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Dear Mr. Özgür Tek,

Subject: “Support to the Improvement of Legal Aid Practices for Access to Justice for All in Turkey Phase II (ILAP) Project”

Annual Progress Report

Reference is made to the contribution agreement between the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and UNDP for the project “Support to the Improvement of Legal Aid Practices for Access to Justice for All in Turkey Phase II” effective 1 June 2019.

I am pleased to submit herewith the Annual Progress Report for the above-mentioned project.

The report summarizes the progress of the project between 1 June 2022 and 31 July 2023 and provides an overview of the achievements, challenges, lessons learned, interim financial status and way forward.

I thank Sida for its contributions to UNDP and look forward to strengthening our partnership in support of development in Türkiye.

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Attached:

Support to the Improvement of Legal Aid Practices for Access to Justice for All in Turkey Phase II Progress Report

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Reporting Period	June 2022 – July 2023
Donor	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)
Country	Türkiye
Project Title	Support to the Improvement of Legal Aid Practices for Access to Justice for All in Turkey Phase II
Project Locations	Antalya, Balıkesir, Denizli, Mardin, Rize, Samsun
Project ID (Atlas Award ID) Outputs (Atlas Project ID and Description) Strategic Plan and/or CPD Outcomes	Project ID: 00113501 Output ID: 00111621 Description: Strengthening the Institutional Capacities of the Bar Associations for Improved Access to Justice for all in Turkey. CPD Outcomes: 2.1.1. Transparent and efficient judicial system providing better access to justice and redress for all, especially groups facing vulnerabilities 2.1.3. Enhanced capacity of civil society actors for participation in policy making and monitoring 3.1.1. Capacities of national gender equality machinery strengthened to promote women’s rights and gender sensitive policies including local level
Implementing Partner(s)	Union of Turkish Bar Associations (UTBA)
Project Start Date	1 June 2019
Project End Date	31 November 2023
LPAC Date	17 April 2019
Steering Committee/Project Board Meeting Dates	1 st Steering Committee Meeting: 11 March 2020 2 nd Steering Committee Meeting: 9 July 2021 3 rd Steering Committee Meeting: 14 April 2022 4 th Steering Committee Meeting: 13 April 2023
SDG linkages	<i>SDG 5: Gender Equality</i> 5.2: Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation <i>SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions</i> 16.a: Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacities at all levels, in developing countries, for preventing violence and combating terrorism and crime 16.3: Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all 16.6: Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels
GEN marker	GEN 3
2023 Delivery to Budget Ratio	50.86 %
2023 Annual Work Plan Budget	USD 759,426.55
Total resources required	USD 1,545,483.62 USD
Revenue received	USD 1,511,811.90 USD
Unfunded budget	N/A
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I. Executive summary

Project implementation was significantly slower between June 2022 and November 2022, compared to the period between December 2022 and July 2023. There were no activities implemented until November 2022 apart from the third Advisory Board meeting on 5 July 2022, a coordination meeting organized between UNDP and UTBA on 26 July 2022 and a meeting where the M&E system within the scope of Activity 2.5 were discussed on 4 August 2022.

In November 2022, communication between project partners accelerated, relationships were restored and immediately, the work for completing the no-cost extension resumed. In parallel, contractual issues were resolved with ANATEK, the company responsible for the establishment of UTBA’s learning management system (LMS), and Chess Creative which is the company responsible for the communication campaign of centers at 6 pilot provinces. Contracts of the Legal Expert, Gender Equality Expert, Social Services Expert, ToT Experts, Communication Expert and LMS Expert were modified and rearranged within the scope of activities 2.1, 2.2, 2.4 and 3.2 during this time. Contracting process of 5 other experts for producing modules for the LMS was also initiated as well. On 29 November 2023, a meeting was held between UNDP and UNWOMEN to enhance cooperation between two agencies and increase impact of relevant project outputs on the justice system, fundamental rights, specifically in combatting gender based violence (GBV), legal aid and implementation of Law number 6284: “*Protect Family and Prevent Violence against Women*”. Cooperation between UNDP and UNWOMEN is continuing within the scope of this project and the justice sector in Türkiye will benefit even more in the future from the works of both agencies which complement each other for the overall benefit of vulnerable groups, especially women and girls’ access to justice.

