# **Design & Appraisal Stage Quality Assurance Report**

**Overall Project Rating: Exemplary** 

Approve: The project is of sufficient quality to continue as planned. Any management actions must be **Decision:** 

addressed in a timely manner.

**Project Number:** 00113501

Strengthening the Institutional Capacities of the Bar Associations for Improved Access to Justice for all in **Project Title:** 

Turkey.

01-Jun-2019 **Project Date:** 

**Strategic** 

**Quality Rating: Exemplary** 

- 1. Does the project's Theory of Change specify how it will contribute to higher level change? (Select the option from 1-3 that best reflects the project)
  - 3: The project has a theory of change with explicit assumptions and clear change pathway describing how the project will contribute to outcome level change as specified in the programme/CPD, backed by credible evidence of what works effectively in this context. The project document clearly describes why the project's strategy is the best approach at this point in time.
  - 2: The project has a theory of change. It has an explicit change pathway that explains how the project intends to contribute to outcome-level change and why the project strategy is the best approach at this point in time, but is backed by limited evidence.
  - 1: The project does not have a theory of change, but the project document may describe in generic terms how the project will contribute to development results, without specifying the key assumptions. It does not make an explicit link to the programme/CPD's theory of change.

#### **Evidence Management Response**

The project aims to ensure a transparent and efficient judicial system providing better access to justice and redress for all, especially groups facing vulnerabilities. Even in contexts where there are transparent and efficient judicial institutions, vulnerable groups may not know or may not feel comfortable about seeking legal assistance. Hence a practical solution is to establish Violence Prevention Centers where women feel comfortable is an efficient means to ensure access to legal aid. The project aims to establish such centers in 7 provinces at the same time providing training for legal practitioners who provide legal aid. In sum, the project aims to strengthen the supply side of legal aid at the same time empowering demand side via engaging with women's organizations.

- 2. Is the project aligned with the thematic focus of the UNDP Strategic Plan? (select the option from 1-3 that best reflects the project)
  - 3: The project responds to one of the three areas of development work as specified in the Strategic Plan; it addresses at least one of the proposed new and emerging areas; an issues-based analysis has been incorporated into the project design; and the project's RRF includes all the relevant SP output indicators. (all must be true to select this option)
  - 2: The project responds to one of the three areas of development work as specified in the Strategic Plan. The project's RRF includes at least one SP output indicator, if relevant. (both must be true to select this option)
  - 1: While the project may respond to one of the three areas of development work as specified in the Strategic Plan, it is based on a sectoral approach without addressing the complexity of the development issue. None of the relevant SP indicators are included in the RRF. This answer is also selected if the project does not respond to any of the three areas of development work in the Strategic Plan.

#### **Evidence**

The Project is in line with the Strategic Plan Outputs 2.2.3 and 2.4.1, please see the prodoc.

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- 3. Does the project have strategies to effectively identify, engage and ensure the meaningful participation of targeted groups/geographic areas with a priority focus on the excluded and marginalized? (select the option from 1-3 that best reflects this project)
  - 3: The target groups/geographic areas are appropriately specified, prioritising the excluded and/or marginalised. Beneficiaries will be identified through a rigorous process based on evidence (if applicable.) The project has an explicit strategy to identify, engage and ensure the meaningful participation of specified target groups/geographic areas throughout the project, including through monitoring and decision-making (such as representation on the project board) (all must be true to select this option)
  - 2: The target groups/geographic areas are appropriately specified, prioritising the excluded and/or marginalised. The project document states how beneficiaries will be identified, engaged and how meaningful participation will be ensured throughout the project. (both must be true to select this option)
  - 1: The target groups/geographic areas are not specified, or do not prioritize excluded and/or marginalised populations. The project does not have a written strategy to identify or engage or ensure the meaningful participation of the target groups/geographic areas throughout the project.
    - Not Applicable

#### **Evidence**

### **Management Response**

Target groups and geographic areas are specified clearly at the Project document. The project is applying multiple strategies and mechanisms to ensure stakeholder engagement. Coordination and networking activities for women's NGOs were in place both in the first phase and also envisaged for the second phase II. For cases related to children's abuse, another coordination mechanism is going to be established including civil society and bars, SONIMs (Public Violence Prevention Centers)

