

## **ARTF Gender Working Group Meeting**

**January 26, 2016**

### **Summary of Discussions**

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An ARTF Gender Working Group (GWG) Meeting was held on January 26, 2016 with participation from the donors, Director General (DG), Policy and Planning of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, and Disability (MoLSAD), Hafiza Yazdani (Gender Consultant), and Tawab Hashemi (Sr. Health Specialist, World Bank). The meeting was co-chaired by Wezi Msisha (World Bank Senior Operations Officer) and Dan Pike (DFiD). Issues discussed were:

**Recruitment of Gender Specialists at World Bank-** the Bank informed the donors that the recruitment process for an international gender and social safeguards specialist and a local gender specialist were in the final stages.

**Presentation on SEHAT-** Dr. Hashemi gave a brief presentation on the main objectives and activities of the SEHAT project, monitoring arrangements, and achievements to date. He also responded to questions from the GWG on the project.

**Proposal for Gender Mainstreaming in SEHAT-**Ms. Yazdani presented the main areas included in the Ministry of Public Health's draft gender proposal under the SEHAT project. These included capacity building of MoPH staff; gender mainstreaming at all levels of the MoPH; and cross-cutting gender support for MoPH departments. It was agreed that the group would send their comments on the proposal-which had been shared with them earlier-to Ms. Yazdani by January 28, 2016 to be further shared with the MoPH's gender unit.

**Women's Economic Empowerment NPP-** the DG from MoLSAD, Dr. Perdes presented the main aspects of the draft NPP on women's economic empowerment. He informed the group that the final draft had to be finalized by May, and that they would then work on costing the NPP's action plan. This would be shared with donors for funding support. He clarified that the NPP would not take the place of ongoing activities in this area, but would rather serve as an umbrella document to govern all economic empowerment activities. It was agreed that the GWG would provide comments on the draft NPP through Ms. Yazdani by mid-February.