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List of acronym

ACBAR	Agency Coordination Body for Afghan Relief
AFGA	Afghan Family Guidance Association
ANDS	Afghanistan National Development Strategy
ASGP	Afghanistan Sub national Governance Programme
ASRH	Adolescent, Sexual and Reproductive Health
AWP	Annual Work Plan
CAP	Coaches and Advisory Programme
CPAP	Country Programme Action Plan
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CV	Curriculum Vitae
DMYA	Deputy Minister Office for Youth Affairs
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GOA	Government of Afghanistan
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus / Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
HQ	Head Quarter
HSF	Human Security Fund
IEC/BCC	Information, Education, Communication/ Behavioral Change Communication
ILO	International Labour Organization
IRC	International Rescue Committee
iPYC	Interim Provincial Youth Council
LYC	Local Youth Council
JNYP	Joint National Youth Programme
MoAL	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
MoPH	Ministry of Public Health
MoE	Ministry of Education
MoHE	Ministry of Higher Education
MoWA	Ministry of Women Affairs
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MoLSA	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs
MoSALMD	Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Martyred, Disabled
MOU	Memorandum Of Understanding
MCY	Ministry of Culture and Youth
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
PBF	Peace Building Fund
RFP	Request For Proposal
SEAL	Support to Establishment of Afghan Legislative
TOT	Training of Trainer
TCC	Technical Coordination Committee
UN	United Nations
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund
UN-HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNDP	United Nations Development Fund
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization
UNAMA	United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan
UNV	United Nations Volunteer
YEP	Youth Empowerment Programme
YIC	Youth Information Center
YICC	Youth Information and Contact Center

I. Implementation progress

Component 1: Government capacity to support and provide services to youth strengthened.

Output 1.1: Development planners and policy makers (government, aid agencies, donors) aware and responsive to the situation of youth in Afghanistan

1.1.6 Rapid assessment on street-based children in Kabul and interventions required for youth and families
UNICEF

This project started in the two districts of Kabul implemented by an NGO (Non Governmental Organization). Aim of the project is to conduct assessment of street-based children and advocate on family preservation services for them.

1.1.10 Youth legal aid services established in all regions UNICEF

Legal aid services have been established in 10 provinces (Kandahar, Herat, Jalalabad, Mazar, Ghazni, Bamiyan, Kunduz, Baghlan, Jozjan, Badghis) through a local NGO to provide legal services for children involved in micro-criminality activities.

To date 544 children including 27 girls have been assisted and legal aid services provided.

1.1.11 Advocate for youth issues through enhanced promotion and visibility activities UNDP

International Youth Day was successfully celebrated; about six hundreds people participated in the celebration ceremony which included two people per provinces, university and schools students, civil societies representatives, UN agencies, and high government officials.

The youth have been organized in six working groups (Education, Health and Drug Abuse, Employment, Volunteerism, Local Governance, and Gender) their recommendations were summarized in a declaration which was sent to all related bodies. At the closure of the event Farhad Darya, famous Afghan singer and UNDP goodwill Ambassador gave a concert.

Peace Day was celebrated on 20th September 2008 at Kabul Medical University together with DMOYA (Deputy Minister Office of Youth Affairs), Ministry of Higher Education, Kabul medical university and other partners and stakeholders of the JNYP (Joint National Youth Programme). More than 800 youth from different universities of Kabul, representatives of CSOs (Civil Society Organizations) and government officials attended the conference. Minister of Higher Education, DMOYA, UN Resident Coordinator ai (Acting in-charge), Deputy Minister for Women Affairs, and Deputy Minister for social affairs, Chancellor of Kabul Medical University and religious leaders spoke regarding peace and responsibility of youth in peace building. A group young girl presented the Sorod Meli (national anthem) and participated in an art competition and exhibition for peace and development. The chancellor of Kabul Medical University donated a park to youth and named (Youth Peace Park), and UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) supported DMOYA to build a peace symbol in the mentioned park of Kabul Medical University. At the end UNDP provided gifts for champions of art competition and talent students of different universities of Kabul. In addition to that T-Shirts and caps provided by UNAMA (United Nations Assistance Mission for Afghanistan) for peace day were distributed to peer educators of Youth Information center and for youth representatives of CSOs.

