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Project Title: **Promoting Angolan Women's Empowerment Through CSO's**

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Summary of objectives

In accordance to UNDP mandate and the Millennium Declaration, the main objective of the project is to improve awareness and empower women to exercise their political, social and economic rights in the society and thereby contribute to the achievement of the MDG's. UNDP therefore, intends to contribute to increased knowledge of women of their rights through access to information, capacitate them to exercise their rights and strengthen the capacity of women's groups and networks to advocate, influence policies, implement and monitor efforts related to women's empowerment. The country will meet three of the MDGs which are related to women empowerment. The government of Angola is increasingly emphasizing gender equality in policies and legislation.

The 1st Cycle that has been implemented for three years, intends to capitalize on such positive trends by providing grants to women's groups, enabling them to strategically implement policies and programs that enhance the achievement of gender equity and goal in political participation and decision-making, economic and social empowerment, as well as violence against women. The project promotes a strategic multi-sectorial platform of response by women's groups to civil, political, social and economic rights issues.



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1. Reporting Period - January 2015 to June 2015

As reported in the last progress report, for this phase were selected 6 CSO that implemented their projects activities in Luanda, Bié and Huíla Provinces. Based on the challenges and lessons learned from the phase before (2013-2014), the 3rd phase started by making an assessment to the selected CSO's; due to the difficulties on management and reporting a 4 days training was organized; an effort was made to strengthen the relationship between CSOs and MINFMU. Furthermore, the CSO's teams had the opportunity to meet in 4 occasions: training on UNDP Financial Procedures, in May; Official Agreement ceremony, in May; 4 days training on project management, in September and TRC / CSOs meeting to present the projects final results in group, in June 2015.

Difficulties to collect data disaggregated by sex throughout the implementation, specifically in the trimestral reports, persist. However, we were able to collect it by the end of the projects execution.

During this semester (from January to June 2015) the project manager team (UNDP, Norway Embassy and MINFAMU) visit the PROMAICA project in Huíla province, in January, and made part of several activities in Luanda province, from CEIC, DW Angola and FMJIG.

This phase deadline was planned to 30th April 2015. However, by request of the CSOs was postponed to end of May 2015. By now the 6 organizations already deliver their 3rd trimestral narrative and financial reports, which passed by the UNDP quality control. As result, was requested to PROMAICA, FMJIG and ADAC to add some missing information or make clear some issues. The UNDP project team and the Research Centre (CEIC) from Catholic University agreed to postpone the final presentation CEIC study on "Women's Integration in Production Processes" to August 28th.

The 1st Cycle (2012-2015) arrived to an end with the conclusion of the 3rd phase. As part of the Shared Costing Agreement the UNDP manager team is taken all steps towards the independent external evaluation, which will take place from August 15th to September 15th. Overall, we considered that this year the project improved, as result of the past experiences and lessons learned.



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2. Planned Results

There were five key results for the 3rd cycle (May 2014 to April 2015)

- **Capacity building:** enhancing greater women participation in economic, political and social processes through training for women on leadership, networking and business management;
- **Advocacy:** promoting advocacy campaign, studies and sensitization activities on the target thematic areas addressed by the project, aiming at influencing policies, strategies and/or overcoming constraints affecting women;
- **GBV:** capacity building for state and non-state actors and women networks on economic and social rights and combating GBV;
- **Media events/debates:** support advocacy, awareness and sensitization on key and current issues.
- **Women empowerment:** support activities that promote gender-responsive policies, legislation and protection of human rights.
 - a. **Capacity building for women:** The objective is to promote rural and urban women's skills, awareness and strength their participation on decision making community issues;
 - b. **Advocacy:** The objective is to promote dialogue among women communities to facilitate the identification of common challenges and possible solutions,
 - c. **GBV:** taking into consideration the recently approved legislation against Domestic Violence (in June 2011), the project contribution is to disseminate and sensitize widely this new piece of legislation among all segments of society.
 - d. **Media events/debates:** Organization of public debates through conferences or radio broadcasting programs underlining gender equality prospects.
 - e. **Women empowerment:** The objective is to strengthening women awareness to become safeguards of equality of gender and policies for more women inclusiveness



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3. Implementing Partners

ADAC (*Associação para o Desenvolvimento e Apoio ao Campo* / Association for Rural Development) - "Ensuring Protection and Comprehensive Care to Gender Based Violence Victims in the village of Nharea" in Bie province, south of Angola, in partnership with the NGO RESCATE and the Municipal Administration Nharea. The aim of this project was to strengthen the capacity of Nharea municipal administration, providing adequate assistance to victims of GBV, operationalized the village Family Counseling Center and create a municipal network of care for victims of GBV.

