Yemen Accountability Enhancement Project (P148288)

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Implementing Agencies: Supreme National Authority for Combating Corruption (SNACC)

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:30-May-2014 Effectiveness Date:10-Jul-2014

Planned Mid Term Review Date:15-Dec-2016 Actual Mid-Term Review Date:-
Original Closing Date:31-Dec-2016 Revised Closing Date:31-Dec-2016

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective is to enhance capacity of targeted accountability institutions to provide access to information and to improve enforcement of the anti-corruption law

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

Components

Name

Public Disclosure Authorized

Component 1: Supporting implementation of the National Anticorruption Strategy and Action Plan:(Cost \$2.55 M)

Component 2: Supporting the implementation of the Right to Access to Information (RAI) Law:(Cost \$1.27 M)

Component 3: Supporting the Yemen Anti-Corruption Coalition (YACC) in raising demand for good governance in 7 pilot sectors:(Cost \$1.25 M)

Component 4: Project Management:(Cost \$0.93 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	 Moderately Unsatisfactory 	Moderately Unsatisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	● High	• High

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

This is a project under Middle East and North Africa Transition Fund. The Project's Grant Agreement has been signed on July 10, 2014 and it has become effective on August 28, 2014. The Project Cost is \$ 6 million and the Project closing date is June 30, 2017. The Project Development Objective is to enhance capacity of targeted accountability institutions to provide access to information and to improve enforcement of the anti-corruption law. The targeted accountability institutions are - Supreme National Authority for Combating Corruption (SNACC), Information Commissioner Office (ICO), and Yemen Anti-Corruption Coalition (YACC).

During January 11-15, 2015, a supervision of Yemen Accountability Enhancement Project was conducted in Sana'a, Yemen. Activities and milestones were agreed with the implementing agencies, knowing fully well that there Would be delays in implementation due to ongoing political instability and security situation.

The following major priority actions were agreed with the counterparts during the supervision mission:

- The selection process for the national and international expert positions to provide technical assistance to SNACC will be finalized in February and March.
- SNACC will prepare legal amendments on: removing immunity to senior officials, providing investigative powers to SNACC, establishing anti-corruption courts, and other legislations as per NDC's recommendations.
- A comprehensive Training Plan will be prepared for judges who preside over corruption cases.
- Two judge benches will be established in each of the seven Public Fund Courts in Yemen by a decree of the Supreme Judicial Council. The SCJ Chair will present the official request received from SNACC to Supreme Judicial Council for approval.
- The Project will provide necessary furniture and office equipments for the SNACC office.
- A Strategy to reduce Bribery in primary service delivery units of the Ministry of Health will be prepared and implemented.
- The Project will provide technical support in conducting survey for citizens' awareness about the Right to Access of Information Law
- The Project will provide necessary office equipments to the ICO.
- The project will provide technical assistance in conducting systems study and designing the MIS for managing information requests at different ministries, departments, and agencies after the appointment of the Nodal Agency and Information Officers in each line ministry.
- YACC will prepare operational procedure for the flow of funds between the PMU and CSO Coalition for operating expenses.
- YACC will prepare every three months in advance a three months plan with envisaged activities and CSOs involved, while trying to maintain a balance between participating NGOs and involve all of them in activities.
- PMU to complete the procurement process of goods and equipment to set up office for YACC.
- A national Survey on citizen's perception and experience in 7 pilot sectors to will be conducted with technical support from the project.
- A national Survey on citizen's perception and experience of Quality of Service Delivery Survey (QSDS) for the Health Sector to will be conducted with technical support from the project.

However, major political developments have occurred since then, impacting the entire project portfolio of the World Bank, including this Project. On the Bank's side, missions got suspended from January 23, 2015; the country office got temporarily closed on February 18, 2015; and all disbursements under the program got suspended on March 11, 2015. The situation in the country remains very fluid and complex. The implementation of this Project will be adversely affected by the country situation and suspension of disbursements.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance		High	• High
Macroeconomic		High	High
Sector Strategies and Policies		High	High
Technical Design of Project or Program		Moderate	Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability		Substantial	Substantial
Fiduciary		Substantial	Substantial

Environment and Social	 Moderate	Moderate
Stakeholders	 High	• High
Other	 	
Overall	 High	High

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

▶ Pilot ministries that adopted the recommended changes in the existing business processes to prevent corruption and leakage of public finances (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	15-Jan-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ Investigated corruption cases by SNACC in which prosecution is sanctioned by the AGO (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	15-Jan-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ Citizens who are aware about their right to access information. (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	4.00	4.00	4.00	40.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	15-Jan-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ Citizens identified as the victim of corruption by the civil society have their problem successfully mediated and resolved by the YACC. (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00