1.1.13: Provide technical assistance on ASRH (Adolescence Sexual and Reproductive Health) to MoPH for the revision of the National Child and Adolescent Health policy and strategy UNFPA

The TOR (Term of Reference) for the consultant in consultation with MOPH (Ministry of Public Health) and WG (Working Group) was developed and announced. Applicants CVs (Curriculum Vitae) shared with MOPH but MOPH wants to have an expert of both child and adolescent policy where now the issue has been forwarded to WHO to look for such expert while UNFPA (United Nations Population fund) will cover the expenses.

1.1.14 Conduct a comprehensive youth assessment on situation of youth in Afghanistan, with participation and capacity-building of youth and Government officials in the process including adolescent health issues (combined 1.1.1 and 1.1.7) UNDP

The document finalized with the winner of the bid was presented to the CAP (Contract Asset Procurement) and then sent to HQ (Head Quarter) for final approval. In the meantime negotiation has started with IP (Implementation Partner) for their bank account, fund release and start of work. The assessment will start in early November 2008.

Output 1.2 Strong mechanisms of dialogue and lobbying between youth and Government established

1.2.2 Conduct regular consultations between youth groups/CSO's and Government (parliamentarians, ministerial officials, President's representative) UNDP

JNYP had consultation with different groups during celebration of IYD (International Youth Day) on Aug/05/08.

1.2.4 Refreshers planned for 120 Local Youth Councils across six provinces UNHABITA

Youth Empowerment Programme of UN-HABITAT (United Nations Human Settlements Programme) has delivered three workshops of Civic Education to 120 Local Youth Councils reaching out 2600 youth. The workshops were on Youth & local governance, Youth planning, Fund rising and Project Design, Project Implementation and Communication.

Output 1.3: National youth strategy revised and youth-friendly policies developed through participatory processes and integrated in the ANDS (Afghanistan National Development Strategy)

1.3.5 Develop national strategy on youth employment and youth entrepreneurship UNDP

UN-HABITAT has drafted a National Youth Policy and submitted it to the Office of the Deputy Minister for Youth Affairs. Better clarity on this process need to be reached and discussed during the revision workshop for JNYP

1.3.12 Facilitate youth exchange visits among provinces to strengthen networks and linkages among youth at the national level UNHABITA

This Activity has been delayed for next Quarter due to lack of fund and will be delivered if extra funds are provided.

1.3.13 Facilitate LYCs (Local Youth Council) exchange visits at the province level to support sharing learning and ideas UNHABITA

This Activity has been delayed for next Quarter due to lack of funds.

1.3.14 Facilitate youth dialogue with the Deputy Minister's Office UNHABITA

This Activity has been delayed for next Quarter due to lack of funds.

Output 1.4: Capacity of civil servants at central and provincial level enhanced to provide better services to young people

1.4.1 Conducting the Civil Service Leadership Development training Programme for MIC (Ministry of Information and Culture) /MoE (Ministry of Education) /MoHE (Ministry of Higher Education) /MoLSAM (Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs & Martyred) officials UNDP

Eight people, staff of DMYA/Ministry of Information and Culture attended the first workshop of the ELP (Emergent Leadership Programme) training Programme from 17 to 21 August 2008

The next workshop will be held from 2 to 18 November 2008, at the end of the training Programme, participants will be evaluated based on what they have learned and those who successfully demonstrate good understanding of the training will be awarded certificates.

1.4.6 Training of judicial/law enforcement officials associated with administration of juvenile justice UNICEF

Initial meetings held with head of police academy and other key players. Concept note will be developed to conduct the training for judicial/law enforcement officials associated with administration of juvenile justice.

1.4.7 Establishment of regional social workers coaching mechanism to work with juvenile rehabilitation facilities and other youth protection issues UNICEF

Training of social workers was conducted in 7 provinces (Paktiya, Ghazni, Bamiyan, Kundoz, Baghlan, Jalalabad, Kandahar). In the remaining two provinces it will be conducted soon. A Letter of Agreement has been signed between Ministry of Interior, Attorney General Office, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyred and Disable on involving social worker upon arrest of a child. The goal of the MoLSAM is to enhance the cooperation between the different actors of juvenile justice to ensure legal standards in the best interest of the child.

