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Summary and Context

This half-yearly report is prepared following the request made by the donors to the ‘Support to Resilience of Local Communities’ project. The Support to Resilience of Local Communities which is a one year project was launched in February 2017. As per the cost sharing agreement signed on 1st February 2017, the project is fully funded by the REMSA and has received \$11.446 million budget (of which \$10.6 million was paid in February 2017 upon signing the agreement and the balance of \$0.85 million was transferred in July 2017, following the amendment to the project agreement to add drilling of a borehole in Zintan). The aim of the project is to develop the capacities of the local municipalities in Libya and respond to the many conflict-included challenges that negatively impact citizen access to essential services, their sources of livelihood and the social cohesion of the communities. The project is empowering the local actors to devise and implement an integrated resilience and recovery programme to cater their immediate needs for basic services and economic livelihood. The support is provided through provision of essential equipment and rehabilitation of the infrastructure to enable them in providing the services in health, waste management, education, water and sanitation and electricity sectors.



The project implementation is closely coordinated and monitored by a board which consists of Repsol (representing OMV, Total, Statoil), NOC and UNDP. The board meets regularly to oversee and decide or amend the activities and get updates and information on the implementation of the project activities. Based on the agreement signed with

REMSA, the project’s main focus was to stimulate the process of economic recovery and building up the resilience of the local communities particularly in areas of Zintan, Zawiya, Rujban and Obari.

During the reporting period, the project has been able to provide the necessary equipment required as part of the capacity building and re-equipment of the local municipalities and orders are placed for the procurement of more equipment, which are planned to be delivered in the second half of 2017.

Project Progress as per Cost Sharing Agreement signed on 1st February 2017

1. Access to Electricity and Sustainable Energy

The project, handed over two 500KV Generators to Zintan in April and two 300KV generators to Obari in May 2017. It is planned, during the second half of the year, three 500KVA generators are to be handed over, one to Zintan and two Rujban municipalities respectively.



Most of the assessment for the civil work projects started during the months of May-July 2017 due to delays in hiring the qualified experts to undertake the survey and assessments. These included the assessment of the Solar Panel installations in Zintan, Rujban and Obari. The initial process of getting quotations started in April and the assessment was made in May 2017. During the assessment, the selected company was requested to do the assessment of 3 sites in Zintan, 1 site in Rujban and 1 site in Obari, however, based on the Obari General hospital

request that 1 solar panel would not be enough for them; a survey of the Dialysis Centre at the hospital was also done, which increased the number of solar sites at Obari to two. It is planned that the project will install Solar Panels at three locations in Zintan i.e., Zintan General Hospital, Zintan Emergency Hospital and the Diabetic Centre. In Rujban, the solar panels will be installed at Rujban main Hospital while at Obari the Solar panels are planned for Obari General Hospital and Obari General Hospital Dialysis Centre. The work on the solar panel will start in July/August and will be completed in Zintan and Rujban by end of October and in Obari by end of November.

2. Access to Health

REMSA funding also supported health related activities in all the four municipalities of Zintan, Rujban, Zawiya and Obari. The project handed over, upon signing of the agreement, one ICU Ambulance to Zintan hospital and two ICU Ambulances to Zawiya main hospital in June 2017. One ICU Ambulance is ready to be handed over to Rujban hospital during the second half of the year, as soon as NOC and Repsol would request their handover.



The project handed over 2 ICU Ambulances to Zawiya Hospital in July 2017.

In addition, medical specifications were obtained from the beneficiaries through Repsol and NOC for the procurement of MRI scanner, Ultra-sound equipment and other medical equipment for Zintan, Rujban and Obari hospitals. A major part of the budget for Zintan is allocated for the procurement of MRI equipment which costs over \$1.5 million while the initial anticipated budget was only \$1.1 million. A budget revision would be done to purchase the MRI Scanner.

3. Access to Water

Due to the degradation of critical infrastructure and not having enough funding or the capacity to maintain this infrastructure, the project envisaged to support the targeted municipalities to undertake repairs of the key water infrastructures. In this regard, specifications were obtained from the municipalities regarding their needs. In some areas while their needs were common, but some of them had more specific requirements and needs which included boreholes, submersible and horizontal pumps, water tanks and other water system for their areas.

Specifications were received initially for some municipalities in April. However, since the specifications were not clear and the custom-built goods needed further clarifications from the manufacturers, several changes were made to ensure that the goods will meet the end users' prerequisites. Due to restrictions placed in directly contacting the communities or the municipalities, there were challenges in identifying and verifying specifications, resulting in time delays, with special attention that majority items are customized to end user request. Recently in May borehole drilling request was added to the project and tender process is already started and the drilling process is expected to start towards the end of the August.