Project implementation intensified throughout December 2022 and January 2023. Preparations and desk work for the second round of both tailor-made trainings (Activity 2.1) and trainer of trainees (Activity 2.2) commenced. The second round of trainings were agreed with project partners to increase the impact of these activities and improve capacity development of lawyers practicing legal aid. At the same time, organization and logistical work for the France study visit (Activity 4.1) started with the support of Embassy of France in Türkiye. The committee of the study tour comprised of representatives from UNDP, UTBA, presidents of pilot Bar Associations and representatives of Ministry of Justice. The committee completed the study tour between 23 and 27 January 2023¹. The committee had a chance to analyze France’s legal aid system, discussed the structure of the system with France’s Ministry of Justice, Paris Bar Association and Union of Bars and visited the Paris Advocate School. During the last week of January 2023, between 29 and 30 January, tailor-made training was delivered to lawyers from pilot Bar Associations². This training also provided an opportunity for new lawyers to catch up with senior lawyers who participated in previous trainings provided within the scope of this project.

Due to the destruction that occurred after earthquakes on 6 February 2023 affecting the 11 provinces, UTBA requested UNDP’s support for Hatay and Adıyaman Bar Associations, because their buildings were demolished. It was very important to help lawyers and support the continuation of the legal aid services. UNDP quickly acted and immediately reprogrammed the project activity plan and project budget, accordingly. All related documents were submitted to Sida for their evaluation along with a detailed informative note explaining the urgency of the situation, the need for constructing Bar Associations’ buildings and the presentation of a new implementation plan³. UNDP’s proposal was accepted by all project partners during the fourth Steering Committee Meeting on 13 April 2023. The project architect was quickly engaged together with a civil engineer from UNDP. On 11 and 12 May 2023, field missions were completed, and a feasibility report was produced. On 8 June 2023, technical drawings of buildings were approved by UTBA. Another market estimation study had to be conducted due to the economic turmoil in Türkiye in July 2023. The technical specifications document was

¹ <https://ilaprojesi.org/en/2023/04/05/study-visit-to-france-was-realized/>

² <https://ilaprojesi.org/en/2023/04/18/2023-tailor-made-and-training-of-trainers-trainings-are-completed/>

³ <https://ilaprojesi.org/en/2023/07/10/ilap-project-post-disaster-recovery-support-for-adiyaman-and-hatay-bar-associations/>

completed by 10 July 2023 and the tender was published on 29 July 2023.⁴ UNDP and UTBA committed to complete the establishment of both prefabricated structures before the end of the project duration. The establishments will not be temporary and will be durable for long-term use. Prefabricated structures are also solid and safe. They also can be easily transported to other areas if necessary, considering the region is disaster prone.

UNDP raised concerns to UTBA about the operationalization of the centers at pilot provinces on numerous occasions since January 2023. However, UNDP concerns were not taken into consideration UTBA due to the following developments:

- Earthquakes in February 2023,
- UTBA Vice President, Ms. Sibel Suiçmez's resignation on 17 March 2023. New Vice president not appointed yet
- Bureaucratic process in relation to the appointment of the new members of the Board New UTBA Board Member Mr. Melih Yardımcı was appointed on 17 April 2023,
- Delaying the operationalization of centers due to national elections, 14 May – 28 May 2023, and its aftermath.

Considering the above issues, UNDP called for a meeting in June 2023 to both congratulate Mr. Melih Yardımcı for his new position and discuss the options for being able to operationalize the centers. Sida representatives also participated in this meeting. UTBA agreed that they were not able to make the centers work due to the insufficient legal aid budgets of Bars, but they promised to convince pilot Bar Associations to produce lists consisting of lawyers who benefitted from the trainings provided during this project and process violence related cases through the centers by using these lists in July 2023. On 4 July 2023, UTBA's Board Member, Mr. Melih Yardımcı, announced during the third Regional Meeting (Activity 1.1) that pilot Bars started processing cases. Furthermore, during the 4th Advisory Committee Meeting on 21 July 2023, Bar Associations stated their commitment to make the centers work and shared their willingness to make legal services provided in these centers known to public by the project's communication campaign (Activity 2.4). UTBA also agreed to share progress of centers periodically in order to complete the related M&E study (Activity 2.5) by the end of the project duration.

Conclusively, work is continuing for establishment of UTBA's LMS to be used in the new judicial year, which will start in September 2023. Five experts were contracted in 2023 (Activity 3.2) to produce the priority modules determined in the training needs assessment (Activity 3.1). Experts are working in cooperation with ANATEK, which is the company responsible from establishment of the LMS. UNDP is supporting both experts and ANATEK by facilitating information exchanges with UTBA and ensuring information contained in each module is in line with UTBA's requests and requirements. The LMS will be a customized, smart, easily accessible and modifiable system for incorporation of new modules. It will be a critical tool for UTBA to support lawyers develop their capacities.

