

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2010

1. INTRODUCTION

The project 'Capacity Building for Statistics related to the Millennium Development Goals' was initiated in 2004 and started effectively in 2005. After nearly 2 years of successful project execution, mainly directed to awareness/capacity building on MDG based development and MDG related statistics, the Government and UNDP agreed on a proposal for project extension targeting the support of the production of a 'Quality of Life' report for DPR Korea. Together with the suspension of the UNDP Country Office in March 2007 this extension was however postponed. Shortly after the re-opening with a new mandate of UNDP's Executive Board of the Country Office in November 2009, the project was proposed to resume in 2010.

The underlying report gives an account of the progress, including description of key activities and events, of the first calendar year of the resumed project that started in January 2010 with a consultancy for a project reformulation. Paragraph 2 provides, after summarizing the progress up to the end of September 2010 (on which a detailed reporting was submitted earlier¹) in chronological order and more in detail, the narrative of the main activities and key-events over the last quarter of 2010. This is followed by the analysis of the consolidated project outputs and results over the full year in comparison with the Results and Resources Framework as included in the approved Project Document (par. 3). The next paragraph discusses the budgetary/financial inputs (par. 4) and is succeeded by the final paragraph (5) in which a forecast is given with regard to tasks and activities ahead and, in which, furthermore, conclusions and recommendations are summarized.

In the last quarter of 2010 a project extension of 4 months until the end of April 2011 was proposed and approved along the lines of the applicable procedures (including explicit consent of UNDP HQ). With the related Budget Revision and the achievements of the preceding phase it was anticipated that the extension of 4 months would be sufficient for a smooth completion of the project with a launched MDG Progress Report in line with international standards and practices².

2. CHRONOLOGICAL OVERVIEW OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2.1 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES/EVENTS IN FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 2010

2.1.1. PREPARATION OF PROJECT REFORMULATION (PROJECT REFORMULATION)

The initial activity was the preparation of a project reformulation by an international consultant in close cooperation with the Management of the UNDP Country Office and the main counterparts of the Government, the National Coordinating Committee for UNDP (NCC) and the intended main

¹ See Annex 1 for the final version of the Progress Report per 30 September 2010 (rev03 of the Report).

² At the moment of finalization of the Progress Report (March 2011) there are indications that further extension would be recommendable. The Quarterly Progress Report of the first Quarter 2011 (per 31 March 2011) will elaborate on this more into detail

implementation partner, the Central Bureau of Statistics, as well as other stakeholders (UN resident Agencies). The consultancy of 6 weeks resulted in a draft Project Document that comprised the agreed revised focus of the project extension:

The interventions of the revised project will ultimately lead to the publication by the Government of DPRK of its first 'MDG Progress Report' which will provide the necessary support for future MDG-aligned policy formulation for long-term development cooperation and for the future evaluation of the progress realized within the activities of the UNSF 2011-2015. The report will present baseline data and trends, suitably tabulated, relevant for mapping the indicators that measure the progress towards attainment of the Millennium Development Goals. The progress towards the MDGs can reduce the constraints on human development, thus improving the quality of life of the people as is a major policy priority of the Government of DPRK.

In follow-up on the completion of the draft Project Document, a detailed review process took place within the UNDP hierarchy and at UNOPS (Executing Agency) in consultation with the Government of DPR Korea. Some further revisions in the document were applied, finally resulting in the signatures of the Document and Budget Revision.

Because of time constraints, the project organized in anticipation on the approval of the project revision a field study tour for 2 senior officials of NCC with as main objectives to discuss issues related to MDG reporting process, alignment of development plans to MDGs and related UN programming (the latter with inclusion of Harmonization and Simplification). The mission found place in the period from 8 April until 28 April 2010 and included meetings in China, Slovakia, Switzerland and Colombo.

