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Format E Annual progress report

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| Project title | <i>Integrated Women's Empowerment – Sustaining Change for Generations. Replication of the Integrated Women's Empowerment Model in Cotton Areas of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan Project Reference #: 2011.052/UND/IN</i> | | |
| Applicant organisation | United Nations Development Programme, India | | |
| Geographic scope | <i>Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra</i> | | |
| Total contribution | € 5,179,473 | Funds used to date | € 42,485 |
| Unspent balance¹ | € 5,136,988 | | |
| Duration of Grant | 5 years | | |
| Project period | <i>2012 - 2017</i> | | |
| Programme partners | United Nations Development Programme, India | | |
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Jan 6th 2014

Date

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¹ Unspent balance is the "Total contribution" minus "Funds used to date"

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1. Executive Summary

1. **SWAAYAM Pilot** (2009-2013) project intent was to implement **integrated empowerment approach (social – economic – legal – political) activities** across the three Uttar Pradesh districts: Jaunpur, Mirzapur and Sant Ravidas Nagar. In 2011, this approach was to be extended to three additional states.
2. To support expansion of SWAAYAM pilot project into **Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Rajasthan** UNDP has received an **IKEA Cotton Planning Grant** (Reference: 2011.052/UND/IN).
3. As a result of the planning grant, UNDP developed a detailed proposal for expansion of SWAAYAM pilot, so called **Cotton Main**.
4. This report, therefore **documents UNDP's end of the project achievements vis-a-vis SWAAYAM Cotton Main grant**.

2. Progress Made and Problems Encountered

This section reports on the **results achieved vis-à-vis the SWAAYAM Cotton Main Grant**.

5. In the course of the implementation of the SWAAYAM UP pilot, UNDP discovered problems with the project implementation. UNDP has discussed the project implementation issues and results with the Foundation extensively through a regular Strategic Meetings with the Foundation. As a result of these discussions it was agreed to close down SWAAYAM Expansion carpet activities and redesign the overall programme. As a result of these decisions, it was decided to hold the expansion of SWAAYAM old project in these three new states. However, before the decision was reached UNDP moved to advertise for local positions in each state by hiring an HR agency to undertake necessary recruitments in the States as well as recruited an international volunteer who was meant to work in one of the States. This individual worked endlessly to complete the work related to the expansion programme re-design. The list of activities has been presented in SWAAYAM Expansion Carpet report. Given the decision to stop all other activities, there has been no additional activities undertaking under this agreement.
6. A third party evaluation was undertaken for SWAAYAM project to understand lessons learnt and the way forward. The insights and recommendations of the study lead to a new project design and contributed to a decision to close the project.