UN System-wide Financial Statistics Database and Reporting System

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Status Date: 10 November 2011
Project Name: UN System-wide Financial Statistics Database and Reporting System
Lead Agencies: CEB Secretariat
Project Budget: US$ 794,700

Project Summary

Project Overview

To enhance the scope and detail of UN system-wide financial statistics issued by CEB. To develop a comprehensive UN system-wide financial database while integrating existing databases, eliminating data collection overlaps and meeting mandated UN system-wide financial reporting requirements.

Expected Benefits:

- Availability and one-place access to comprehensive, reliable, manageable and ready-to-use financial information on the entire UN system.
- Promotion and facilitation of the work of interagency and coordination bodies.
- Improved and correct visibility of assessed, voluntary and earned revenues, including those from non-state donors, with particular reference to the provisions contained in the FAFA Agreement concerning the European Commission’s contributions.
- Elimination of the existing UN system-wide data collection overlaps. All financial reporting requirements will be consolidated to ensure that a complete data set is collected at one central and comprehensive repository.

Project Activities

- Analysis of stakeholder requirements, priority targets, project scope, approach and adopted standards. Review of the UN system wide financial reporting mandates and requirements of various UN system entities.
- Introduction of report types, based on priorities identified during the first activity. Adoption of common data exchange standards. Identification of counterparts in each agency.
- Launch of the public web-based domain for data capture and sharing.

Project Status

- Project is on-time for full completion by 30 November 2012
- Project is under-Budget as of 31 October 2011
- Project is forecast to remain under-Budget, even with foreign exchange costs

Project Activities Complete in the Period: 1 January – 31 December 2010
Main achievements Q1-Q4 2010:
- Collaboration started with UNDESA “Comprehensive statistical analysis” team, which holds a mandate to produce annual “Comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development of the United Nations system”.
- Information exchange initiated with the ICT Network at its meeting on 24 March 2010.
- Recruitment of a Senior Finance Project Manager.

Project Activities Complete in the Period: 1 January – 30 September 2011

Main achievements Q1-Q3 2011:
- January 2011 - High-level “Experts” meeting held with major UN agencies, CEB, DESA and OECD.
- June 2011 – Data Model proposed and circulated to UN organizations.
- August 2011 - Steering Committee established (UN, WHO, WFP, UNDP, CEB).
- September 2011 – FB Network endorses the Data Model.
- September 2011 - IT platform chosen following consultations with IT Network members. Database to be hosted in ITU SAP Business Warehouse.

Project Activities to be undertaken in the period 1 October 2011 – 30 June 2012

Project Milestones:
- December 2011 – final sign-off by all UN organizations
- January 2012 – Systems design for database and reporting solution begins
- March 2012 – Systems ready for “test”
- May 2012 – Data collection begins
- June 2012 – Database and Reporting system implemented. CEB Statistics available on-line.

Project Activities to be undertaken in the period 1 July 2012 – 30 November 2012

Post Implementation follow-up
- It is expected that about 2/3 of all UN organizations will be able to transfer their financial data automatically to the new CEB Database system.
- During post-implementation follow-up, the Project team will work with remaining organizations with the goal of complete automation of data transfer by the end of FY 2012.

Project Milestones

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