2.1.2. START-UP - ESTABLISHMENT NATIONAL REPORT CELL (MAY 2010)

With the arrival of the CTA in Pyongyang on 30 April 2010 the effective work on the project could start. First priority, besides the set up of the office and the building of the network of contacts, was to arrange the establishment of the National Report Cell in line with the applicable procedures for the operations of UNDP in DPRK as mandated by the Executive Board and laid down in the Memorandum of Understanding between UNDP and DPRK Government. The full procedure was finalized within one month (May 2010); the staff of the National Report Cell signed individual contracts with UNDP CO and the Team was ready to commence its work per 1 June 2010.

2.1.3. START UP OF NRC; PREPARATION OF WORK/ACTIVITIES (JUNE 2010)

Meetings of the CTA with the Team of the National Report Cell were organized on a regular base addressing issues as operational settings and reporting modalities, work plans, procurement specifications, nomination of National Advisory Panel and Technical MDG Team, preparation of first two key-activities: Training abroad on MDG Reporting and the Inception Workshop.

The meetings were also used to transfer updated knowledge about MDGs and MDG Reporting and to provide relevant materials for further study and DevInfo 6 software for installation and implementation as well as to respond to questions or discussion issue arising out of the preparatory work of the NRC. Over 2 full days (17 and 21 June 2010) the CTA conducted a more formal training on, specifically, the addendum to the MDG Guidance notes, the modifications in the indicators list after 2006, and specificities of the new version of DevInfo.

NCC was contacted about the establishment of the National Advisory Panel and the participating Ministries and institutions were nominated. In consultation with the UNCT, the nomination of the Technical MDG Report Team (subject matter experts from resident UN Agencies) could be finalized.

2.1.4. FIELD STUDY TOUR & PREPARATIONS INCEPTION WORKSHOP (JULY 2010)

A field study tour to Vietnam was organized from 1 until 13 July with as topic MDG Progress Reporting for a mission consisting of the National Project Director, the Team Leader and the 3 statistical analysts/report authors of the NRC as well as the responsible UNDP Programme Analyst and the CTA of the project. The original schedule to continue for Sri Lanka for substantive training at the Asia Pacific Regional Centre had to be cancelled because of unforeseen temporary closing of UNDP offices in Colombo.

The training in Vietnam was in all aspects extremely useful for the participants of the NRC since they were exposed to the ongoing 2010 MDG progress reporting process of the country and even participated in a broad consultation session with stakeholders about the first draft of the report. Details on the mission are elaborated in the mission report of the CTA which includes the Terms of Reference as well as the reports of respectively the UNDP Programme Analyst and the National Report Cell.

The 3 staff of the National Report Cell responsible for the database continued during the absence of their colleagues for the mission the work on the conversion of the existing database to the DevInfo 6 configuration and the preparations for the Inception Workshop. The full team resumed its work on the preparations for the workshop after the return of the mission. Main task was the draft of proposals for localized goals/targets and indicators in consultation with NCC and the ministries/institutions that were assigned as members of the National Advisory Panel.

The CTA drafted in intensive consultation with the resource persons of APRC the programme for the Inception Workshop and made the necessary logistical arrangements for the APRC mission and the workshop.

2.1.5. INCEPTION WORKSHOP AND FOLLOW-UP (1 AUGUST–30 SEPTEMBER 2010)

The Inception Workshop found place on 11 and 12 August 2010 with assistance from 2 resource persons from the Asia Pacific Regional Centre and with participation from representatives from Ministries (National Advisory Panel), NCC, UN agencies (Technical MDG Report Team), UNDP and the project team (national Report Cell, National Project Director, Programme analyst, and CTA). The first sessions were particularly devoted to knowledge transfer by the resource persons on global practices with respect to MDGs and MDG reporting. They were followed up by detailed discussion on the proposals as brought forward by the staff of the National Report Cell with localized formulations of goals/targets and indicators. The morning session of the second day was split up into separate meetings for respectively the group: UNDP, resource persons and members of the Technical MDG Report Team, and the group NCC, NRC, and members of the National Advisory Panel. The plenary session in the afternoon consolidated the input from the various meetings; the final result was overall agreement about the formulation of the goals and targets and the selection of appropriate indicators. Being this the main objective of the mission and the target group, the overall conclusion was that a major milestone was reached within the report drafting process.