- 4. Have knowledge, good practices, and past lessons learned of UNDP and others informed the project design? (select the option from 1-3 that best reflects this project)
  - 3: Knowledge and lessons learned (gained e.g. through peer assist sessions) backed by credible evidence from evaluation, corporate policies/strategies, and monitoring have been explicitly used, with appropriate referencing, to develop the project's theory of change and justify the approach used by the project over alternatives.
  - 2: The project design mentions knowledge and lessons learned backed by evidence/sources, which inform the project's theory of change but have not been used/are not sufficient to justify the approach selected over alternatives.
  - 1: There is only scant or no mention of knowledge and lessons learned informing the project design. Any references that are made are not backed by evidence.

## **Evidence**

## **Management Response**

This project directly builds on the experiences and lessons learnt of the first phase. For instance, trainings will be designed more tailor made for specific target groups women, children, LGBTI which was a lesson of Phase I. NGOs will be engaged to a greater extent with Violence Prevention Centers to be established which was also a lesson learnt from the previous phase. NGOs will be included more into legal aid consultancy as a referral mechanism for vulnerable groups. Lastly, incentivising attorneys to adopt performance criteria will be aimed in the second phase as a direct lesson of the first phase.

5. Does the project use gender analysis in the project design and does the project respond to this gender analysis with concrete measures to address gender inequities and empower women? (select the option from 1-3 that best reflects this project)

| south-south and triangular cooperation have been considered, as   | partners where the project intends to work, and relatively limited abour between UNDP and partners through the project. Options in fully developed during project design, even if relevant er partners in the area that the project intends to work, and f UNDP and partners through the project. There is risk that the entions in this area. Options for south-south and triangular        |  |  |  |
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| 2: Some analysis has been conducted on the role of other pevidence supports the proposed engagement of and division of la for south-south and triangular cooperation may not have not bee opportunities have been identified.  1: No clear analysis has been conducted on the role of other relatively limited evidence supports the proposed engagement of project overlaps and/or does not coordinate with partners' intervercooperation have not been considered, despite its potential relevence  Evidence  UNDP established a strong partnership with the Ministry of Justice and UTBA and implemented many development projects together. UNDP is also clearly mandated in its CPD to increase access to legal aid for vulnerable groups hence in a | partners where the project intends to work, and relatively limited abour between UNDP and partners through the project. Options in fully developed during project design, even if relevant er partners in the area that the project intends to work, and f UNDP and partners through the project. There is risk that the entions in this area. Options for south-south and triangular vance. |  |  |  |
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|   | s appropriate. (all must be true to select this option)  |  |  |  |
| 3: An analysis has been conducted on the role of other partners in the area where the project intends to work, and credible vidence supports the proposed engagement of UNDP and partners through the project. It is clear how results achieved by levant partners will contribute to outcome level change complementing the project's intended results. If relevant, options for buth-south and triangular cooperation have been considered, as appropriate. (all must be true to select this option)  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Does UNDP have a clear advantage to engage in the role endevelopment partners, and other actors? (select the option fro  |  |  |  |  |
| The project is for women facing GBV (children, disabled and elderly are also included to a lesser extent). In that sense it is a GEN3 project. The project acknowledges that women do not seek legal aid just because it is available. Violence Prevention Centers are being established based on the premise that women will seek assistance if they feel comfortable. As a first point of entry, the Centers will be designed in a way to respond to primary needs of violence victims and will facilitate the subsequent legal steps for GBV victims. The project takes into account all the limitations of violence victims and tries to make the process easier and less traumatizing.   |  |  |  |  |
| Evidence  | Management Response  |  |  |  |
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| access to/control over resources of women and men, and it is full concrete priorities to address gender inequalities in its strategy. It specifically respond to this gender analysis, with indicators that in must be true to select this option)  2: A gender analysis on the project has been conducted. The to/control over resources of women and men. Gender concerns a of the project document. The results framework includes outputs   | The results framework includes outputs and activities that   |  |  |  |

