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AWP- Annual Work Plan

CS-Civil Society

CSOs - Civil Society Organizations

CSWG – Civil Society Working Groups

DDF- District Development Fund

DO - Development Observatories

ESP - Economic and Social Plan

DRG – Development Results Group

RP – Responsible Partners

UNDAF – United Nations Development Assistance Framework

UNDP-United Nations Program for Development

Executive Summary

Situational Context

Assessment of progress of Activities planned:

Output 1: Action Plan for CSOs capacity development to participate in Governance processes monitoring in the provinces of Gaza, Nampula and Cabo Delgado in place.

This output was not achieved due to several unexpected setbacks related to procurement process. Only the activity one in the Plan was carried out after three different procurement processes were launched. The CSO was selected in November and the LPAC held in December.

Progress on Output 1

Target	Progress
1.1 Prepare and launch a Request for Proposal to select and contract CSOs	Process for selecting the CSO was launched two two times with no success and the third time we managed to identify the CSO
1.2 Facilitate needs assessment study of CSO in Nampula Gaza and Cabo Delgado	Did not happen
1.5 Technical and logistical Assistance to SCO at provincial level	Did not happen
1.6 Support administrative staff and logistics	Did not happen

Output 2. Provincial Development Observatories and DCC in the 3 provinces functioning in line with the DO guidelines and LOLE, respectively.

9 Provincial Development Observatory were held during 2012 two of them were National ones. Three provinces, Nampula, Cabo Delgado and Gaza had a strong participation of the Provincial Platform with CSO members presenting a position paper. In various positions paper the CSOs raised again the issue of very ambitious provincial plans, lack of transparency in the selection process of Development District Funds, FDD or seven millions as always refereed as well as the use of public institutions resources for party activities. 2012 was the year of political party in power celebrations of 50 years anniversary and CSO in Cabo Delgado mentioned during the DO the use of vehicles, human resources for this event. In Gaza the platform went beyond the usual and mentioned that Provincial Government officials are doing little for the constant financial resources mismanagement. In Nampula more vibrant voice was around the impact of mega projects such as “refinaria”to be build in Nacala à Velha, the Moma heavy sands Project and its social impact as well as the new Pro-Savana. CSO there raised the issue of lack of involvement of local communities in dialogue consultation processes at local level.

The APRM Mozambique progress report was launched. The drafting process started and it is expected to be completed in 2013. For the support of the existing team four thematic consultants were hired to provide support to the existing team at the National Forum.

Progress on Output 2

Target	Progress
2.1. Elaborate an action plan for PDO improvement based on the recommendation from 2011 evaluations.	Plan was drafted and shared with all 100%
2.2 Select and contract a consultant to conduct an institutional needs assessment of APRM National Forum and District Consultative Councils in the 3 selected provinces	Activity was dropped and budget used to add the consultation process
2.3 Select and Contract national Thematic Coordinators for the National APRM Forum	Concluded 100%
2.4 Organize Provincial development observatories in the country with focus on Gaza, Nampula and Cabo Delgado provinces Disseminate Busan Declaration, M&E tools (ODAMOZ, Cooperation Policy leaflet and Paris Declaration Survey results)	Nine DO organized with participation of CSO, 90% Results of Annual Review and Paris Declaration Survey were disseminated in Nation DO 50%
2.5 Hiring a Community participation advisor for Gaza province	Not achieved
2.6 Train members of PDO Secretariat , CC and APRM in social accountability	Not achieved

Output 3: Best practices, systems, tools and mechanisms for Governance monitoring shared among CSOs in the 3 selected provinces

The whole process of M&E tools and guidelines for the APRM process was restarted and is expected to be concluded in 2013. However, M&E visits were carried out during the third and last quarter.

