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Youth during 3 day Gender Workshop 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008 MAPLE LEAF INN, Kabul

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**Component (MYFF):** Goal 1, 2, 4 and 5

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UN-HABITAT, UNESCO, UNV, UNFPA, UNAMA, FAO, ILO

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# Islamic Republic of Afghanistan



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## **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**

1.1.3 Conduct a mapping and capacity assessment of existing youth institutions (youth committees, youth civil society organizations - CSOs, student associations, etc) in Afghanistan in a minimum of 7 provinces (UNDP)

The procurement process to identify and qualified contractor to conduct the assessment has been initiated meanwhile efforts are being made to provide funding for the activity in 2008.

1.1.10 Youth legal aid services established in all regions UNICEF

Legal aid services have been established in 10 provinces in all regions and local lawyers identified. They will be trained to provide legal counseling services for children and youth in conflict with the law as well as daily monitoring of police custody in order to have early interventions for children and youth in conflict with the law. The custody monitoring forms have been developed and are ready for field application.

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

As part of advocating for gender-sensitive youth issues the JNYP partners collaboratively celebrated March 8<sup>th</sup> Women day and planted 130 trees in the Kabul Women's Garden. A documentary was developed by the Office of the Deputy Minister of Youth to disseminate to the provinces promoting gender-sensitive activities.

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

This is an activity brought forward from 2007, and is an ongoing process in which UNFPA is providing technical support through the ARH Working Group led by the Child and Adolescent Health Directorate of MoPH.

1.1.14: Provide technical support to MoPH and MoE for including population and health issues in the National Secondary High School curricula UNFPA

This activity is initiated; coordination needs to be strengthened with the main agencies. The MoPH together with UNFPA to support MoE and the established working group

1.1.15: Research studies to document and analyze the ASRH needs of young people UNFPA

This activity is scheduled to take place later this year and complement the National Youth Assessment.

#### **Output 1.3: National youth strategy revised and youth-friendly policies developed through participatory processes and integrated in the ANDS**

1.3.1 Facilitate participatory youth policy discussions between Government departments, donors, international and local agencies and youth CSOs UNDP

The Sub national youth consultation on the Afghanistan National Development Strategy (ANDS) was planned to be conducted end of April 2008. The Working Group consisting of representatives from the Office of the DMYA, UNDP, UN-HABITAT, ANDS, CSOs, Youth Parliament and SEAL project is established. The Working Group is applying democratic, transparent, collaborative processes in the preparations. A

registration form is development and has been sent out to 27 provinces. The forms are supposed to be filled by youth at the district level of each province. The registration process will be supervised by the provincial director of Ministry of Culture and Information. The Programme agenda and the handouts have already been delivered to the regional centers for dissemination to the participating youth. Youth will be provided with information on issues such as gender, youth rights, elections, democratic processes, education and youth employment.

In the process of preparation, through UNDP Gender Mainstreaming Project a three - day Training of Trainers workshop was held in Kabul from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008. In total 28 youth participated in the training workshop. 12 of the participants were young women. The participants included 14 members of the Youth parliament, 8 people of DMYA staff, and 6 people of Youth Civil Societies.

The trained youth will participate in the sub-national consultation as resource people on Gender session. Due to the finalization of ANDS current version it was recommended to hold the consultation on the ANDS in late 2008.

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

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

Based on the English course evaluation for 2007 the lessons have continued for 2008. The Afghan English Language and Computer Center provided a new qualified teacher to work with DMYA staff. The course is provided for two different competency groups and each group is taught five times a week for six months (from 26<sup>th</sup> March to 26<sup>th</sup> September) and two hours per day. The classes include theory using a textbook and conversation. The teacher also translates JNYP documents for the Deputy Minister as required. The DMYA provided proper teaching space and is monitoring staff attendance.

