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Dear Ms. Stawe,

**Subject:** “Support to the Improvement of Legal Aid Practices for Access to Justice for All in Turkey Phase II 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 2021 and 1 June 2022 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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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 2021 – June 2022
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 May 2023 (extension period starting from 1 June 2022)
LPAC Date	17 April 2019
Steering Committee/Project Board Meeting Dates	1 <sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting: 11 March 2020 2 <sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting: 9 July 2021 3 <sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting: 14 April 2022
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
2022 Delivery to Budget Ratio	28 %
2022 Annual Work Plan Budget	358,032.20 USD
Total resources required	1,511,811.90 USD
Revenue received	1,511,811.90 USD
Unfunded budget	N/A
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## I. Executive summary

The most important development in 2022 has been the official opening of 6 Support Centers for Violence Victims (SCVVs) on 24 February<sup>1</sup>. The event was attended by representatives of SIDA, UTBA, Ministry of Justice, bar associations, embassies and NGOs. The event got a lot of press coverage<sup>2</sup> which eventually helped raise awareness about gender-based violence (GBV) specific legal aid services. The announcement of the establishment of the centers is a major milestone in terms of project implementation. The SCVVs will contribute to the development of a systemic and structured approach in terms of application of law, legal aid services and improving accessing justice especially for vulnerable groups.

The mid-term independent evaluation of the project recommended that UNDP conducts an expert in-depth mapping of how the centers (SCVVs) are operating in practice. Such a mapping is to reference the centers guidelines designed by the Project as a starting point and examine each SCVV to assess how it is operating on a day-to-day basis and the extent to which it is adhering to the guidelines in practice; whether the lines of communication and referral networks are working as expected and to identify possible “bottlenecks” and problems within the system. (*Annex 1*)

To fulfill this recommendation, during April-June 2022 period, field visits were organized to 6 pilot provinces namely Balıkesir, Denizli, Mardin, Samsun, Rize and Antalya in order to start the adaptation of SCVV guidelines and obtain approvals of bar associations’ executive boards. The field visits were organized in cooperation with UTBA. The Women’s Rights, Children’s Rights, and Legal Aid Commission representatives were present in the meetings along with Executive Committee members of bar associations. The Bar Associations agreed to keep UTBA and UNDP informed about the developments regarding the application of the SCVV guideline. These visits were helpful for UNDP and UTBA to analyze the situational context of each pilot bar association and their related necessities. Moreover, legal aid lawyers were reminded their roles, responsibilities towards applicants and how the SCVVs should operate. Pilot bar associations were also informed about the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) strategy which will measure the impact of the SCVVs in terms of accessing legal aid and justice. The M&E strategy is crucial for analyzing the functionality of referral networks which includes civil society organizations and public institutions.

Communication activities for presenting the SCVVs to the public and raising awareness of the legal aid services have started after obtaining the approval of project partners. The communication plan in place was developed in line with UTBA’s and MoJ’s suggestions, but pilot bar associations’ requirements are prioritized for the SCVVs publicity. The communication plan specifically helps raise awareness about improved method of accessing justice and legal aid service provision catered towards people subjected to violence.

The training needs assessment (TNA) for the learning management system of UTBA was approved on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 during the II. Steering Committee Meeting. The 5 modules which will be incorporated in the system are: foundations of human rights, effective advocacy in practice, notions of legal profession, practical internet applications for lawyers and basic accounting, financial literacy and office management for lawyers. The establishment of the learning management system (LMS) is going to support UTBA develop professional capacities of lawyers and specialize human rights.

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<sup>1</sup> The 7th center at Nevşehir was not established, because of lack of space in local institutions, bar, courthouse and municipality.

<sup>2</sup> Please check Annex 2

## 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 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, 2 regional meetings were organized in 2020 and 2021 respectively with the participation of the partners and NGO's. However, due to the preparations for the no-cost extension and other arrangements, 3<sup>rd</sup> regional workshop could not be organized in 30 June 2021- 30 June 2022 period, but the project team and UNDP have kept close contact with NGOs through UNDP's other project VAW and UNDP events such as 16 Days of Activism Campaign. In the remaining period of the project, the project team aims to contact with the Sida's NGO partners to benefit from their experiences and encourage them to participate in the next regional meeting planned for XXXX by helping them to get acquainted with the project's scope and overall implementation. Furthermore, cooperation with other UN agencies and relevant public institutions will be strengthened by meetings organized within the scope of Output I.

