

# Enhancing Decision-Making Capacities at the Office of the President of the Council of Ministers

Project ID: 00093626

General Information		Contact Information	
Short Title	OPCM	<b>Project manager</b>	Hazar Caracalla (Mrs.)
Geographic Coverage	Lebanon	<b>Number of Staff</b>	18
Project Status	Ongoing	<b>Donors &amp; Total Budget 2017</b>	
Start Date	02 January 2015	<b>PMO</b>	\$2,843,412
Expected End Date	31 December 2017	<b>Total</b>	\$2,843,412
Implementing Agency	Prime Minister's Office (PMO)		

## Background

The project aims to enhance decision-making capacity, monitoring and follow-up on programme implementation in the Prime Minister's Office. It is focused on securing economic and technical assistance, to assist senior advisors in formulating policy reform plans. The project also provides effective coordination with government institutions, hence making policy and programme implementation more efficient. The Prime Minister acts as the National Project Coordinator thereby ensuring the coherence of the various components of the project.

The UNDP team's contribution to the OPCM adds important expertise skills, establishes a solid internal project management framework, sets an optimal structure to support the target operational mode, and creates value-added roles.

The Project Manager strongly connects with the Prime Minister, all advisors, and the Secretary General of the PCM.

## The project Expected Results are grouped around the following:

- Capacity of the OPCM for Coordination of Social, Economic and Institutional Development Policies Strengthened;
- The National E-Strategy Implementation Plan Coordinated;
- Government's Reform programs and policies widely communicated; and
- Development Programme and Infrastructure projects implementation coordinated.

## **Achievements**

The project played a key role in supporting the Presidency of the Council of Ministers in:

- Developing the comprehensive socio-economic agenda which targets all levels of society and state.
- Implementing policy reform measures to facilitate investment and growth of private sector and SMEs.
- Developing a communication strategy, maintain the website and assisting with research.
- Coordinating and facilitating infrastructural projects' implementation with the public sector.
- Coordinating and managing information in times of crises, reconstruction and recovery.
- Developing targeted projects to promote certain sectors such as religious tourism.
- Also, the project developed an automation strategy for the OPCM that has been recently adopted.

## **Risks**

- Political instability and security situation in the country
- Lack of additional funds
- Lack of responsiveness and coordination
- Delay in the recruitment process/ identification of qualified staff