Progress on Output 3

Target	Progress
3.2 Support Community radios in 3 districts in each of the selected provinces as mechanisms to educate communities on Governance related issues and share information on the resulted of PDO and DCC discussions, using local languages	Not achieved 0%
3.3 Organize 3 provincial workshops for CSOs/CBOs to share good practices of local Governance monitoring, building from the District Governance Monitoring Platforms	Not achieved 0%
3.4.1 Conduct monitoring visits to provinces, districts and municipalities to collect data regarding APRM implementation Action Plan	Consultation process happened at different levels with involvement of APRM focal points at provincial level 70%
3.5 Prepare and disseminate, at all levels, the APRM	Not achieved 0%

National Progress Report.	
3.6 Organize annual meetings with all cooperation and development Partners	Achieved 100%
3.7 Coordinate Joint Annual Reviews and QAD meetings	One QAD meeting held with Moz Gov and partners, achieved 100%

Output 4. **UN (DP) CS capacity development Strategy in place**

The desk review, was concluded in December after several delays due to internal programme constraints.

4.1 Engage a consultant to facilitate the discussions towards the development of UN(DP) long term capacity development strategy, document the findings and draft the strategy	Achieved 2013
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Output 5. **Sound Project Financial and programmatic management**

Close support to IP and RP was given during this period, Project Reports concluded and uploaded in ATLAS. Close collaboration with other agencies in the UNDAF Output 7.2 for the draft of one fund proposal under governance DRG. We have closely followed the recruiting process of CSO as well as the coordination of Civil Society Working Group (CSWG) in the DRG PG 7.2

Target	Progress
1. Ensure effective project technical advice, coordination and management	Totally 100%

Gender

As stated in the project document narrative, this project will support vulnerable groups specifically women, to empower, promote cultural change, and eliminate discriminatory practices and stereotypes. Under the development of ToRs for the Consultant we ensured that the candidate is gender sensitive. We are making sure activities implemented and results achieved envisage gender issues. In general Project initiatives will promote gender equality at all levels. In our first Board Meeting we reminded the IP the need to disaggregate data and we will ensure that during our monitoring visits we verify the involvement of women organizations in the activities planned. More training on gender issues will be planned for internal institutional support at IP level.

Risk Management

After very long process which lasted almost the whole year, the selecting process of CSO was changed according to instructions from HQ. By the end of this quarter instructions were to treat it as selecting IP not RP. As a result a totally new project needed to be development separated from the first project document. The whole process was concluded in the November and project signed by IP in December 2012.

The overall project has a financial gap of 250,000USD, resource mobilization is key to achieved the planned results. Contacts with the Embassy of Finland are promising and we expect to raise more resources for both Projects. Through UN one Fund we manage to mobilize 82,800USD to close the gap we had on Output 1 and output 4. We will continue seeking more donors to fund the remaining gap in the project budget. Through the DRG, POG7 one fund proposal will be encourage inn 2013.

Partnerships

The project which supports SC work within the DRGs together with other UN agencies, namely UNICEF, UNESCO, ILO, UNFPA, UN-women and UN-HABITAT. UNDP is also under Output of 4 of this project is coordinating the development of one UN Capacity Development Strategy to have a long term intervention and position UN in better place to strengthen CSO capacity to participate in policy dialogue. It is expected to foster our approach towards CS as UN and therefore less fragmented. UNPD is the co-Convener of the DRG Group Output 7. And Convener of CSWG Output 7.2

It was expected more synergies with the regional Project MDG campaign but unfortunately very little happened. Only very sporadic collaboration was seen.

Westminster Foundation for Democracy, which supports the parliament approached us but very little moved as they were in fact looking for financial support themselves.

Challenges, Responses and Lessons Learned

2012 was difficult to start; administrative issues took a lot of programmatic time. Procurement processes were challenging and many activities got several delays. Notable the first request for funds came late, disbursement were also made available late. In general issues were around selecting services, recruiting staff and responses from IP. January and February are very slow months for the Government. Holidays are general issue. Internally our own business processes caused also delays.

Conclusions and next steps

Overall 2012 was slower because not only it was the first year of this cycle but also because administrative processes took way too much of time . Implementation of AWP was slow, disbursements were slow in first quarter but then it got slightly better towards the end of the year.

We expect that with the separation of the CSO component form this project, a new pace will be set since the two IPs are different. From our experience CSOs tend to be more coordinated when it comes to plans and implementation. Therefore, we expect more results. In 2013 h this new project will start and we will monitor closely the performance and complementarities of both of them in de policy dialogue for development.