### **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**

The opening ceremony for the centers was held physically and online on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2022, alongside a conference about ‘Legal Aid and The Role of Bar Associations in Combating Violence Against Women’. A total of 126 people of whom 95 were women and 31 were men, took part in the meeting (97 physically there, 73 women/24 men + 29 online, 22 women/7 men). 6 Support Centers for Violence Victims (SCVVs) were established.

The SCVVs strengthen local violence prevention mechanisms by providing legal aid services to people subjected to violence, especially women and girls subjected to violence. Lawyers at these centers are experienced and equipped with skills to work for sensitive cases and provide legal remedies for people subjected to violence. The centers cooperate with civil society organizations and public institutions for building a strong referral network. The centers will bring a certain level of standard in combatting with violence at pilot provinces.

In April-June 2022, field visits were organized to pilot provinces. The guidelines were adopted for each pilot provinces in cooperation with UTBA. Lawyers have also been notified about a planned M&E framework which will be used to measure the impact and success of these established centers.

**Output:** Opening Ceremony and Conference Participant list. (*Annex 2*)

In order to provide SCVVs a performance management system, UNDP proposed an M&E framework (Annex 3) based on **4 dimensions** which are important to demonstrate the proof of concept. These dimensions are: **Reach and Accessibility of SCVVs (alignment with LNOB), Efficiency of the SCVV, Coordination of SCVV with other ecosystem actors and Diversity of legal assistance.** For each dimension, a set of indicators have been proposed in **SCVV M&E framework (42 indicators in total)**. It is expected that there will be a **data collection focal point in each SCVV** who makes sure that these indicators are measured and reported periodically. It is planned to discuss the framework with lawyers in order to understand the feasibility and discuss the benefits of such approach. As a second step, UNDP will be developing a reporting template to record information on the above-mentioned dimensions. The reporting template expected to have followed sections: general information on when and how the application was made; information on the applicant; information on the type and the other characteristics of violence subject to application. This process also aims at unearthing crucial information on why applications may be withdrawn; prominent issues in issuing or implementation of protective measures etc. This questionnaire is going to be used when the first dossier is opened for the GBV victim and periodically updated every 6 months to be on top of the case management. This will also ensure performance management at Legal Aid Centers and provide a proof of concept.

**Output:** Principles of the M&E System Framework and M&E Framework (*Annex 3*)

On 4 February 2022, a tender was published for selecting a communication company for developing and implementing a communication plan for raising awareness about the centers and legal aid services provided to vulnerable groups. On 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, the communication company was contracted. The company and the project's communication expert developed a communication strategy and presented it during a meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 (the "preparation meeting" for the II. SCM). The communication plan was approved by UTBA. The company is currently producing the promotional materials.

**Outputs:** PR/Communication Campaign Plan and Draft Designs (*Annex 4*)

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

The Training Needs Assessment (TNA) report was approved during the II. SCM. The 5 priority modules were determined, and Activity 3.1 was completed. The TNA report specifies and briefly describes the 5 priority subjects which are going to form the basis for the Learning Management System of UTBA. The TNA report was approved by UTBA and other project partners during the II. SCM. Hiring of experts are continuing. The experts will be responsible from the development of the modules under the scope of Activity 3.2 (*Preparation of Priority Modules on Legal-Aid for Online Training*).

The 5 modules' subjects are presented below:

- Foundations of human rights
- Notions of legal profession
- Practical internet applications for lawyers
- Effective advocacy in practice
- Basic accounting, financial literacy and office management for lawyers

In order to analyze and determine the technical needs of the learning management system which will be integrated to UTBA's current hardware infrastructure, a series of meetings were held in April 2021 within the scope of Activity 3.3. IT team of UTBA, UNDP IT Expert and the UNDP Project Team participated in these meetings to understand systemic requirements. A technical specification document was prepared, and market research was conducted by the IT Expert. A tender was published for establishment of UTBA's distance learning system. The evaluation will conclude soon. The LMS will support UTBA in providing trainings to lawyers for their capacity development.

