

Project: Promoting Angolan Women Through CSOs_00080023

Type of Report: I QUARTERLY REPORT

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Country Office: Angola

Key Achievements and Results	<p><u>UNDP Project Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main management activity of the 1st quarter was to support the IPs to complete their financial reports to do the 2nd disbursements;• Preparation of a two day training session on Gender Equality for IPs team members: elaboration of ToRs for training and trainer. As agreed in CTA meeting the training sessions needed to be decentralized and take place where the IPs are. The selected province was Huíla. Thus, the project management worked closely with Huila's Vice Governador's Office for Social Affairs -on training preparation (place, materials and coffee break);• The two day session took place from 16 to 17 February, with the participation of 30 IPs members. Civil Protection, DINFAMU and Provincial Government staff was also invited,• Preparation of a field visit to PROMAICA, in Gambos Municipality that took place on the 16th of February 2017 <p><u>IP's Projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IP FMJIG that submitted their reports in December 2016 passed by UNDP Quality Control and the 2nd disbursement was made in January 2017;• IPs FMEA, PROMAICA and ADRA submitted their 1st report during January and February. Some documents were missing and with the support of project manager the IP ADRA completed its report, passed by UNDP Financial Quality Control and 2nd disbursement was made;• PROMAICA and FMEA had some issues: PROMAICA is a weak CSO with lack of technical skills. However, it is making much effort to overcome its deficiencies. Meanwhile the PROMAICA financial report
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	<p>was ready for UNDP quality control and the 2nd disbursement was made. What about report from FMEA and second disbursement (important to report present status).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the 1st narrative reports submitted, the projects are covering 5 municipalities in the provinces of Cunene, Namibe and Huíla and have reached more than 1000 direct beneficiaries, mainly women farmers. <p>- The activities implemented include: Baselines requested and produced, technical meetings among CSOs and local women’s organizations, creation of women groups, educational sessions on gender equality and sexual reproductive health, meetings between CSOs coordinators and local governments; preparation of plots for community vegetable gardens, radio programs broadcasted; community groups such as theater groups involved; production of information for dissemination; material assessment and procurement.</p> <p>- Achieved outcomes: Mobilization of communities, creation groups/networks of women, increase of knowledge, exchange of best practices among the IPs during the 2 days training session</p>
<p>Key Issues & Challenges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Equality training planned to take place in the Provincial Government was cancelled due to the visit by a presidential candidate announced last minute. However, the project management supported by the Vice-Gov.’s Office for Social Affairs was able to find an alternative venue for the training without additional costs; • This training reinforced our perception about the lack of gender perspective that IPs members have, especially in terms of their ability to question established social norms. • Cunene field visits planned for end of February / March were cancelled due to raining season; • FMEA is not locally based and the project coordinator is based in Luanda. The coordination is being done through Luanda. This impacts negatively on monitoring and reporting mechanisms. The fact that the coordination is not locally based makes it difficult to compile and control information.
<p>Way Forward</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field visits to FMJIG, ADRA and ADPP in Cunene / IPs will visit each other’s projects; • TRC meeting; • Annual Donor meeting; • Submission of 2nd narrative and financial reports