Minutes of Meeting

Project Board Meeting KRG Budget Execution Support Project

Date: 10 December 2015

Location: KRG Ministry of Planning

Attendees

KRG: Mr. Zagros Siwaily, DG of Capital Investment, Ministry of Planning

Mr. Nader Majeed Nader, Head of Cash Management Department, MoF

UNDP: Mr. Thair Shraideh, KRG Budget Execution Project Manager

Mr. Halwan Bakhtyar, National Project Manager

Agenda of meeting

- General review of progress up to date
- Discuss future plans and programmatic possibilities
- Status of signed agreement to support the KDMS and its delayed first Installment
- Set end of project date

General points discussed:

Mr. Shraideh highlighted the main deliverables achieved during the previous phase of the project, which included assistance with the strategic planning efforts at the Ministry of Planning, and the successful introduction of several public financial management tools and concepts for Ministry of Finance like (Mid-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), Treasury Single Account (TSA), Manual for Centralized Expenditures and the exposure of Financial Management Information System (FMIS). UNDP will send soft copies of mentioned deliverables especially the translated ones to Arabic.

Mr. Shraideh highlighted the limited activities conducted during 2015 due to lack of funding. During 2015, UNDP managed to provide support to the Capital Investment Department through the national project office, and concentrated on formulation the concept note for supporting KDMS under the project, which was successfully concluded with a signed cost-sharing

agreement. However, in order to start the activities in supporting the KDMS, UNDP would need to receive the first installment under the agreement.

Mr. Siwaily highlighted the appreciation of project's deliverables, and the valuable overall support received from the national project officer.

Mr. Zagros explained the difficult financial situation the region is going through, which doesn't allow the ability of funding new projects. MoP wants to start with the activities under KDMS, but it is very challenging to allocate the needed financial resources, but MoP will continue trying.

Recommendations and conclusions

- The project will continue to provide general support to MoP's Capital Investment Department through the end of project, which is provided by the National Project Manager placed at the ministry.
- MoP will continue to do their best in securing the first installment under the KDMS agreement, UNDP will be waiting to hear back solid answer by January/February 2016.
- If there will be no funding secured for KDMS component, the project will officially end in June 2016.

MoM cleared by:

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