**Outputs:** TNA report (Activity 3.1 Training Needs Assessment (TNA) for a tailor-made Online Training Programme on Legal Aid); Technical Specification for development of software infrastructure (Activity 3.3 Preparation of Software Infrastructure for Online Training Programme).

**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, 2 study visits are planned with the participation of MoJ, UTBA and pilot bar associations in European countries. It is planned to learn from justice institutions, bar associations and their cooperation with civil society and local governance mechanisms especially when working with survivors of violence.

A national conference is also planned under this outcome. The focus of the conference will be the promotion of automation system, monitoring & evaluation and quality assurance of legal aid system and ethical code of conduct (discussing good practices).

Additionally, during the development of the extension request, UNDP and UTBA had proposed the inclusion of a new activity in the project for supporting pilot cases at SCVVs during the extended period under the heading of “Strengthening of performance-based systems approach for the operationalization of SCVVs through piloting and reporting of 150 cases and applications.” It was proposed that this activity would both support the application of performance criteria and ethical code of conduct for legal aid lawyers and would support monitoring and evaluation of the handling of legal aid cases. However, regarding this proposal, sustainability was an issue of concern, where it was not sufficiently clear how such services would continue in a context where providing the legal aid itself have its challenges. The proposed activity was not accepted by Sida. In the upcoming period, nevertheless, online meetings with lawyers working in the centers will be held to discuss thematic issues such as monitoring of cases, reaching to potential applicants. It is envisaged that this will provide as a platform to discuss gaps and potential steps for systemic quality assurance.

During the development of the extension request, a new activity has been added to the workplan. Newly added activity 4.2.3: Review and Update of Performance Criteria for Legal Aid Lawyers envisages provision of translation of Codes of Conduct from European countries as good practices to better inform the revision and updating of previously developed Performance Criteria for Legal Aid Lawyers. More concretely this activity foresees the updating Performance Criteria for Legal Aid Lawyers and transform it into Ethical Code of Conduct for Legal Aid Lawyers in line with international best practices. The resulting document will then be advocated for its adoption through the ethics commission of the UTBA. This way, implementation and sustainability of the implementation Code of Conduct for Legal Aid Lawyers is sought.

### Indicator Based Performance Assessment

	Description	Indicators	Baseline	Target	Cumulative Realization as of 30.06.2022	Reasons for deviance/delay (where applicable)
<b>Overall Objective /Impact</b>	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					
<b>Specific Objective /Outcome 1</b>	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	2	The 2 new regional meetings are planned to be organized during 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	138	Participation level was low due to several factors: COVID-19 pandemic, less interest due to switch to digital platforms and increase in the workload of lawyers.
		1.2.2 Number of trainees participated to ToT Trainings	0	140	120	This is below the target, because the participation level was low.
		1.2.3 Number of (Support Centers for Violence Victims) SCVVs established	0	6	6 established but not operational	The management of both Nevşehir Province Municipality and Bar Association changed. Therefore, the previous agreement about designation of office space for Nevşehir center was cancelled. Centers were officially opened at the end of February 2022. However, they are still not functional due to bar associations' low ownership.
		1.2.4 Guidelines are	No	Yes	Yes	Guidelines are approved by UTBA and Bar Associations.

		produced for use by all SCVVs				
		1.2.5 An M&E framework introduced and in use by SCVVs by the end of the project	No	Yes	No	The centers are not functioning; therefore, an M&E framework cannot be implemented. Partners did not agree on how to move forward as well.
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	Training modules have been identified. Sub-sections of the modules are described in the trainings needs assessment. Recruitment of consultants who will finalize the training module is ongoing.
		1.3.3 Distance Learning Management System on Legal Aid Developed	No	Yes	No	The company has been selected for this work; however, the Learning Management System can only be created once modules are prepared in full detail. The content of the modules needs to be finalized so that the system can be launched.
		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.
Output/Expected Result 1.4	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	1.4.1 Number of international study visits	0	1	0	No international study visit was organized due to COVID-19 and slow implementation because of internal and external impediments.
		1.4.2 One day National Conference organized	No	Yes	No	This activity is going to be organized in 2023.
		1.4.3 Five local study visits to best practice	No	Yes	No	This activity is going to be organized in 2023.