1.4.10 Improve English oral and written skills for up to 20 DMYA staff UNDP

The English Course continued during last three months, the course consist of formal teaching class and a conversation class, a separate class was conducted for three directors of DMYA, a total of 23 DMYA staff attended the English course. Though evaluation of the course was weak and the evaluation recommendations include reduction in the cost and ask the DMoYA staff to regularly attend the classes, learn and improve speaking as well as writing skills. Office of the DMoYA appreciated UNDP support and officially requested JNYP/UNDP to continue the English course and to establish computer classes for the staff of DMoYA. In addition to that, they also requested UNDP to provide computers, other office equipments, and two well equipped containers to be used as classroom in the DMoYA, and to recruit full time English and computer/IT instructors to be based in the office of the DMoYA. They will conduct several English/computer classes for the staff of the DMoYA as well as for the vulnerable youth coming from out side to DMoYA.

For the capacity development of the DMAY, JNYP/UNDP wants to establish an English Language and Computer course at DMAY, for this UNDP purchased four computers with UPS, four computer tables, one printer, one scanner, one multi media projector with screen, and two well equipped containers, the containers will be based at DMYA and UNDP planned to hire an English Language Trainer and a Computer Instructors for the Course which is under process.

UNDP established an internet system at the DMYA during July 2008, the internet system provided DMYA with faster communication facility, and now the DMYA can easily communicate with all partners.

1.4.13: Awareness raising and training workshop on working with youth in the agriculture sector for MAIL staff and relevant partners FAO

This activity has not been carried out to date, due to some constraints in staff time. We had planned a mission from our HQ for this in March, but this mission could not be completed. We shall probably do this next year.

1.4.14: Definition of MAIL's (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock) strategy for working with youth in agriculture FAO

This activity has not been carried out to date, due to some constraints in staff time. We had planned a mission from our HQ for this in March, but this mission could not be completed. We shall probably do this next year.

1.4.15. Conduct the Coaches and Advisors Programme for the DMYA officials UNDP

During reporting period the focus areas of Coaching in the Office of Deputy Minister for Youth Affairs were as per ToR and AWP (Annual work Plan) of the Coach:

Capacity Building in Project Management, Capacity Building in Policy Design, Institutional Capacity Building of the Office of Deputy Minister for Youth Affairs, Capacity Building in Resource Mobilization, Management of JNYP activities, Prepare Recommendation for the improvement of the Office of Deputy Minister for Youth Affairs, and Gender Mainstreaming.

The Coach provided on job training for the coaches on project cycle management, developing work plan, Resource Mobilization, and Institutional Capacity building.

In the Resource Mobilization and institutional capacity building areas, the coach and coaches developed two proposal; one submitted to UNFPA to establish a Youth Resource Center at the DMOYA, the proposal cost USD 35000 was approved and the center will be established in November 2008

The second proposal cost USD 172000 was submitted to UNICEF to support Institutional Capacity Building in 19 provinces Youth Directorates, this proposal was also approved and UNICEF purchased 92 computers, printers, UPS, Photocopiers, 2 LCD projectors, 10 laptops, Tables, Chairs and stationery etc. Other proposals were also developed by Coach in coordination with Coaches and are in process. The coach also assisted DMYA in the management of JNYP related activities.

1.4.16. Capacity building of MoPH/DMoY and project staff UNFPA

UNFPA has approved DMOY proposal for the workshop center where equipments, office furniture will be provided by UNFPA. DMOY intend to use the workshop center for developing the capacity of youths in different areas.

UNFPA has approved DMOYA proposal for establishing a resource center. The UNFPA support will include IT equipments, office furniture and staff salary and training. The resource center will provide basis to collecting and sharing information on youth, generating reports, linking provinces with center and vice-versa

1.4.17. Provide Technical assistance on ASRH to relevant JNYP undertakings UNFPA

UNFPA attended the youth assessment working group to ensure ICPD (International Conference on Population Development) and ASRH Component are substantially included

Component 2: Youth have better quality of life and improved access to livelihood opportunities, through increased awareness, education and skills development.

Output 2.1: Youth vocational, leadership and professional skills enhanced

2.1.1 More than 2500 youth trained as community-based school teachers UNICEF

Teacher training for Community Based Schools conducted in central and eastern regions. In eastern region 196 youth including 5 female trained to be community based teachers.

