

FINAL REPORT FOR UNDP PROJECTS

Progress Report – March 2014

Project No. & Title:	Project #: 00075427 - Support to the Development of the National Childhood and National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities in the Kingdom of Bahrain
Implementing Partner:	Ministry of Social Development (MoSD)
Total Budget	US\$ 378,800
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Project Short Description:	<p>This Project focuses on developing an open, transparent consultative process by which government bodies, persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, service providers, NGOs and members of the private sector participate in developing the National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities. On another parallel component, the project focuses on updating the Situation Analysis for Children in Bahrain (SITAN) and developing a National Childhood Strategy, which paves the way for nationwide, multi-sectoral discussions on the priority areas concerning children rights in Bahrain.</p> <p>Both National Strategies are envisioned to be gender sensitive and based on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Convention of Rights of Children, which Bahrain is a rectifier to. The project activities are accompanied by several support initiatives including: Supporting the NGOs' sector to campaign and promote awareness on disability rights, review the current national legislative framework to align with the Convention, and promote capacity building programs based on current needs.</p>

Project Outputs:	Activities	Progress Made	Expected Completion Date
Output 1 Information on Current Situation of Persons with Disabilities Updated and SWOT analysis developed	Desk Review - Studies related to persons with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed main documents related to disability in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Requested and accumulate additional data related to disability from different relevant ministries. Started to draft the first discussion paper on strategic directions. List of stakeholders created. 	Completed
	Follow up with the Technical Committee Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and discuss the strategy structure. Develop TORs for consultants and working group leaders, shortlisted applicant and conducted interviews for the following positions: gender and disability expert, IHRL expert/Legal analyst, and campaign and networking trainer. Develop TORs for national consultant on disability, and international consultant on universal design. 	Completed
	Prepare for the project launching event and a seminar on the rights of persons with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A complete proposal and action plan was developed for the seminar. Agenda of the seminar was developed in consultation with the Steering Committee. Three international consultants were invited to participate in the seminar. Focus groups on the status of women with disabilities in Bahrain were conducted. A legal analysis on the rights of 	Completed

		<p>persons with disabilities in Bahrain was conducted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A two day seminar was held to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Launch the consultative process, ○ Share baseline information. ○ Introduce main rights based concepts. 	
	<p>Prepare for a campaign on inclusion of Persons with Disabilities within Public Schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee approved launching a campaign to promote the concept of “Inclusive Education” in Bahrain. • A consultant was invited to facilitate a training session on campaign for disability DPO/NGOs. • A training session was conducted and a full plan was developed to promote the concept of inclusive education. • A campaign steering committee was formed and meetings were held to prepare campaign tools. • A full campaign was launched on a national level, utilizing lamp posts, brochures, seminars and other awareness activities. 	<p>Completed</p>
	<p>Conduct focus groups for persons with disabilities and their families</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with Disabled People’s Organizations, representative focus group sessions were conducted for persons with visual, hearing, intellectual and physical disabilities in addition to families. • A focus group was conducted for students with disabilities. 	<p>Completed</p>
	<p>Recruit lead experts and form thematic working groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National working group leaders were hired in areas of: Health, Inclusive Education, Accessibility, Awareness and 	<p>Completed</p>

	<p>to develop situational analysis on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Bahrain.</p>	<p>Media, Economic Empowerment, Empowerment, and legislation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A national disability consultant was hired to develop an overall analysis of the situation of persons with disabilities. • An international consultant was hired to assess the situation of universal design in Bahrain. • Working group members were identified and invited. All working groups were representative of the government and civil society members. • Information reflecting the situation of persons with disabilities was gathered. • Working groups meetings to develop baseline information and conduct SWOT analysis sessions were arranged. • Draft baseline reports developed by working group leaders. • Baseline reports disseminated and discussed in workshops. 7 Baseline reports adopted. 	
<p>Output 2 Information on current situation of Children and National Situation Analysis (SITAN) updated.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed main documents related to Childhood in the Kingdom of Bahrain. • Requested additional missing data related to Children from ministries and CIO in particular. • Review of national legislations, and all relevant documents on national level. • Form four thematic groups related to Health, Education, Protection, and Participation. • Agreed on the methodology, and commence the group work. 	<p>Completed</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire a consultant to draft the SITAN in consultation with UNDP and UNICEF. • Discuss the final draft within the groups, with UNDP and UNICEF. • Incorporate all comments and changes. • Finalize and endorse the Situation Analysis for Children (SITAN) 	
Output 3 National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities developed	Design the main structure and draft the NSPD Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 chapters of the NSPD strategy completed and adopted. Each chapter includes a detailed action plan with indicators • A chapter on inclusive education and social empowerment have been incorporated • A final edited version of the draft strategy submitted to UNDP. • Workshop to train NGOs on report drafting was conducted. 	Completed
Output 4 A National Childhood Strategy for (NCS) Bahrain is finalized		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A final edited version of the draft NCS strategy completed and submitted to UNDP and MoSD • Finalize NCS, and get approved by government. • Conduct a final meeting of stakeholders, and group leaders to discuss the final changes incorporated to the final draft of NCS • The NCS finalize and submitted to the Ministry. 	Completed
Final Evaluation	A consultant has been hired to conduct a final evaluation to the two components of the project (Disability & Childhood). The mission has been postponed from first quarter to second week of April 2014, due to multiplication of reasons. Please refer to the note for file drafted for the closure of the project.		

Issues:	Some delay in implementation was experienced due to the time the Strategies have taken to be fully endorsed by the Cabinet, as they had to be shared with all different line Ministries.
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