CEIC (Center for Studies and Scientific Research) - conduct of a study on the "Women's Integration in Production Processes: The legal socio route in the exercise of economic and social rights in Angola ", whose main purpose is to update the social situation of women in Angola, in the last 12 years.

DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP Angola - under the title "Promoting Angolan Women's Empowerment - Center to Support of Local Initiatives" - aimed to create a Center that will support, monitor and provide technical capacity to women's groups and organizations represented in the Network Against Urban Poverty, in Luanda Province.

PROMEIDA (Communication Program for Sustainable Development in Angola) in partnership with National Radio of Angola, recorded 24 educational messages broadcasted by Radio Ngola Yeto in national languages: Umbundo and Quimbundo, focus on women's rights and women empowerment.

FMJIG (Forum of Women Journalists for Gender Equality) - with the ONDJANGO project, intended to contribute to the reduction of domestic violence crimes in the municipalities of Viana and Cazenga in Luanda Province, empowering families on human rights, gender and to promote a greater involvement of women in the fight against domestic violence.

PROMAICA (Women Promotion in the Catholic Church) - with the project MUKAY KATUKA! (Arise Women!), rural women living in local communities (based in this area for hundreds of years) affected by drought and hunger, in the Municipality of Gambos, in the southern Huila Province, south of Angola, were involved in the organization of alternative income solutions, such as: collective vegetables gardens, pottery and sewing.



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4. Achievements

Achievements were made on the following areas:

C.S.O.	THEMES	ACTIONS - 2014/2015	PROVINCIES	BENEFICIARIES		
				W	M	N/I
ADAC	"Ensuring Protection and Comprehensive Care to Gender Based Violence Victims in the village of Nharea"					
	In partnership with the NGO RESCATE and the Municipal Administration Nharea. The aim of this project was to strengthen the capacity of Nharea municipal administration, providing adequate assistance to victims of GBV, operationalized the village Family Counseling Center and create a municipal network of care for victims of GBV.	Equipment and Operationalization of the Family Counseling Center and Shelter	Bié (Nharea)	-	-	-
		Municipal Network for Protection of VD victims		13	12	-
		3 months training (Nov to Jan) to network members		8	2	-
		Training on Integral Attention to DV victims		8	5	-
		Seminar on Conflicts Resolution		12	5	-
		DV victims aid		226	86	-
		Discloser of the Family Counseling Center				
Subtotal				267	110	
CEIC	"Women's Integration in Production Processes: The legal socio route in the exercise of economic and social rights in Angola "					
	Main purpose is to update the social situation of women in Angola, in the last 12 years	Research team members	Luanda	2	5	-
		Workshop on " Women's Integration in Production Processes"		21	21	-
		Conference "Women in the Productive Sector: Challenges and Perspectives"		36	49	-
		Interviews and surveys		139	-	-
		Research Presentation – August 2015				
Subtotal				198	75	



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DW	"Promoting Angolan Women's Empowerment - Center to Support of Local Initiatives"				
Aimed to create a Center that will support, monitor and provide technical capacity to women's groups and organizations represented in the Network Against Urban Poverty, in Luanda Province	Mapping the project beneficiaries	Luanda (municipalities of Cacuaco, Viana, Cazenga and Kilamba-Kiayi and Sambinzanga districts)	207	30	-
	Training "How to Start a Business"		(122)	(29)	-
	Financial Support to 10 local enterprises		(8)	(2)	-
	Identification of the group weakness and training needs		(165)	(15)	-
	Project oficial launch		76	28	-
	Training on Monitoring and Evaluation to leaders members of the Luanda Urban Poverty Network		23	10	-
	Project Team Training on Financial Feasibility		5	4	-
Subtotal			311	72	-
FMJIG	ONDJANGO				
Intended to contribute to the reduction of domestic violence crimes in the municipalities of Viana and Cazenga in Luanda Province, empowering families on human rights, gender and to promote a greater involvement of women in the fight against domestic violence.	Identification of reference groups in the municipalities of Viana and Cazenga	Luanda (municipalities of Viana and Cazenga)	32	-	-
	Seminar on HR, Gender and Women Rights		22	14	-
	Radio Debates		-	-	-
	DV victms legal aid		4	-	-
	Ondjangos - Community meetings		45	47	-
	Training onDV Formação de Intervenientes em VD		27	2	-
	Municipal Seminar on Women Rights		109	10	-
	Cartoon "Família Nzagi" print		-	-	1000