2.1.4 Establishment of Youth Service and Contact Centers in selected provinces UNICEF

Seven Youth Information and Contact Centers in Mazar, Jalalabad, Bamiyan, Kandahar, Hirat, Kundoz and Badakhshan provinces continued provision of fast and easy information to adolescent girls and boys through direct person to person or group counseling. Issues of counseling include HIV/AIDS (Human Immune Deficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), job placement, education, early and forced marriage, legal issues and family discriminations. During the last 3 months more than 3000 youth

(girls and boys) referred to above Youth Centers for counseling. Out of 213 youth referred for job placement, 54 of them got jobs either in the training programs and or different organizations

Following the ToT training in Kabul, several training workshops held on HIV/AIDS in the provinces. Meanwhile, more than 15 training workshops held on ethical reporting, human rights and use of drugs. Various round tables have been organized by youth in the local TV on prevention of early marriage, forced marriage and discrimination at families and communities.

Almost all of the Youth Centers have been publishing youth magazine covering issues on child protection, Elimination of discriminations against women, health etc.

Very close coordination continued with Child Protection Action Networks and follow up of the individual cases on child rights violations at the provinces.

Under Civic Engagement project, many advocacy activities for the rights of the children, prevention of early and forced marriage and HIV/AIDS have started in all five provinces (Kandahar, Hirat, Jalalabad, Mazar and Bamiyan). The activities include girls and boys sport events, school quizzes competitions, round tables on TV and other cultural activities.

Necessary preparation, recruitment of staff etc have been completed to establish YICC (Youth Information and Contact Center) in Paktiya, Nimroz and Daikundi provinces. Preparation of establishing YICC in Faryab, Helmand and Laghman are underway and these centers will be established in near future.

Intensive training conducted in two batches from 7-20 Sept on Psychosocial Care, Life Skills and Counseling Skills for more than 65 participants in the Deputy Ministry of Youth, Kabul. In the first batch (7-14 Sep) male and female counselors from Youth Information and Contact Centers (YICC), Youth volunteer counselors and Directors of Protection from the Office of Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs participated. The second batch covered social workers from different NGOs working for child protection and staff of Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission. The overall goal of the training was to build the technical capacity of YICC counselors and UNICEF Partners in Afghanistan in strengthening the resilience and the protection of children and youth through community based psychosocial approach. The training was conducted by the Office of Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs with technical support from UNICEF (United Nations Children fund) and facilitated by two professors Mr. Rajaram and Ms. Rupika from Chellamuthu Institute of Mental Health and Rehabilitation from India. Follow up actions and recommendations are prepared to ensure field level implementation of the lesson learnt.

The 40 days peace campaign were conducted in all 7 YICCs by arranging youth sports events, round tables, quiz competitions, workshops/seminars, dramas/role play, publication etc. Thousand of young male and female participated in the peace campaign through YICC to mark importance of peace building for development. This campaign ended with celebration of PEACE ONE DAY on 21 Sep in all provinces by gatherings of youth, government official and media to highlight importance of peace as aim not as simply celebration.

2.1.13: Agriculture-related vocational skills training provided to 600 youth, with provision of equipment to support youth employment and income generation FAO

A vegetable garden was established in the UNFPA youth center in Herat province with support from the Department of Agriculture and FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization). Agricultural training was provided to the youth center members, as well as regular technical support.

2.1.14 Establishment of 80 to 100 school gardens in 5 provinces (Bamyan, Badakshan, Herat, Kabul and Nangarhar) FAO

Vegetable seeds, seedlings and agricultural tools were distributed to 89 schools in Bamyan, Badakshan, Herat, Kabul and Nangarhar. 3 rounds of agricultural trainings were conducted by MAIL and FAO for 170 teachers between April and August. The first was on land preparation and sowing, the second on garden management and pest control and the third on harvesting. Nutrition education trainings were also provided.

Competitions were organized to select the best 3 school gardens in each province, in Bamyan (on August 23rd) and in Herat (on August 27th) and competitions will be organized in Kabul, Badakshan and Nangarhar with the purpose to increase students' participation and motivation to work in the garden, and to encourage schools to continue maintaining the gardens.

In Kabul, about 20 student volunteers from the Faculty of Agriculture were recruited to assist with the monitoring of schools gardens and provision of agricultural advice to teachers, in addition to the above, training and materials on nutrition to UNFPA youth center members in Herat and Kabul were provided.

