



New: Yes



Extension: No

Bureau: Regional Bureau for Arab States

Project: 00088216 – Support to Djibouti’s National Tuberculosis Programme in order to improve access to tubercular care among vulnerable populations (Global Fund Round 10 Programme)

BASIC INFORMATION	
<i>Dates of authorization</i>	23 December 2013
<i>Budget</i>	Euro 2,461,551 (2013-2015)
<i>Link to relevant UNDAF and CP outcome</i>	<p>UNDAF (2013-2017) Outcome: Population, particularly women and children under 5 have access to basic health services and quality nutrition across the whole country.</p> <p>CPD (2013-2017) Outcome: National and sectorial process of macroeconomic planning, evaluation and management are supported, strengthened and focused on the reduction of extreme poverty and the achievement of the MDGs;</p>
RECENT RATINGS	
<i>Balanced scorecard ratings</i>	Djibouti has good BSC ratings with most performance indicators in green. The CO is fully compliant with the GMS rate policy and resource mobilization (non-core and extra budgetary income) has significantly surpassed set targets in 2012 and 2011.
<i>Country office audit rating</i>	CO Audit of 2010 was partially satisfactory . All 7 recommendations have been implemented.
<i>Evaluation findings</i>	<p>Among the ten 2012 ADR recommendations, some particularly referred to CO organization and management and aid coordination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to enhance the CO’s human resources; • Put in place modalities for a transition from DIM to NIM that would reduce misperception of inflexibility; • Help the Government achieve potential synergies between effective aid coordination and effective monitoring and evaluation (M&E);
<i>Other (e.g. Comptroller’s acclaim / watchlist)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk management function in the CO is fulfilled by the RR (D1 level) and the DRR (P4 level); • Main approver is at P4 level. Verifying officers are at NOC and G7 level. Check signatories are D1, P4, 2 staff members at NOC level and one G7. • The CO was on the finance watchlist in Q1 2013, but has moved to acclaim list in Q2 and Q3 2013. CO has been on the Acclaim List throughout 2012. • According to the IPSAS dashboard, in 3Q 2013, Djibouti scored low in some of the IPSAS indicators and is in the concern list. • The CO scored very high in the 2011 ROAR particularly in quality compliance (“results



	<p>focus" and "use of evidence and data"), showing though a significant decrease in the 2012 ROAR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Business Continuity Plan was updated in 2012 and risk logs and issue logs are reviewed regularly. • A multi-partner Steering committee will oversee the project implementation and results and provide strategic guidance. The UNDP RR will provide quality assurance on the management of the project.
<p>JUSTIFICATIONS</p>	
<p><i>Justification for DIM</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following extensive consultation, the Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM) unanimously agreed to identify UNDP Djibouti as Primary Recipient (PR) for the implementation of the Global Fund grant. The Government, the UNCT, donor partners and civil society expressed full support for this decision. On the basis of the capacity assessment conducted by the Global Fund, implementation arrangements, required resources, and operational details for the execution of the grants were agreed and reflected in the grant agreement document and the CO was confirmed PR of the grant. • In order to strengthen its capacity to effectively implement the components of the GFATM grant, the CO is currently finalizing the establishment of a team of one Project Coordinator (P4 level), one Finance Specialist (P3 level) and one Procurement Specialist (P3 level). The team will also include three national staff members, one M&E Officer, Procurement Assistant and Finance Assistant, as well as two drivers. The CO is at the last stage of the recruitment process of the project team. • In December 2013, the LPAC confirmed UNDP that the DIM modality is required to facilitate the urgency and timeliness of the decision making process, frequent disbursement, and efficient and accountable project delivery and disbursement of the large funds awarded in the limited timeframe.
<p>DECISION</p>	
<p>Cleared by:</p>	<p>Marta Lanzoni/El Kebir Mdarhri Alaoui: ML/KA </p> <p>Yuna Badaker: YB (via email)</p> <p>Mourad Wahba: MW </p>
<p>Approval recommended (23 December 2013- 23 December 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct implementation is approved for the duration of the project (23 December 2013 - 23 December 2015) for project award 00088216 – ‘Support to Djibouti’s National Tuberculosis Programme in order to improve access to tubercular care among vulnerable populations (Global Fund Round 10 Programme)’ and up to Euro 2,461,551. • The Regional Bureau encourages the CO to address the needs identified by 2012 ADR and the 2012 ROAR evaluation to increase quality compliance, focus on results, as well as use of evidence and data.



- The Regional Bureau would like to ask the CO to pay attention to finance processes and the IPSAS indicators to ensure that all accounting requirements are successfully addressed. The Bureau expects to see the CO in the acclaim list for 2014 and beyond.
- The Regional Bureau also recommends the CO to specifically focus on capacity development of local counterparts, through training and technical assistance to promote the transition to full national execution modality.
- The Regional Bureau will take the quarterly and annual reports into account and further review the CO capacity, as well as progress in the work on building national capacity in assessing the implementation of the DIM modalities.

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