



## Enhancing the Capacities of the Ministry of International Cooperation and Development (MICAD)

### Project Progress Report (PPR)

Award ID:	00079533
Project ID:	00089503
Project title	Enhancing the Capacities of the Ministry of International Cooperation and Development (MICAD)
Implementing Partner	Ministry of International Cooperation and Development (MICAD)
Start Date:	01/02/2014
End Date:	31/12/2016
Total money spent in 2015:	USD 1,295,060.12

Year: 2015

#### Award/Project basic information:

#### Project Progress in 2015:

- 1- Enhancing the Capacities of the Ministry of International Cooperation and Development (MICAD), signed in 2014, helped the newly established Ministry (MICAD) to appoint 22 specialized experts, technical, and administrative staff for supporting the formulation of the UAE foreign aid policy and strategy department that will be launched in 2016.
- 2- The UNDP CO also supported the ministry in developing the capacities of national staff in the field of control and evaluation of development aid, as well as MDGs and SDGs process by hiring qualified consultants to deliver the training and also by providing them with the best studies and lessons learned in international development, recovery plans, raising readiness and how to prepare for overcoming disasters.
- 3- Several Capacity development events were organized and attended by national staff.
- 4- Experts were contracted to provide the Ministry with advisory services and new innovative approaches in the sector of resource mobilization. As a result, an integrated federal resource mobilization strategy is being formulated and will be launched in 2016. 7 of which, to support better management of data for aid tracking and publication of annual foreign aid reports.
- 5- Experts were also contracted to provide the ministry with high level support in the administrative, financial and IT sector. This partnership has also regained confidence in UNDP



and currently the CO is at advanced stage of discussion with MICAD on a new initiative aiming at provision of Technical Assistance in appointments of UAE Junior Professional Officer.

- 6- In June 2015, a JPO open day was organized with MICAD in coordination with Tawteen Council. 80 young local professionals attend the open day and showed interest in applying for the JPO programme. Discussions took place with MICAD on implementing this project in 2016.

**Recommendations for 2016:**

- 7- Some risks and issues exist on this project that will be resolved in 2016, namely: a revision of project document to include a detailed monitoring and evaluation framework, risk log, RRF and management arrangements
- 8- The project board needs to be strengthened to have quarterly meetings so that risks are mitigated in a timely manner and the project keeps running smoothly.
- 9- The project team, namely the focal person from both MICAD and UNDP to have quarterly meetings in 2016, prior to each project board meeting, and:
- Discuss the progress of the project
  - Changes occurring internally or externally that might affect the project
  - Put together recommendations for the project board

Approved by UNDP:

Date:

13/3/16

Approved by MICAD:

Date:

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