2.1.15 Assisting young jobseekers through the national network of Employment Service Centers: registration, career guidance, job application training, referral towards training and job placement. ILO

2.1.16 More than 6000 youth trained to be school teachers UNICEF

Around 175 trainers trained to facilitate teacher training in northern zone. The training will start teacher training in October. Similar training of Trainers will start in October for other zones as well

Output 2.2: Youth literacy, life-skills, leadership, civic education and human rights awareness enhanced

2.2.5 SEAL (Support to the Establishment of Afghan Legislature) youth parliament project - youth from 34 provinces of Afghanistan were selected, trained, and participated in a model parliamentary consultation process UNDP

2.2.8: Establish and strengthen YIC's (Youth Information Center) in selected areas UNFPA

The existing 3 Youth Centers; two in Kabul and one in Herat are functioning normally (The project staff is trained on ASRH, all three YIC Center are equipped with computers, Internet facility, English and computer classes for peer educators and volunteers have been provided. Three youth corners have been established in three different schools in Kabul and two in Herat. There are currently 72 Peer Educators both male and female in Khushal Centers, while totally, 119 student of English language are studying and 81 students are currently studying computer. These data are inclusive of both male and female. Youth centers provide information and counseling on Family planning, HIV/AIDS and in addition, English language and computer sessions are being held in which more than 100 male and female are studying . The same process is valid for the Herat youth Center. It is worth mentioning that more than 100 students on computers skills will be graduated in this month and certificates will be issued to them in small ceremony. The MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) has been signed with DMOY for establishing two youth centers in Mazar city and Jalalabad city. The implementation modality will be different than the previous one where DMOY will run the Youth centers while UNFPA will financially and technically provide support

2.2.9 Literacy courses for over 40,000 young women in 2,540 centers all over Afghanistan UNICEF

In 34 provinces 2499 Literacy courses have been established and over 46000 young women are attending these courses. The 9 months literacy courses help women to develop skills on child rights, health, education and overall hygiene. The project is implemented with close partnership form the Department of Literacy, Ministry of Education.

2.2.10. Support to youth literacy through LIFE (Literacy Initiative for Empowerment) Project UNESCO

The Programme for Enhancement of Literacy in Afghanistan (ELA) to be implemented in the framework of the Literacy Initiative for Empowerment (LIFE) is under a preparatory phase.

2.2.11: 2600 Youth both male and female receive trainings on Local Governance, Leadership, Management, Youth Development Planning, Project Management, Project Design, and Networking and Communication UNHABITAT

Youth Empowerment Programme of UN-HABITAT has delivered trainings on Local Governance, Leadership, Management, Youth Development Planning, Project Management, Project Design, and Networking and Communication to 2600 youth both male and female in six covered provinces i.e Balkh, Bamyán, Farah, Kabul, Kandahar and Nangarhar Provinces

2.2.12: Community based Programme: Protecting Women and Youth Vulnerable to Drug Misuse (UNESCO)

The project operates in Kabul Old City. The objective of this community based Programme is to empower NEJAT (acronym that means “rescue” in Dari) Youth Center in Kharabat to provide daily access to medical services, care and support as well as basic education, especially to local women and youth vulnerable to drug addiction and HIV infection, so as to improve the livelihood of the target population and the community in general. The purpose of the youth centre in Kharabat is to facilitate the provision of a space for young people who would have normally dropped out of school, enabling them to build on their self esteem and confidence through providing facilitates to undertake: Group and individual counselling and support; Sports and recreation activities i.e. chess, carom board, table tennis, regular exercises etc; Developing skills in arts i.e. music using local folk music and traditions, tailoring and embroidery, auto mechanic skills impartation; and build skills in performance and drama to help engage with young people. The project also aims at improving basic education skills – literacy, numerical and writing skills. Courses are offered for youth, both boys and girls in basic literacy along motivation to return to formal schooling. Moreover a great emphasis is on raising awareness among the youths’ parents in relation to the importance of education through which NEJAT encourages them to send their children to schools. Prevention Programme aims at the general community in Kharabat, in public settings/areas and in formal private educational/tuition centers and courses.

Key Achievement of the First Phase of Project:

- Awareness raised among youth through schools visits by social and community workers;
- Presentation and discussion with youth in secondary schools on harms of drug use, sharing needles and protection measures against infectious diseases such as HIV&AIDS;
- Support the reintegration of youth into schools and the broader communities;
- Training programs regarding health, education, HIV&AIDS and the means to prevent the virus from infecting;
- Basic literacy programmes conducted;
- Information session on HIV&AIDS and drug abuse through advocacy materials (video, story book, picture messages etc).

