



United Nations Development Programme

Region: Arab States

Project Document (2011-2014)

Project Title:	Anti-Corruption and integrity in the Arab Countries (ACIAC)
SP Outcome(s):	Strengthened national-, regional- and local-level capacity to implement anti-corruption initiatives
Expected RPD Outcome(s): <i>(Those linked to the project and extracted from the RPD)</i>	Levels of transparency increased and incidence of corruption reduced in beneficiary countries
Expected Output(s): <i>(Those that will result from the project)</i>	Knowledge produced and inclusive policy reform supported for the implementation of the UNCAC
Implementing Partner:	UNOPS
Responsible Parties:	UNDP

Brief Description

In response to the increasing demand on anti-corruption assistance in the Arab region, UNDP developed ACIAC as a regional instrument to strengthen cooperation and promote collective action against corruption in the Arab countries, while adding value to related bilateral and multilateral efforts. It will draw on UNDP's extensive governance portfolio and vast network of experts and partners, and will build on the achievements and lessons learned from the work of UNDP-POGAR, including the GfD Initiative.

ACIAC is inspired by the concrete progress that has been enabled through past regional anti-corruption activities, and is driven by the need to further reinforce the Arab countries' commitment to anti-corruption, which has significantly improved over the past few years, but remains in need of concrete assistance in many areas. Accordingly, the project will work to generate a coherent body of specialised knowledge and to transfer key skills to policymakers and practitioners with a view to enabling the identification of priority challenges and possible responses at the country-level, while supporting the effective engagement of Arab countries in global anti-corruption efforts. Implementation will focus on four inter-related areas of work that have been identified based on the results of more than two years of region-wide consultations. These areas are (i) anti-corruption assessments; (ii) implementation of UNCAC thematic priorities; (iii) integrity in specific vulnerable sectors; and (iv) anti-corruption in crisis-affected countries. ACIAC will primarily focus on the first two areas, where demand is higher and national ownership is more advanced; it will also support targeted interventions under the other two areas to promote the integration of related concerns in the ongoing anti-corruption debate and inform the development of related country-level initiatives.

ACIAC will adopt a participatory approach driven by the principle of "national ownership", and fostered by ACINET, which is the Region's leading platform for knowledge networking, capacity development and policy dialogue in this field. This approach will ensure a more practical, and prospectively sustainable and scalable engagement of various state institutions and non-governmental actors including businesses, civil society, and independent media, academic and research institutions.

The project will also promote adherence to the principles of aid effectiveness, through a proactive and far-reaching partnership strategy that seeks to foster linkages with relevant initiatives at the country, regional and global levels. ACIAC will work to engage all Arab countries, with a particular focus on a number of selected countries, which exhibit stronger commitment to the project's components. Country-specific support will be demand-driven and customized to address the requests of stakeholders, while seeking to maximize the potential for joint learning at the regional level, and possibly across regions.

Programme Period:	2011-2014	Total resources required	\$ 8,405,000
Key Result Area (SP)	Democratic Governance	Total allocated resources:	\$ 1,854,010
Atlas Award ID:		• Regular	\$ 1,000,000
Start date:	1 January 2011	• Other:	
End Date:	31 December 2014	◦ US State Department	\$ 854,010
PAC Meeting Date:	18 June 2010	◦ Donor	
Management Arrangements:	UNOPS Implementation	◦ Donor	
		◦ Government	
		Unfunded budget:	\$ 6,550,990
		In-kind Contributions:	

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