Date	30-Oct-2013	15-Jan-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ Legal amendments and Policy decisions approved under TACAP are adopted by Council of Ministers (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	15-Jan-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

Overall Comments

Because of the security situation on the ground and the on-going conflict, the project implementation has been delayed and it remains on hold. The current ratings for the project remain MU. These ratings should not be viewed as a reflection of the performance and/or commitment of the counterpart for this project, but rather the outcome of the current conflict. The team has maintained regular communication with the PIU, in an attempt to monitor the situation and to be ready for a rapid re-engagement. Once the security situation in Yemen improves and Bank suspension is lifted, project ratings could be reverted back to reflect past satisfactory performance levels.

Intermediate Results Indicators

► COMPONENT 1.1: Diagnostic study of form and manifestation of corruption in 7 pilot ministries completed. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ COMPONENT 1.2: Decision Support System for the Asset Declaration Sector established. (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Υ
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ COMPONENT 1.3: Management Information System for the Investigations and Complaints Management Sector established
(Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Υ
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

► COMPONENT 1.4: Interactive website to disseminate and receive information on anticorruption and receive citizens' complaints launched (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Υ
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

► COMPONENT 1.5: Number of amendments to the anticorruption legal framework and executive orders drafted in accordance with TACAP and NDC resolution (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

► COMPONENT 1.6: SNACC officials trained in investigations, legal framework, database management and complaints management. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ COMPONENT 1.7: Officials of law enforcement agencies (Public Fund Court and Attorneys for Corruption cases) trained in the field of prosecution. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ COMPONENT 1.8: National Anti-Corruption Strategy is revised and updated (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Υ
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

► COMPONENT 2.1: Capacity of the Information Commissioner's Office staff developed (staff trained) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ COMPONENT 2.2: By-laws for Right to Access to Information Law developed (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Υ
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ COMPONENT 2.3: Road Map for the RAI's implementation, Operational manual, four year strategic plan for Right to Access to Information Law implemented. (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Υ
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

► COMPONENT 2.4: Knowledge of public officials increased on their obligations under the RAI law (officials trained) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ COMPONENT 2.5: Baseline and end-of-project survey on citizen's awareness on RAI law conducted. (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Υ
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

► COMPONENT 2.6: Multi-media campaign to increase mass awareness about right to information conducted. (Yes/No, Custom)

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	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Υ
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ COMPONENT 2: Information requests management system is developed and installed at different government institutions and linked to the ICO. (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target	
Value	N	N	N	Υ	
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2016	

▶ COMPONENT 2.7: Survey on information infrastructure and capacities in government institutions for abidance to the RAI law conducted. (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target	
Value	N	N	N	Υ	
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017	

▶ COMPONENT 2.8: An Information Portal for proactive disclosure of government information is launched (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target	
Value	N	N	N	Υ	
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017	

▶ COMPONENT 3.1: Pilot sectors in which victims of corruption and poor service delivery identified, their evidence recorded and case study documented. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

► COMPONENT 3.2: Case Studies of victims of corruption and poor service delivery in the pilot sectors are disseminated (Number, Custom)							
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target			
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00			
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017			

► COMPONENT 3.3a: Volunteers of YACC received basic training in investigations, data collection, documentation of evidence, and presentation of findings. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ COMPONENT 3.3b: Field supervisors received advanced training in investigations, documentation of evidence and presentation of findings. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target	
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017	

► COMPONENT 3.4: Identified corruption cases mediated with concerning government agencies. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target	
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	
Date	30-Sep-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017	

COMPONENT 3.5: Awareness created amongst citizens about their right to access of information (workshops/public meetings)
held) (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	408.00
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017

▶ COMPONENT 3.6:Baseline and end-of-project survey of information responsiveness in 7 pilot ministries (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target	
Value	N	N	N	Υ	
Date	30-Oct-2013	04-Dec-2015	30-Dec-2016	30-Jun-2017	

Overall Comments

Because of the current situation in Yemen, the project has been suspended and no progresses have been made on the three pillars. The team is confident based on the recent communication with the PIU that once peace is achieved the project will be implemented pronptly

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P148288	TF-17651	Effective	USD	6.00	6.00	0.00	0.80	5.20	13%
Key Date	s (by loan)								

Key Dates (by Ioan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P148288	TF-17651	Effective	10-Jul-2014	10-Jul-2014	10-Jul-2014	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2016

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.