Output 2.3: Youth reproductive health and family planning awareness

2.3.12: Develop a Youth-Friendly Service (YFS) training package for service providers and conduct training in 20 selected districts UNFPA

UNFPA is in the process to recruit a national consultant to develop the youth friendly service training package for services and conduct of training in 20 selected districts

2.3.13: Develop IEC/BCC (Information, Education, and Communication/Behavioral Change Communication) materials on ASRH with special focus on in and out of school youth. UNFPA

UNFPA has already developed three informative brochures on youth and information centers, folder on Youth International Day, and brochures early marriage and spot on HIV/AIDS. These materials are already distributed in a number of schools and University in Kabul

Component-3. Youth participation in Governance, Democracy & Social-Political processes.

Output 3.3 Diverse youth development initiatives undertaken at community level

3.3.1 Support community-based youth initiative in the area of gender awareness and government empowerment UNDP

During celebration of IYD, JNYP had a specific working group for gender with participants from different provinces, representatives of CSOs, UNDP gender mainstreaming unit program officer, program assistant and HE Deputy Minister for Women Affairs. Youth had role plays and open discussion on how to raise gender awareness at community level. HE Deputy Minister for Women Affairs appreciated the initiative of

youth and promised them to support their awareness raising activities through MoWA (Ministry of Women Affairs) and DoWA (Directorate of Women Affairs) at provincial level.

In addition to that DMoYA and UNDP have planned a regional youth conference in eastern region (Jalalabad City) on Oct/21/08 in which gender awareness among youth coming from different provinces and districts, university and CSOs is in the agenda of the conference.

3.3.4 Mobilize youth institutions (youth CSOs, youth committees, student associations, etc.) in 7 provinces and awareness-raising on engagement of youth in sub-national governance

For celebration of International Youth Day on Aug/05/08 youth representatives from 34 provinces as well as from several CSOs, universities and youth centers/council were invited. During the conference government high officials, UN representative, representative of Afghan parliament, religious leaders had the opportunity to talk about the youth and their role in governance and in peace building. Youth were divided in 6 groups to work on different topics, and one of the WG was on youth in local governance. UNDP has planned to conduct a youth conference together with DMoYA and partners of JNYP at regional level, in the eastern region in Jalalabad city on Oct/21/08, and will invite youth from neighboring provinces of Nangarahr (Laghman, Kuner, and Nooristan provinces), from districts of Ningarahr province, CSOs, Nangarhar University, Youth Centers/Councils of JNYP partners to raise awareness among youth and how to engage them in local governance, community level youth initiative on gender awareness, etc

Output 3.4 Provincial Youth Councils Established

3.4.1 Elect male and female youth delegates representing clusters of CSOs and/or youth committees of one district UNDP

The activities of 2.2.5, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.5, 3.4.7, 3.8.2, 3.8.3, 4.3.1 were unfunded and have postponed for 2009

3.4.2 Conduct provincial youth conferences in 7 provinces where youth delegates elect their interim provincial youth councils (iPYCs) in 7 provinces UNDP

3.4.3 Provision of basic assets and equipment for long-term functioning of iPYCs in 7 provinces UNDP

3.4.5 Secure rent-free office space for iPYCs secretariats through governor's Office, Municipality and Dept of Youth UNDP

3.4.7: 12 months operational costs support to iPYC Secretariat in 7 provinces UNDP

Output 3.5 Participation of youth in district/provincial development planning increased

3.5.2 Provincial Youth Conferences held in 7 provinces, in order to allow youth representatives, youth CSOs and youth committees to discuss the issues affecting young people in their provinces UNDP

Youth conference held on 21st of October (more details in the next quarterly report)

3.5.4 Support to youth-CPAN collaborative activities on child/youth protection in 10 provinces UNICEF

Child Protection Action Network (CPAN) and Youth Information and Contact Centers (YICC) have been developed participating in various meetings and referring case studies for legal services. YICC counselors and young journalists are closely working with CPAN to follow cases of children victims of various abuse and exploitation with law enforcement officials.