		Bar Associations in Turkey organized				
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 company is producing materials and they will be sent to partners for approval. Later, the targets will be clear.
		1.5.2 Number of citizens reached by awareness raising activities as evidenced by Media Monitoring Report	0	N/A	N/A	

#### **IV. Contribution to Gender Equality**

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

1. The centers at 6 pilot provinces are not functioning. The UTBA and UNDP project team visited each bar association and made sure that the guideline for the centers are understood and applied correctly. Furthermore, UTBA committed that they will own the project more and ensure that the centers are going to work through bar associations' relevant committees.
2. The centers at Rize and Samsun provinces are not adequate and there is extremely limited space. Field visits are going to be conducted with the projects' architect/infrastructure expert soon to re-assess the situation at both provinces and propose adjustments if required.
3. The project's communication plan was not implemented, because the dysfunctionality of the centers. However certain aspects of the communication plan were re-evaluated, and materials are being produced. After the centers become functional the plan will be launched in order to maximize the impact of the communication plan.
4. The learning management system (LMS) of UTBA was not established, because of procurement related contractual issues. A respectable company is selected and hopefully will be contracted soon. The experts who will be responsible from developing the modules of the LMS are about to be hired and soon will start working.

## VI. Monitoring Arrangements

1. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2021, a meeting between the UTBA and UNDP was organized. The highlights of the meeting is summarized below:
  - No-cost extension request is going to be prepared for submitting to Sida
  - UTBA showed their desire to continue with a third phase of the project. They wanted to design the third phase based on sustainability of services and scaling the centers nationwide
  - UTBA requested to have a meeting with Sida for negotiating for the third phase of the project
  - Cooperation will be extended with UN WOMEN, CSOs and other public institutions.
2. The II. Steering Committee Meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2021. The following decisions were taken:
  - The current situation of the project was informed to all partners and new name for the Violence Prevention Centers established within the scope of the project was decided as 'Support Center for Victims of Violence'.
  - It was decided that the steering committee meetings will now be held every 6 months instead of once a year.
  - The TNA was presented and accepted by the committee.
  - A no-cost extension can be discussed in future steering committee meetings (Surplus budget, new activities and/or preparation (inception) for Phase III).
  - The possibility of a new project, which could be deemed as Legal Aid Phase III, could be considered in future committee meetings depending on this project results and will of project partners. All project partners explained that if the sustainability could be ensured and because UTBA and MoJ wants to scale up the centers nationwide, another project could be planned.
3. The III. Steering Committee Meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2022. The following decisions were taken:
  - Regional meetings are going to be organized face to face, because health risks diminished.
  - Activities about legal aid services' quality assurance and performance management will be accelerated.
  - The current situation of the project was informed to all partners and all partners agreed on the activity and implementation plan
  - The English transition of the name of the centers changed to "Support Center for Violence Victims".
  - Third and fourth regional meetings will be added as new activities considering the active participation of non-governmental organizations.
  - The no-cost extension proposal will be consolidated and sent to SIDA for their assessment and approval within April 2022.

- Meetings will be held to increase the cooperation between the centers, provincial representatives of Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Family and Social Services to raise awareness among lawyers.

*(Annex 5: Third Steering Committee Meeting Minutes and Presentation)*

4. The Mid-Term Evaluation of the project started in June 2021 and was finalized in September 2021 (including the approval process of project partners). The period under evaluation was from the beginning of the project until August 2021.

5. The II. Annual Meeting between Sida and UNDP was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2021. The following topics were discussed:

- Short overview of developments in the context over the last year
- Comments on the 2020 narrative and financial reporting
- Presentation on the external evaluation
- No cost extension and plan including challenges and opportunities ahead
- Next step, change in the UTBA risks and opportunities

*(Annex 6: UNDP - SIDA Annual Meeting Minutes)*

6. Field visits were organized to pilot bar associations during April-June 2022, together with UTBA. The aim of the visits was to analyze the situation of the centers. Guideline of the centers were presented and adopted by pilot bar associations. Informative sessions were held with lawyers and board members.

