

## UNDP Funding Windows Annual Results Reporting

Submitting Office: Prog for Palestinian

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### I. Project Details:

Project Output#	00113608
Project Title	Governance for Inclusive and Peaceful Societies (GIPS)
Funding Windows	SHUFUNA - Women in Reconciliation
Funding Sub-Window	Conflict Prevention sub-window (CP-GIPS)
Funding Window Amount	\$400,000.00
Gender Rating	GEN3
Country Typology	MIC

### II. Quantitative Report

Relevant Strategic Plan Output	3.3.2: Gender-responsive and risk-informed mechanisms supported to build consensus, improve social dialogue and promote peaceful, just and inclusive societies
Project Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Output 1: Strengthening and establishing women as contributors to the reconciliation process</li> <li>• Output 2: Increased political participation among women contributing</li> </ul>

#### Output Indicators and Achievements

Strategic Plan Output Indicator#	Strategic Plan Output Indicator Desc	Project Output Indicator	Quantitative achievements against the project output indicator
3.3.2.1	Proportion of women in leadership positions within social dialogue	Strengthening and establishing women as	Data being collected. Not able to report on this currently.

	and reconciliation mechanisms that promote peaceful, just and inclusive societies	contributors to the reconciliation process	
3.3.2.2	Number of countries with improved capacities for dialogue, consensus-building and reconciliation around contested issues, with equal participation of women and men	Increased political participation among women contributing to social and cultural behavioral change	Not able to report on this at the current time as data collected has yet to be analyzed.

### III. Narrative Report

**How did the project target the most vulnerable/ poor / disadvantaged people and communities and did it do that successfully?**

This project is contributing to significantly raise awareness related to lack of women participation and representation in Palestinian decision-making and the reconciliation process. Over 800,000 individuals have been reached through a multi-media campaign launching SHUFUNA.

Through the creation of the multi-sectoral platform, SHUFUNA (SEE US), 10 groups comprising 254 (165 women and 89 men) individuals from various socio-economic & political backgrounds came together to challenge the status quo related to women's engagement in decision making and reconciliation processes. The groups included female and male activists, campaigners, women political leaders, community personalities including media personalities, artists, women affected by the political divide, refugee women, disabled women, young and elderly women and men who come from the Gaza Strip and West Bank including area C and East Jerusalem as well as other marginalized communities. The group members were selected based on a pre-set criterion agreed to by all partners.

After their selection, the 254 individuals participated in 11 weekend solutions workshops (4 in Gaza and 7 in the West Bank). The workshops challenged the participants, in particular women and youth, to develop innovative solutions that will contribute to social transformation that address the lack of women participation in decision making and the reconciliation process. Thirty four (34) initiatives were identified by the various groups, of which 10 were selected for implementation by the joint SHUFUNA Platform. The initiatives will be implemented during the months of February and March 2020 by a core team of 50 persons of whom 11 (6 are females) representatives were tasked with the daily

follow up of the 10 initiatives.

### What did the project achieve in relation to the output and output indicators, and what specific interventions led to the change?

#### Output 1:

1.1. - # of females represented in committee's pertaining to reconciliation efforts. Two women from smaller political parties were represented in the last discussions on the reconciliation process, however, the two largest antagonist do not have representatives.

1.2 - A gender strategy for female inclusion in the reconciliation process is drafted and endorsed by the various political factions including the PLO. The Gender Strategy has been drafted and is endorsed by the SHUFUNA platform. The Ministry of Women Affairs is currently reviewing the document.

1.3 - % of women perceive that their participation in the reconciliation process has increased. Data to be provided at end of project.

1.4 - % of women who feel that they have gained tools and have been strengthened in their role as 'peace makers'. Data to provided at the end of the project.

1.5 - % of women who feel that their work through the platform has had an impact on decision-makers and the reconciliation process. SHUFUNA platform has gained extensive coverage. Data at end of project will provide relevant data required.

