

Project Progress Newsletter

STABILIZATION FACILITY FOR LIBYA - STRONGER FOR LIBYA, SFL2

OUTPUT 3: LOCAL PEACE STRUCTURES AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT CAPACITY

Welcome to the sixth edition of the SFL2 newsletter!

This edition covers the month of June 2021. We are excited to share the project’s progress with you and to update you on some key issues. The main highlights of this edition are the successful completion of the fifth training on “Conflict Reduction Strategy Design TOT” as well as the sixth training on “Financial Management and Financial Reporting”. The newsletter also includes an overview of what has been accomplished so far and what is planned for the coming few months. Finally, the UNITAR team welcomes Ali Chahine who will support our Libyan partner CSOs in the technical part of their UNDP funded proposals on conflict analysis. Enjoy the news!

WHAT WILL YOU FIND IN THIS EDITION?

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- Update on the implementation process
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Project Summary

The project Stabilization Facility for Libya – Stronger for Libya (SFL2) seeks to support Libya’s efforts to bridge the critical transition from the initial period of humanitarian relief towards mid- and long-term structural and sector-specific support. The interventions have been designed to strengthen national unity and reinforce the authority of state institutions across Libya. This is being achieved through the support of three activity sets, each with a dedicated output:

Output 1: Basic services and light infrastructure restored

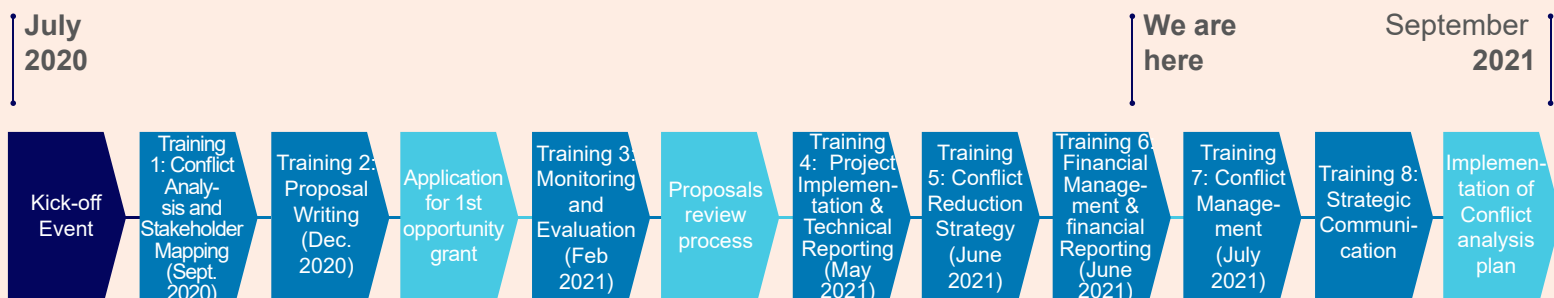
Output 2: Immediate capacity support for municipalities and local partners

Output 3: Local peace structures and conflict management capacity

UNITAR’s support under Output 3

UNITAR continues to support UNDP’s efforts under Output 3 to strengthen the capacities of the local partner Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) particularly pertaining to Conflict and Project Management so they can contribute to the initial stabilization efforts at the community level.

WHERE DO WE CURRENTLY STAND?



Ongoing Coaching and Support Process

Coaching and mentoring support to Libyan partner CSOs is a key ongoing pillar of our project. During the month of June, UNITAR coaches have been preparing for the implementation phase by reviewing the conflict analysis proposals submitted by the CSOs to UNDP for the low value grant.

Our online course platform learnatunitar.org is going strong!

Most participants continue to face numerous difficulties in maintaining a workable internet connection for the duration of the trainings. UNITAR team keeps on uploading the training materials in Arabic on its platform to ensure, as much as possible, the exchange of knowledge among the partner organizations and to facilitate sharing and networking.



Training #5: Conflict Reduction Strategy Design TOT

Organized by UNITAR, this training session on conflict Reduction Strategy Design was the fifth in a series of eight capacity-building training based on the identified CSOs' needs and priorities. Each CSO was represented by one participant throughout the course. The training focused on building the capacities of the participants in understanding, designing and applying conflict reduction strategies and approaches. The sessions and material were delivered in Arabic via Zoom.

Training #6: Financial Management and Financial Reporting

This training session was the sixth in the capacity-building training series organized by UNITAR team. The training focused on building the capacity of participating Libyan CSOs in understanding the principles of financial management and internal controls, enhancing the participants' skills and techniques in preparing budgets and financial reports, and, initiating the process of establishing CSOs financial policies and procedures booklets

THE FIFTH TRAINING IN NUMBERS:



were held from May 30th to June 3rd with the participation of 15 representatives (7 Female and 8 Male) coming from different cities across Libya from the East and the West. ♀7 ♂8

THE SIXTH TRAINING IN NUMBERS:



were held from June 10th to 17th with the participation of 13 representatives (7 Female and 6 Male) coming from different cities across Libya from the East and the West. ♀7 ♂6

"It was really an excellent training, and what made it so special is the wonderful company of the the trainers and the trainees, we gained a valuable knowledge which we were eager to learn and pushed us to continue enjoying and committing to the training sessions".

Participant from the Conflict Reduction Strategy Design training.

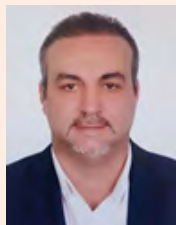
"Thank you coaches for showing interest in the remote trainings and being patient enough with the difficulties and the repeated internet outages. We hope that next trainings will be face to face for a better outcome."

Participant from the Financial Management and Financial Reporting training.

Additional resources for further readings on Conflict Management:

- Berghof Foundation Arabic publications on conflict management can be found [here](#).
- Search For Common Ground Guide on Designing Community Dialogue can be found [here](#).
- Search for Common Ground Guide on Mediation and Training on Mediation can be found [here](#).

Meet our new coach!



Ali Chahine is an independent capacity building and conflict resolution consultant and facilitator working in the Middle East region since 1997. He has been engaged in designing and implementing projects related to peace

building, capacity building and organizational development in Lebanon, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen, Libya and the Balkans targeting civil society, corporate, governmental institutions and elected bodies. He has carried several assignments for INGOs, UN agencies and governmental institutes in Middle East and Europe and worked as program manager in Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan. He has also participated in several reconciliation and mediation interventions in Lebanon, Yemen, Libya, Syria and Iraq and he engaged with the several United Nations agencies in the MENA region. Between 2000 and 2005, Ali worked as cooperation delegate for International Committee of Red Cross in Kosovo, Somalia and Zimbabwe. He holds an MBA and a B.Sc. in Engineering from the American University of Beirut.

Upcoming activities for July 2021

- Ongoing coaching sessions on implementation of Conflict Analysis.
- Ongoing coaching sessions on Project Implementation and Technical Reporting.
- Training #7: Conflict Management: conflict prevention, conflict resolution and transformation.

Stay tuned, you will be receiving more news from us in September 2021!