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GTF 158: Feedback on your first annual report for the DFID GTF

Dear Othman,

Thank you for submitting your first Annual Report for the DFID Governance and Transparency Fund. We would like to congratulate you on your excellent report.

Your covering letter and report has been reviewed by Triple Line Consulting and the budget by KPMG. If you have any questions or points of clarification, please get in touch with us or your Triple Line programme advisor. Our response follows:

A) Outstanding Issues from your Inception Report

Logframe and baseline

1. We have noted that your baseline values and updated logframe will be sent to KPMG by end of August 2009.

Contribution to Governance and Transparency Framework

2. This section of your report was particularly helpful.

B) Detailed Feedback on your Annual Report

Please remember that our feedback is intended to be constructive and focuses on the areas that need improvement or comment rather than an assessment about all areas your annual report. Our feedback follows the structure recommended in the reporting guidelines issued to all Grantholders on 7 April 2009. In relation to your annual report, we would like to draw your attention to the following areas:

Programme Identification Details

1. Please note in future annual reports that the table included here should include several other rows including details of partners and countries or provide detailed lists of

partners in each country in an annex to your report. Please keep in mind that DFID should be kept informed of any changes to your selection of local partners.

Working with Implementing Partners

2. You mentioned that changes were made to partners in Liberia, Nepal and Indonesia. Although explanations were given of these changes in relation to Nepal and Indonesia there was no explanation in relation to Liberia. In the original proposal two organisations were listed for Liberia - Women of Liberia Peace Network (LOLPNET) and Women Non-Governmental Organisations Secretariat of Liberia (WONGOSOL). It would be helpful to send an updated Programme Identification Table with the full list of partners, and countries where they are located to KPMG as soon as possible.

Risk Assessment

3. This was particularly well done. The idea of scoring risks out of 10 was useful. It is interesting that you did not include Sudan within your significant country specific risks section.

Learning from GTF

- 4. This is useful and shows some interesting parallels with other GTF programmes. We would like to encourage you to make links with other GTF grant holders and their partners in the countries where you are working. Of particular relevance to your programme would be Gender Links (GTF 174) for work in relation to the African Women's Protocol. Your partners in Liberia may wish to get in touch with Journalists for Human Rights (GTF 36) especially in relation to media work and training journalists. In Guatemala there may be links with the work of The Wildlife Conservation Society (GTF 322). We noticed that your work in Latin America includes domestic workers therefore there may be useful links to be made with Anti-Slavery International who are working on child domestic labour (GTF 327) through partners in Latin America (Costa Rica and Peru). In relation to the work of the media and how to sensitise the media there are several other GTF grant holders worth exchanging ideas and developing examples of best practice approaches with. In addition to GTF 36, you may be aware of programmes managed by the BBC World Services Trust (GTF 77), Ma'an Network (GTF 95), and Search for Common Ground (GTF 170). In relation to gender budgeting and analysis Zimbabwe Women's Resource Centre (GTF 238) may be worth linking up with.
- 5. There were some elements of this section of your report which would be worth investigating further if we are to use these as examples for our annual report to DFID to show emerging evidence from the GTF. For example in relation to Bolivia. Understanding the role RHV has had in helping "municipal investment in gender equity in the municipality of Cercado, Cochabamba increase by 69%". What type of investment is being referred to and what was the starting point? What time-period is the increase over? We may get back to you if any other information requires further explanation.

Annex 1 – Achievement Rating Scale

6. This was fairly difficult to digest due to the four clusters being used. However once the baseline values are complete and logframe updated then this can be more complete in subsequent annual reports. Please ensure that you complete the baseline and indicators and provide comments in relation to the purpose in future reports.

<u>Annex 7 – Detailed Programme Budget</u>

Thank you for your budget submission and for considering the suggestions that we have made in relation to your budget. We are pleased to inform you that we will be submitting a request for an amendment to your grant arrangement with DFID which recognises your revised budget and logframe. DFID will be writing to you within the next couple of weeks to inform you of their decision and the next steps for an amendment to your grant arrangement.

As we have discussed, we are happy to talk with you further about how you may incorporate some additional changes to the reporting of your budget in the future. Primarily, how your systems may allow for the reporting of some unit costs and changes to co-funding details.

Once again, thank you for the submission of your first Annual Report.

Best regards,

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