## **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 centers work.
- Communication plan is crucial for raising awareness among the public about combatting violence, 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 complexity of work.
- UNDP should be open to cooperating 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**

- A no-cost extension is going to be planned due to the budget surplus and ongoing activities.
- More regional meetings are going to be organized under Outcome I for improving networking and coordination between civil society organizations and pilot bar associations. This is key for strengthening local violence prevention and referral mechanisms.
- Cooperation with other UN agencies such as UNWOMEN, UNHCR and UNICEF will be increased in upcoming project activities under Outcome I.
- Another round of trainings will be organized for lawyers under Outcome II.
- Project's cooperation with new NGOs and public institutions will be increased. This will eventually improve the impact of results both under Outcome I and II. It will help discover new areas for improvement in terms of legal aid and access to justice. Furthermore, new NGOs will broaden the support network for people subjected to violence and increase awareness raising among the public.
- 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 cooperation with Judicial Support Directorates and ŞÖNİMs are key here for ensuring sustainability as well.

- 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 aim 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 should immediately start without further delay, because Outcome III requires careful planning and performance management of experts who are going to be responsible for writing the modules. In order to deliver the LMS on time, the working and approval methodology should be clearly communicated with UTBA and experts.
- The communication plan under Outcome IV, for raising awareness of quality assurance of services and performance management of lawyers should start to complement the work of the centers.

### IX. Financial Status<sup>3</sup>

	Budget in Project Document (USD)	Total Expenditure June 2020 – June 2021 (USD)	Remaining Budget as of 30 June 2021
<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>	43,650.00	22,722.65	20,927.35
<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>	447,547.80	195,444.77	252,103.03
<i>Outcome 3 - Enhanced capacities of lawyers practicing legal aid through a tailor-made training programme</i>	158,800.00	2,213.92	156,586.08
<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>	188,150.00	0	188,150.00
<i>Outcome 5 – Project Management</i>	430,635.00	249,695.18	317,757.84
<i>Direct Project Cost (DPC) 3%</i>	37,119.98	37,119.98	00.00
<i>General Management Support (GMS) 8%</i>	101,956.22	34,000.19	67,956.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,407,859.00</b>	<b>541,196.69</b>	<b>866,662.31</b>
<i>After the completion of 3 payments from SIDA, the remaining financial allocation of the project increased according to the change in USD/SEK parity and the UN operational rate of exchange.</i>	<b>1,511,811.90</b>	<b>541,196.69</b>	<b>970,615.21</b>

<sup>3</sup> 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 <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME			RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET			REALIZED		
		Y1	Y2	Y3		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount (USD)	Expenditure	Remaining Budget	Notes*
<b>Outcome I - Enhanced Coordination Between Women NGO's, Civil Society Organizations, Lawyers and Bar Associations to Improve the Legal Aid System in Turkey</b>	1.1 Networking and coordination practices	X			UTBA UNDP	SIDA	Experts (28 m/days)	8,550	6,279.41	2,270.59	
							Travel	15,600	0	15,600.00	
							Accommodation & Meeting Costs	18,720	15,971.45	2,748.55	
							Miscellaneous Expenses	780	471.79	308.21	
<b>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</b>	2.0 Baseline studies for establishment	X			UTBA UNDP	SIDA	Experts (29 m/days)	9,050	9,050	0	
							Travel	8,400	2,476.65	5,923	
							Accommodation & Meeting Costs	13,600	5,656.29	7,943.71	
							Miscellaneous Expenses	400	0	400	
	2.1 Tailor-made Training Programme	X			UTBA UNDP	SIDA	Experts (70 m/days)	22,250	22,250	0	
							Travel	9,450	0	9,450	
							Accommodation & Meeting Costs	77,700	45,945.94	31,754.06	
							Miscellaneous Expenses	500	0	500	
	2.2 ToT Training Programme	X			UTBA UNDP	SIDA	Experts (42 m/days)	15,950	15,950	0	
							Travel	10,500	0	10,500	
							Accommodation & Meeting Costs	68,200	8,406.90	59,793.10	
							Miscellaneous Expenses	600	0	600	