4. Access to Education

Funding from the REMSA has also supported the Obari University Female Dormitory with their requirements forwarded to Repsol in their request. The following items were provided in May 2017:

Item #	Descriptions/Specifications of Goods	Quantity
1	Single Beds	260
2	Bed Mattress	260
3	Bed Sheets	520
4	Wool Blanket	260
5	Pillow	260
6	Lecture Chairs	264
7	Rectangle Teachers Desks	50
8	Lecture Board (Whiteboards)	25
9	Non-permanent white board Markers (100 x Black, Blue, Green & Red)	400
10	Standard A3 Note Books	300
11	Standard A5 Note Books	300

In addition, the project started doing the assessment of Al Qurdabia School in July 2017 after having the Engineer in place at Obari and BOQ is finalized. The project plans to undertake assessment of one additional educational facility - the Obari Vocational Training Centre, following the decision made by the project board. It is anticipated that the civil works on the education facilities will commence and completed during the second half of the project.

5. Waste Management

Waste management intervention concentrated on the provision of equipment and infrastructure rehabilitation enabling the municipalities to manage their waste. In this regard, the project has placed orders for two garbage trucks and 40 garbage bins for Zintan and similarly two garbage trucks and 40 bins for Rujban municipality.

Two sewage trucks, one for Zintan and one for Rujban are ordered during the first half of the year and are expected to be delivered end of August 2017.



Ongoing assistance in civil works will cover:

- Borehole drilling at Zintan municipality.
- Installation of solar power systems at:
 - 3 Locations at Zintan
 - 1 Location at Rujban Hospital
 - 2 Locations at Obari Hospital.
- Refurbishment/Rehabilitation of Obari Al Qurdabia School and the Vocational Training Centre.
- The assessment and refurbishment of the Obari airport;
- The project is looking for ways to support the Obari hospital with professional medical staff and doctors;
- Installation of the MRI scanner at Zintan hospital; and
- The handover of the rest of the equipment which are expected to arrive during the second half of 2017.

Challenges and Constraints:

While the project started on time and has achieved major parts of its half-yearly operational goals, there were challenges and constraints in undertaking the activities which has resulted in delays in delivery of equipment and services to the end users. Mainly, the challenges were:

- Restrictions in contacting the end user and beneficiaries directly to understand their needs and obtain the required specifications easily and quickly from them directly;
- The initial timelines developed by the projects were based on the assumptions that the specifications were ready and after sharing them with the project, based on those detailed specifications the procurement and further services would be provided. However, no detailed specifications were provided to the project and extensive efforts and times were spent on obtaining the detailed specifications for the equipment from the end user.
- The end users and the local municipalities were continuously changing their requests and specifications, even after the quotations were obtained or the orders were placed. This has resulted on several occasions that new quotes would need to be obtained or orders were put on hold till a final decision was taken by the end user, delaying the equipment procurement and delivery process.

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Lessons Learned for Future Intervention:

- Making sure that the lists of priorities are set and agreed upon for one year without changes at different intervals.
- Realistic timeline can only be provided once specifications are received

Summary Revenue, Expenses & Commitments Information (As of August 09, 2017,) - (Not Final Financial Report)

I. Receipts	
First Cash Transfer from REMSA	10,611,302
Second Cash Transfer from REMSA	835,000
Total receipts	<u>11,446,302</u>
II. Expenses and Commitments:	
Fees	50,000
Furniture and Education materials	37,677
Capital assets-including medical	4,169,971
Industrial Products- Pumps	1,924,457
Shipment, Transportation and Insurance	95675
Direct Project Costs	28,870
General Management Cost	8,174
Total	6,314,824

Notes:

- i) Revenue received in currency other than USD is converted to USD using UN- Operational Rate of Exchange applied at the time of receipt.
- ii) Commitments reported above are taken from the UNDP Procurement lists (in ATLAS) for which the Purchase Orders are raised with the suppliers.
- iii) The above Summary Revenue vs expense information are prepared as an interim report as the UNDP Bureau of Management, OFRM will provide the certified financial statements as stipulated on cost sharing agreement Article III, sub article 2b and 2C.
- iv) The detail information for the equipment and industrial products can be referred in the overall update table (page 6 of the report).
- v) This is a management information not financial report therefore it is subject to changes on the date of reporting dates, and formats.