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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

QUARTER 1 (July – August - September 2016)

Purpose: This report aims at assessing the achievement during the quarter as well as risks and issues that could have affected the project implementation.

Outcome 1: Improved Accountability and Citizen Participation in sustainable development and decision-making processes at all levels.

Programme Title:	Deepening democracy through strengthening citizens participation and accountable governance (DDAG)
Implementing Partner	Media High Council
Project No:	00087593
Project Start Date:	1 July 2013
Project End Date:	30th June 2018
Reporting Period	July – August - September 2016
Programme Budget	
Implementing Partners Budget	
Programme Outputs	
Output 1:	National and local institutions have improved capacity for research, generation and utilization of disaggregated data for participatory and evidence-based legislation, policy and programme formulation and evaluation at all levels
Output2:	Central, decentralized entities and communities strengthened to promote community-driven development processes

Output 3.	National oversight institutions strengthened to promote and demand for accountability and transparency at all levels.
Output 4.	Citizens, communities and media have better capacity to participate in decision making and demand for accountability and transparency at all levels.
Output 5.	Implementing partners have a better capacity to manage the programme

1. Progress Against Results *(use the table below)*

UNDAP OUTCOME: <i>(The UNDAP Outcome, indicators, baselines in the Project Document)</i> Accountability and citizen participation in sustainable development and decision-making processes at all levels improved	
OUTPUT 1: <i>(Output statement from Project Document)</i> National and local institutions have improved capacity for research, generation and utilization of disaggregated data for participatory and evidence-based legislation, policy formulation programming and planning at all levels.	
a)Key Achievements <i>(Not more than 200 words)</i>	
No research has been done within the quarter 1 under DDAG programme.	
b)Key Challenges/Constraints <i>(Not more than 150 words)</i>	
More researches are still needed to drive media capacity building programs. However, MHC faces budget constraints to conduct the related researches.	
c)Use of UNDP Development Drivers <i>(Not more than 150 words)</i>	
Capacity Development	
South to South Cooperation	
3) Addressing Cross Cutting Issues <i>(Not more than 150 words)</i>	
Gender	Gender Mainstreaming Strategy in Media Sector was established. However, MHC still need more additional funds for implementation.
Human Rights	
Environment	
OUTPUT 3: <i>(Output statement from Project Document):</i> National oversight institutions have strong capacity to promote and demand for accountability and transparency at all levels. <i>(Output statement from Project Document)</i>	
KEY ACTION: Provide technical and Financial Assistance for Capacity Development for media professionalism	

(From Project Document)

Indicator:

Baseline:

Target:

a) Key Achievements (Not more than 200 words)

During the Quarter 1, 3 Modules of Media Capacity Building Curricula were delivered:

- i. Training Journalists on Political News Reporting, Analysis and Presentation
- ii. Training Online Media Practitioners on Web Design and Maintenance
- iii. Training Journalists on Gender News Reporting, Analysis and Presentation

1. TRAINING JOURNALISTS ON POLITICAL NEWS REPORTING, ANALYSIS AND PRESENTATION

- ✓ 27 journalists were practically trained producing political news from 13th to 20th September 2016 after one day theoretical workshop on the techniques of political news gathering, writing, analysing and presentation on 06th September 2016;
- ✓ 123 professional political news stories were produced;
- ✓ 27 Media Houses were facilitated to cover political stories from 8 Districts (Kayonza, Bugesera, Huye, Nyanza, Nyamasheke, Rusizi, Musanze and Burera) in remote areas where they were not familiarized to reach due to the lack of financial means;
- ✓ Local leaders and Citizens in 8 Districts visited shared their views in line with the role of Political Parties in Democracy and community development especially referring to 7 Year Government Program;
- ✓ Collaboration between citizen, leaders and Media strengthened in the areas visited;
- ✓ Citizens participation in governance and decision making increased;
- ✓ Cooperation and trust among Journalists and Political Leaders was enhanced;
- ✓ Media role in Democracy and development was promoted;
- ✓ Official partnership between MHC and NFPO initiated to support Media Capacity building programs in line with Political News reporting, analysis and Presentation
- ✓ A network of journalists reporting on Political Issues was initiated

2. TRAINING ONLINE MEDIA PRACTITIONERS ON WEB DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE (22nd – 27th September 2016)

- ✓ 29 Online Media Practitioners from 29 Online Media Outlets were trained
- ✓ 29 Online Media Outlets were upgraded
- ✓ 29 Online Media Outlets were linked with social media for quick content dissemination & branding
- ✓ Plagiarism culture was eradicated to produce original professional content
- ✓ Laws and regulations governing online Media Operations were learnt
- ✓ 29 Online Media Practitioners learnt to use Online Media for profitability
- ✓ A network of online media practitioners and a committee was established

3. TRAINING JOURNALISTS ON GENDER NEWS REPORTING, ANALYSIS AND PRESENTATION

- ✓ 31 journalists were practically trained producing gender news from 23rd to 30th September 2016 after one day theoretical workshop on gender concepts, policies, data and techniques of gender news gathering, writing, analysing and presentation on 22nd September 2016;
- ✓ 156 professional gender news stories were produced;
- ✓ 31 Media Houses were facilitated to cover gender stories from 6 Districts (Rulindo, Gicumbi, Karongi,

