

## GDPP SUB-PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL BOARD OF ETHIOPIA

REPORTING PERIOD: October – December, 2017

PROGRAMME NO.	<del>XXX</del>
SUB – PROGRAMME TITLE	Governance and Democratic Participation Programme (GDPP)
IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTION	NATIONAL ELECTORAL BOARD OF ETHIOPIA (NEBE)
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THE QUARTER	1685,990
TOTAL EXPENDITURE AS OF THE REPORTING DATE	1685,990
BALANCE	0

#### BACKGROUND

This is a sub- programme provided under the governance and democratic participation (GDPP), a five year programme to support the achievement of second five- year Growth and Transformation plan (**GTP II: 2016-2020**), theme goal to develop strong, inclusive and responsive democratic institution.

One of these democratic institutions, i.e. the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia (NEBE) is legally established by the 1995 Electoral Law, as amended in 2007. The NEBE has a nine member Board and a permanent Secretariat, and is responsible for general elections, local elections, by-elections, re-elections, and referendum. Among other statutory responsibilities, the NEBE is required to conduct voter registration, provide civic and voter

education widely to the public, provide trainings to election officers and public observers, allocate time and space on official media for parties, election campaigns and make constituency delimitation recommendations. As will be noted later, the NEBE is also responsible for the registration of political parties. The NEBE Secretariat is headed by the Chief Executive and two Deputies. The NEBE is accountable to the HoPR, and is required to provide periodic and post-election reports.

The GDPP sub-programme supports the NEBE through a five-year programme which is fully aligned with the NEBE's second five-year Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP II) (2016-2020) and seeks the outcome of "To have empowered and responsible citizens".

The sub-programme supports the NEBE in achieving the following outputs (output classes) as enshrined in the Sub programme document:

**Output 1:** Political processes of federal and regional state legislative bodies are inclusive and effectively delivering on their constitutional mandates.

**Output 3:** Citizens are empowered to voice their concerns and participate in decision-making and political processes at all levels of governance.

Accordingly, the NEBE has been conducting several activities with the budget allocated by UNDP. The physical work performance of NEBE in the October-December 2017 is narrated as follows.

## **OVERALL OBJECTIVES**

Generally, the sub- programme seeks to enhance good governance and democracy in Ethiopia, in support of the national development goals by:

- Improving the role of the legislatures
- Promoting transparency and accountability
- Widening voice and participation
- Curbing corruption and maladministration
- Promoting access to justice and fostering peace, social cohesion and

stability.

## **PARTNERS**

### **National Partner:**

- **National Electoral Board of Ethiopia (NEBE)**

### **International Partners:**

## **BENEFICIARIES**

The main sub-programme beneficiaries during the reporting period are NEBE headquarters and regional offices, election officers, political parties, and the Ethiopian people in general (through the Civic and Voter education).

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Political processes of federal and regional state legislative bodies are inclusive and effectively delivering their constitutional mandates**

### **Activity 1.2.4. Review capacity of the Election Training Center Need assessment and Validation Workshop**

NEBE training center capacity need assessment was conducted by the formed committee at NEBE. The committee members were drawn from different line Directorates in the IP which have direct relation with the training center in their day to day institutional activities.

Members of the committee have been collecting different information from the existing training center and from other similar training institutions like Ethiopian Management Institute, Ethiopian Red Cross Society and from Ethiopian Civil Service University in order to understand the basics of training Center needs which helped them to have tangible information about the needs and the capacity of the training center that exists as of now within NEBE.

After the preparation of the document, the committee organized the validation workshop on the Review capacity of election training Center Need assessment. Stakeholders were invited and participated on the validation workshop which was organized in Adama, Ayu International Hotel from December 29-30/2017. 49 participants were involved in the workshop of which 36 and 13 of them were male

and female respectively.

The objective of the validation workshop was to get feedback on the contents, scope, structure, and implementation strategy as well as to familiarize the participants with the overall objectives of the training needs document for the coming five years from now on and to identify capacity gaps and intervention strategies.

The established team /committee at NEBE have presented the developed training need assessment to the participants of the validation workshop. Based on the presentation, participants forwarded their comments, feedback, and their experiences which was vital.

A team from HOPR Standing Committee for Democratic Institutions and Human right has taken part through providing constructive comments and feedbacks on the developed document especially on its technical aspect of the organizational set up, background and on overall contents of the need assessment from legal and mandate point of view. Moreover, the types of facilities that are needed for the training center were depicted in the need assessment document and verified by the senior management and the participants during the validation workshop due to the nature of their importance.