##### **1.4.15 Conduct the Coaches and Advisors Programme for the DMYA officials UNDP**

The JNYP collaborated with UNDP/CAP project to secure services of a Coach/Advisor for Capacity Development in the area of "General Administration and Policy Development" for the Office of the Deputy Minister for Youth Affairs (DMYA). The Capacity for Afghan Public Service (CAP) project emphasizes coaching and advisory services as a means to more sustainable capacity development in Afghanistan. The CAP project is unique in the sense that it uses "coaching and mentoring" techniques, which unlike traditional classroom training, is an "on-the-job" learning process that enables better retention of learning. Coaching and mentoring proves very useful for jobs that require dealing with a wide variety of situations typical of public management and for jobs where guided practice is important. The Project recruits International Coaches/Advisors for capacity development in specific areas preferably from the region so that the selected Coaches/Advisors are culturally appropriate and are available at affordable cost. In order to source the best possible coaches/advisors from the region, a tripartite agreement was signed between the Government of Afghanistan (GOA), the Government of India (GOI) and the UNDP for contracting civil servants of GOI to work as coaches / advisors in different ministries / agencies of GOA under the CAP project. Based upon a requisition of DMYA facilitated by the JNYP, the CAP project processed the request and concluded the process of selection of a Coach/Advisor for DMYA. The selected civil servant of GOI shall be mobilized to commence his assignment from April 2008.

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

Caritas Germany (NGO) was contracted to provide orientation training on mental health for selected peer educators and Youth Center staff. A total of 60 young women and men participated during a 2 full day training (in 3 batches) held by the psycho-social counselors from Caritas Centers at the UNFPA Youth Centers. The plan is to extend this training during the course of the year to additional youth, project staff and government counterparts.

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

The technical assistance to the National Youth Assessment is one of the main tasks that UNFPA is focusing on, once the assessment gets started.

1.4.18 Conducting 4 Refresher workshops in 6 provinces of Afghanistan with DMYA Officers at all levels UNHABITAT

The schedule and concept note are finalized and the training will be conducted in second quarter

**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**

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

Below are the key achievements across the provinces during first quarter 2008:

**Nangarhar Province:**

Through the YICC in Nangarhar UNICEF provided training and counseling to youth. During the first quarter of 2008 a three-day workshop on journalism and roundtable was provided to 50 youth (25 male and 25 female). On 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January training on Human Right & Community Mobilization was organized where 34 youth (24 male and 10 female) participated.

With support from Department of Education, Several visits to schools were conducted in districts to provide information and counseling in the classes. 120 girls and 80 boys provided with counseling on health, education and family problems. One of the most important problem which was raised by school girls was the issue of the long distance between their homes and schools which creates many problems for them

In terms of counseling YICC provided to a total of 336 young men and 380 young women on job placement, religious problems, family problems, forced marriage, legal problems, violence, and discrimination against girls and women. 50 young women and 35 young men received counseling on legal, job placement and health related issues. 32 boys and 6 girls got jobs through counseling with YICC.

In terms of youth advocacy YICC organized Peace poetry where 200 youth (60 Female and 140 male) participated. YICC in Nangarhar also organized a round table on youth rights by 8 young female and 4 male in national TV. The 8<sup>th</sup> March the International Women Day was celebrated with full participation of Young boys and girls in Jalalabad city.

YICC in Nangarhar also had good achievements in terms support to youth. YICC through a comprehensive mobilization, managed to receive support from the private sector as well as from the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT). 500 packs of oil and 40 pairs of clothes were received from the private sector. The received donation was distributed to those youth who have been actively participating in the social and public services. PRT donated some stationary and sports items to youth through YICC. Some youth were introduced to private college, who received 60% discount.

### **Balkh Province:**

Youth Information and Contact Center (YICC) was inaugurated by H.E. the Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs, the provincial authorities and representative of UNICEF in Balkh province in the first quarter of 2008.

During the reporting period YICC in Balkh conducted a one day workshop about Noxious of narcotic for 45 participants on different surface of the society. Participants included 15 teachers from different schools with the collaboration of the Department of Education, 15 students from university and Medias and 15 Mullah from different mosques with the collaboration of the Department of Hajj and Religious Affairs.

On separate occasion a workshop on child rights and hygiene was held at Juveniles Rehabilitation Center on 27/2/2008, the workshop was facilitated by two trainers (male and female) from SC-UK.

The YICC had several meetings with civil societies, NGOs, AIHRC, UNMACA, WFP, SC-UK, ACBAR and WCLIO on coordination and cooperation on child rights, awareness on mine risks and job placement.

Counseling provided to total 103 young male and 150 females on job placement, religious problems, family problems, forced marriage, legal problems, violence, discrimination against girls and women

During the reporting period 5 youth got jobs through counseling with YICC in Balkh province.