7. Does the project seek to further the realization of human rights using a human rights based approach? (select from options 1-3 that best reflects this project)

| 3: Credible evidence that the project aims to further the real national laws and standards in the area of the project. Any potent rigorously identified and assessed as relevant, with appropriate n design and budget. (all must be true to select this option)   |  |
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| 2: Some evidence that the project aims to further the realization of human rights. Potential adverse impacts on enjoyment human rights were identified and assessed as relevant, and appropriate mitigation and management measures incorporated in the project design and budget.  1: No evidence that the project aims to further the realization of human rights. Limited or no evidence that potential adverse impacts on enjoyment of human rights were considered.  Evidence  Management Response  The project seeks to further the basic human rights of women namely right to life and right to protection which applies to cases of GBV. In this way, the project directly contributes to the fulfillment of Turkey's obligations to Istanbul Convention and CEDAW. The project will try to ensure the enjoyment of freedom from violence by way of cooperating very closely with security forces so that women do not fear accessing Violence Prevention Centers and do not face retaliation from their aggressors.  Did the project consider potential environmental opportunities and adverse impacts, applying a precautionary approaselect from options 1-3 that best reflects this project)  3: Credible evidence that opportunities to enhance environmental sustainability and integrate poverty-environment linkage were fully considered as relevant, and integrated in project strategy and design. Credible evidence that potential adverse environmental sustainability and poverty-environment linkages were considered. Credible evidence that opportunities to strengthen environmental sustainability and poverty-environment linkages were considered. Credible evidence that potential adverse environmental impacts have been identified and assessed, if relevant, an appropriate management and mitigation measures incorporated into project design and budget.  1: No evidence that opportunities to strengthen environmental sustainability and poverty-environment linkages were  |  |
| Evidence   | Management Response  |
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| Evidence   | Management Response  |
| This project has been evaluated to carry a low risk as evaluated based on the SES and the project team will continue to monitor project activities and outcomes to ensure adherence to UNDP's environmental principals. Low risk projects are projects that, include activities with minimal or no risks of adverse social or environmental impacts. In order to ensure that, the project aims to utilize environmentally friendly policies throughout all project activities such as double-side printing, using recycled paper, recycling materials not needed, environment-friendly transportation use, car sharing and limiting travel of project staff and preparation of online training materials to minimize detrimental environmental effects. More detailly, transportation  |  |

- 9. Has the Social and Environmental Screening Procedure (SESP) been conducted to identify potential social and environmental impacts and risks? [If yes, upload the completed checklist as evidence. If SESP is not required, provide the reason(s) for the exemption in the evidence section. Exemptions include the following:
  - Preparation and dissemination of reports, documents and communication materials
  - Organization of an event, workshop, training

can be introduced and published.

environment-friendly pens, notebooks, handbooks or manuals

Strengthening capacities of partners to participate in international negotiations and conferences

|  | uding UN coordination) and management of networks<br>no country level activities (e.g. knowledge management, inter-governmental processes)<br>re Agent  |
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| Yes  |   |
| O No   |   |
| SESP not required  |   |
| Evidence   |   |
| Please see the annex of prodoc for                                     | or SESP.  |
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| lanagement & Monitoring  | Quality Rating: Exemplary   |
| 0. Does the project have a strong                                      | results framework? (select from options 1-3 that best reflects this project)  |
| of change. Outputs are accompanied in the theory of change, e          | outputs and activities are at an appropriate level and relate in a clear way to the project's theory ied by SMART, results-oriented indicators that measure all of the key expected changes each with credible data sources, and populated baselines and targets, including gender ators where appropriate. (all must be true to select this option)  |
| theory of change. Outputs are acco                                     | outputs and activities are at an appropriate level, but may not cover all aspects of the project's ompanied by SMART, results-oriented indicators, but baselines, targets and data sources may e of gender sensitive, sex-disaggregated indicators, as appropriate. (all must be true to select   |
| selection of outputs and activities a outputs are not accompanied by S | es not meet all of the conditions specified in selection "2" above. This includes: the project's are not at an appropriate level and do not relate in a clear way to the project's theory of change; MART, results-oriented indicators that measure the expected change, and have not been ets; data sources are not specified, and/or no gender sensitive, sex-disaggregation of indicators. |
| Evidence   | Management Response   |
| Please see the prodoc for the fran                                     | nework.   |
| I1. Is there a comprehensive and coased management, monitoring ar      | costed M&E plan with specified data collection sources and methods to support evidence nd evaluation of the project?  |
| Yes  |   |
| O No   |   |
| Evidence   |   |
| Please see the prodoc, monitoring                                      | g and evaluation plan table.  |
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|  | chanism clearly defined in the project document, including planned composition of the s 1-3 that best reflects this project)  |
| 3: The project's governance r  | mechanism is fully defined in the project document. Individuals have been specified for each  |

