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## **Progress Review – Q2 of 2019:**

### **SDG 16 Pillar 2 and related adhoc projects**

7<sup>th</sup> August 2019, UNDP Conference Hall 1, 11.00 – 02.30 p.m.

Format of the Review:

1. Key achievements
2. Challenges and Risk
3. Progress on Indicators related to ongoing projects.

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#### TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

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#### Key achievements

##### OMP

1. Archival research database: temporary database in place – permanent database to be finalized by Aug 2020
2. Archival Team: Scanners, research consultant, archival officers to be hired -recruitment in progress (advertised)
3. Psychosocial support: Consultant + 2 legal consultants recruited for sensitization of OMP support officers
4. Referrals: numbers are yet to be received;
5. Technical/ infra structure support required to operationalize Mannar and Matara field offices of OMP

##### SCRM

6. Consultant recruited to support Office for Reparations
7. 2 International Communications consultants to be recruited as requested for the development of a communications strategy

8. Ahanna campaign: on going (financial support from UNDP) – divisional level programs conducted for awareness raising on Transitional Justice

### Challenges and Risk

1. OMP - Follow-up and establishment of monitoring mechanisms after project conclusion is difficult due to lack of government support
2. Risk of the SCRM being abolished after the upcoming elections. Options to ensure sustainability of SCRM include facilitating linkages with the Ministry of National Integration & Reconciliation; Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Resettlement
3. The recruitment procedure for officers cannot be cross-checked by UNDP due to the independent nature of the body
4. Ongoing: as the direct link is with the RCs office, most decisions are taken beyond UNDP's control
5. Concerns raised by the RCO due to the time consumed by UNDP in reviewing terms, steps etc.

### Suggestions/ Next steps:

1. Bimali: *Ahanna* campaign – ensure the participation of both men and women in programs in order to make their voices heard; explore the possibility of partnering with the Asia Foundation.
  2. Nimmi: UNDP colleagues to participate in one of the programs of the Ahanna campaign.
  3. Paavani: allocation of finances should be specified (in addition to community police); explore linkages with the mediation boards – if funds are available and check the possibility of working on elections and campaigns ('know your candidate' campaigns).
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## Reconciliation

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### Key achievements

1. Work with SLIDA: incorporation of a compulsory module on social cohesion in the curriculum for cadets
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> module on conflict sensitivity for development projects (optional module) ongoing: modules are being reviewed; sessions were conducted in June to understand the need/ perceptions for the module
3. Program for SL Rupawahini Corp. officers in conflict sensitivity: 170 individuals trained; gender breakdown pending
4. Ex-Combatants programme: reprogrammed the finances from ONUR – training to be held in end August, together with a CSO – consultant recruited for this activity
5. National Christian Evangelical Alliance of Sri-Lanka NCEASL (CSO) – Production of a Digital media tool kit for students on ethics of internet use together with UNICEF: under review

### Challenges and Risk

1. Similar to TJ

#### Suggestions:

1. Paavani: possibility of looking at GIZ in terms of developing the curriculum, lessons learnt, best practices
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#### Key achievements

1. Victim and Witnesses Protection Act: reviewed and revised draft completed – handed over to the PM’s office; cabinet approval received and submitted to the LDD (substantial number of recommendations in line with international standards incorporated)
2. Separate Act to be drafted? for children and a separate chapter on the vulnerable including LGBTQ
3. The definition of victims and witnesses to be extended to include persons of non – reported cases + indirect victims (protection to be requested even by a third party)
4. Recognition of the Women and Children’s Desks at police stations as a statutory body achieved through this Act
5. An appeal process to be set in place for children to appeal to the Supreme Court where the lower court procedures take more than 2 years
6. Victimology study was the 1<sup>st</sup> qualitative study in SL covering all 25 districts. 40 cases covered per police station and 3 stations covered per district. Study findings completed and the final report is pending.
7. Public awareness raised on Victim and Witness Protection Act: TV, radio commercials plus three TV talk shows were supported. Results: 267 calls received to the bureau after the commercials were aired.
8. Module on trauma informed care for the victims of crime was developed together with the Ceylon School of Psychiatrists
9. Capacity development of over 1500 police officers, prison officers and NCPA officers island wide
10. Support provided to the Prisons Department to set up a Victim and Witnesses Protection unit within prisons

#### Challenges and Risk

1. Victimology study: delayed after the Easter attacks as the priority for the study was overshadowed by the necessity for defense.

#### Suggestions/steps forward:

1. Suman: Financial spot check with the Victim and Witnesses Authority chairman to be done.
2. Suman: a mechanism to be developed to evaluate the feedback from the trainees.

3. Upul: importance of ex-post evaluations after project closures to evaluate project impact and resource be allocated for such evaluations | Nimmi: track money?
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*A2J in SDG 16 Portfolio: (00117979/115060)*










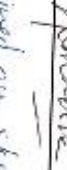



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#### Key achievements

1. Steering committee for justice sector – pending

Attendance Sheet of Participants

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 Venue: Main Conference Room

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