A separate report was compiled about the Inception Workshop and the mission with all details including the mission report of the resource persons.

In follow-up on the Inception Workshop, the National Report Cell has been working, under guidance of the CTA, on the further elaboration of the quantification of targets and on the metadata (definitions) of all indicators. During that process, some additional changes in the 'localized' list appeared to be necessary. The quantification of targets took substantially more throughput time than anticipated in the original planning, because of the need to obtain consent with the involved line ministries. Nevertheless, at the end of September, the list was provided.

Besides the tasks related to the methodological aspects of the report as described above, the NRC has continued its work on the data-collection and analysis and the uploading of data into the database after the completion of the Inception workshop.

During the same period, the CTA has provided input and further advice during his regular meetings with the National Report Cell. Additionally he has executed a number of other tasks: reporting requirements, arrangements with respect to the various procurement lots, and preparations for a technical training abroad for NRC and CBS.

The Senior Programme Advisor (M&E) of UNDP CO DPRK has executed a Monitoring and Evaluation review of the project on 23 September 2010 with inclusion of a visit to the project site and interviews with National Project Director, and Team leader and staff of the National Report Cell.

2.2 DETAILED REPORT ON ACTIVITIES/EVENTS IN LAST QUARTER OF 2010

2.2.1. TRIPARTITE REVIEW MEETING AND BUDGET REVISION FOR EXTENSION

A Tri Partite Review Meeting for the project was organized via video conferencing on 2 November 2010 with participation of NCC, the National Project Director, the UNOPS APO Portfolio manager (Bangkok), UNDP Programme staff and the CTA³. Main documents for discussion were the Progress report per 30 September 2010 and the Monitoring & Evaluation Report by the Senior Programme Advisor (M&E) per the same date⁴.

The CTA emphasized in his presentation in the TPR that substantial progress had been made thanks to, especially, the good motivation and competencies of the NRC staff and the cooperation/assistance provided by NCC, UNDP CO, Asia Pacific Regional Centre, and the hosting organizations of the field study tours. The major problems encountered in the first year were the project approval duration that led to a 2 months late start, the difficulties in procurement related to trade sanctions with respect to DPRK (with consequence of sub-optimal working conditions for NRC), and the underestimated time needed for the national discussion about target settings. In addition to that some minor delays were caused by incompatibilities of agendas (resource persons and hosting organizations). Unfortunate circumstances caused the cancellation of study visits to Cambodia (NCC Study tour) and Sri Lanka (NRC International training) which were included in original programmes. Furthermore, the NRC had been facing some technical problems with the usage of the DevInfo application for the set up of the databases.

The UNDP Senior Programme Advisor (M&E) presented in the meeting his monitoring and evaluation report that confirmed that good progress has been made, especially in the set-up of the data base, the capacity building (inclusive on-the-job training), and the localization of goals, targets and indicators. As problems he highlighted the delays in procurement that did influence the capacity building of national project staff as well as the set up of the databases. The seeming incompatibility and difficulty of adapting Devinfo was seen as a potential obstacle.

From the side of NCC was mentioned that the progress in the second phase of the project which started in 2010 has been satisfactory and that the problems encountered were more or less inherent to normal project execution, especially in connection with the Country Office re-opening. The representative of NCC pointed especially to the successful Inception Workshop that resulted in agreed starting points for the drafting of the Progress report and stressed the national ownership of the Report.

³ See Annex 2 for the minutes of the TPR meeting.

⁴ Respectively Annex 1 and Annex 3.