II. Background Information

Based on the achievements and results of the "Support to the Improvement of Legal Aid Practices for Access to Justice for All in Turkey Phase I", the Project aims to develop more coordinated, qualified, and systematic approach into legal aid practices in Turkey and build awareness on the operationalization of performance management tools and mechanisms to enhance the efforts to ease access to justice. This will be achieved through developing mechanisms towards gaps for better coordination and improving networks among legal aid service providers (Union of Turkish Bar Associations, Bar Associations, and lawyers), women NGOs and civil society, as well as increased capacity of lawyers through online training. With the aim to develop a systematic and structured approach, the Project will implement pilot practices for specialized legal aid services towards gender-based violence victims. The Project will also address the implementation of the policy recommendations for improved legal aid services generated in Phase I and will further support the institutional needs of Bar Associations through the dissemination of

⁴ https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_negotiation.cfm?nego_id=9098

performance criteria and evaluation mechanisms that are introduced to ensure an effective, coordinated and monitored legal aid system in Turkey.

III. Progress Review

Result I: Enhanced coordination between women NGOs, civil society organizations, public bodies, lawyers and bar associations to improve the legal aid system in Turkey.

Within the scope of Output I, Activity 1.1 Networking and Coordination Practices, 2 regional meetings were organized in 2020 and 2021 respectively with the participation of the partners and NGO's.

In 2023, the 3rd Regional Workshop was conducted with Sida's NGO and UN partners, with the contribution of 40 participants in total, to share and exchange the experiences and enhance the remaining activities within the Project's scope and overall implementation as well as bringing new ideas for the future. Furthermore, the conducted workshop has highly contributed to cooperation with other UN agencies and relevant public institutions by strengthening knowledge on the issues that are faced in the area of gender equality.

One more workshop is going to be conducted, which is planned for August or September 2023 depending on the availability of project partners.

Output: Third Regional Workshop Expert Reports (*Annex 1*)

Result II: Development of a systematic and structured approach for legal aid services via implementing and further improving best practices in pilot Bar Associations: Poppy Project Practices

Under Activity 2.1 Tailor-made Training Programme and Activity 2.2 ToT Training Programme, Tailor-made and ToT trainings were organized in 2021 and the second round was carried out this in 2023 for lawyers in pilot bar associations who are going to be assigned to work in the established 6 Support Centers for Violence Victims (SCVVs). In total, 330 lawyers participated in the trainings, 162 of which was entitled to training certificates. Tailor-made training participants consisted of 112 lawyers (77 women, 35 men) and ToT training participants consisted of 50 lawyers (43 women, 7 men). Trainings contained the updated versions of law, human rights, gender, psychology and training of trainers' modules. In overall, new lawyers caught up with the required knowledge, and lawyers who previously experienced these trainings got the chance to update and refresh their knowledge.

A booklet, as a handbook for lawyers who work for legal aid provision, prepared by UNDP law experts Prof. Feridun Yenisey and Ms. Aslihan Özdemir, is going to be published in August 2023 and distributed to Bar Associations. s

Output: Lawyer's Handbook (*Annex 2*), Tailor Made and ToT Training Reports and Presentations (*Annex 3*)

Within the scope of Activity 2.4 Communication and Outreach for Pilot Bar Associations; Communication Campaign designs have been printed and are ready for distribution to all pilot bar associations. Meetings have been conducted with partners to discuss how the communication campaign will plan out alongside visits to the pilot provinces. The campaign plan is ready for implementation.

The way the plan will be implemented for the remaining project period was explained by the communication company and UNDP Communication expert in the 4th Advisory Committee Meeting on the 21st of July 2023. UTBA indicated that they have started the assignment of lawyers in SCVVs, and the centers are functional as of July 2023. Bar association representatives shared their opinions on the time flow and UTBA and MoJ indicated that they would fully support the plan and its implementation.

It was indicated that visits are planned to be held mid-August and the communication plan is going to be fully effective starting in September with the new judicial year. The plan will consist of two waves to be held consecutively. The first wave will consist of press releases, tv spots and second wave will involve news related activities such as bar representatives participating in interviews. It is planned to use promotional materials in taxis and supermarkets which will be placed and can be seen for a long period of time. Dissemination of all news and materials related to SCVVs will be done both physically and via websites.

Output: Printed Materials for Communication Campaign Plan (*Annex 3*)

Result III: Enhanced capacities of lawyers practicing legal aid through a tailor-made training programme

Within the framework of Activity 3.2 (*Preparation of Priority Modules on Legal-Aid for Online Training*), the 5 experts to prepare the online learning system modules were contracted. Before the development phase of the modules, a 2-day ToT programme was organized on 25-26 March 2023 for the experts which was led by Learning Management System (LMS) Expert and the contracted company (ANATEK) for the distance learning system development.