<p>Rutsiro, Nyagatare, Gatsibo) in remote areas where they were not familiarized to reach due to the lack of financial means;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Gender Promotion gaps were identified in areas visited ✓ Local leaders and Citizens in 6 Districts visited shared their views in line with Gender role in community development and fight against GBV and Gender based Conflicts in Families; ✓ Gender principles were promoted in the areas visited ✓ A network of journalists reporting on gender issues was initiated 	
<p>b)Key Challenges/Constraints (Not more than 150 words)</p>	
<p>Funds were disbursed at the end of quarter and most of activities were delivered within a short period of time.</p> <p>i) Solutions:</p> <p>Many efforts were made to deliver the planned activities.</p> <p>ii) Lessons Learnt:</p>	
<p>c)Use of UNDP Development Drivers (Not more than 150 words)</p>	
Capacity Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHC staff who co-facilitated within this program developed their skills and enhanced the ability and experience in conducting media training. • Cooperation between MHC and beneficiaries of media capacity building programs was strengthened.
Policy Advisory Services	
South to South Cooperation	
<p>3) Addressing Cross Cutting Issues (Not more than 150 words)</p>	
Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender cross-cutting issues were discussed in Media in the areas visited and disseminated in respective Media Outlets involved - However, Gender balance is still a challenge in Media Sectors whereby involved female journalists who participated in trainings were few in comparison with men.
Human Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The right of access to information was promoted among citizens, leaders and Media in areas visited - Some issues regarding citizens right including their participation in decision making and governance, cross-cutting issues aligned with their development were advocated for through Media
Environment	

NB* the results table is duplicated for reporting on each output

4) Quarter Financial Summary

Outputs		Quarter 1, Budget (US\$)	Quarter 1, Expenditure (US\$)	Balance (US\$)
		Exchange rate: 777.53	Exchange rate: 777.53	Exchange rate: 777.53
National oversight institutions strengthened to promote and demand for accountability and transparency at all levels	<i>Training Journalists on Political News Reporting, Analysis and Presentation</i>	21,807	15,519	6,288
	<i>Training Online Media Practitioners on Web Design and Maintenance</i>	18,922	18,549	373
	<i>Training Journalists on Gender News Reporting, Analysis and Presentation</i>	13,495	13,169	326
	TOTAL	54,224	47,237	6,987

UN Exchange Rate on the 30th September 2016 = 777.53\$

5) Next Quarter's Work plan

- Include next quarter activities to be implemented

The following are activities to be implemented in Quarter 2 (October – November – December 2016):

S/N	ACTIVITIES	BUDGET/US\$
1	Hold the National Dialogue on Media Development updates	26,196
2	Training Media on statistical data Analysis (Basics, Intermediate, Advanced)	18,399
3	Conduct the Impact Assessment of Trainings on Media Content Creation and Dissemination	17,798
TOTAL		62,393

6) Annexes:

a) Success Story

MHC is planning to produce a documentary film on the Achievement of Media Capacity building programs funded by DDAG Project. The documentary film will be produced at the end of the Fiscal Year 2016.

b) Technical Information

In order to effectively perform the aforementioned activities as per activities plan and meet the reporting deadline, it would be better if requested funds for the Quarter 2 are disbursed as early as possible.

c) Photos


Photos for all activities are annexed.

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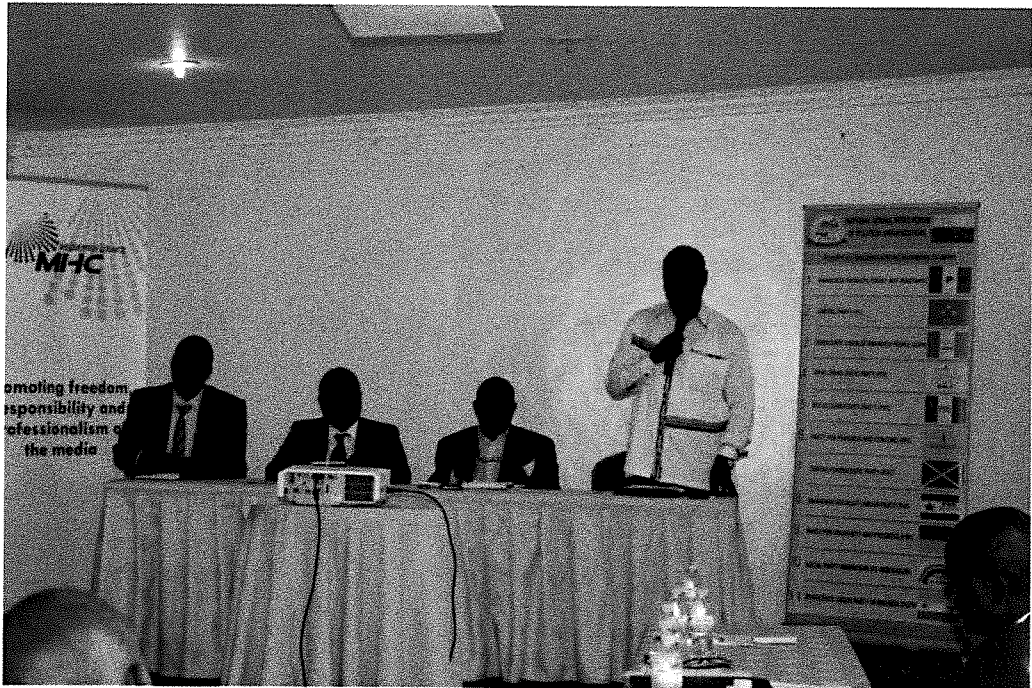
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IN PICTURES: TRAININGS HELD IN QUARTER 1 (July – August – September 2016)

1. TRAINING JOURNALISTS ON POLITICAL NEWS REPORTING, ANALYSIS AND PRESENTATION



Some of the Presenters during the preliminary workshop on political news reporting (Photo: MHC)



Cooperation between politicians and journalists was enhanced (Photo: MHC)