### **Kundoz Province:**

H.E. the Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs together with representatives from the provincial authorities and UNICEF inaugurated the Youth Publication which is published by Youth Information and Contact Center (YICC) in Kunduz province.

The YICC conducted a training workshop in Department of Information and Culture conference hall on 11-12 Feb 2008, for 30 youths journalist from Radio TV Kunduz, Radio Zoher, Medutak Kunduz, Kunduz News paper, student of university, member or social works. The agenda was journalist character and securing children identity during reporting. rk participated.

Counseling was provided to total 54 young male and 172 female on job placement, religious problems, family problems, forced marriage, legal problems, violence, discrimination against girls and women. 50 youth referred to MoLSMD for job placement, who visited YICC for counseling. Among these youth, 30 got jobs in tailoring, carpet waving and electric workshops.

### **Bamiyan Province:**

H.E. the Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs along with provincial authorities and representative of UNICEF inaugurated the Youth Information and Contact Center (YICC) in Bamiyan province.

Since the inauguration of the center 80 young male and 35 females received counseling from YICC on legal, job placement and health related issues.

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

2.2.8: Establish and strengthen YIC's in selected areas UNFPA

The two YIC's in Kabul is receiving ongoing technical support, supervision and guidance. A YIC in Herat is scheduled to open 1<sup>st</sup> week of April, the building has been equipped and staff in Herat have been recruited and have received a 1 week orientation in Kabul with assistance from the office and the YIC staff. An additional Youth Mobilizer assigned to the YIC in Kabul will be recruited before mid April. The two YIC's in Kabul are resource Centers and will assist in the activities in the provinces.

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 have received trainings on civic Education Modules in the 6 project provinces (Kandahar, Bamyan, Balkh, Nangharhar, Kabul and Farah). The same Civic Education will be redelivered to the same youth as a refresh training next quarter.

### **Output 2.3: Youth reproductive health and family planning awareness**

2.3.11: Develop a comprehensive ASRH/Life Skills Training Package for YIC's UNFPA

This activity is scheduled to take place later during the year, in coordination with Afghan Family Guidance Association/IPPF (AFGA) and other partners under the ARH Working Group led by the Child and Adolescent Health Directorate of MoPH.

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

This activity is also rescheduled to take place later during the year.

2.3.13: Develop IEC/BCC materials on ASRH with special focus on in and out of school youth. UNFPA

In collaboration with the IEC department of MoPH and the DMYA's office, a contract with a media company is planned to be established for increased advocacy/visibility of youth and health issues. TV and radio spots are to be broadcasted on a regular basis.

2.3.14 Development and dissemination of advocacy materials to raise awareness among young people on HIV&AIDS and drug abuse UNESCO

During the first quarter of 2008, UNESCO supported an Afghan NGO (NEJAT drug rehabilitation centre) in developing and disseminating advocacy materials on HIV and AIDS targeting particularly youth. This NGO based in Kabul has developed during the last 16 years comprehensive drug rehabilitation programmes in a variety of settings in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Advocacy materials developed include HIV and AIDS posters, pictures messages, short story magazines, picture books, Notebooks and season calendars to raise awareness among youth and adults in the community. The activity has been carried out in the framework of the OPEC/UNESCO project on strengthening education sector responses to prevent HIV & AIDS in Afghanistan.

### **Output 2.4: Afghan youth exposed to knowledge, experiences and networks in other countries**

2.4.3 Regional and international youth exchanges and participation in international events (trainings, meetings, conferences) especially in neighboring countries UNHABITAT

The exchanges and participation of youth within the provinces are planned for July, prior to the National Youth conference. The cross-province events will take place after the National event. A visit by a team from the youth councils, YEP and the DMY Office is planned for April/May, 2008.

## II. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

### Issues in the first quarter:

Delayed approval of JNYP Annual Work Plan (AWP) for 2008

There are two reasons the approval of the annual work plan is delayed. First, the work plan is incomplete because not all the partners have finalized their individual country office 2008 AWP's including budgets. The second reason is that an assessment of the JNYP being planned for the second quarter and this will include the revision of the JNYP Document. It is anticipated some activities will be removed and new ones such as youth employment programming with ILO and FAO will be added. JNYP partners are currently in the process of planning and conducting program activities in anticipation of their inclusion in the revised JNYP Document.

