Status Note

July 2012

Project: Support the development of the Central Statistics Bureau

Project Overview

Development of the statistical function in the state of Kuwait is considered one of the most important objectives of the National Mid-range Development Plan for Kuwait for the years 2010 - 2014. The fifth goal of the plan aims for “Efficient and effective government administration”. The last two strategic objectives of this goal advocate for “Modernizing statistics activity and civil information systems to support development and decision-making processes in all areas” and “Providing and supporting the basic needs to building an information society within the state”. Guided by these strategies, the Central Statistics Bureau is planning on developing its national information systems to monitor economic data and national accounts.

Status

The project document was signed on December 2011 between UNDP and the Central Statistics Bureau. Since the start of the project, Activity 1.4.2.4 “A series of statistical studies and researches on the results of the National Population and Housing Census developed” has been partly achieved. The project has recruited the following consultants:

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| Name of expert | Area and salary |
| Dr. Jafar Haji | Economics Expert ($9000) PhD. |
| Dr. Jasem Al Ali | GIS Expert ($9000) PhD. |
| Dr. Ali Abdul-Qader | Household Income & Expenditure Surveys report evaluation (lapsed) |
| Dr. Hamed Hafez Al-Abdullah | Expert in GCC & Int. Cooperation for CSO ( lapsed) |
| Mr. Abdu Taha Ayoub | Expert In Statistical Analysis (lapsed) |
| Emad Saddad Abd El-Hakeim | Executive Administrative Support ($7500) MSC. |
| Mohamed Mussa | Expert in Demographic Analysis ( lapsed) |
| Sami Barakat | Expert in Price Index Tabulation and Analysis ( lapsed) |
| Mohamed Saeed | Expert in Microfilm Archiving Applications ( lapsed) |
| Khaled Affan | Economics Expert ($12000) PhD |

There have been many discussions regarding the procurement of developing the SAM system for the project. This procurement is expected to consume 85% of the budget.

2012 M&E and Audit Budget: $15,000

Focal Points:

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# Annual Work Plan 2012 Q3-Q4