The experts are currently developing the modules in line with the activity plan and the Learning Management System Expert submits regular progress reports regarding the work of the experts. The experts are working in coordination with ANATEK who provides guidance for module writing methodology, material selection and use, and adult education strategies. The learning management system, which will support UTBA in providing trainings to lawyers for their capacity development, is planned to be completed by September 2023.

Outputs: Printed Materials for Communication Campaign Plan (*Annex 4*)

Result IV: Awareness raising among bar associations in Turkey on the performance criteria and evaluation mechanism for legal aid services and automation system for appointment of CCP lawyers

Under this outcome, Activity 4.1 International Study Visit to Best Practices, two study visits were planned with the participation of MoJ, UTBA and pilot bar associations in European countries. The aim was to learn from justice institutions, bar associations and their cooperation with civil society and local governance mechanisms especially when working with survivors of violence. One of the study visits has been cancelled due to the post-disaster recovery arrangements under the scope of the project.

A visit to France was carried out to observe and compile information on the legal aid system and service provision in France and discuss some important points with the relevant national authorities. Within the scope of the visit French Ministry of Justice, National Bar Council, Paris Bar Association, Legal Aid Bureau in Paris Courthouse was visited, and fruitful meetings were held by the delegation. The detailed information on legal aid system and findings on legal aid services and its provision is documented with a study visit report.

Output: Report on ToT for Distance Learning Experts (*Annex 5*), Progress Reports for LMS Modules (*Annex 6*) France Study Visit Report (*Annex 7*)

Post-Disaster Recovery Support for Hatay and Adiyaman Bar Associations

After the disaster occurred in February 2023, an urgent need for re-establishment of the physical structures for access to justice and legal aid services in the affected area has emerged. In this respect, UNDP, UTBA and Sida agreed on the post-disaster recovery activity which consists of construction of

bar association buildings in Hatay and Adiyaman and conducting related feasibility studies, technical preparations and implementation of the construction project.

As the first step, an informative note on post-disaster recovery support was prepared by UNDP, and then, a set of discussions and negotiations were held among UNDP, UTBA and SIDA. As a result of the agreement of all parties, UTBA guaranteed the monitoring and quality assurance responsibilities which are expected from them and UNDP officially stated their agreement on SIDA's requests for smooth implementation of the activity within the rules and regulations of UNDP, and finally SIDA granted their approval for the process.

Following these advancements, UNDP prepared a budget for the activity to be held; and hired an expert (Senior Infrastructure Expert) to have technical illustrations, feasibility report, market research, cost estimation, and other preparations done.

Last of all, the budget has been revised and some of the activities included in the original project plan were cancelled to mobilize resources for the activity. Therefore, the activity plan has been revised accordingly.

Outputs: Informative Note on Post-Disaster Recovery Support (*Annex 8*), UTBA's Guarantee Letter for Post-Disaster Recovery Support (*Annex 9*), SIDA's Approval Letter for Post-Disaster Recovery Support (*Annex 10*), UNDP's Agreement Letter for Providing Post-Disaster Recovery Support (*Annex 11*), Post-Disaster Recovery Budget (*Annex 12*), Feasibility and Site Visit Report for Hatay and Adiyaman (*Annex 13*), Updated Annual Work Plan (*Annex 14*).

Indicator Based Performance Assessment

	Description	Indicators	Baseline	Target	Cumulative Realization as of 30.06.2023	Reasons for deviance/delay (where applicable)
Overall Objective /Impact	COOPERATION FRAMEWORK OUTCOME INVOLVING UNDP #4.1: By 2025, governance systems are more transparent, accountable, inclusive and rights-based, with the participation of civil society, and judiciary services are improved in quality					
Specific Objective /Outcome 1	CPD Output 4.2 Capacities and functions of judicial system, NHREI, Ombudsman Institution strengthened to expand access to justice and combat discrimination, with a focus on women and other disadvantaged groups	4.2.2 Number of additional people who have access to justice	(As of January 2020) 22,049 (total) 18,076 women 3973 men	(As of June 2023) 33,846 (total) 27,518 women 6,328 men	27975 (total) 22,834 women 5,141 men	
Output/Expected Result 1.1	Enhanced Coordination Between Women NGO's, Civil Society Organizations, Lawyers and Bar Associations to Improve the Legal Aid System in Turkey	1.1.1 Number of regional workshops	0	4	3	The 2 new regional meetings are planned to be organized during 2023. One of them was organized in July 2023 and the second one is planned to be held on August/September 2023.
Output/Expected Result 1.2	Development of a systematic and structured approach for legal aid services in pilot Bar Associations	1.2.1 Number of trainees participated in trainings	0	300	250*	Participation level was lower than expected due to several factors: COVID-19 pandemic, less interest due to switching to digital platforms and increase in the workload of lawyers.
		1.2.2 Number of trainees participated to ToT Trainings	0	140	162*	The number is above the target.
		1.2.3 Number of (Support Centers for Violence Victims) SCVVs established	0	7	6 established and operational	The original target was 7 centers, but in Nevşehir local authorities, mainly the Governorate, Municipality, Bar Association, Courthouse and Provincial Directorate of Ministry of Family and Social Services were not able to provide an office space for the center. Furthermore, management of both Nevşehir Municipality and Bar Association changed. The momentum changed drastically for all these reasons and the establishment of the center was cancelled. The rest of the 6 centers were officially

