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**MDA-14/0001 - Supporting National Human Rights Institutions – FINAL
REPORTING**

Reference is made to the Terms of Reference for the Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) “Towards Unity in Action” of December 2013 and the Standard Administrative Arrangement for Multi-Donor Trust Funds Using Pass-Through Fund Management” dated 23.10.2014, referred to as “MDA-14/0001, Supporting National Human Rights Institutions” in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

We thank you for the narrative report received on 25.03.2016 and financial report received on 26.05.2016, accompanied by a Risk Log and minutes of the Annual Meeting on 11 April 2016.

This letter contains the MFA's comments with respect to the submitted reporting.

Objectives

The MDTF complemented other resources available to Moldova and supported the activities agreed by the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the United Nations (UN) as outlined in Pillar 1, Outcome 1.3 of the UN – Republic of Moldova Partnership Framework 2013-2017 “Towards Unity in Action”. Outcome 1.3 is “State bodies and other actors effectively promote and protect human rights, gender equality and non-discrimination, with particular attention to the marginalized and the vulnerable”.

The MDTF conforms to the principles governing a multi-donor pass-through arrangement, with the aim of reducing administrative costs for joint UN action. The MDTF is administered by UNDP through its Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office.

Project results/reporting

The final report includes a thorough description of results achieved as a consequence of activities carried out during the project.

We appreciate the reporting on the goal hierarchy and find the chapter on "Resources" especially useful in understanding the financial report and variances with budget.

Budget/final accounts

The MFA's contribution to the project amounted to NOK 10 776 855, which converted to USD 1 422 553. The changes in exchange rates after time of budgeting resulted in actual funds received being significantly less than the USD 1 710 612 in the initially approved budget. Activities were revised and the scale of activities was reduced.

The financial report shows that all funds from the contribution from the MFA were fully expended.

The financial reporting satisfies the requirements in the grant letter.

Conclusion

The final reporting for MDA-14/0001 is hereby approved and the grant will be administratively closed.

Yours sincerely,



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