



Newsletter about the progress of the project

STABILIZATION FACILITY FOR LIBYA - STRONGER FOR LIBYA, SFL2

OUTPUT 3: LOCAL PEACE STRUCTURES AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT CAPACITY

Welcome!

Our second newsletter brings with it the news of the work we have achieved in the past month.

As part of our newsletter series, this edition aims at sharing updates regarding the project activities that took place in September and October 2020. It also highlights the upcoming events that are fundamental for the success of the project. It is always our pleasure to keep you informed on progress this project is making and the plans we have ahead.

The main highlight of the second edition of our newsletter covers our first training which focused on Conflict Analysis and Stakeholder Mapping. This online workshop harnessed the power of technology to virtually bring together the project partners of Output 3. 25 civil society organizations (CSOs) across Libya from east to west and north to south participated in this training and contributed to its success. We hope this newsletter gives you an enjoyable read.

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Training Preparation and Participants Mobilization

The Project starts with Output 3. To sustain this local peace structure, the SFL needs capable local Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) partners which can provide and update the conflict analysis, conflict mapping, conflict monitoring, conflict management and conflict reduction expertise to support the local peace structure.

UNITAR is supporting UNDP in the delivery of the activities under Output 3 on Local Peace Structures and Conflict Management Capacity. The activities under this output will define and contribute to the initial stabilisation efforts at the community level by bringing together formalised local authorities and civil society. The priorities identified at this local level will define all project activities, which includes the gender-sensitive conflict analysis to better understand the causes of tension.



Our First Training Workshop - Conflict Analysis and Stakeholder Mapping

Our first training workshop took place from September 20th to Sep 24th. Following the first day, and in agreement with the participants, the timing of the second session was modified to be 7-9 p.m.

The 20-hours training content focused substantially on conflict analysis. Participants had the chance to learn and use different tools to understand the context, conflict stakeholders, root causes of the conflict, conflict dynamics among other factors determining the course of conflict and its implications. Moreover, the training covered stakeholder mapping and highlighted different intervention criteria including inclusiveness, accountability, and national ownership.

THE WORKSHOP IN NUMBERS:



were held during September 20th to 24th with the participation of 25 CSOs coming from 13 cities of Libya

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Workshop Dynamics

Benefiting from the workshop methodology, participants had the chance to express themselves and present their ideas in a friendly environment. Different views and perspectives were shared indicating the difference in the background and understanding of the subjects at hand. Plenary and small group discussions were rich which made the workshop highly interactive. The only challenge that limited this encouraging atmosphere was technical due to shortages in electricity or internet connection.

In their words

The training was well received by the participants and they expressed their satisfaction regarding its content and approach. The major challenge was to deal with the implications of conducting an online training in Libya given the electricity shortage and weak internet connection in the country. Below is a selection of some participant feedback collected from the final evaluation:

- “All trainers were respectful in their interactions, and they delivered the information in an amazing and interesting way. Their answers for participants’ questions were also fulfilling.”
- “An excellent training approach, an empathic style in repeating explanations and good spirit and positive energy. Many thanks for Ali, Yasmine, Fadi and Omar and everyone who contributed to this training.”
- “All thanks to the trainers for the valuable information and useful exercises. I wish them the best.”
- “All of them were up to the task and they were so fluent, direct to the point, and make the training clear and easy to deliver”
- “An excellent experience though I wished it was in person instead of online due to the importance of the subject. The workshop needs communication, face to face discussions and interactions among participants”

Recommendations

Based on the training workshop and its activity, few recommendations have been highlighted including:

- Develop the capacity of CSOs to facilitate their work with governmental organizations

- Conducting face to face training to allow participants to effectively engage in the training instead of online/virtual due to the considerable difficulties for participants in Libya as a result of the limitation in electricity and internet.
- Establishing an online portal that can serve as a platform for Libyan CSOs to exchange knowledge and experience as well as paving the way for networking which would facilitate collective activities on the thematic and geographical levels.

Where are we now?

Workshop results and reflection

Currently, the UNITAR team is reflecting and working on the training workshop and its results. This includes building on the achievements and investing them in other activities of the project. It also, pays attention to the challenges faced and devising new mechanisms and adjustments to overcome these challenges. Lessons learned are being utilized to prepare more effective and successful training workshops in the future.

Next Workshop Preparation

In parallel with the reflection, the team started discussing the content and approach of the upcoming training on proposal writing. More work in this regard will take place shortly. This would ensure that the workshops meet participants’ needs and serve as a vehicle to empower partner organizations in their preparation for the upcoming round of grant schemes provided by UNDP.

Coaching and support

In addition to the training workshop that took place in September and the workshop that will take place shortly, UNITAR team has started a coaching and support activity in line with the project objectives and mandate. This engagement will give an opportunity for

participating CSOs to highlight their needs. It will also be a platform for UNITAR team to develop the proper support and coaching process to enhance the capacity of the targeted CSOs.

Moreover, the coaching and support process will be an added value to strengthen the capacity of these CSOs in the training topics by providing a one-to-one learning opportunity. Consequently, these organizations can translate their newly acquired knowledge and skills and use them effectively in their respective communities.

What is coming next?

The second training workshop will be delivered by UNITAR in partnership with UNDP and it will take place shortly. It focuses on Proposal Writing and targets local CSOs project partners in Libya. Views of the CSOs collected during the first phase will be instrumental in the new training. Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, this training will also take place online.

NOVEMBER 2020:

- Online Training on Proposal Writing: Introduction to basic project concepts

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2020:

- First Funding Opportunity

JANUARY 2021:

- Face to Face Training – Project Implementation and Financial Management
- Face to Face Training – Monitoring and Evaluation Framework – Logical Framework

You will be receiving more news from us soon!