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			Subtotal	239	73	1000
PROMAICA	MUKAY KATUKA					
	Organization of alternative income solutions, such as: communal vegetables gardens, pottery and sewing.	Project team training on Financial Management	Huila (Gambos)	6	-	-
		2 meetings with women leaders of the community vegetable gardens		720	340	-
		Delivered materials to the beneficiaries of the project		105	56	-
		Delivery of agricultural equipment		130	82	
		Creation and organization of 12 community vegetable gardens		(360)	(105)	-
		Training – Vegetable gardens		76	44	-
		Pottery Group		31	-	-
		Basketry Group		12	-	-
		Jewelry Group		4	8	-
			Subtotal	1084	530	-
PROMEDIA	Communication Program for Sustainable Development in Angola					
	In partnership with National Radio of Angola, recorded 24 educational messages broadcasted by Radio Ngola Yeto in national languages: Umbundo and Quimbundo, focus on women's rights and women empowerment.	24 educative messages broadcasted by Ngola Yeto Radio, in Umbundo and Quimbundo	Nacional			
		Produced messages send in 162 CDs to provincial stations				
		Produced messages shared in CDs with CSO and individuals		160	352	107
			Subtotal	160	352	107
SUBTOTAL				2256	1212	1107
			TOTAL	4575		



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5. Key Impacts

- Helped women become more active participants, more integrated and relevant in social & family life, having helped improve the quality of life in their communities.
- Significant exchange of experiences among the CSOs and between the CSOs and MINFAMU during the course of the project implementation, relationships strengthened;
- Partnerships between Municipal Administration, National Institute of Support to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (INAPEM), National Radio Station and International NGO's and the grantees;
- Data disaggregated by sex was collected, reflecting a well define target among the CSOs;
- 4 days training in project management;
- Final meeting between TRC and selected CSOs, to present projects implementation results, challenges and perspectives.

6. Challenges and Lessons Learned

- CSO's capacity building within our project is extremely important to monitor results, thus, in 2nd Cycle capacity building activities will be improved;
- Bring the grantees CSO's together is a positive initiative, creating a sharing space;
- Need for closer relationship between TRC and CSOs;
- Need to strengthen dissemination activities in the media;
- Relation between CSO's and Gender National Direction from MINFAMU were improved at the central level. However, communication needs to strengthen between the municipal and communal departments of MINFAMU & CSOs;
- Difficulties in presentation of data disaggregated. Needs to be strengthen;
- Delay in reporting disbursements which consequently affects implementation.



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7. Way Forward

The 3rd phase of this project ended in May 2015.
Under this cycle (2012-2015) the next steps are:

- Independent external evaluation;
- Sign a Cost Sharing Agreement between UNDP Angola and Norway Embassy, referring to the 2^o Cycle (2015-2018);
- Present a 1st Cycle Final Report to Norway Embassy;

8. Resources and Financial Status

From May 2014 to May 2015 a total of AOA 37.032.855 were disbursed to CSO's being

CSOs	BUDGET	DISBURSMENTS	%
ADAC	AOA 5.855.724	AOA 5.855.724,00	100%
CEIC	AOA 6.750.000,00	AOA 6.215.000,00	92%
DW	AOA 6.448.500,00	AOA 6.448.500,00	100%
FMJIG	AOA 7.004.200,00	AOA 6.977.095,00	99,6%
PROMAICA	AOA 5.582.618,00	AOA 4.839.036,00	86,6%
PROMEDIA	AOA 6.697.500,00	AOA 6.697.500,00	100%
TOTAL	AOA 38.338.542,00	AOA 37.032.855,00	96,36%



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Project Budget Execution form May 2014 to May 2015:

From May 2014 to May 2015	USD
Initial Budget	553.705, 78
Disbursements	371.122,32
CSOs training	17.213,28
Monitoring	8.382,15
Remunerations	59.679,35
GMS (until Dec 2014)	21.566,16
Others	1.412,33
TOTAL	475.207,09