### Unknown funding status:

The main issue in the first quarter was the unknown funding status of the activities for all partners. This caused a delay in the start up of the youth consultations, HIV/AIDS trainings, setting up of youth centers, and establishment of more youth councils with provision of training. By the end of the quarter, most partners were informed of their status.

### Difficulties in obtaining reporting from partners:

The most important issue in the first quarter has been difficulty in gathering progress reporting from all partners in a timely fashion; most of the JNYP partners requested that the deadline for report submission be postponed. According to some of the partners, they are very busy and they don't have enough time to provide JNYP quarterly progress report. Some suggest two reports per year as they provide two reports for their donors so they will easily provide report to JNYP at that time.

### Updated Project Risks and Actions

During last three months no risk identified for the project.

## III. FINANCIAL STATUS AND UTILIZATION

### FINANCIAL STATUS:

Table 1: Contribution Overview [1 January 2007 – 31 December 2008]

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,131,920</b>	<b>13,106,768</b>	<b>2025152</b>

Financial Utilization:

**Table 2: Quarterly Expenditure by Activity [1 January – 31 March]**

Components	BUDGET [2008]	Q1 Expenditures (Jan-March 2008)	BALANCE	DELIVERY (%)
Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	1,440,418	15,973	1,424,445	1%
Component 2: Youth Skills Development	3,467,563	45,235	3,422,328	1%
Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social -political processes	85,000	0	85,000	0%
Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	500,000	0	500000	0%
Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	368,500	97,393.87	271,106.13	26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,861,481</b>	<b>158,602</b>	<b>5,702,879</b>	<b>3%</b>

**Table 3: Quarterly Expenditure by Donor [1 January – 31 March]**

DONORS	Components	Budget for 2008	Q1 Expenditures	Balance	Delivery Rate
Spain	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	150,200	0	150,200	0%
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	334,500	21,872	312,628	7%
	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social-political processes	0	0	0	0
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	0	0	0	0
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	235,700	83,284.42	152,415.58	0%
GMS %					
<b>Subtotal Spain</b>		<b>720,400</b>	<b>105156.42</b>	<b>615243.58</b>	<b>15%</b>
USAID/UN-HABITAT	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	55000	12000	43000	22%
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	27000	3500	23500	13%
	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social-political processes	60000	0	60000	0
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	0			
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	0			
GMS %					
<b>Subtotal USAID</b>		<b>142,000</b>	<b>15500</b>	<b>126500</b>	<b>11%</b>
UNICEF	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	1,160,518	0	1,160,518	0%
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	1,907,200	6000	1,901,200	0%

	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social-political processes	25000	0	25000	
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	500,000	0	500,000	
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	0	0	0	
GMS %					
<b>Subtotal UNICEF</b>		<b>3,592,718</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>3,586,718</b>	<b>0%</b>
UNDP	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	67,200.00	3,973	63,227	6%
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	0	0	0	0%
	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social-political processes	0	0	0	0%
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	0	0	0	0%
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	132,800.00	14,109.45	118,690.55	11%
GMS %					
<b>Subtotal UNDP</b>		<b>200,000</b>	<b>18,082</b>	<b>181,918</b>	<b>9%</b>
UNESCO	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	0	0	0	0
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	88,863	13863	75000	18%
	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social-political processes	0	0	0	0
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	0	0	0	0
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	0	0	0	0

GMS %					
<b>Subtotal UNESCO</b>		<b>88,863</b>	<b>13863</b>	<b>75000</b>	<b>18%</b>
FAO/Germany	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	7,500	0	7,500	0
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	190,000	0	190,000	0
	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social-political processes	0	0		0
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	0	0		0
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	0	0		0
GMS %					
<b>Subtotal FAO</b>		<b>197,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>197,500</b>	<b>0</b>
ILO/UK	Component 1: Strengthening Government Capacity to Support Youth	0	0	0	0
	Component 2: Youth Skills Development	920,000	0	920,000	0
	Component 3: Youth Participation in Governance, Democracy & Social-political processes	0	0	0	0
	Component 4: Youth Volunteer Corps	0	0	0	0
	Component 5: JP Coordination & Support	0	0	0	0
GMS %					
<b>Subtotal ILO</b>		<b>920,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>920,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,861,481</b>	<b>158,602</b>	<b>5,702,879</b>	<b>3%</b>

**Annex 1:**

2008 Work Plan