Output 3.8 Resources allocation and decision/policy-making at municipal, provincial and national level responsive to issues affecting youth

3.8.1 Develop strong relationships between the iPYCs and the PCs(Provincial Council), PDCs (Provincial Development Council), Governor's Offices, PRTs (Provincial Reconstruction Team), Municipalities, Private Sector institutions and NGOs in the province UNDP

A Joint Monitoring mission to Heart has been organized to this end. More activities will follow.

3.8.2 Develop Provincial Youth Advocacy Strategies for each IPYC UNDP

3.8.3 Secure funding from multiple sources (government, private sector, donors/aid agencies, membership fees, activity fees) to sustain operational and development costs of iPYCs UNDP

3.8.4 Conduct youth public awareness-raising campaign through posters, radio, brochures and videos undertaken in 7 provinces UNDP

UNDP developed and printed brochure of JNYP for the office of the DMoYA, and distributed to different provinces through DMoYA and during celebration of IYD, and International Peace Day. UNDP also developed and printed banners in three languages (Pashto, Dari and English), developed 500 CD on JNYP and DMoYA main achievements, printed 400 JNYP project documents for celebration of International Peace Day and distributed among the different categories of youth on the mentioned day. In addition to that UNDP supported publication of Youth Voice (Zawanano Ghag) News paper of Nangarhar provincial youth directorate to publish its new edition of news paper in celebration of Peace Day in the mentioned provinces to raise awareness among youth.

Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps

Output 4.3 Policies, procedures and systems put into place to enable youth volunteering in Afghanistan

With support from UNDP and the Office of Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs, efforts are underway to recruit a consultant for the Office of Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs and office of the JNYP on youth volunteer corps. The purpose of the position is to make comprehensive assessment on the feasibility of the Youth Volunteer Corp, identify links of youth volunteers with Youth Information and Contact Center, and with the indigenous process of youth volunteerism in Afghanistan. CVs have been received and interviews will be conducted jointly with UNDP and DMoY.

A log frame and power point presentation has been prepared and shared with partners for resource mobilization. (UNDP)

4.3.1 Support to policy making on volunteerism UNDP

Monitoring and Evaluation:

The English Course evaluation was done after completion of six months of the contract and the result was shared with DMYA for further process

The celebration of International Youth Day was closely monitored, a data base of the participants was developed, the six working group recommendations was summarized as a declaration, the expenditures was controlled and a detail report generated and shared with partners

Technical and financial evaluation of the proposals of firms applied for the Joint Participatory Assessment was done and the winner identified

Joint Programme Coordination:

Bi-weekly meetings have regularly been held and agendas prepared with DMOYA in order to update and coordinate together with Deputy Minister the incoming activities, in particular:

- The international Youth Day. Coordinated contribution from various JNYP partners and attendance of several NGOs
- Meeting held with UNDP Projects to find synergies and possible collaboration. Active involvement of CPHD and Gender Unit in various activities
- Organized working group meeting for the setting up of the National Youth Volunteer Service with good level of attendance and participation. Presentation, concept note (draft) and log frame (draft) submitted to the partners.
- Prepared log frame for the UNDP component of JNYP which foresees Capacity building of DMOYA and Youth Organization and setting up of a national Youth Policy framework.
- Log frame needs will be prepared in a project document format to be submitted to UNDP and DMOYA for revision and approval and possible funding.
- In coordination with UNICEF and DMOYA started and finalized recruitment of consultant for NYVS. Selected person refused the offer. Position re-advertised.

Revision of the Programme

Several consultants (three, two through the Regional Centre in Bangkok and one from UNDP advertisement in the website) have been contacted at different stages for the revision of the Programme. None of them accepted the offer. Due to the urgency of the revision and its importance it has been decided to proceed with an internal revision with the support of the RC office (facilitator). Concept note agenda, power point presentation are being prepared.

II. Project implementation challenges

Updated Project Risks and Actions

Same as previous quarter. Lack of funding and not sustainability of the project (funded through core funds) might undermine its extension. The revision and reformulation exercise should highlight what has worked and what not and provide possible solutions in order to have the JNYP funded under a different modality. A new project document and signed MoUs among the JNYP partners should also facilitate its future implementation.

Updated project issues and actions

Resource mobilization:

As stated in the previous quarter report resource mobilization is one of the key activities of JNYP at the moment.

