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Country - Project Title			
1. Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country: Sao Tome and Principe • Department ID: B0368 • Project Title: Technical assistance for reinforcing the Direction of Trade for the integration into the World Economy. • Project Number (ATLAS): 00054593 • Award Number (ATLAS): 00046033 • Fund: 65504 • Allocated Amount: US\$243.480 • Implementation period (indicate extensions): 2007-2010 • Implementing Agency: UNDP • National Counterpart: Direction of Trade • Other IF projects in the same country (Project Title and project ID): Technical Assistance for establishing a favourable business environment- One stop shop. • Progress/final reports submitted (list in chronological order) submitted so far: • UNDP Project manager: Idrissa Sanoussi 		
2. Project Summary	<p>Provide a summary of the rationale, main objectives and results (at least 250 words). The project places emphasis on capacity building for the definition and formulation of policy and strategic commercial decision. The main objective is to strengthen the integration of Sao Tome and Principe in regional and international economies through capacity building for participation in trade negotiations under the WTO rule.</p>		
3. Activities: narrative report	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of the project and their outputs <p>Output: Strengthening the structures and systems to promote private investment and trade. Output 1.1: Improved management through better allocation of human and institutional resources. Output 1.2: Capacity building for the formulation and coordination of trade policy debate Activity 1.1.1: Assessment of the current mandate of the MCIT (Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism) Activity 1.2.1: Diagnostic evaluation of current employees and future needs. Activity 1.2.2: creation of a program of practical training on trade policy for government and private sector. Output 1.3: Capacity building for participation in trade negotiations. Activity 1.3.1 Advice and assistance in research and preparation of meetings, formal documents to be submitted to the WTO and other organizations. 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services in formulation of trade policies diagnostic. • Extension of the project obtained via a LPAC approval; • Report of consumers' protection; • Forum of Public-private dialogue • The immediate impact of these results was the commitment of the direction of trade decides to organize a seminar involving all the development intervening in the trade sector for mobilize funds for implementing all the recommendations. The staffs have an adequate skill to respond to any trade issues. Some of them have been trained in WTO and Dakar in negotiation. • What is the outcome, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering all the partners of trade sector • Ownership and strong commitment of the Government in implementing, monitoring and evaluating all the activities planned. • what capacities / institutions have been developed • Policy makers, Private sectors. • include if available life stories/ testimonies of beneficiaries • Other comments, such as implementation constraints (explain delays) • Key partnerships and inter-agency collaboration and synergies with other UNDP programmes, UN agencies and other development partners
4. Activities: financial report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total allocation:US\$243.480 • Expenditures broken down by year (according to Fund Status Report): US\$32,00.19 (2007); US\$8,911.59 (2008); US\$56,862.07 (2009); US\$145,706.15 (2010) • Balance: US\$
5. Lessons learnt and best practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main lessons learnt: both substantive and procedural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long periods of political Instability: from 2006 to 2008, the ministry has received four different ministers; therefore the working environment has been very difficult. It is very important that the national partners should strongly be involved in all project initiate, thus, they should be more efficient in driving the activities. Good collaboration with the international consultant recruited to draft the report on diagnostic of the ministry. The working's conditions of the Direction of Trade is very deplorable. The Direction is a small room. Although, the staff is very small in number, but very committed in organizing the some activities. However, the direction does not have full time energy, that is a common problem to the whole country; therefore, there is delay in responding to the correspondences on time. For enhancing their productivity, the staff wishes to have another building which could contain more staff and equipment, which is lack for space matter. The Challenge that the direction is facing is to mobilize funds for building an adequate Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism. This is one of the recommendations of the study on the diagnostic of the MCIT.
6. Way forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority actions planned for the final year of implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start the preparation of Tier1 and Tier 2 Projects. • Strengthening the National Implementation Unit (NIU) and creating the National Steering Committee (NSC) • Visit of the NIU to one of the countries which have already prepared and submitted the Tier1. • Update the DTIS and the action's matrix • Training on negotiation for the accession of the country to WTO
7. Annexes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please attach if available any other documents of interest or photos, mission reports, newspaper clippings, publications, etc.

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