2.3 Infrastructure Support and Upgrading of Pilot Bar Associations	X			UTBA UNDP	SIDA	IM Expert (50 m/days)	7,500	6,000	1,500							
						Infrastructure support packs	70,000	40,942.16	29,057.84							
						Travel	6,300	5,686.87	613.13							
						Accommodation	4,200	42.62	4,157.38							
						Miscellaneous Expenses	1,050	803.08	246.92							
						2.4 Communicatio n and Outreach for each Pilot Bar Association	X			UTBA UNDP	SIDA	PR Campaigns	66,500	13,277.52	53,222.48	
												Experts (34 m/days)	10,200	8,160.00	2,040.00	
												Travel	9,450	4,496.74	4,953.26	
Accommodation	6,300	6,300	0													
<b>Outcome V – Project Management</b>	X			UNDP	SIDA	<b>Project Manager</b>	30,000	36,918.63	63,641.37							
	X			UNDP	SIDA	<b>Project Clerk</b>	15,600									
	X			UNDP	SIDA	<b>Project Associate</b>	24,000									
	X			UNDP	SIDA	<b>Project Assistant</b>	14,400									
	X			UNDP	SIDA	<b>Human Rights and Rule of Law Projects Coordinator</b>	16,560									
	X			UNDP	SIDA	<b>Rent</b>	15,960	0	15,960							
	X			UNDP	SIDA	<b>Audit &amp; Evaluation Costs</b>	18,525	0	18,525							
	X			UNDP	SIDA	<b>Project Steering Group &amp; Advisory Meetings (4)</b>	4,000	94.65	3,905.35							
	X			UNDP	SIDA	<b>Visibility</b>	1,500	89.05	1,410.95							
	X			UNDP	SIDA	<b>Translation Services</b>	3,000	2,174.40	825.60							
<b>Direct Project Cost (DPC) 3%</b>	X			UNDP	SIDA		17,215.35	17,215.35	0							
<b>General Management Support (GMS) 8%</b>	X			UNDP	SIDA		47,284.83	3,711.61	43,573.22							
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>669,795.18</b>	<b>278,371.11</b>	<b>391,424.07</b>							

EXPECTED RESULTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME			RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET			REALIZED		
		Y1	Y2	Y3		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount (USD)	Expenditure	Remaining Budget	Notes*
<b>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</b>	2.5 Monitoring and Review of Local Poppy Practices (annual for 2020-2021)				UTBA UNDP	SIDA	Experts (19 m/days)	6,200	0	6.200	
			X				Travel & accommodation	7,000	0	7.000	
							Meeting Costs	1,400	0	1.400	
							Miscellaneous Expenses	100	0	100	
<b>Outcome III – Enhanced Capacities of Lawyers Practicing Legal Aid Through a Tailor-made Training Programme</b>	3.1 Training Needs Assessment for a tailor-made Online Training Programme on Legal Aid		X		UTBA UNDP	SIDA	Experts (13 m/days)	4,050	1,050	3,000	
							UTBA UNDP	SIDA	Expert (6 m/days)	2,050	0
	3.2 Preparation of Priority Modules on Legal-Aid for Online Training		X						Long Term Agreement	48,750	0
			X		UTBA	SIDA	Experts (13 m/days)	4,050	1163.92	1,836.08	



					UNDP						
	3.3 Preparation of Software Infrastructure for Online Training Programme						Services	100,000	0	100,000	
<i>Project Manager</i>			X		UNDP	SIDA		30,000			
<i>Project Clerk</i>			X		UNDP	SIDA		15,600			
<i>Project Associate</i>			X		UNDP	SIDA		24,000			
<i>Project Assistant</i>			X		UNDP	SIDA		14,400			
<i>Human Rights and Rule of Law Projects Coordinator</i>			X		UNDP	SIDA		16,560			
<i>Rent</i>			X		UNDP	SIDA		15,960	15,960	0	
<i>Audit &amp; Evaluation Costs</i>			X		UNDP	SIDA		18,525	18,525	0	
<i>Project Steering Group &amp; Advisory Meetings (4)</i>			X		UNDP	SIDA		4,000	334.8	3,665.20	
<i>Visibility</i>			X		UNDP	SIDA		1,500	222.25	1,277.75	
<i>Translation Services</i>			X		UNDP	SIDA		3,000	928.7	2,071.30	
<i>Direct Project Cost (DPC) 3%</i>			X		UNDP	SIDA		9,511.35	9,511.35	0	
<i>General Management Support (GMS) 8%</i>			X		UNDP	SIDA		26,124.51	15,876.76	10,247.75	
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>352,680.86</b>	<b>143,932.27</b>	<b>208,748.59</b>	