The meeting concluded that the Progress Report was approved and recommended to work on a project extension of 4 months until the end of April 2011. In follow-up on the decision of the TPR meeting, the necessary steps were undertaken for a budget revision related to the extension of the project duration. The budget revision was approved by UNDP RBAP in November 2010 and signed by the three parties in December 2010⁵.

2.2.2. FIELD STUDY TOUR (DECEMBER 2010)

The project organized a Technical Training abroad for IT staff of the National Report Cell and the Central Bureau of Statistics to respectively China and Cambodia in the period 4 to 24 December 2010. Both trainings were designed in cooperation with, and executed by, the National Statistical Institutes (respectively the National Bureau of Statistics of China and the National Institute of Statistics of the Kingdom of Cambodia). The CTA undertook a short mission to China for discussing the training programme with the National Bureau of Statistics back to back with a visit to the UNOPS Beijing Implementation Facility (dealing with procurement issues). The UNDP Country Offices in both countries provided logistical support and participated in the conduct of the training by explaining the specific national settings and the relations of MDG reporting to the operations of the UN Country Teams. The combined trainings fulfilled fully the expected results and provided the necessary hand-on for the continuation of the work of the National Report Cell⁶.

2.2.3. OTHER ACTIVITIES

The National Report Cell continued during the last quarter of 2010 its work on the analysis for and the draft of the chapters of the MDG Progress Report and the localization and updating of the national version of the DevInfo data base (KorInfo). The first drafts of the report chapters in Korean language could be completed before the end of the year. The updating of the KorInfo database did also advance well. The earlier signaled problems with the mapping in the programme could be solved; mainly by using additional mapping software that was demonstrated during a training organized by UNFPA office in Pyongyang. The other major technical problem with respect to the automatic updating of KorInfo with CSPro files of data from the 2008 Census couldn't be solved and consequently intermediate (and more time consuming) solutions had to be applied for the transfer of the data.

The procurement of a number of batches of items could be completed in the review period: specifically the furniture for the upgrading of the training room at CBS, the air-conditioners for the project office and the acquisition of licenses of SPSS software.

The project organized in December in cooperation with the UNDP CO the national launch of the Global Human Development Report 2010. The CTA produced a browser enabled CD-Rom for distribution among the participants with relevant documentation (including all the published HD-reports over the past 20 years), explained during the launch session some technical issues about the new set of index calculations and presented the main outcomes of the 2010 report.

The CTA participated in the last quarter of 2010 in the work of the UNDP Country Office related to the preparations for the Country Programme Action Plan 2011-2015. He specifically advocated the national introduction of the MDG Acceleration Framework and the design of specific projects in follow-up on the

⁵ See respectively the Annexes 5 and 6. The BR of December 2010 was preceded by a minor BR with an administrative correction for transferring project budget to the UNDP portion for the coverage of the expenses related to a field study tour for NCC that was organized by UNDP CO before the arrival of the CTA. The BR document is attached as Annex 4.

⁶ See Annex 7 for the mission report.

publication of the MDG Progress Report 2010. He gave a number of presentations for the UN Country Team, the UNDP country Office and meetings with Government officials.

The CTA acted as chairperson for the meeting for the restart of the UNCT Theme Group on Data and Statistics. In follow-up on the meeting, he has been collecting softcopy of files with statistical data about DPR Korea (mainly based on surveys and missions jointly organized by UN Agencies in cooperation with the Government). He also participated in various meetings of other Theme Groups.

