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1. Introduction

The development Assistance Group (DAG) pooled fund project supports the Government's implementation of the Growth and Transformation plan and Sustainable Development Goals through the provision of institutional capacity development, effective coordination development assistance and high quality DAG Government dialogue. The DAG pooled fund project is nationally executed by the ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation (MOFEC) and the National Planning Commission (NPC).

The Bureau of Monitoring and Evaluation of the National Planning Commission is responsible for the execution of output 1 of the project that is provision of effective support to the Second Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP II) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) consultative process. The DAG secretariat at UNDP oversees the overall activities of the project and is responsible for effective DAG-Government Dialogue. Hence this report highlights the major achievements of output 1 of the project during the fourth quarter of 2017.

2. Output 1: Effective Support to the implementation of GTP II and SDGs

2.1. Legal Framework Preparation on Public Investment Management System in Ethiopia

As the national coordinator representing the government, the National Planning Commission (NPC) has conducted and facilitated a study workshop on the preparation of Legal framework on Public investment system in Ethiopia. The study workshop was conducted in Bishoftu for 2 weeks (November 14-26/2017) at Ethiopian Management Institute.

The task had been undertaken by a technical taskforce comprising of 11 Participants (2 directors, 6 senior experts and 3 junior experts) from Ministry of Public Development Enterprises, Ministry of Construction, Development Bank of Ethiopia, Ministry of Finance and Economic cooperation and National Planning Commission.

The objectives of the study workshop were to identify strengths and weaknesses as well as challenges and opportunities of the existing Public Investment Management System Practices and developing a draft regulation on the federal government's Public Investment Management System.



Accordingly, during the workshop input materials and documents were reviewed, discussions and presentations on Project initiation, identification, appraisal, Prefeasibility and feasibility practices so far, were made. Finally a Draft Public Investment Management System Framework was prepared. This draft regulation will be further developed through public deliberation and relevant stakeholders' participation in the coming months, and it will be submitted to the council of minister for approval.

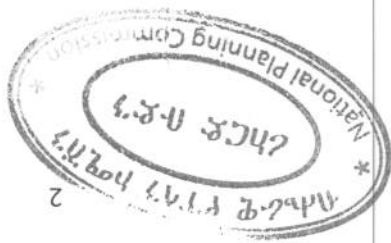
Total Expenditure for conducting the study workshop was Birr 87,997.21 including food, bed and fuel expenses. This expenditure was covered from logistics budget of DAG Pooled Fund Project.

2.2. Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group Meeting

Ethiopia's national monitoring and evaluation has been implemented on the basis of administrative information generated by the Federal Sector Institutions from across the country and survey & census data gathered by the Central Statistical Agency (CSA) with analysis conducted by the National Planning Commission (NPC) supported by the welfare monitoring project (DAG Pooled Fund Project) of the NPC. The Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system provides the Government with reliable mechanisms to measure efficiency of government actions and effectiveness of public policies in achieving the objectives stated in GTP II. Moreover, the M&E system is ensuring that the Government and other stakeholders have a good understanding of the nature and distribution of poverty in all its dimensions and are able to monitor changes in the incidence, depth and severity of poverty and identify challenges as they emerge. The Policy Matrices of the Second Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP II) details the annual targets against the indicators unbundling the summarized targets in the main document. Each target and indicators in the policy matrix are also linked to the SDGs.

Following the actual practices and understanding of the High Level Forum (HLF) Partners (DPs) agreed to establish a Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (M&E WG). And the working group's Meeting will be organized bi-annually with ad hoc meetings in between as deemed necessary by government and donor partners.

Accordingly, on 11th December 2017 the first Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group Meeting was held; the first agenda of the meeting was on the draft TOR, the meeting agreed and approved it soon. With regard to discussion and validation of DAG proposed indicators and data sources for joint monitoring, the meeting was briefed by the NPC on issues that have been considered to validate the proposed indicators.



The meeting, then discussed on comments provided by the NPC on DAG proposed indicators, particularly on those outside of the GTP II Policy Matrix.

Common understanding and agreement have been reached on issues considered by the NPC in the validation of the indicators. Issues of concern considered by the NPC in the validation process were non-planned additional efforts including time, human power and finance, which those indicators proposed by DAG outside of the GTP II Policy Matrix might require to jointly monitor with DAG. Therefore, the working group reached common understanding that indicators to be agreed need to be based on Government's priority as indicated in GTP II policy matrix.

2.3 Annual work Plan for 2018 and DAG Steering committee Meeting

The DAG Steering Committee meeting was held on 14 December, 2017 at MoFEC. The agendas of the meeting were Review and approval of the annual work plan for 2018; and Overview of resources in the DAG Pooled fund.

After a brief introduction, the detailed activities under each output were presented by the representatives of respective implementing partners (NPC, MoFEC and DAG secretariat); the Co-chairs appreciated the effort made by NPC and MoFEC towards effective implementation of the GTP II. Taking into consideration the fact that there is a funding gap to finance the draft annual work plan, the DAG co-chairs requested IPs to have additional meeting session in February to deal with project funding status.

From the DAG side, the co-chairs indicated that there are members expected to contribute in 2018 and promised to urge members to make contributions to the pooled fund. Finally, it was agreed that the Steering Committee will meet again in February to make the final approval of AWP for 2018 and to evaluate the project overall funding status.

Agreed Action Points were;

-NPC will deliver the English version of the Summaries of the strategic studies which were conducted in 2017.
-DAG co-chairs together with the secretariat will make efforts to mobilize additional resources from both new and existing members to finance the AWP.

2.4 Logistical Support

In the fourth Quarter of 2017, DAG Pooled Fund project continued its logistical support. To support NPC's ICT work; 2 medium duty multi-tasking printer-copier were purchased with a total of birr 189,976. And also in the fourth quarter the project has covered Project Administration expenses; salary for Project staff, operational expenses such as Vehicle Maintenance and Fuel costs.