#### Output 2.

2.1 - % of people surveyed who believe females should not participate in reconciliation efforts. Based on one survey conducted by Wattan multi-media network, 64% of 4,750 respondents did not believe that women participation in negotiations for reconciliation will lead to better results, while 34% believed they should. The survey reached 94,164 people and had 6,280 engagements on social media. 1143 voted through Wattan website and 3,300 voted through Wattan Facebook page. Results were published through a press releases and sent SMS message to more than 25,000 subscribers in Wattan SMS news service. A second survey results showed that 60% were not satisfied with Palestinian women representation in political life, 40% were satisfied. The survey reached 45,692 people and 6,064 voted through Facebook and Wattan Website.

2.2 - % of people surveyed that have seen or are familiar with the nationwide campaigns. Data to be provided at end of project.

The following results have been achieved through the projects various interventions.

- Two online radio spots and two video messages produced and communicated by Wattan Multi-media introducing SHUFUNA to Palestinians

throughout the State of Palestine and promoting women's role in decision making and reconciliation.

- Held four online perception surveys by Wattan while at the same time conducting a nationwide survey by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics on the role of women in decision making and reconciliation.
- Draft strategy on women's role in reconciliation drafted and endorsed by SHUFUNA Platform. Under review for endorsement by the Ministry of Women Affairs.
- Wattan will broadcast 12 SHUFUNA multi-media episodes. The first episode was broadcasting on 31 December 2019. So far over 148,000 views. The first broadcast was about Shufuna and the role of the newly established multi-sectoral platform of dedicated champions that will be the vanguard of the grass roots movement to advocate for increased female representation in decision making and the reconciliation process.

#### How did the project leverage partnerships, attract other donors/resources, and scale up pilot initiatives, etc.?

UNDP through the project has developed a broad based multi-sectoral network to promote the role of women in decision making and reconciliation throughout the country. SHUFUNA is becoming a well known rallying cry which has garnered broad interest. UNDP has been in discussions with donors such as Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, and the EU as well as others on partnering with us in a new initiative with Search for Common Ground and MA'AN news agency on a reality show called "Ms. President." The Palestinian Ministry of Women Affairs has also been extremely engaged in the SHUFUNA platform goals as have the Central Election Commission who have agreed to use SHUFUNA platform for the next elections to promote women participation.

#### What were the challenges encountered, and how were they resolved? How did the project deal with the risks identified at the onset of the project? What were the lessons learned?

- The main challenge encountered remains breaking the barriers that prevent increased female participation in both decision making and the reconciliation efforts. This will not occur overnight, however, through the work of the platform and parallel advocacy work greater attention by decision makers to the issues being presented is taking hold.
- One of the two main political parties (Islamic Movement) who are part of the current political divide remains non-committal, although they have indicated that they will be forthcoming to participate in dialogue on the subject matter. Greater efforts are currently being taken to hold them accountable.
- On the lessons learned, the multi-sectoral approach initiated by UNDP in creating the SHUFUNA platform consisting of a diverse range of

persons from various sectors has proven effective and is contributing to social cohesion.

- Another lessons learned is holding decision makers accountable in front of the media makes them rethink their positions.
- The continued unstable political situation has caused some delays in particular the baseline survey.

### What specific gender-focused initiatives have been implemented, and what was achieved?

The establishment of a the SHUFUNA platform of multi-sector actors has been a positive achievement. The upcoming 10 initiatives will be advocacy tools that will promote the work of SHUFUNA and its objectives. In addition, the draft Gender Strategy for Women's role in Decision Making and Reconciliation is a benchmark for all actors in the State of Palestine to address collectively. Through the multi-media work being done in parallel, over 1 million Palestinians have been reached informing them of SHUFUNA and its goal to increase women representation in decision making and the reconciliation process. Moreover, decision makers are being held to account as to why after 25 years female representation remains minimal at best.