3. PROJECT STATUS COMPARED WITH PRODOC RESULTS AND RESOURCES FRAMEWORK⁷

Intended Outcome as stated in the Country Programme Results and Resource Framework: Enhanced capacity of Governmental agencies in the implementation of MDG based planning and evaluation for Human Development				
Outcome indicators as stated in the Country Programme Results and Resources Framework: First MDG Progress Report published and required policy follow-up identified (4.1). From having statistical staff with limited exposure to latest statistical methodologies, staff will subsequently be able to apply the latest statistical methodologies in the generation of MDG-related data disaggregated by gender and region (4.2).				
Applicable MYFF Service Line: 1- Poverty 1.1-MDG Country Reporting and Poverty Monitoring; Statistical capacities and analytical processes for regular MDG reporting established; Knowledge base for effective management of external assistance and critical external relationship strengthened.				
Partnership Strategy Government, UNDP, UNCT and UNOPS				
Project title and ID (ATLAS Award ID): 41525 Capacity building for Statistics related to the Millennium Development Goals				
Intended Outputs	Indicative Activities	Output Indicators, Baselines, Targets	Responsible parties	Inputs
A.1.National infrastructures for MDG- and Human Development Reporting established and operations supported for the draft of the first MDG Progress Report; staff trained in reporting on Human Development and Millennium Development Goals in line with current international standards and practices; skills of staff in implementation of relevant modern database management technologies upgraded; and staff exposed to international practices with respect to UNCT programming related to MDGs.	A.1.1. Establishment and operation of National Report Cell (NRC) A.1.5. Establishment and operation of National Advisory Panel (NAP) and Technical MDG Report Team	National Report Cell, Technical MDG Report Team, and National Advisory Panel established and fully operational; meeting reports, work plans and progress reports. <i>National Report Cell (NRC), Technical MDG Report Team (TMRT), and National Advisory Panel (NAP) established; Technical MDG Report Team has still to be formalized (nomination by UN RC). The 3 groups have been operational:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>NRC on a full time basis since June 2010; project office and training room equipped with procured furniture and air-conditioner. IT equipment still waiting for completion of procurement procedures related export licenses; nevertheless work could progress thanks to assistance of CBS. Work plans and monthly progress reports of NRC are available.</i> - <i>TMRT has been involved in the preparation for the Inception Workshop and has participated in the Inception Workshop.</i> - <i>NAP has been involved in the national consultations by the NRC for the Inception Workshop, has participated in the Inception Workshop and is consulted on a regular base by the NRC during the completion of the localized targets and indicators and the drafting of the report chapters.</i> 	National Coordinating Committee for UNDP, Central Bureau of Statistics, UNOPS, UNDP and UN Agencies	National consultants (45,000 USD) and procurement equipment, software, office facilities and materials for NRC (55,000 USD)

⁷ Status information per 31 December 2010 indicated in **blue bold italic.**

	<p>A.1.2. Training in aspects of MDG and HD reporting in line with international standards (NRC)</p>	<p>At least 4 DPRK staff trained abroad for at least 3 working weeks/ person in relevant aspects of Human Development and MDG Reporting.</p> <p><i>The training abroad found place in July 2010 and covered at the end only 1 week training in Vietnam. Originally scheduled second week at the UNDP Regional Center in Colombo was cancelled by the hosts at the last moment because of temporary closure of their office. A third week of training could not be arranged because of incompatibility of agendas. It was agreed to fill the gap caused by the cancellation and the shortening of the mission via training by the CTA. The training mission consisted of 6 DPRK-staff and the CTA. Detailed report is available</i></p> <p><i>In-country training of the NRC team is a continuous activity of the CTA either via formal training, on-the-job assistance or provision of relevant materials and documentation. Electronic versions of the training materials provided are available.</i></p>		<p>International training NRC (40,000 USD)</p>
	<p>A.1.3. Training abroad for upgrading skills in latest database techniques including mapping (CBS)</p>	<p>At least 3 technical CBS staff trained in modern database management technologies and mapping during a training abroad of at least 2 weeks.</p> <p><i>Training abroad on relevant IT aspects over 2 weeks found place in December 2010 in respectively China and Cambodia. The main subjects of the training as organized in support of the project were (1) updates on modern database management technologies, (2) principles of Geographic Information systems and mapping, and (3) practicalities with respect to the usage of DevInfo application (in particularly the Exchange option and the Mapping option). Detailed mission report is available (see annex8).</i></p>		<p>International training CBS (40,000 USD)</p>
	<p>A.1.4. Field study tour abroad for senior NCC staff for study of country experiences with the UNCT programming process related to MDGs and Harmonization</p>	<p>At least 2 staff of NCC exposed to experiences of at least 4 countries with UNCT programming related to MDGs and Harmonization during a field study tour of at least 2 weeks.</p> <p><i>Field study tour for 2 senior officials of NCC took place in April 2010 and covered 4 countries during a tour of 3 weeks. Detailed report is available (see Progress report per 30 September 2010).</i></p>		<p>International training NCC (30,000 USD – moved to UNDP portion of Budget)</p>

