

PROGRESS REPORT FOR UNDP PROJECTS

First Quarter 2014

Project No. & Title:	Project #: 00061812 Establishing a Capacity Development Facility at BIPA in the Kingdom of Bahrain
Implementing Partner:	Bahrain Institute for Public Administration (BIPA)
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Project Short Description:	<p>This project aims to enhance the capability of BIPA in serving the public sector by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishing a Capacity Development Facility at BIPA, and• Promoting BIPA as the reference point for Quality Assurance in training, consulting and research for government institutions in Bahrain. <p>This will provide critical and immediate capacity development interventions in policy, management, leadership and institutional reform in support of sustainable national capacity development within the public sector.</p>

	Development Support Programs, including experts/firms procurement procedures	<p>Manager and reviewed by the head of the research and consulting unit in BIPA; Dr. Sofiane Sahraoui. The strategy is considered as a detailed “Road Map” to achieve Output One in the new adopted work plan, and it will lead to launching a series of trainings focusing on developing BIPA’s consulting capacities. In parallel, a Research Strategy has been prepared by Dr. Sofiane Sahraoui in line with realizing output one and it will be presented for discussion with the Project Steering Committee in the upcoming Meeting due during the second quarter of 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IC for preparing an Operational Guide on Establishing a Consulting and Research Unit at BIPA: A consultancy was conducted over a period of 2 months and it resulted in developing a detailed Consulting and Research Strategy which included the following products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Market survey - Stakeholder analysis - Strategic and business plan for the Consulting and Research Unit - Marketing plan - Customized Consulting Services Operational Manual (CCSOM) - Reference Manual for Consulting Services - Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (M&E Framework). • Establishing of MENAPAR (Middle East and North Africa Public Administration Research) Network. MENAPAR is a network of organizations that are active in the scholarship/practice of public Administration in the Middle East. On November 24, 2013, the CDF and BIPA, jointly organized a two-day workshop on “Developing a Strategy, Governance, and Research Agenda for the MENAPAR. • Work on MENAPAR started during the second quarter of 2013, and intensified in 2014. A regional conference on the 	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
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	<p>Conduct pilot training workshops for national public institutions on applying competence evaluation tools at all levels</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposal for organizing a training workshop on Results Based Management and Monitoring and Evaluation was developed in cooperation with the UNDP Cairo Regional Office. • TORs and a procurement notice for recruiting a training consultant were prepared and the recruitment process was launched through contacting three consultants registered in the UNDP roster. • Following hiring the trainer, a one week training workshop on Results Based Management (RBM) was organized for BIPA and other government institutes employees. The main objectives of the workshop were as following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve understanding of results management and its importance to achieving results. 2. Improve knowledge of the basic concepts and approaches in results management, including the results cycle, planning, monitoring and evaluating. 3. Enhance critical thinking and analytical skills, along with partnership outreach strategies 4. Develop greater appreciation for the value of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) 5. Strengthen skills in applying effective M&E practices and setting up an M&E system. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>


		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the results of the assessment and the proposed structure of the CDF, additional concrete activities will be identified to achieve this output. 	
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Output 2 BIPA is Promoted as a reference point for Quality Assurance System of Capacity Development and qualified human resources put in place	Provide Technical Assistance to government institutes in introducing capacity development in their national plans and budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A training titled “Capacity Assessment and Development” was organized on December 9th for a period of four days. The training was attended by 20 participants representing BIPA, senior government employees, and representatives from civil society. Participants in the training will be considered on merit and performance basis to be part of a pool of consultants BIPA could consider and draw on for consulting projects from time to time. This training course consisted of two parts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding Capacity Development as a process and how to conduct assessments to identify capacity assets and gaps, and formulate capacity development responses (3 days) Exploring the operational modality of BIPA providing Capacity Development advisory services to its partners and clients (1 day) 	Completed
	Organize events and workshops to promote BIPA strategy as a reference capacity development center, focusing on the importance of CD within government institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Project Manager has been asked to be on board in the technical committees of BIPA’s consulting team to provide direct technical support, advisory services, and identify capacity needs to BIPA and its government counterparts on regular basis. This will contribute to promoting BIPA as a reference in capacity development through the CDF. 	Ongoing

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Issues:	None
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Follow-up Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize a meeting for the Project Steering Committee during June 2014. • Prepare a concept note on the long-term cooperation arrangement between BIPA and UNDP within the framework of the MENAPAR and CDF project.
Attachments (if any):	None



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