



Project Progress Newsletter

STABILIZATION FACILITY FOR LIBYA - STRONGER FOR LIBYA, SFL2

OUTPUT 3: LOCAL PEACE STRUCTURES AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT CAPACITY

We'd like to wish you a warm welcome to our newsletter!

In this fourth edition of our newsletter, we will be sharing the progress that we made up until the end of March 2021. As usual, this newsletter allows us to share the project's progress with you and update you on the key steps that are being taken. This edition highlights the efforts made to move forward with the application process for the first grant. It also covers the third training session focused on monitoring and evaluation, which built the capacity of representatives from 21 CSOs. Finally, it includes a preview of the events that are scheduled to take place in the next period. As always, we are delighted to collaborate with our partner CSOs from different Libyan cities who are striving to restore peace in their country and make it a better place. Thank you for reading and being part of this project!

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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

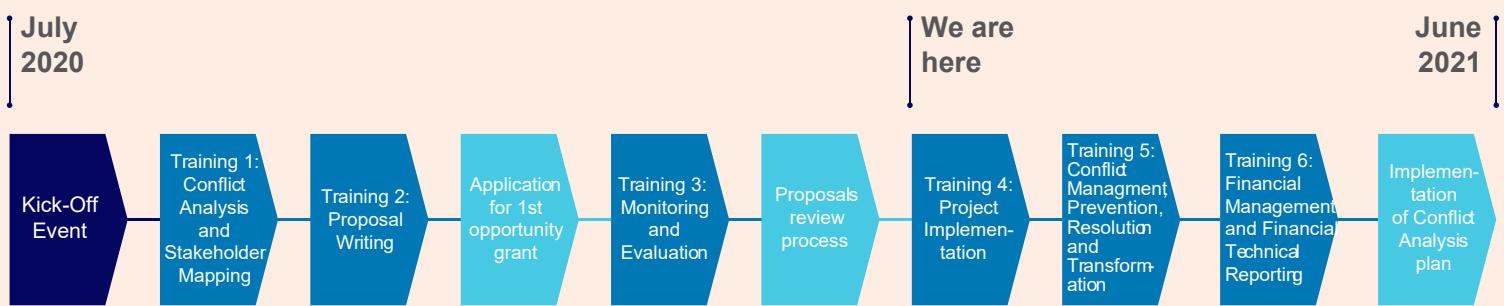
Output 2: Immediate capacity support for municipalities and local partners

Output 3: Local peace structures and conflict management capacity

Where are we? Output 3

UNITAR continues to support UNDP in the delivery of the activities under Output 3: Local Peace Structures and Conflict Management Capacity, which is aimed at strengthening capacities of the local partner Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) so that they can contribute to the initial stabilization efforts at the community level, by providing updated conflict analysis, conflict mapping, conflict monitoring, conflict management, conflict reduction, and expertise on the local peace structure.

WHERE DO WE CURRENTLY STAND?



Ongoing Coaching and Support Process

Coaching and continuous support to Libyan partner CSOs has been a key pillar of our project. This 1-to-1, organizational, capacity-building engagement is an effective platform for each CSO to share their needs and receive the necessary support. The coaching sessions cover the challenges partner CSOs are facing, the projects they want to, or have started to, work on, and key

recommendations for best practices during the implementation of their work.

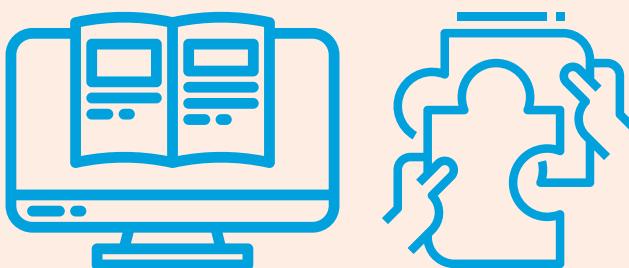
During the coaching sessions held over the past few months, Libyan partner CSOs focused their attention on conflict analysis and stakeholder mapping, deepening their understanding of the local conflict and how to identify, map and engage with the different relevant stakeholders.

Application for the First Project Grant

Partner CSOs worked in tandem with the coaches to prepare their grant proposals. The 1-to-1 coaching sessions provided the CSOs with guidance on their planned conflict analyses. The feedback helped the participating CSOs to improve the structure of their proposals including – framing of the conflict, utilization of the conflict analysis tools and the ‘design a conflict’ analysis plan, as well as an efficient budget design.

Training #3: Monitoring and Evaluation

This training session was the third workshop that UNITAR has offered for CSOs in a series of capacity-building training sessions which started in September 2020 and will continue throughout 2021. Much like previous training sessions, CSOs were invited to nominate one participant per organization to attend the course. The training session was composed of key sessions on Monitoring and Evaluation and Logical Framework. It was held entirely in Arabic, including the PowerPoint presentations. It was conducted online on Zoom over four days, with two sessions per day, embracing an engaging, collaborative and participatory methodology.



Our online course platform learnatunitar.org

To accommodate internet and electricity challenges, UNITAR used its online learning platform, where participants could find the course material, content and recordings of all sessions after each training session was held. Each participant had an individual account to access the content on the platform at any time – also once the course is over. This not only makes the content readily available and accessible to participants who could not attend all sessions, but also facilitates knowledge sharing between the different members of the involved organizations. Finally, this platform has become a useful resource for all participants to review the training content and refer to it when needed.



THE THIRD TRAINING IN NUMBERS:



were held during February 21st to 24th with the participation of 21 representatives (11 Female and 10 Male) from 21 CSOs coming from different cities across Libya from the East and the West.

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Recommendations

As part of the Monitoring and Evaluation process, an evaluation questionnaire was given to participants at the end of the training. The information and reflections gathered from the participants has equipped us with a more comprehensive understanding of the project's impact and participants' training needs, so that we can continuously improve our training and coaching offer. It was also suggested that in order to address the challenges resulting from the weak internet connectivity and electricity cuts, we should make adjustments so that at least some participants within Libya are able to attend the training and receive support in a more compatible environment.

What's next?

- UNDP Libya has reviewed the 21 proposals submitted on conflict analysis. Soon, we will have news about the successful applications, including about who will receive the designated grant to start conducting the conflict analysis initiative in their communities with the support of UNITAR coaches.
- The two upcoming trainings will take place during the last weeks of May and throughout June. They will focus on Project Implementation and Technical Reporting, Conflict Management, Prevention, Resolution and Transformation, Financial Management and Financial Writing.

MAY AND JUNE 2021:

- Coaching sessions on implementation of Conflict Analysis
- Training #4: Project Implementation and Technical Reporting
- Training #5: Conflict Management, Prevention, Resolution and Transformation
- Training #6: Financial Management and Financial Reporting

You will be receiving more news from us soon!

We wish you Ramadan Mubarak
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