The Training Center Need assessment document is now developed and validated for the implementation process in Amharic version.

#### **Activity 1.2.5: NEBE Media Engagement and Communication Strategy Developed.**

NEBE Media and communication strategy is developed and validated. 49 participants were participated of which 15 were Female and 34 Male. The development of media and communication strategy at NEBE is expected to be implemented within the coming five years to make the communication strategy very representative for effective and timely communication and information provision in the process of effective and efficient civil service delivery from the institutional mandates perspective.

The document was developed through the formation of professional expertise at NEBE which was subjected to evaluation by externally identified resource person from Addis Ababa University. The communication and media strategy will be translated in to English language soon such that it will be shared to the

stakeholders accordingly.

The developed strategic document was validated through the participation of stakeholders mainly representatives from HOPR standing committee for Democracy, Human Right and Administrative Matter and NEBE senior management members and all Heads of 9 regional branch offices and 2 city administrations of the IP. They all contributed their level best to make the developed communication and media strategy up to its standard in line with communication and media rules and regulations of the government.

The committee responsible for the preparation of the document was given the responsibility to incorporate all comments and feedbacks accordingly to meet the standard.

#### **Activity 1.2.9: Monitor and review of the program Implementation**

Two days' workshop was organized to review and monitor the implementation of the programme that has been implemented in the reporting quarter. During the workshop, different line directorates who are responsible for the implementation of the GDPP activities in the IP were participated and presented their presentation on the implemented and ongoing activities especially on achievements, challenges, and lesson learned and way forward. During the workshop, the representative from UNDP, presented on the over view of the programme ,objectives, expected results, implementation modalities and reporting requirements to the participants who were drawn from the management team members in order to grasp the overall common understanding on the GDPP activity implementation at country level in general and at the IP level in particular.

Participants discussed on the challenges that affects programme implementation and proposed solution especially on early planning to solve procurement procedures and issues that are related to horizontal and vertical coordination during the implementation process. Meanwhile, the technical committee at the IP level also proposed and established just to provide technical assistance to the implementation of the GDPP activities in the upcoming period of programme implementation.

## **Enhanced role and participation of women and youth in politics and public decision-making**

### **Activity 3.1.2: Training on leadership skills dispute resolution skills, gender mainstreaming and analysis has been conducted to political parties.**

NEBE has provided training for 61 political parties on leadership skills, dispute resolution skills, gender mainstreaming and analysis. The training was held in Bishotu town, EMI from December 11-15/2017. Among 61 political parties all were Male and Participants were equipped with the knowledge of Leadership, dispute resolution and gender mainstreaming analysis in the process of discharging their duties and responsibilities in the political and social environment of the country. The objective of the training is to enhance the knowledge and skills of participants on leadership so that they can understand the basic issues related to the two ideas and be able to lead themselves and others for their own, their team and their organizational effectiveness in the overall national and regional political motives.

NEBE in collaboration with EMI, awarded certificate of participation on leadership, dispute resolution skills, gender mainstreaming and analysis.

### **Activity3.3.1: Women political party members trained on election process, leadership skills and communication skills.**

The training was given to 52 women political party members, of which 46 of them were female and 6 of them were male. The training was conducted from December 11-15/2017 in EMI- Bishoftu town. The training provided to women political party members contributed significant role in their right to participation, right to decision making, right to education, right to employment, and the challenges of gender based violence and also gender development challenges at organizational level. The Women political party members also trained on election process, leadership and communication skills which helped them to understand the overall election processes, leadership and communication skills gap and able to bridge and minimize the knowledge gap they used to have on these training topics and they would be able to use it in their future activities. And all the participants drawn from all political party members' capacity on election process, communication skills (communication through campaign), and leadership knowledge is improved and enhanced through the given training.

**Major Activities not completed/in progress, but expected to be completed in the next quarter**

*Activity1.2.1. Conduct training need assessment to identify short and medium term training needs.*

*Activity3.2.1. Conduct baseline study on the impact of the civic and voters education programme conduct over the past years including validation workshop.*

#### **CONSTRAINT/ CHALLENGES**

The main challenges faced by NEBE during the reporting period were

- Delay in procurement
- Delayance in budget release.