						opened at the end of February 2022. However, due to various reasons explained throughout the report the centers only became functional in July 2023.
		1.2.4 Guidelines are produced for use by all SCVVs	No	Yes	Yes	Guidelines are approved by UTBA and Bar Associations.
		1.2.5 An M&E framework introduced and in use by SCVVs by the end of the project	No	Yes	No	As centers are functional as of July 2023 the M&E strategy which was prepared by UNDP in 2021 will be re-discussed before the start of the monitoring activities.
Output/Expected Result 1.3	Enhanced Capacities of Lawyers Practicing Legal Aid	1.3.1 A training needs assessment report produced	No	Yes	Yes	
		1.3.2 Number of training modules developed for online trainings	0	5	0	The experts to prepare the modules have been contracted and they started to produce the contents. 4 out of 5 experts completed their first sub-modules (out of five) and they are working on the second ones.
		1.3.3 Distance Learning Management System on Legal Aid Developed	No	Yes	No	The contracted company, ANATEK, has started to work in coordination with the experts. ANATEK will integrate the sub-modules and eventually modules to the system after review and revisions.
		1.3.4 Number of lawyers issued certificates for their completion of training programs	0	500	0	The certification of the lawyers depends on the Learning Management System's establishment and work will continue until October 2023.
Output/Expected Result 1.4	Awareness raising among bar associations in Turkey on the performance criteria and evaluation mechanism for legal	1.4.1 Number of international study visits	0	2	1	A study visit to France was held in January 2023 and a visit report was produced. The second study visit has been cancelled due to re-purposing of the project budget and activities to conduct post-disaster recovery activities.

	aid services and automation system for appointment of CCP lawyers	1.4.2 One day National Conference organized	No	Yes	No	This activity has been cancelled due to re-purposing of the project budget and activities to conduct post-disaster recovery activities.
		1.4.3 Five local study visits to best practice Bar Associations in Turkey organized	No	Yes	No	This activity has been cancelled due to re-purposing of the project budget and activities to conduct post-disaster recovery activities.
Output/Expected Result 1.5	Awareness of public on SCVVs' legal aid services raised	1.5.1 Number of times SCVVs are covered in local media in 6 pilot cities	0	N/A	N/A	The communication campaign will be implemented in September 2023.
		1.5.2 Number of citizens reached by awareness raising activities as evidenced by Media Monitoring Report	0	N/A	N/A	

** When indicating the number of the trainees only the ones entitled to have certificates are considered as “participant”.*

IV. Contribution to Gender Equality

UNDP – UNWOMEN cooperation kickoff on 29 November 2022. 12 Aralık 2022 (Ankara), 19 Aralık (İzmir), 22 Aralık 2022 (Istanbul).

During each project activity a gender equality expert monitors implementation. After the completion of each outcome, the project team assesses the overall implementation with the project's gender equality expert. In 2020, gender disaggregated data started being collected.

In 2020, out of 3985 persons provided with legal aid, 3264 were women (81 %).

In 2021, out of 4719 persons provided with legal aid, 3777 were women (80 %).

In the first half of 2022, out of 2564 persons provided with legal aid, 2131 were women (83%).

The establishment of SCVVs is a milestone in combatting violence at the local level, in projects' pilot provinces. The centers will support local judicial mechanisms in providing legal counselling services specifically to people subjected to violence. Furthermore, the SCVVs will strengthen the legal protection of vulnerable groups, especially women and girls. The centers will also improve the referral mechanisms at provinces, which will eventually improve accessing justice for vulnerable groups.

The project's communication plan was designed and developed with a gender equality perspective. The services provided at the centers are non-discriminatory and women and girls subjected to violence are prioritized. The services are built upon international principles about human rights, gender equality and protection of rights, therefore the messages and materials developed throughout the communication plan encapsulates those principles.

The M&E framework of the project will ensure that lawyers provide case specific legal remedies to people subjected to violence at SCVVs. The M&E framework will also support the work at the centers by achieving a certain standard in legal aid counselling services and data collection for gender sensitive service delivery.