<p>A.2. Database system with social and economic data established and maintained; finalized and actualized data sets including corresponding analyses with respect to the 8 MDG-goals as well as other indicators relevant for the nation strategic development planning; MDG Progress Report compiled, printed in English and Korean, and presented; and policy implications identified.</p>	<p>A.2.1. Inception workshop installing NRC, Technical MDG Report Team, and NAP; identifying (localized) MDG goals and targets; and detailing contents of MDG Progress Report</p> <p>A.2.2. Uploading and maintenance of database and preparation of technical support documents including statistical tables on thematic issues.</p> <p>A.2.3. Research/authoring of chapters of the MDG Progress report.</p> <p>A.2.4. Review of drafted chapters and provision of advice for the MDG Report</p> <p>A.2.5. Finalization of authoring of MDG Progress Report</p> <p>A.2.6. Final contents editing of report</p> <p>A.2.7. Translation services Kor-En</p> <p>A.2.8. Publication: copy editing,</p>	<p>Inception workshop, of at least 2 days with participation of at least 15 participants of DPRK ministries and institutions, NRC-staff, Technical MDG Report Team, National Advisory Panel. Workshop report detailing national MDG goals/targets and outlines of MDG report defined drafted.</p> <p><i>Inception Workshop was held on 11 and 12 August according the plans. Detailed report, inclusive the results of subsequent bilateral meeting ,is included in the Progress report per 30 September 2010.</i></p> <p>DevInfo Database uploaded and actualized with socio-economic data covering the 8 MDG-goals and other indicators relevant for measurement of progress in areas of national development priorities with disaggregation by gender and region.</p> <p><i>The configuration of the national version of DevInfo (KorInfo) has been completed and the uploading with statistical data has well advanced. The basic set could be completed before the end of the year, but regular updating will continue over time.</i></p> <p><i>The basic set of draft chapters of the MDG Progress Report in Korean could be completed. Further editing is deemed necessary in order to consolidate the work of the separate authors into one document.</i></p> <p><i>A start of Activity A.2.4 has been made with the review of the drafted chapters, particularly by national institutions and ministries via a series of consultations organized by the National Report Cell. The review process will be continued in 2011.</i></p> <p><i>THE ACTIVITIES A.25. UNTIL A.2.9. ARE UNDER PREPARATION BUT NOT YET EXECUTED</i></p> <p>MDG Progress Report completed and printed in Korean and English</p> <p>Final seminar of at least 2 days with participation of at least 15 participants of DPRK ministries and institutions, NRC-staff, Technical MDG Report Team, National Advisory Panel.</p> <p>Advise of Technical MDG Report Team with the final report</p>	<p>National Coordinating Committee for UNDP, Central Bureau of Statistics, State Planning Commission, Line Ministries, Research Institutions, UNOPS, UNDP and UN Agencies</p>	<p>In-country training (20,000 USD)</p> <p>International personnel (10,000 USD)</p> <p>National consultant (5,000 USD)</p> <p>National consultant (5,000 USD)</p> <p>Printing and publication (50,000 USD)</p>
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	design, printing, distribution A.2.9. Final seminar for presentation of MDG Progress Report; identification of policy implications and follow-up activities; evaluation of project	assessment. Seminar report detailing: the overall assessment of the MDG Progress Report; the implications for development priorities; the evaluation of the project execution; and recommendations for follow-up activities.		n-country training (20,000 USD) International personnel (15,000 USD)
A.3. Project management	A.3.1. Project reformulation A.3.2. Project management	Project revised, managed and facilitated in line with applicable rules and regulations; 2 quarterly progress reports and 1 final progress report completed, submitted for tripartite review and approved. <i>Project revised and approved.</i> <i>Project managed in coordination with UNOPS APO and UNDP DPRK CO. Regular status reports produced and presented. First quarterly progress report per 30 Sept 2010 as well as Annual Report 2010 (underlying report) submitted.</i> <i>A Monitoring and Evaluation review of the project is executed in September by the Senior Programme Advisor of UNDP CO DPRK.</i> <i>Tripartite Review Meeting took place in November 2010.</i> <i>Series of Budget Revisions were submitted and signed by the three parties.</i>	National Coordinating Committee for UNDP, UNOPS, and UNDP	International consultant (30,000 USD) Chief Technical Advisor (180,000 USD) Miscellaneous (20,000 USD) Facilities and Administration (49,000 USD)
PROJECT TOTAL 2010 (under UNOPS portion of budget after BR October 2010)				567,000 USD

