

## Progress Report (3)

### 1. Report Summary

- (1) Title of the project: Support to EQA' s Regulatory function
- (2) Project No. PAL10: 00075308, Award No: 00050122
- (3) Date of the approval: June 4, 2010
- (4) Date of Revised project activities and budget : February 27, 2012
- (5) Total Project budget: SEK 4.8 million , equivalent US\$ 703,118
- (6) Period covered by the report: Jan, 2012 – July, 2012
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### 2. Contents

- (1) Summary of the project

The general objective of this project is to strengthen the Ministry of Environmental Affairs (MEEnA) regulatory role of the environment sector, and to enhance its capacity to implement part of the Environment Sector Strategy of 2011-2013, in terms of development of regulations, guidelines, Monitoring and inspection systems. The project will also identify the other stakeholders' role in Monitoring and enforcement of those regulations. This project will also identify the

environmental sector priority needs and interventions for the years 2011-2014.

The project will entail needs assessment for MEnA and build their capacity as the regulator of the Environment Sector and improve compliance, monitoring and enforcement of Environmental Regulations in the occupied Palestinian territory (opt). A comprehensive capacity building Approach will be implemented. Focus will be made on the institution, the enabling environment in addition to individual coaching and capacity building.

## (2) Project Budget and Components

Component	Original Budget US\$	Revised activities and Budget (2) US\$	
Technical assistance for EQA capacity assessment and development of strategies and action plan	155,980	Carrying out capacity assessment and preparation of action plan	34,044
Implementation of selected activities	400,000	Development of Environmental monitoring system including interface with line ministries	187,183
		Strengthening operational and management capacity of MEnA's environmental protection department	306,749
		Project management unit and operation cost	129,374
<b>Total Programmable Amount</b>	<b>555,980</b>	<b>657,350</b>	
UNDP/GMS (7%)	38,918.6	46,015	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>594,898.6</b>	<b>703,365</b>	

It is worth mentioning that due to exchange rate the project budget has gained \$103,365.04.

The project budget was revised and approved in February 2012 to allow for utilizing the gained amount in implementing new activities including training,

preparation of awareness strategy and action plan and improving the work space at MEnA.

**(3) Project timeframe, schedule status, progress of activities, and tasks & measures**

Indicated output	Activities	Timeframe												Schedule Status	Activities done in the reporting period	Remaining Work	Tasks & Measures
		2010				2011				2012							
		1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q				
<b>Output 1:</b> Short and long term strategies and action plan formulated with full participation with EQA and other key actors in the sector.	Undertake capacity Assessment of Environment Quality Authority				X	X	X							Completed	A consultant was hired (Arab regions capacity building expert-UNDP). final assessment was prepared	None	
	Formulate action plan for the Environment sector strategy 2011-2013						X	X	X					Completed	The action plan endorsed by MEnA , produced and disseminated to sector stakeholders including donors.	None	
<b>Output 2:</b> Environmental monitoring system developed and management interface with key actors in	Hire a consulting firm to formulate environmental management plan						X	X						Completed	The hiring process for an international consultant completed and an Egyptian consultant was hired		
	Mapping out								X	X	X			Completed			

the sector established	industrial facilities licensed by Line ministries and has significant impacts on environment																																	
	draft three environmental Regulations with focus on industrial and air pollution. Work also include Preparation of operation manuals and procedures for implementing the drafted regulation							X	X	X				On-going				Three missions have been conducted so far. Second draft manuals and Bylaws have been prepared.		The Bylaws are on hazardous waste and stone cutting. The manuals are for Environmental Auditing, Inspections and EIA procedures.		A national workshop was conducted to discuss the drafts and all relevant institutions and ministries has participated		The consultant is working on modifying the bylaws based on the feedback during the workshop		Finalize the manuals based on the results of the testing that started this month						Testing is on-going and will be finalized by the end of Sep		



monitoring and inspection department in the regional offices															UNVs have been hired to support MEnA regional offices. One is working in Hebron, One in Bethlehem, one in Nablus and one in Ramallah office.	regarding the industrial pollution from the four regions.	used as a bases for developing a management information system
Carryout structured training programme for EQA's environment protection Department										X	X			On-going	Birzeit university has been contracted to deliver the training. The first three sessions were conducted	Training will be conducted for all relevant staff in all offices. Seven training courses are to be conducted during the coming three months	Based on the need assessment , MEnA has provided all names of the candidates for each training course
Conduct training trip to neighboring Arab Countries										X	X			Completed	The training trip has been conducted successfully to Jordan	A follow up invitation for three experts from Jordan was extended and the mission will take place between 10-	





#### (4) Financial report

Budget items (according to the proposal)	A. Original budget US\$ provided by Sida	B. Revised Budget US\$	C. Disbursement Up to July 2012	Balance (B-C) US\$	Rate of disbursement (%) (C/B*100)
Technical Assistant for EQA capacity assessment and development of strategies and action plan	38,000	34,044	34,426.66	-382.66	101.12%
Management Plan( Development of Environment monitoring, enforcement system including management interface with line ministries)	200,000	187,183	137,773	49,411	73.60%
Strengthening operational & management capacity of MEnA' s environmental protection department	182,120	306,749	75,351.32	231,397.68	24.56%
Project Management unit and operation cost	140,628	129,374	53,566.32	75,807.68	41.40%
<b>Subtotal</b>	560,748	<b>657,350</b>	<b>301,116.79</b>	<b>356,233.21</b>	<b>45.80%</b>
<b>GMS (7%)</b>	39,252	<b>46,014.50</b>	<b>21,078.18</b>	<b>24,936.32</b>	<b>45.80%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>703,364.50</b>	<b>322,194.97</b>	<b>381,169.53</b>	<b>45.80%</b>

\*It is important to highlight that the financial figures in this report are temporary figures, and may be corrected at a later stage due to exchange rate fluctuations, realized gain/loss or any other possible corrections. UNDP/PAPP's financial system operates in such a manner that the financial system closes in early December of each year and that final expenditure reports reflecting the disbursements and GMS of the previous year are only published in March of the following year.

## **(5) Any special notes or remarks**

Despite of the delay in the implementation at the beginning, the implementation of the project is progressing now. It is expected that all the activities will be completed by the end of Dec, 2012. Remarkable achievements have been made so far which include:

- An action plan for the coming three years has been prepared ,printed and distributed
- Mapping out most polluting industries and preparing descriptive manuals for the major ten industries.
- Draft manuals and procedures on monitoring and inspection, environmental auditing, and implementation of EIA policy are being finalized based on feedback from EQA and UNDP before being applied to field testing.
- Two relevant By-laws and Standards are being finalized based on feedback from the line Ministries. The Bylaws are Stone cutting and hazardous waste and hazardous materials.
- Finalizing the list of the needed tools/equipment including detailed specifications and costs. These were categorized into three categories. A priority 1 list was prepared and procurement process is ongoing. It is expected that a contract will be signed with the supplier mid Aug, 2012.
- Conducting a successful Training/Study Tour to Jordan. A follow up mission from Jordanian Ministry of Environment is planned mid Sep, 2012
- Preparing a draft complaints handling system.
- Preparing a list for hazardous materials and wastes.
- Reviewing the biodiversity By-law
- Developing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the relevant ministries is on-going. These will be used to clarify the roles and responsibilities and the coordination mechanisms pertaining to monitoring & inspection

It is very important that a second phase of the project is funded in order to make sure that the results achieved in the first phase are sustainable. An information management system and mechanism of enforcement are a critical need for MEnA to halt the ongoing deterioration of the environment.

## **(6) Report Authorization by UNDP/PAPP**

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