project board, project director/manager and quality assurance roles. (all must be true to select this option)

document. (all must be true to select this option).

position in the governance mechanism (especially all members of the project board.) Project Board members have agreed on their roles and responsibilities as specified in the terms of reference. The ToR of the project board has been attached to the project

2: The project's governance mechanism is defined in the project document; specific institutions are noted as holding key governance roles, but individuals may not have been specified yet. The prodoc lists the most important responsibilities of the

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|  | is loosely defined in the project document, only mentioning key roles that will need to responsibilities of key positions in the governance mechanism is provided.   |  |  |  |  |
| Evidence   | Management Response  |  |  |  |  |
| The project's governance mechanism (Project Committee) will hold project reviews meeting. The PSC consists of Cooperating Partner as partner UTBA, donor Sida, Presidency Stratt Office. UNDP is the Supplier of the project. By ARR/P, M&E Analyst and IDG Portfolio Methanics.   | s every six months.<br>MoJ, implementing<br>egy and Budget<br>Quality is ensured   |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>3: Project risks related to the achievem analysis drawing on the theory of change, So</li> </ul>  | th clear plans stated to manage and mitigate each risks? (select from options 1- ent of results are fully described in the project risk log, based on comprehensive cial and Environmental Standards and screening, situation analysis, capacity complete plan in place to manage and mitigate each risk. (both must be true to select |  |  |  |  |
| this option)   | ent of results identified in the initial project risk log with mitigation measures identified  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1: Some risks may be identified in the initial project risk log, but no evidence of analysis and no clear risk mitigation measure dentified. This option is also selected if risks are not clearly identified and no initial risk log is included with the project document.   |  |  |  |  |
| Evidence   | Management Response  |  |  |  |  |
| Low ownership of bar associations is the probe mitigated by UTBA's presence and compost practices to motivate other bars to join project.  Another risk is "continuation of traumatic incommen, children, people with disabilities and traditions, societal pressure and local culture mitigated by close cooperation with security forces, governors and prosecutors were alreated face about the project and their commitments." | itment and showing and stay in the dents against refugees due to ". This risk will be forces. Security ady informed face   |  |  |  |  |
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| fficient   | Quality Rating: Exemplary  |  |  |  |  |
| design? This can include: i) using the theoresults with the resources available; ii) usin  | st-efficient use of resources been explicitly mentioned as part of the project of change analysis to explore different options of achieving the maximum g a portfolio management approach to improve cost effectiveness through gh joint operations (e.g., monitoring or procurement) with other partners.                             |  |  |  |  |
| Evidence   |  |  |  |  |  |
| The project follows a portfolio management   | approach to make better use of the budget and the available resources. This enables  |  |  |  |  |

the creation of "cost-synergy" opportunity to reduce or eliminate expenses associated with running the Project; especially with regards to Human Resources.

