Welcome to the seventh edition of the SFL2 newsletter!

This edition covers the months of July and August 2021. We are excited to share the project’s advance with you, and to update you on some key issues. The most significant highlight of this edition is the fruitful completion of the seventh training on “Conflict Management”. The bulletin will also be showcasing what has been achieved so far, and what is coming up in a few months.

Happy reading!
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?

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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 July and August, UNITAR coaches have worked closely with its CSO partners to revise and finalize the conflict analysis proposals following UNDP guidelines. Seventeen CSOs were considered for the low value grant. All seventeen CSOs received support pertaining to the proposals’ budget. Upon the CSOs’ request, the UNITAR team provided written feedback to two CSOs on their proposal and held coaching meetings with nine CSOs to revise their proposals, followed by revision via email when required. Out of the seventeen CSOs, fourteen submitted their proposals to the UNDP and three decided to withdraw.
Training #7: Conflict Management

This training session was the seventh in the capacity-building training series organized by the UNITAR team. The training focused on building the capacity of participating Libyan CSOs in understanding the three approaches of conflict management, enhancing their capabilities in conflict resolution and mediation, as well as preparing and delivering training sessions in areas of conflict management. The training allowed the CSOs to network with each other, in addition to providing the partners with the opportunity to exchange and share their professional experience.

THE SEVENTH TRAINING IN NUMBERS:

- **3 Trainers**
  - 1 Lead Trainer
  - 2 Co-Trainers
- **5 Days**
- **15 Training hours**

were held from July 10th to 14th with the participation of 14 representatives (7 Female and 7 Male) coming from different cities across Libya from the East and the West.

Feedback received included:

“The trainers are excellent and they have the ability to deliver information in a smooth manner. The training material is comprehensive and clear to us.”

“The trainers are extremely professional. The participants developed a better understanding of the subject matter and information shared by the participants are excellent too. The only challenge we faced is to stay focused for long hours during an online training despite the intensive efforts of the coaches to continuously use and apply the participation tools such as MENTI. We hope the next training will be face-to-face and we all meet again!”

Participants from the Conflict Management 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.
Upcoming activities for September and October 2021

- Ongoing coaching sessions on implementation of Conflict Analysis.
- Ongoing coaching sessions on Project Implementation and Technical Reporting.
- Training #8: Strategic communication.

Stay tuned for more news from us in November 2021!