Welcome to the eighth edition of the SFL2 newsletter!

This edition covers the months of September and October 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 eighth training on “Communication” between 4th – 8th October as well as the Low Value Grant- Coaching kick-start virtual event on October 21st to provide the CSOs with the needed knowledge and tools to implement the conflict analysis exercise.

The bulletin will also be showcasing what has been achieved so far, and what is coming up in a few months. Finally, the UNITAR team welcomes Khaled Shorman who will support our Libyan partner CSOs in the technical part of their UNDP funded proposals on conflict analysis.

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

**WHERE DO WE CURRENTLY STAND?**

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**Kick-start event**

The meeting took place on the 21st of October from 3PM to 5PM Tripoli time with the participation of representatives from the 14 CSOs that have been approved for the first Low Value Grant.

UNITAR’s objective of the meeting is to provide the CSOs with an overview on best practices including the use and validation of research tools and conflict sensitive approaches as well as project implementation including completing the logical framework, monitoring and evaluation as well as narrative and financial reporting. UNITAR team provided the partner CSOs with an overall view of the group and one-on-one coaching activities during October throughout December as well as the coaching timeline and milestones. In the first session, the team presented the Conflict Analysis Report Outline and the conflict analysis tools previously introduced during UNITARs trainings. The second session was dedicated to emphasising the importance of keeping the logical framework and M&E up to date as well as providing an overview on the UNDP narrative and financial reporting outlines.

**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.
Training # 8: Communication

This training session was the eighth in the capacity-building training series organized by the UNITAR team. The training focused on enhancing the Libyan CSOs in understanding the role of communication in developing their organizations and strengthening their abilities to use communication to serve their professional goals and in practicing effective, constructive, and conflict-sensitive communication; as well as providing participants with techniques that help them improve personal and institutional communication, as well as communication with donors and the local community. 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 EIGHTH TRAINING IN NUMBERS:

were held from October 4th to 8th with the participation of 14 representatives (5 Female and 9 Male) coming from different cities across Libya from the East and the West.

Additional resources for further readings on Communication:

- “10 secrets about body language” can be found here.
- Nonviolent Communication - Marshall Rosenberg’s Book can be found here.

Meet our new coach!

Khaled Shorman is an independent trainer and consultant with over 20 years of progressive experience in the fields of conflict resolution and organizational development of NGOs, CSOs and CBOs in the Middle East. Khaled has also founded an NGO where he designed and managed national and regional projects on youth activism, civic engagement, dialogue, peace and co-existence, and community mobilization. He worked with national and international NGOs and programs in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Yemen, and Iraq. Between 2012-2014, Khaled worked with the Lutheran World Federation to design and implement a three-year-old training program on conflict mitigation and social cohesion for Syrian refugees and host communities in Jordan, targeting activists and CBOs. He also participated in designing and launching several regional peace building initiatives with the Danish government involving youth activists and creating dialogue platforms to advocate for positive social change. Between 2007 and 2014, Khaled worked as a regional expert with ENI CBC MED programme, an EU programme providing project implementation capacity building to NGOs who receive EU funding. Khaled has a degree in English Language and Literature and several diplomas related to conflict resolution, including one from Cambridge University.
Upcoming activities for November and December 2021:

- Ongoing coaching sessions on conducting Conflict Analysis and reporting
- Ongoing coaching sessions on project implementation in general and supervising the narrative & financial Reporting.

Stay tuned for more news from us in January 2022!