4. BUDGET AND PROJECT DELIVERY⁸

As reported in the Progress Report per ultimo September 2010, a Budget revision was needed for the correction of the expenses of UNDP CO related to the organization in April 2010 of the field study tour of officials of NCC (transfer of 30,000 USD of budget in UNOPS portion to UNDP portion). The BR was signed by the three parties in October 2010 (see Annex 4)

The table on the next page gives the budget/expenditure details per ultimo December 2010 and reflects this intermediate Budget Revision.

The 'delivery' of the project over 2010 was 62.7% of the budget. Because of the delay of the commencement of the work of the CTA and the staff of the National Report Cell some under-spending found place in the fees for international and national staff. Furthermore it appeared that the estimate for procurement of equipment had been too low mainly due to the fact that vendors were faced with extra costs because of the applicable US export license procedure. The subsequent overspending was however fully compensated by under-spending in the costs of training abroad and in-country inception workshop. Finally a substantial part of the budget, namely the costs related to translation/editing and printing of the final report as well as the seminar for the report launch had to be transferred to 2011 because of the delay in the compilation of the report drafts.

The Budget Revision that was signed in December 2010 after approval from UNDP RBAP included already a certain transfer of budget over 2010 to 2011 together with limited extra expenses for the partial coverage of the fees for international and national staff as needed for the 4 months project extension. After the closing of the book year as reflected in the attached table a next BR is necessary in order to clarify the full amount of overflow over the budget years⁹.

⁸ See table on next page for the details of the financial analysis; analysis is only executed for the UNOPS portion of the budget...

⁹ This BR will be prepared together with the revision needed for 1 extra month extension of the project (until ultimo May 2011) as is under preparation at the moment of finalization of the underlying progress report.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - 31 December 2010*