V. Updated Project Issues and Actions

- The project no-cost extension request was approved by Sida on 23 Ocak 2023.
- UNDP compensated for 6 months of project staff salaries between June – November 2022 which equaled to 33.661,72 USD. The project became stalemate at that time. Sida agreed on the method of money transfer on 10 February 2023.
- After the February 2023 earthquake disaster in Türkiye, the project budget and activities were re-arranged. Some activities were cancelled (explained above in the Progress Review section) in order to allocate the budget for establishing Hatay and Adıyaman Bar Association buildings. The post-disaster recovery proposal was accepted first by Sida and then by authorities in Stockholm on 17 April 2023.

VI. Monitoring Arrangements

The 4th Steering Committee Meeting was held on 13th April 2023. The following decisions were taken:

- Repurposing of the project and planning for post-disaster recovery support to Hatay and Adıyaman Bar Associations was accepted by all project partners. Later, the proposal was submitted for the final approval of the project donor Sida.
- Sida will inform all parties about the final approval of repurposing of the project budget by authorities in Stockholm.
- Field visits will be conducted to pilot bar associations for the operationalization of the centers. UNDP, UTBA and MoJ will take part in the field visits.
- Project implementation will continue as presented in the activity plan during the meeting.

Details of the discussions and suggestions are reported in the meeting minutes (*Annex 15*).

Explanation of outputs which are going to be handed over to UTBA and Bar Associations by November 2023:

- After the construction of Hatay and Adıyaman Bar Associations are completed they will be handed over to UTBA and respective Bar Associations in November 2023
- M&E report within the scope of Activity 2.5 for pilot Bar Associations
- LMS will be handed over to UTBA within the scope of Outcome 3
- The communication campaign of the centers will also be handed over to pilot Bar Associations after its implementation within the scope of Activity 2.4 in November 2023

VII. Lessons Learned

- Ensuring high level of ownership by UTBA and pilot bar associations are key for the project to achieve its results within the scope of Outcome II. Bar associations and legal aid lawyers need to own the centers in order to improve counselling services provided to the vulnerable groups.
- The centers' functionality is key for the projects' success, because measurability, sustainability and scalability of the results are all dependent on the center's work.
- Communication plan is crucial for raising awareness among the public about combatting violence, the importance of accessing justice and legal protection/ remedies.
- Management of procurement and contracting is important for moving forward with activities under Outcome III. Establishment of the LMS requires precise planning and punctuality due to the complexity of work.

- UNDP should expand its cooperation with different CSOs, other UN organizations and public institutions. Cooperation with other organizations and institutions can increase the impact of project results.

VIII. Conclusions and Way Forward

- One more regional workshop is going to be organized under Outcome I for Cooperation with other UN agencies such as UNWOMEN, UNHCR and UNICEF as well as a wide range of CSOs in order to improve networking and coordination between civil society organizations and pilot bar associations. This is key for strengthening local violence prevention and referral mechanisms as well as increasing the projects contribution with new NGOs and public institutions, so that new areas regarding access to justice and legal aid are discovered for improvement and the awareness about established SCVVs are increased.
- Sustainability of the results should be ensured, especially within the scope of Outcome II. The centers need to be working effectively, provide qualified legal aid counselling, generate data and be able to find durable solutions for applicants. Moreover, the cooperation between the centers and CSOs and public institutions should work effectively in order to maintain a reliable violence prevention mechanism.
- The M&E system of the project should be applied carefully for presenting the efficiency of the centers, produce accurate data analysis, serve the purposes/ targets of SDG 16 and showcase the necessity of these centers at the local level for combatting violence and improving access to justice.
- The communication plan needs to be implemented carefully considering political and societal sensitivities and aims to raise awareness about the services provided by centers. The communication plan is an important tool to increase the visibility and impact of the centers.
- The work for establishing the LMS is ongoing. In order to deliver the LMS on time, the working and approval methodology have been clearly communicated with UTBA and experts, and it is being closely followed and monitored by the project team.
- The communication plan under Outcome IV, for raising awareness of quality assurance of services and performance management of lawyers will start in September 2023 as it follows the operationalization of the centers in July 2023.
- The tender for Hatay and Adiyaman Bar Associations will be completed by 14 August 2023. The evaluation of bidders who hopefully be completed by late August 2023 and the contract will be issued in the beginning of September 2023. The prefabricated structures will be completed and handed over to UTBA and Bar Associations by November 2023.