Besides, links with the ongoing Phase I Project has been established and reflected into the Phase 2 Project to achieve more

efficient results.

| 15. Are explicit plans in place to ensure the project links up wit led by UNDP, national or other partners, to achieve more efficie or coordinating delivery?)   |   |
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| Yes  |   |
| O No   |   |
| Evidence   |   |
| The project links well with another Legal Aid project of UNDP, whether while the Phase II tries to do this via Bars and NGOs, the other of Ministry of Justice. Both projects are complementary and would expressed the project of the project of UNDP, whether which is the project of UNDP, where the project of UNDP, which is the project of UNDP, where the project of UNDP, which is th | one for refugees tries to achieve this via Legal Support Centers of   |
| 16. Is the budget justified and supported with valid estimates?  |   |
| 3: The project's budget is at the activity level with funding so<br>multi-year budget. Costs are supported with valid estimates using<br>from inflation and foreign exchange exposure have been estimate   |   |
| 2: The project's budget is at the activity level with funding so<br>project in a multi-year budget. Costs are supported with valid esti  | ources, when possible, and is specified for the duration of the imates based on prevailing rates.   |
| 1: The project's budget is not specified at the activity level, a  | and/or may not be captured in a multi-year budget.  |
| Evidence   |   |
| The Project budget was prepared in a very detailed format and v beneficiary. The budget is also included in the prodoc.  | was discussed with related UNDP team and also with the  |
| development, policy advocacy services, finance, procurement, hu travel, assets, general services, information and communications policies (i.e., UPL, LPL.)  2: The budget covers significant direct project costs that are policies (i.e., UPL, LPL) as relevant.   | rectly attributable to the project, including programme strategic country programme planning, quality assurance, pipeline uman resources, administration, issuance of contracts, security, a based on full costing in accordance with prevailing UNDP edirectly attributable to the project based on prevailing UNDP costs. UNDP is cross-subsidizing the project and the office should |
| Effective  | Quality Rating: Exemplary   |

## 18. Is the chosen implementation modality most appropriate? (select from options 1-3 that best reflects this project)

- 3: The required implementing partner assessments (capacity assessment, HACT micro assessment) have been conducted, and there is evidence that options for implementation modalities have been thoroughly considered. There is a strong justification for choosing the selected modality, based on the development context. (both must be true to select this option)
- 2: The required implementing partner assessments (capacity assessment, HACT micro assessment) have been conducted and the implementation modality chosen is consistent with the results of the assessments.

| Evidence  | Management Response  |
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| NIM modality was selected for the implement assessment for the ministry was also conduction.  |  |
| assessment for the ministry was also conduc   | <u> </u>   |
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|   | inalized and excluded populations that will be affected by the project, been ay that addresses any underlying causes of exclusion and discrimination?  |
| affected by the project, have been actively e   | proups, prioritising marginalized and excluded populations that will be involved in or engaged in the design of the project. Their views, rights and any constraints have beer se analysis of the theory of change which seeks to address any underlying causes of on of project interventions.  |
| project, have been engaged in the design of   | oups, prioritising marginalized and excluded populations that will be involved in the fithe project. Some evidence that their views, rights and any constraints have been se analysis of the theory of change and the selection of project interventions.  |
|   | arginalized and excluded populations that will be involved in the project during project nd constraints of populations have been incorporated into the project.  |
| Not Applicable  |  |
| Evidence  |  |
| are specified clearly at the Project document engagement. Coordination and networking a   | ne Project design since the Phase I of the Project. Target groups and geographic areas at. The project is applying multiple strategies and mechanisms to ensure stakeholder activities for women's NGOs were in place both in the first phase and also envisaged or children's abuse, another coordination mechanism is going to be established ablic Violence Prevention Centers) |
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|   | oring activities, have explicit plans for evaluation, and include other lesson or Lessons Learned Workshops), timed to inform course corrections if needed   |
| ming project implementation:  |  |
| Yes   |  |
| No  |  |
| Evidence  |  |
| Mid-term evaluation will be conducted durin M&E section at the prodoc for detailed activi   | ng the Project implementation along with other M&E requirements. Please see the ities.   |
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| The consideration of the control of | to any accorded OFNO on OFNO indication that wanded has been follow  |
| . The gender marker for all project output<br>ainstreamed into all project outputs at a n   | ts are scored at GEN2 or GEN3, indicating that gender has been fully minimum.  |
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| Evidence  | Management Response  |
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Centers are being established based on the premise that women will seek assistance if they feel comfortable. As a first point of entry, the Centers will be designed in a way to respond to primary needs of violence victims and will facilitate the subsequent legal steps for GBV victims. The project takes into account all the limitations of violence victims and tries to make the process easier and less traumatizing.

