GUYANA SOCIAL COHESION PROJECT II

ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2016

Project Title:	*Guyana Social Cohesion Project II: Supporting Stakeholder engagement and Capacities for Social Cohesion in Guyana in Preparation for Next Elections and Beyond*
UNDAF Outcome:	Strengthened public participation, trust, and confidence in national governance institutions, including the five Rights Commissions, the Parliament, and GECOM.
CP Outcome:	
CP Outputs:	Strengthened public trust and confidence in national institutions, communities, non-governmental organisations at the community and national levels, improved institutional capacity of human rights commissions and improved functioning of Parliament.
	Strategic plans, operational tools for three Rights Commissions and GECOM National, regional and local level programmes strengthened to support social cohesion and vulnerable groups.
Expected Project Output(s):	1. Develop the Policy and Programmatic Frameworks for Social Cohesion Activities
	2. Initiate short to medium-term activities towards building and sustaining the momentum for longer-term Social Programming
	3. Formulate and implement a Strategic Framework for more effective Advocacy, Strategic Communications and Outreach on Social Cohesion
Implementing partner:	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Responsible Parties: Responsible Parties:	Ministry of Social Cohesion

Brief Description

Following the May 2015 National and Regional Elections in Guyana, and the ascension to the office of the A Partnership to National Unity/ Alliance for Change Government, fifteen Ministries were named. Among these were four new Ministries, one of which is the Ministry of Social Cohesion.

It has been recognized that Guyana is a plural society, and while diversities can be used as an asset, in our context, aspects of our differences, have been used to polarize the nation. Although national leaders came together fifty years ago to strive for political independence from Britain, the ability to work together in the interest of nation building, has from time to time been elusive. Guyana's population consist of a narrow majority of descendants of east Indian ancestry, followed by descendants of African ancestry. The country's political leaders are also distinctly different in ancestry and for decades, this has been a factor in Guyana's political landscape.

Social Cohesion is much broader than what transpires on the Guyana's political frontier, but it is largely influenced by such occurrences. Rather, it is about efforts to accomplish a society that works towards the well-being of all its members, creating a sense of belonging and mutual trust. In such societies, exclusion and marginalization are fought against, inclusion, respect and participation are considered central tenets of the nation building process and all its members have opportunities for upward mobility.

In order for the Ministry to play a lead role in accomplishing such a society, it requires support from other Ministries, civil society and social partners. Critically, it requires continued support from the international community, particularly the United Nations Development Program. Guyana has benefitted from UNDP's successful social cohesion interventions which analysts have concluded led to the first ever peaceful elections in 2006. The efforts by UNDP towards social cohesion interventions, elections

Programme Period:	**2016 to 2017**
Programme Component:	**Governance**
Project Title:	**Social Cohesion**
Project Identification:	**000**
Duration:	**1 Year**
Management Arrangements:	**DIM**

Estimated annualized budget:	**US$91,423**
Allocated resources:	**US$91,423**
Donors (UNDP TRAC)	USD80,000
Government of UK	USD11,423

Agreed by UNDP:

Shabnam Mallick, Resident Representative a.i

Date:

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Year: 2016

EXPECTED OUTPUTS *And baseline, indicators including annual targets*	PLANNED ACTIVITIES *List activity results and associated actions*	TIMEFRAME				IMPLEMENTING/ RESPONSIBLE ENTITY	Budget Description	Amount (US$)
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Output 1: **Develop the Policy and Programmatic Frameworks for Social Cohesion Activities** *Baseline:* Existing information drawn from Social Cohesion Roundtable discussion *Indicators:* Strategic Plan Completed	Activity Result: Formulate and Launch a 5-Year National Strategy and Action Plan for Social Cohesion Actions:							
-% of Stakeholders aware of existence of MOSC Strategic Plan/ Purpose and scope	1.1 Consult with stakeholders to define and agree on social cohesion agenda in Guyana		x			UNDP / MOSC	75700 –Workshops & Conferences	25,000
-% of strategies implemented to promote social cohesion at the municipal, regional and national levels	1.2 Organize stakeholder public fora between and among constituents, civil society, religious and private sector professional leaders, associations		x			UNDP /MOSC		
-existence of a Action Plan to foster social cohesion	1.3 Develop a plan of action towards social cohesion		x			UNDP/MOSC	71200 - International Consultants	13,600
# of consultations with social partners- # of workshops and sensitization activities on social cohesion	1.4 M&E carried out		x			UNDP	74500 – DPC Cost	1,930
Targets: 1.Using Baseline information conduct								

Multi Stakeholders consultations with Other Government Ministries – Communities, Public Security, Education, Culture and Sports, Social Protection, Indigenous Peoples Affairs, Public Health Governance, Legal Affairs, Business, Tourism etc.					
2.Regional Administrations & Municipalities					
Indigenous Peoples Organizations					
Social Partners – Social Action NGOs, Religious Organizations, CSOs, Professional and Academic Groups, Legal Fraternity, Trade Unions, Private Sector/Business Organizations					
Related CP Outcome:					
Strengthened Public trust and confidence in national institutions, communities, non-governmental organisations at the community and national levels.					
TOTAL OUTPUT 1					**40,530**
Output 2: **Initiate short to medium-term activities towards building and sustaining the momentum for longer-term Social Programming**	**Activity Result:** Key Strategic, State and Governance Stakeholders better acquainted with the work and outputs of the Ministry of Social Cohesion				
Indicators: - Existence of social cohesion report on Training and	Key Strategic, State and Governance Stakeholders, Parent Teacher Association officials & Municipal officials more effectively collaborating and coordinating with programmes and actions with the Ministry of Social Cohesion	x	x	UNDP	
Targets: Report on social cohesion Training and sensitization programs undertaken in 9 Municipalities prepared					
Related CP outcome: Strengthened public trust and confidence in national institutions, communities, non-governmental organisations at the community and national levels.	*Actions:* -Recruitment of Trainer (s)for Sessions within communities	x	x	UNDP/MOSC	75700 –Workshops & Conferences	13,700

Description	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Funding Source	Budget Line	Amount
National capacity assessment of social cohesion drivers and possible sources of vulnerability carried out and intervention opportunities identified	x	x			UNDP / MOSC		
- *Procure Consultant to conduct the social cohesion assessment*	x	x			UNDP	71200 - International Consultants	9,600
- *M&E carried out*	x	x			UNDP	74500 – DPC Cost	1,130
TOTAL OUTPUT 2							**24,430**
Output 3 - Formulate and implement a Strategic Framework for more effective Advocacy, Strategic Communications and Outreach on Social Cohesion **Indicators:** Behaviour Change Communication Material developed and Produced BCC material used in training and disseminated at social cohesion events in schools, public places and at workshops and Training events -No. of intercommunity meetings for diverse groups convened by MOSC							
Activity Result: Formulate and Launch a Strategic Framework for advocacy, strategic communications and outreach on Social Cohesion Prepare and disseminate advocacy and strategic communications products – brochures, press releases, public service announcements, fact sheets etc		x	x	x	UNDP / MOSC		