EXPECTED RESULTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME			RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET			REALIZED					
		Y1	Y2	Y3		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount (USD)	Expenditure	Remaining Budget	Notes*			
<b>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</b>	2.5 Monitoring and Review of Local Poppy Practices (annual for 2021-2022)			X	UTBA UNDP	SIDA	Experts (19 m/days)	6,200	0	6.200				
							Travel & accommodation	7,000	0	7.000				
							Meeting Costs	1,400	0	1.400				
							Miscellaneous Expenses	147.80	0	147,80				
<b>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</b>	4.1 International Study Visits to Best Practices			X	UTBA MoJ UNDP	SIDA	Experts (5 m/days)	1,750	0	1.750				
							Travel & accommodation	64,000	0	64.000				
							Interpretation Costs	8,000	0	8.000				
							Meeting Costs	21,600	0	21.600				
	4.2 Implementation of Communication Plan for Awareness Raising on Performance Management and Automation System			X	UTBA MoJ UTBA	SIDA	Expert (15 m/days)	4,750	0	4.750				
		4.2.1 One-day National Conference					X	UTBA MoJ UTBA	SIDA	Expert (35 m/days)	12,250	0	12.250	
										Travel & accommodation	27,500	0	27.500	
										Meeting Costs	10,000	0	10.000	
	Miscellaneous Expenses		500	0	500									

	4.2.2 Five Local Study Visits to Best Practicing Bar Associations			X	UTBA MoJ UTBA	SIDA	Expert (8 m/days)	2,800	0	2.800	
							Travel & accommodation	22,500	0	22.500	
							Meeting Costs	10,000	0	10.000	
							Miscellaneous Expenses	2,500	0	2.500	
<b>Project Manager</b>				X	UNDP	SIDA		30,000			
<b>Project Clerk</b>				X				15,600			
<b>Project Associate</b>				X	UNDP	SIDA		24,000			
<b>Project Assistant</b>				X	UNDP	SIDA		14,400			
<b>Human Rights and Rule of Law Projects Coordinator</b>				X	UNDP	SIDA		16,560			
<b>Rent</b>				X	UNDP	SIDA		15,960	0	15.960	UNDP is a digital office and rent is not deducted anymore. Notice the "Expenditure" column shows "0".
<b>Audit &amp; Evaluation Costs</b>				X	UNDP	SIDA		18,525	5,475	13,050	
<b>Project Steering Group &amp; Advisory Meetings (4)</b>				X	UNDP	SIDA		4,000	0	4.000	
<b>Visibility</b>				X	UNDP	SIDA		1,500	0	1.500	
<b>Translation Services</b>				X	UNDP	SIDA		3,000	3,000	0	
<b>Direct Project Cost (DPC) 3%</b>				X	UNDP	SIDA		10,393.28	10,393.28	0	

<b>General Management Support (GMS) 8%</b>				X	UNDP	SIDA		28,46.89	14,411.82	14,135.07	
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>385,382.97</b>	<b>118,893.31</b>	<b>266,489.66</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL (original)</b>								<b>1,407,859.00</b>	<b>541,196.69</b>	<b>866,662.31</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL (current)**</b>								<b>1,511,811.90</b>	<b>541,196.69</b>	<b>970,615.21</b>	

\* The expenditure has been in line with the activity plan so far. There have not been any modifications, therefore, the notes column is left empty.

\*\* After the completion of 3 payments from SIDA, the remaining financial allocation of the project increased according to the change in USD/SEK parity and the UN operational rate of exchange.

## **X. Annexes**

Annex-1: Mid-Term Evaluation Report

Annex-2: SCVV Opening Ceremony and Conference Participant List

Annex-3: Principles of the M&E System Framework and M&E Framework

Annex-4: PR/Communication Campaign Plan and Draft Designs

Annex-5: Third Steering Committee Meeting Minutes and Presentation

Annex-6: UNDP - SIDA Annual Meeting Minutes (2021)

Annex-7: ILAP Risk Log 2022