniya and Dohuk.

Mr. Shraideh highlighted that the formulated provincial strategies are under translation to Kurdish and English, and then will be printed in enough copies for the use of governorates and MoP. The review will be still going on as some parts are still missing for the governorates, but efforts are invested to finalize last versions for printing in early January 2016.

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Mr. Siwaily indicated his satisfaction with the deliverables under the agreement, with appreciation of efforts invested in harmonizing the provincial planning with the strategic planning at the regional level.

Mr. Siwaily confirmed the endorsement of MoP to the formulated provincial strategies, which was done through an assigned committee by the minister.

Mr. Siwaily also confirmed that MoP will do their best to transfer last due installment against the agreement since it is for delivered services and has been due for a long time.

Due to the political and financial constraints that the region is going through, it was agreed to discuss later in January or February the possible launching with MoP of formulated Provincial Strategies. Mr. Siwaily explained that with no clear future budgeting, and lack of funds for new capital investment projects under the regional budget or provincial budgets, all makes it difficult for the ministry to launch strategies with such financial allocations. However, the strategies will remain to be a valid reference for all concerned parties once the political and economic situation gets improved.

Mr. Shraideh anticipated that the printing of formulated strategies will be done around February 2016, which makes it reasonable to anticipate finishing the commitment under the agreement with MoP by March 2016.

Recommendations and conclusions

- Deliverables under the agreement between KRG MoP and UNDP are completed with the formulation of three Provincial Development Strategies for Erbil, Sulaimaniya and Dohuk.
- MoP endorsed the formulated Provincial Development Strategies through a committee assigned by the minister, MoP to send the Minister's Foreword Letter to include with the strategies.
- MoP realizes the delayed due last payment under the agreement for \$100K, and will facilitate transferring it in January 2016 since it is for delivered services (not new commitments) and has been delayed for a long time.
- With the anticipated time needed for printing the formulated provincial strategies, it is reasonable to state that subject agreement with MoP and UNDP will be fully completed by end of March 2016.

MoM cleared by:

For KRG: 

For UNDP: 