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| EXPECTED OUTPUTS | PLANNED ACTIVITIES | TIMEFRAME | | | | | | | | | | | RESPONSIBLE PARTY | | | PLANNED BUDGET | | | | |
| Q3 | | Q4 | | | |  | | |  | | Funding Source | | Budget Description | | Amount (USD) |
| 1.4.2. National statistical tools and information systems developed  Output Indicators:   1. Presence of system for monitoring economic information and national accounts 2. Availability of a CGE model for the SAM 3. # of statisticians trained on newly developed IS 4. # of training courses conducted 5. # of CSB staff benefitting from SAM applications 6. # of studies published on the national population census   AWP Targets:  1.National SAM for national accounts developed  2.National cadres trained on applications of SAM  3. National Dynamic CGE developed  4. 50 cadres trained on applications of SAM  5. 8 studies published on the 2011 National Population and Housing Census  Related CP outcome: *1.5: National planning institutions capable of fulfilling the strategic planning role* | Activity 1.4.2.1:Transition from SNA 1993 to SNA 2008 for the development of the SAM for national accounts for the period 2005-2010 | √ | | √ | | | |  | | |  | | CSB | | | UNDP | | Costs for developing SAM for national accounts | | 2,063,000 |
| Activity budget lines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.4.2.1.1: Contract SP to develop SAM | √ | | √ | | |  | | | |  | | Service Provider | | UNDP | | | Contract to SP to Build SAM | | 1.4.2.1.1-2:  Service provider = 2,000,000 |
| 1.4.2.1.2: Build the SAM for National SNA 1993 to SNA 2008 for 2005-2008 |  | | √ | | |  | | | |  | | Service Provider | | UNDP | | |
| 1.4.2.1.3: SAM quality assurance and administration |  | | √ | | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | UNDP | | | Contracts for Local/International consultants | | 1.4.2.1.3: SAM Administrator and Project Coordinator = 7,000\*9 months = 63,000 |
| Activity 1.4.2.2: Dynamic Computable General Equilibrium Model (CGE) for Kuwait developed | √ | | √ | | |  | | | |  | | PM | | UNDP | | | Costs for developing CGE for Kuwait | | 144,000 |
| Activity budget lines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.4.2.2.1:Identify the National Accounts and relevant economic data | √ | | √ | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | | UNDP | | | Contracts for Local/International consultants | | 1.4.2.1.1-4: Economics Expert = 12,000\*12 months = 144,000 |
| 1.4.2.2.2: Revise and prepare detailed Social Accountability Matrix for the model |  | | √ | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | | UNDP | | |
| 1.4.2.2.3: Formulate the model’s equations and utilize appropriate software to estimate the model’s variables |  | | √ | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | | UNDP | | |
| 1.4.2.2.4: Train national cadres on the CGE and SAM applications |  | |  | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | | UNDP | | |
| Activity 1.4.2.3:Information technology infrastructure of the CSB developed | √ | | √ | |  | | | |  | | PM | | | UNDP | | | Costs of conducting training programmes | | 258,000 |
| Activity budget lines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.4.2.3.1:Evaluate the automation infrastructure and information network of the CSB | √ | | √ | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | | UNDP | | | Contracts for Local/International consultants | 1.4.2.3.1-3: Administrative Consultant = 7,000\*12 months = 84,000 | |
| 1.4.2.3.2:Develop a training plan to build the technical capacities of CSB staff after conducting a needs assessment | √ | | √ | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | | UNDP | | |
| 1.4.2.3.3:Procure and install licensed software for CSB network | √ | | √ | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | | UNDP | | |
| 1.4.2.3.4:Recruit Applications Development Specialist to develop the technical capacity of the CSB |  | |  | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | | UNDP | | | Contracts for Local/International consultants | 1.4.2.3.4: Applications Development Specialist = 9,000 \* 6 months = 54,000 | |
| 1.4.2.3.5: Recruit a Technical Specialist for CGE/SAM | √ | | √ | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | | UNDP | | | Contracts for Local/International consultants | 1.4.2.3.5: Technical Specialist = 10,000 \* 12 months = 120,000 | |
| Activity 1.4.2.4:A series of statistical studies and researches on the results of the National Population and Housing Census developed | √ | | √ | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | | UNDP | | | Contracts for Local/International consultants | 120,000 | |
| Activity budget lines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.4.2.4.1:Prepare a study on the characteristics of growth trends in the private sector in the light of the results of General Census of Establishments 2011 | √ | | √ | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | | UNDP | | | Contracts for Local/International consultants | 1.4.2.4.1-2: Consultant = 10,000\*12 months = 120,000 | |
| 1.4.2.4.2: Preparation of a series of population studies on the results of the census, as follows:  1.Demographic profile of the population in Kuwait  2.Gender & age composition of the population in Kuwait  3.Levels, patterns and fertility trends in Kuwait (Kuwaiti women only)  4.Patterns and trends of marriage and divorce in Kuwait  5.Assess the quality of the 2011 census data in comparison with previous censuses  6.Analysis of census databases to build a data warehouse  7.The application of an automated system for data warehouse | √ | | √ | |  | | | |  | | Consultant | | | UNDP | | | Contracts for Local/International consultants |
| Monitoring & Evaluation Activities | | √ | | √ | |  | | | |  | | UNDP | | | UNDP | | | M&E activities | 15,000 | |
| Administrative Support |  |  |  | |  | | | |  | | | | |  | | |  |  | 36,000 | |
| Total |  |  |  | |  | | | |  | | | | |  | | |  |  | 2,516,000 | |
| General Management Support (GMS) |  |  |  | |  | | | |  | | | | |  | | |  |  | 75,480 | |