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To DAG Secretariat

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Dear Sir/Madam

Subject: Physical Progress Report for the Third Quarter of 2017

Please find attached here with, the Physical Progress Report of DAG Pooled Fund Project for the Third Quarter of 2017 (July 2017- September 2017).

Yours Sincerely,

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Physical Progress Report (Third Quarter of 2017) on  
DAG Pooled Fund Project

Bureau of Monitoring and Evaluation of NPC

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Addis Ababa



## 1. Introduction

The development Assistance Group (DAG) Pooled Fund Project supports the implementation of the Growth and Transformation plan and Sustainable Development Goals through the provision of institutional capacity development, effective coordination development assistance and high quality DAG Government dialogue. The DAG pooled fund project is nationally executed by the ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation (MoFEC) and the National Planning Commission (NPC). The Bureau of Monitoring and Evaluation of the National Planning Commission is responsible for the execution of output 1 of the project that is provision of effective support to the Second Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP II) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) consultative process. The DAG secretariat at UNDP oversees the overall activities of the project and is responsible for effective DAG-Government Dialogue. Hence this report highlights the major achievements of output 1 of the project during the third quarter of 2017.

## 2. Output 1: Effective Support to the implementation of GTP II and SDGs

### 2.1 Poverty Analysis Study

National Planning Commission has been conducting Poverty analysis based on 2015/16 Household Income Consumption Expenditure and Welfare Monitoring Surveys (HICES and WMS). Accordingly, NPC has engaged a consultant for the conduct of detailed poverty analysis including data checking and data organization, producing interim report on the main analytical findings, producing final reports based on full-fledged poverty analysis based on the consultancy contract agreement duly signed by the two parties (the NPC and the consultant).

The Main objective of the Interim Report is to share information on key findings of Poverty Analysis Study with the Public until the release of the full report with detail analytical information.

As per the Annual Work Plan tranche 1 is focusing on data cleaning and checking; and tranche 2 is focusing on the conduct of Poverty Analysis based on the cleaned and checked HICES and WMS data and produce an Interim Report on key findings of analytical study. Activities in tranches 1 and 2 have been conducted and successfully completed by the consultant as per the contract agreement. Accordingly, the Interim Report on key findings of the 2015/16 Poverty Analysis Study submitted to the National Planning Commission by the consultant in September, 2017.

The launch on the Interim Report was conducted on the 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at Hilton Hotel in Addis Ababa. The total amount to be paid for the professional consultancy service on tranche 1 and tranche 2 is Birr 965,250.00. This expenditure will be covered by DAG Pooled Fund Project of NPC.

## **2.2. Training of the NPC staffs on Balanced Score Card**

The National Planning Commission has established a five year Institutional Strategic Plan within the framework of its institutional mandates and the country wide Public Service Reform Program. Having a national mandates to prepare national plans, to conduct national monitoring and evaluation on the implementation of the Growth and Transformation Plan, cascading Strategic plan to the division, sub-divisions, work units and performers; NPC has Provided staffs training on Balanced Score Card.

Accordingly a total of 42 NPC Staff (Male 28 and Female 14) trained on Balanced Score Card Cascading; and later 37 staff from 17 directorates of the NPC were involved in Strategic Plan cascading with the trainers close on the job consultation and supportive supervision.

## **2.3. Logistical Support**

In the Third Quarter of 2017, DAG Pooled Fund Project continued its logistical supports. In order to facilitate the consultation workshop on GTP II Annual Progress Report of 2015/16 and the 2017 Voluntary National Review report on Sustainable Development Goals there were frequent digital communication including telephone conversations with the federal, regional and city Administrations implementing sectors, faxing letters, and emailing various supporting documents. Considering all these, the DAG Pooled Fund Project has settled NPC's three months telephone and other communication bills amounting birr 269,933.64. And also in the third quarter the project has covered project Administration expenses; salary for project staff, operational expenses such as Vehicle maintenance and Fuel costs.