IX. Financial Status⁵

	Budget in Project Document (USD)	Total Expenditure in NCE (USD)	Remaining Budget as of 30 June 2023
<i>Outcome 1 - Enhanced coordination between women NGOs, civil society organizations, public bodies, lawyers and bar associations to improve the legal aid system in Turkey.</i>	89,080.00	0.00	89,080.00
<i>Outcome 2 - Development of a systematic and structured approach for legal aid services via implementing and further improving best practices in pilot Bar Associations: Poppy Project Practices</i>	191,660.00	31,702.20	159,957.80
<i>Outcome 3 - Enhanced capacities of lawyers practicing legal aid through a tailor-made training programme</i>	228,250.00	1,050.00	227,200.00
<i>Outcome 4 - Awareness rising among bar associations in Turkey on the performance criteria and evaluation mechanism for legal aid services and automation system for appointment of CCP lawyers</i>	460,615.07	175,598.04	285,017.03
<i>Outcome 5 – Project Management</i>	129,573.24	78,093.97	51,479.27
<i>Direct Project Cost (DPC) 3%</i>	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
<i>General Management Support (GMS) 8%</i>	68,822.60	1,010.14	67,812.46
TOTAL NCE	1,545,483.62	208,350.24	1,337,133.38
TOTAL PROJECT	1,545,483.62	577,706.83	759,426.55

⁵ Disclaimer: Data contained in this financial report section is an extract of UNDP financial records. All financial provided above is provisional. Disclaimer: UNDP adopted IPSAS (International Public Sector Accounting Standards) on 1 January 2012, cumulative totals that include data prior to that date are presented for illustration only.

Resources:

EXPECTED RESULTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	PERIOD	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET			REALIZED		
		NCE		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount (USD)	Expenditure	Remaining Budget	Notes*
<i>Outcome I - Enhanced Coordination Between Women NGO's, Civil Society Organizations, Lawyers and Bar Associations to Improve the Legal Aid System in Turkey</i>	1.1 Networking and coordination practices	X	UTBA UNDP	Sida	Experts (30 m/days)	7,080.00	0.00	7,080.00	
					Travel	25,500.00	0.00	25,500.00	
					Accommodation & Meeting Costs	55,500.00	0.00	55,500.00	
					Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
SUBTOTAL					89,080.00	0.00	89,080.00		
<i>Outcome II – Development of a systematic and structured approach for legal aid services via implementing and further improving best practices in pilot Bar Associations: Poppy Project practices</i>	2.0 Baseline studies for establishment		UTBA UNDP	Sida	Experts (29 m/days)	9,050.00	9,050.00	0.00	
					Travel	8,400.00	2,476.65	5,923.35	
					Accommodation & Meeting Costs	13,600.00	5,656.29	7,943.71	
					Miscellaneous Expenses	400.00	0.00	400.00	
	2.1 Tailor-made Training Programme	X	UTBA UNDP	Sida	Experts (20 m/days)	5,120.00	3,550.00	1,570.00	
					Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	
					Accommodation & Meeting Costs	500.00	202.40	297.60	Online meeting -no accommodation is foreseen. Expenditure is for published materials only.
					Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	X	UTBA UNDP	Sida	Experts (36 m/days)	10,680.00	8,600.00	2,080.00		

	2.2 ToT Training Programme				Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	Online meeting -no accommodation is foreseen. Expenditure is for published materials only.	
					Accommodation & Meeting Costs	500.00	285.00	215.00		
					Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	2.3 Infrastructure Support and Upgrading of Pilot Bar Associations	X		UTBA UNDP	Sida	IM Expert (10 m/days)	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
						Travel	1,800.00	1,428.94	371.06	
						Accommodation	1,800.00	452.92	1,347.08	
						Miscellaneous Expenses	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	
	2.4 Communication and Outreach for each Pilot Bar Association	X		UTBA UNDP	Sida	PR Campaigns	65,000.00	0.00	65,000.00	
						Experts (24 m/days)	5,340.00	0.00	5,340.00	
						Travel	5,400.00	0.00	5,400.00	
						Accommodation	5,400.00	0.00	5,400.00	
	2.5 Monitoring and Review of Local Poppy Practices	X		UTBA UNDP	Sida	Experts (63 m/days)	16,070.00	0.00	16,070.00	
						Travel & accommodation	21,600.00	0.00	21,600.00	
						Miscellaneous Expenses	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	
	<i>SUBTOTAL</i>						191,660.00	31,702.20	159,957.80	

