

## **FCTC 2030 PROJECT:**

### **SIX-MONTHLY TECHNICAL REPORT FOR DONOR FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL 2019 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

In 2016, the UK Government and the WHO FCTC Secretariat established the FCTC 2030 project, with the aim of accelerating the implementation of the WHO FCTC in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

The objectives and scope of the FCTC 2030 project are set out in the donor agreement that was signed by the WHO FCTC Secretariat and the UK Government on 16 October 2016. The FCTC 2030 work plan for this UK financial year (2019/20) was agreed with the UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).

This six-monthly technical report for the FCTC 2030 project provides an overview of the outcomes and achievements of the project for the period 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019. This report is provided in accordance with the reporting requirements set out at section VI (reporting) of the donor agreement.

#### **Overview of outputs and achievements:**

a. **Support for selected FCTC 2030 Parties:** FCTC 2030 funded activities at country level have continued. All FCTC 2030 Parties have FCTC 2030 strategies approved by their Minister of Health. All FCTC 2030 Parties developed work plans for this financial year that were agreed by the Convention Secretariat and have implemented activities accordingly. Human resource at country level has been provided in ten FCTC 2030 Parties at their request. Examples of outputs at country level include:

- *Cabo Verde:* Support has been provided for the development of a draft tobacco control bill.
- *Cambodia:* Training of tax inspectors on Article 6 of the WHO FCTC and of health professionals on Article 14 of the WHO FCTC delivered.
- *Chad:* Decree on the protection of public health policies from interests of the tobacco industry approved.
- *Colombia:* Cooperation established to reinforce the National Coordinating Mechanism for Tobacco Control.
- *Egypt:* Assessment of tobacco industry influence over public health policies undertaken.

- *El Salvador*: Development of a new graphic health warnings for tobacco packaging started.
  - *Georgia*: Further increases of taxation of tobacco products approved and tax administration capacity reinforced.
  - *Jordan*: Ministerial coordination mechanism for tobacco control established.
  - *Madagascar*: Roadmap for the development of a new tobacco control draft bill approved.
  - *Myanmar*: Capacity of tax and legal officers on the WHO FCTC built.
  - *Nepal*: Multisectoral Tobacco Control Strategy published.
  - *Samoa*: Smoke-free 2019 Pacific Games held in Samoa.
  - *Sierra Leone*: Regional consultations regarding the draft tobacco control bill undertaken.
  - *Sri Lanka*: Capacity building activities for parliamentarians on the WHO FCTC.
  - *Zambia*: Plans for National Coordinating Mechanism for Tobacco Control developed and consultations regarding the draft tobacco control bill undertaken.
- b. **Specialist consultant support:** Three specialist consultants have been selected in accordance with WHO procedures and are available to support FCTC 2030 Parties. Each consultant is responsible to provide intensive support to five FCTC 2030 Parties. These consultants are actively working with FCTC focal points in Ministries of Health to support the implementation of the project.
- c. **FCTC Investment Cases:** WHO FCTC Investment Cases have been handed over in Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Chad, Jordan, Madagascar, Nepal, Sierra Leone and Sri Lanka. All the remaining WHO FCTC Investment cases were finalized and will be launched by December 2019. The finalized WHO FCTC Investment Cases are to be published by UNDP in their official website.
- d. **Governance missions:** Members of the FCTC 2030 Team have participated in missions to Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, El Salvador, Georgia, Jordan, Madagascar, Nepal, Sierra Leone and Sri Lanka. During these missions the team members have used the opportunity to monitor progress, identify issues and generate momentum for continued FCTC 2030 implementation (including meeting Ministers and senior government officials, and engaging with local media). Regular contact with FCTC 2030 countries through electronic means of communication has also been maintained.
- e. **Monitoring and evaluation:** The “Request for Proposals” to commission the External Independent Evaluation was published in the first week of June 2019. The

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contract should be raised with the successful bidder in November 2019. In parallel, [REDACTED] are providing assistance to monitor the progress achieved by the FCTC 2030 project through the Outcome Mapping methodology.

- f. **FCTC 2030 Annual Planning Workshop:** A Call for Expression of the Interest in hosting the third FCTC 2030 Annual Planning Workshop was issued in July 2019. Cabo Verde has been selected as the host country and the next FCTC 2030 Annual Planning Workshop should be held in Praia in March 2020. The workshop is an opportunity to review progress, promote international cooperation and plan for the following financial year.
- g. [REDACTED]
- h. **Regional activities to support FCTC 2030 project:** Financial resources have been allocated for WHO Regional Offices to define joint projects that will advance FCTC 2030 priorities at regional level. It included the organization of a Training Workshop on the Enforcement of Tobacco Control Legislation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, and a Workshop on Simulating Tobacco Tax Increases and Measuring Illicit Trade of Tobacco Products in the Americas Region. Necessary travel by WHO Regional Office staff to support the FCTC 2030 project at country level has also been funded.
- i. **Expansion of the FCTC 2030 project:** In October 2019 the Convention Secretariat issued a Call for Expression of Interest inviting Parties that are eligible to receive Official Development Assistance (ODA) to apply for the second round of the FCTC 2030. The deadline for submission of the application form is 10 November 2019. The selection panel and subsequent announcement of the new FCTC 2030 countries should take place by the end of November 2019.
- j. **Strengthening tobacco taxation:** Many FCTC 2030 Parties are working to strengthen price and tax measures. The FCTC Tobacco Taxation Knowledge Hub (based at University of Cape Town, South Africa) organized a workshop for English speaking countries on the first week of July 2019. Many FCTC 2030 Parties attended this workshop which was technically supported by the Convention Secretariat.
- k. **Connection with UK FCO to promote FCTC 2030 at country level:** The Convention Secretariat has attempted to keep UK diplomatic posts in FCTC 2030 Parties up to date with FCTC 2030 project implementation.
- l. **Fundraising:** Fundraising efforts continue to be undertaken. [REDACTED] has informed the Convention Secretariat about the intention to provide funds to the FCTC 2030 project.



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**Budget:**

Certified financial statements of income and expenditure shall be provided in accordance with the donor agreement.

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