| 22. Is there a | a realistic multi | -year work pla | n and budget to    | ensure outputs | are delivered | on time and | within allotted |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| resources?     | (select from op   | tions 1-3 that | best reflects this | project)       |               |             |                 |

- 3: The project has a realistic work plan & budget covering the duration of the project at the activity level to ensure outputs are delivered on time and within the allotted resources.
- 2: The project has a work plan & budget covering the duration of the project at the output level.
- 1: The project does not yet have a work plan & budget covering the duration of the project.

#### **Evidence**

Please see the prodoc for work plan and budget. Also please the multi-year work plan.

## **Sustainability & National Ownership**

**Quality Rating: Highly Satisfactory** 

## 23. Have national partners led, or proactively engaged in, the design of the project?

- 3: National partners have full ownership of the project and led the process of the development of the project jointly with UNDP.
- 2: The project has been developed by UNDP in close consultation with national partners.
- 1: The project has been developed by UNDP with limited or no engagement with national partners.
- Not Applicable

## **Evidence**

National partners have engaged fully since the Phase I of the Project. Ministry of Justice rearranged its fee structure for legal aid attorneys thanks to the first phase. During the second stage, the MoJ will be more engaged in policy formulation, regulating the legal aid field whereas Union of Bars is the ultimate national partner and executive agency that had a greater influence on project design from the beginning. Violence Prevention Centers will be established under the authority of local bar associations.

## 24. Are key institutions and systems identified, and is there a strategy for strengthening specific/ comprehensive capacities based on capacity assessments conducted? (select from options 0-4 that best reflects this project):

- 3: The project has a comprehensive strategy for strengthening specific capacities of national institutions based on a systematic and detailed capacity assessment that has been completed. This strategy includes an approach to regularly monitor national capacities using clear indicators and rigorous methods of data collection, and adjust the strategy to strengthen national capacities accordingly.
- 2.5: A capacity assessment has been completed. The project document has identified activities that will be undertaken to strengthen capacity of national institutions, but these activities are not part of a comprehensive strategy to monitor and strengthen national capacities.
- 2: A capacity assessment is planned after the start of the project. There are plans to develop a strategy to strengthen specific capacities of national institutions based on the results of the capacity assessment.
- 1.5: There is mention in the project document of capacities of national institutions to be strengthened through the project, but no capacity assessments or specific strategy development are planned.
- 1: Capacity assessments have not been carried out and are not foreseen. There is no strategy for strengthening specific capacities of national institutions.
- Not Applicable

#### **Evidence**

The project makes reference to the real needs of legal aid field in the PRODOC by referencing low legal aid fees, the relative ignorance of attorney on how to approach legal aid applicants and specific training needs as well as the low capacity of SONIMs in providing such services. However, the project primarily targets working with Bars rather than the Ministry and establish a complementary mechanism to the MoFLSS.

| 25. Is there is a clear strategy embedded in the project specifying how the project will use national systems (i | i.e., |
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| procurement, monitoring, evaluations, etc.,) to the extent possible?   |       |

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable

#### **Evidence**

The project regularly receives national statistics from Ministries such as GBV statistics (children, women, refugees). In that sense the project makes use of national systems in M&E. Local PDMMs will also share data on refugees if needed.

26. Is there a clear transition arrangement/ phase-out plan developed with key stakeholders in order to sustain or scale up results (including resource mobilisation strategy)?

- Yes
- No

#### **Evidence**

The demonstrated activities (Poppy Center) will be replicated and scaled-up with UTBA and MoJ, for implementation in future pilot provinces on top of 7 initially selected ones for this phase.

## **Quality Assurance Summary/PAC Comments**

LPAC meeting minutes and comments has been uploaded.