The following donors have been contacted with specific request on National Youth Volunteer Service in this quarter:

- GTZ (German Technical Cooperation)
- German Embassy
- Japanese Embassy (meeting held with UNICEF)
- USAID (United State Agency for International Development)

Possibilities with HSF (Human Security Fund), PBF (Peace Building Fund) (full text) and UNDP-Japan fund also explored in coordination with Donors Unit

At the moment there is no secured funding or concrete interest from any donors (discussion with USAID to be pursued in the next quarter).

NYVS (National Youth Volunteer Services) log frame has been prepared and will be included in a concept note.

RC office has been contacted and its support required.

III. Financial status and utilization

FINANCIAL STATUS:

Table 1: Contribution Overview [1 July 2007 – 30 September2008]

Donor Name	Contribution		Balance
	Committed	Received	
SPAIN/UNFPA	1,170,200	1,170,200	0
USAID	2,156,262	1,802,000	354,262
US GOV	750,000	750,000	0
NORAD, SIDA	900,000	900,000	0
UNICEF	7,962,718	6,333,408	1,629,310
UNESCO	26,000	124,420	-98,420
UNV	72,000	32,000	40,000
FAO/Germany	197,000	197,000	0
ILO/ UK	920,000	920,000	0
UNDP Core	977,740	877,740	100,000
Total	15,131,920	13,106,768	202,5152

Financial Utilization:

Table 2: Quarterly Expenditure by Activity [1 July– 30 September, 2008]

Components	BUDGET [2008]	Expenditures			BALANCE	DELIVERY (%)
		Q1 & Q2	Q3	Total		
Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	1,513,745	135,452	520,402	655,854	857,892	43%
Component 2: Youth Skills Development	3,467,563	318,994	1,687,014	2,006,008	1,461,555	58%
Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social -political processes	85,000	33,000	135,130	168,130	-83,130	198%
Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	500,000	25,000	131,230	55,550	343,770	11%
Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	675,173	205,532	269,761	475,293	199,880	70%
Total	6,241,481	717,977	2,642,856	3,360,833	2,880,648	54%

Table 3: Quarterly Expenditure by Donor [1 July – 30 September, 2008]

DONORS	Components	Budget for 2008	Expenditures			Balance	Delivery Rate
			Q1 & Q2	Q3	Total		
Spain	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	150,200	67,726	40,216	107,942	42,258	72%
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	334,500	105,094	23,000	128,094	206,406	38%
	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social - political processes	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	235,700	100,286	5,000	105,286	130,414	45%
GMS %							
Subtotal Spain		720,400	273,106	68,216	341,322	379,078	47%
USAID/UN-HABITAT	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	55000	4,500	5,500	10,000	45,000	18%
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	27000	60,000	0	60,000	-33,000	222%
	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social - political processes	60000	33,000	3900	36,900	23,100	62%
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	0	0	0	0	0	0%
GMS %							0%
Subtotal USAID		142,000	97,500	9,400	106,900	35,100	75%
UNICEF	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	1,160,518	60,000	470,929.20	530,929.20	629,589	46%
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	1,907,200	140,037	1,599,014.12	1,739,051.12	168,149	91%

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	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social - political processes	25000	0	131,230	131,230.00	-106,230	525%
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	500,000	25,000	30,550	55,550.00	444,450	11%
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	0	0	0	0.00	0	0%
GMS %							
Subtotal UNICEF		3,592,718	225,037	2,231,723	2,456,760	1,135,958	68%
UNDP	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	140,527	3,226	3,756	6,982	133,545	4.97%
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social - political processes	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	439,473.00	105,246	264,761	370,007	0	84.19%
GMS %							
Subtotal UNDP		580,000	108,471	268,517	376,989	203,012	65.00%
UNESCO	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	88,863	13,863	15,000	28863	60,000	32%
	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social - political processes	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	0	0	0	0	0	0
GMS %							
Subtotal UNESCO		88,863	13,863	15,000	28,863	60,000	32%
FAO/Germany	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	7,500	0	0	0	0	0%
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	190,000	0	50,000	50000	140,000	26%
	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social - political processes	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	0	0	0	0	0	0%
GMS %							
Subtotal FAO		197,500	0	50000	50000	147,500	25%
ILO/UK	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	920,000	0	0	0	920,000	0%
	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social - political processes	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	0	0	0	0	0	0%
GMS %							
Subtotal ILO		920,000	0	0	0	920,000	0%
Total		6,241,481	717,977	2,642,856	3,360,834	2,880,648	54%

Annex 1:

2008 Work Plan