EXPECTED RESULTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	PERIOD	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET			REALIZED		
		NCE		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount (USD)	Expenditure	Remaining Budget	Notes*
Outcome III – Enhanced Capacities of Lawyers Practicing Legal Aid Through a Tailor-made Training Programme	3.1 Training Needs Assessment for a tailor-made Online Training Programme on Legal Aid		UTBA UNDP	Sida	Experts (13 m/days)	4,050.00	1,050.00	3,000.00	
	3.2 Preparation of Priority Modules on Legal-Aid for Online Training	X	UTBA UNDP	Sida	Expert (15 m/days)	4,200.00	0.00	4,200.00	
					Experts for Modules	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	
					Meeting Costs	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	
	3.3 Preparation of Software Infrastructure for Online Training Programme	X	UTBA UNDP	Sida	Experts (75 m/days)	22,500.00	0.00	22,500.00	
Services					157,500.00	0.00	157,500.00		
SUBTOTAL						228,250.00	1,050.00	227,200.00	

EXPECTED RESULTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	PERIOD	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET			REALIZED		
		NCE		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount (USD)	Expenditure	Remaining Budget	Notes*
<i>Outcome IV – Awareness raising among bar associations in Turkey on the performance criteria and evaluation mechanism for legal aid services and automation system for appointment of CCP lawyers</i>	4.1 International Study Visits to Best Practices	X	UTBA MoJ UNDP	Sida	Experts (5 m/days)	1,750.00	0.00	1,750.00	
					Travel & accommodation	95,200.00	79,293.93	15,906.07	
					Interpretation Costs	4,800.00	3,200.00	1,600.00	
					Meeting Costs	16,000.00	14,000.00	2,000.00	
	4.2 Implementation of Communication Plan for Awareness Raising on Performance Management and Automation System	X	UTBA MoJ UTBA	Sida	Expert (15 m/days)	3,050.00	0.00	3,050.00	
					Communication Services	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	
	4.2.1 One-day National Conference	X	UTBA MoJ UTBA	Sida	Expert (5 m/days)	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	
					Travel & accommodation	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	
					Meeting Costs	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	
					Miscellaneous Expenses	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	
	4.2.2 Five Local Study Visits to Best Practicing Bar Associations	X	UTBA MoJ UTBA	Sida	Expert (8 m/days)	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
					Travel & accommodation	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	
					Meeting Costs	500.00	0.00	500.00	
4.2.3 Review and Update of Performance Criteria for Legal Aid Lawyers	X	UTBA MoJ UTBA	Sida	Expert (9 m/days)	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00		
				Translation	4,100.00	0.00	4,100.00		
SUBTOTAL					460,615.07	175,598.04	285,017.03		

Project Management	Project Assistant		UNDP	Sida		19,736.40	12,083.47	7,652.93	
	Administrative/ Statistics Assistant		UNDP	Sida		22,875.12	13,840.92	9,034.20	
	Project Associate		UNDP	Sida		28,150.92	17,575.96	10,574.96	
	Project Manager		UNDP	Sida		43,990.80	26,055.46	17,935.34	
	Access to Justice and Human Rights Specialist		UNDP	Sida		14,820.00	8,538.16	6,281.84	
	Rent		UNDP	Sida		0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Audit & Evaluation Costs		UNDP	Sida		0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Project Steering Group & Advisory Meetings (4)		UNDP	Sida		36,319.23	0.00	36,319.23	
	Visibility		UNDP	Sida		0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Direct Project Cost (DPC) 3%		UNDP	Sida		5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	
	General Management Support (GMS) 8%		UNDP	Sida		68,822.60	1,010.14	67,812.46	
	SUBTOTAL								
GRAND TOTAL (June 2022-June 2023)						1,545,483.62**	208,350.24	1,337,133.38	
Prev. Expenditure. (2019-2022)							577,706.83		
GRAND TOTAL (2019-2023)						1,545,483.62	786,057.07	759,426.55	

* The expenditure has been in line with the activity plan and budget approved for no-cost extension period so far. Notes added for some minor details on the notes column so as to draw a clear picture of resources and expenditures.

** This amount represents the total amount of the project budget after UNDP's contribution to the project is added. The original project budget is USD 1,555,811.90.

X. Annexes

Annex-1: Third Regional Workshop Expert Reports

Annex-2: Lawyer's Handbook

Annex-3: Tailor Made and ToT Training Reports and Presentations

Annex-4: Printed Materials for Communication Campaign Plan

Annex-5: Report on ToT for Distance Learning Experts

Annex-6: Progress Reports for LMS Modules

Annex-7: France Study Visit Report

Annex-8: Informative Note on Post-Disaster Recovery Support

Annex-9: UTBA's Guarantee Letter for Post-Disaster Recovery Support

Annex-10: SIDA's Approval Letter for Post-Disaster Recovery Support

Annex-11: UNDP's Agreement Letter for Providing Post-Disaster Recovery Support

Annex-12: Post-Disaster Recovery Budget

Annex-13: Feasibility and Site Visit Report for Hatay and Adiyaman

Annex-14: Updated Annual Work Plan

Annex-15: 4th Steering Committee Meeting Minutes