Activity ID	Funds	Total Budget	Expenditure					Balances	
			Total	Net Prior Year	Obligations	Fees	Current	Potential	Budget Balance
			Disbursements	Obligations Credit	Accrued	(Actual & Projected)	Expenditure	Expenditure	
ACTIVITY 2	72100 Contractual Services-Companies	0	1,014.30	0	0	0	1,014.30	1,014.30	-1,014.30
	75100 Facilities & Administration	0	0	0	0	81.14	81.14	81.14	-81.14
			1,014.30	0	0	81.14	1,095.44	1,095.44	
ACTIVITY 5	72100 Contractual Services-Companies	0	4,676.00	0	0	0	4,676.00	4,676.00	-4,676.00
	74500 Miscellaneous Expenses	0	83.07	0	0	0	83.07	83.07	-83.07
	75100 Facilities & Administration	0	0	0	0	380.73	380.73	380.73	-380.73
			4,759.07	0	0	380.73	5,139.80	5,139.80	
ACTIVITY 2	72100 Contractual Services-Companies	110,000.00	56,672.82	0	1,400.00	0	58,072.82	58,072.82	51,927.18
	74500 Miscellaneous Expenses	0	345.24	0	0	0	345.24	345.24	-345.24
	75100 Facilities & Administration	8,800.00	0	0	0	4,673.44	4,673.44	4,673.44	4,126.56
	76100 Foreign Exchange Currency Loss	0	0.01	0	0	0	0.01	0.01	-0.01
			57,018.07	0	1,400.00	4,673.44	63,091.51	63,091.51	
ACTIVITY 4	71400 Contractual Services - Individ	45,000.00	25,787.46	0	8,788.11	0	34,575.57	34,575.57	10,424.43
	72100 Contractual Services-Companies	0	415	0	0	0	415	415	-415
	72200 Equipment and Furniture	25,000.00	11,849.45	0	5,869.24	0	17,718.69	17,718.69	7,281.31
	72300 Materials & Goods	5,000.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000.00
	72800 Information Technology Equipmt	25,000.00	13,837.97	0	33,226.00	0	47,063.97	47,063.97	-22,063.97
	74500 Miscellaneous Expenses	0	169.18	0	0	0	169.18	169.18	-169.18
	75100 Facilities & Administration	8,000.00	0	0	0	7,995.40	7,995.40	7,995.40	4.6
	76100 Foreign Exchange Currency Loss	0	-3.93	0	0	0	-3.93	-3.93	3.93
			52,055.13	0	47,883.35	7,995.40	107,933.88	107,933.88	
ACTIVITY 5	71200 International Consultants	25,000.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,000.00
	71300 Local Consultants	10,000.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,000.00
	72100 Contractual Services-Companies	40,000.00	9,405.70	0	0	0	9,405.70	9,405.70	30,594.30
	74200 Audio Visual&Print Prod Costs	50,000.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000.00
	74500 Miscellaneous Expenses	0	39.58	0	0	0	39.58	39.58	-39.58
	75100 Facilities & Administration	10,000.00	0	0	0	755.62	755.62	755.62	9,244.38
	76100 Foreign Exchange Currency Loss	0	-0.01	0	0	0	-0.01	-0.01	0.01
			9,445.27	0	0	755.62	10,200.89	10,200.89	
ACTIVITY 7	71200 International Consultants	180,000.00	112,188.21	0	36,000.00	0	148,188.21	148,188.21	31,811.79
	71600 Travel	0	2,954.82	0	0	0	2,954.82	2,954.82	-2,954.82
	73500 Reimbursement Costs	0	2,268.77	0	0	0	2,268.77	2,268.77	-2,268.77
	74500 Miscellaneous Expenses	10,000.00	1,459.68	0	0	0	1,459.68	1,459.68	8,540.32
	74600 Prepaid Project Expenses	0	916.93	0	0	0	916.93	916.93	-916.93
	75100 Facilities & Administration	15,200.00	0	0	0	12,463.07	12,463.07	12,463.07	2,736.93
	76100 Foreign Exchange Currency Loss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			119,788.41	0	36,000.00	12,463.07	168,251.48	168,251.48	
TOTAL		567,000.00	244,080.25	0	85,283.35	26,349.40	355,713.00	355,713.00	211,287.00

* Exclusive 96.490 as allocated to UNDP 2010

Table: Budget/Expenditure Analysis

5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The good progress made in the project over the first reporting period (as reported in the Progress report per 30 September 2010) could be continued in the last quarter of 2010. Substantial capacity building in the technical area (database and mapping) could be realized by training abroad in China and Cambodia. Furthermore the work of the National Report Cell advanced well and resulted in the completion of the separate draft chapters of the report and the basic structure of the KorInfo database. An element of concern is the fact that up until the end of the year 2010 no English language drafts were made available for review by the MDG Technical Team and international consultants.

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