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**INDEPENDENT REVIEWERS TECHNICAL REVIEW OF THE SIXTH BIENNIAL  
REPORT OF THE JORDAN FOCAL POINT (JNFP)  
BADIA RESTORATION PROJECT  
PROJECT 5000304**

**REPORT REVIEW**

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Biannual Report of the Jordan NFP has been reviewed and reported in the following IRs Report, project reviews corresponding to the chapters of the NFP report.**

**OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF PROGRAMME STATUS**

The IRs are generally satisfied that the Jordan Award no. 5000304 for Badia Restoration is being disbursed in a reasonable and transparent manner. The execution of Project activities was following, on the whole, the phasing plan- have only few cases of delays. The tendering and contracting processes, as reported, were following the Governmental Rules and Regulations, with leading responsibility given to Government Central Tendering Committee and participation of the Jordan Audit Bureau. The present reporting period witnessed a good deal of achieved activities, in line with the F4 Panel Recommendations, including establishing 16 Water Stock Points (Hafirs); water Harvesting Interventions (micro catchments) and building small dams. During this period also, a Chief Finance Officer and a Procurement Officer were recruited and a Manual for Finance and Policies and Procedures was prepared. These arrangements were still lacking the installation of an “operational and automated Finance Control System”, planned to be in place by April 2012. The submission of a new Community Action Plan (CAP) along with the 6th NFP Report which represents the main axis of Badia Restoration Project activities, warrant a major review. and therefore, its implementation is planned to be evaluated and monitored by a professional institution.

However, IR Alhamad is not fully satisfied with the overall transparency of the BRP and the consistency of BRP with GC258 and F4-panel recommendations. Also, he is concerned with the major delay in the deliverable pertained to phasing plan. Alhamad is keen to direct the GC attention to the major lineage in the proposed CAP to fulfill the overall objectives of BRP.

**Progress and expenditures of the BR Project are in line with the project/phasing plans and the projected expenditures for the reporting period (with the exception of the issues listed below).**

**KEY ISSUES**

The following significant issues are summarized below and reported to the UNCC for their consideration.

1. Despite the repeated concerns expressed by the IRs, the NFP/PMU capacity and performance is short of been adequate. The obvious delays were in recruiting their necessary staff and in installing and operating a Finance Control System. It is our belief, therefore, that PMU with its present capacity is not fully capable to supervise, coordinate, monitor and evaluate the implementation of CAP. IR Alhamad is concerned with the unjustified delay in recruiting rangeland expert to replace the resigned one which contributes to weak performance of PMU.
2. Of major concern to the IRs that the proposed CAP adopts several projects/ approaches that do not fall under the F4 panel recommendations. So, the IRs recommend that JNFP to consider major revision of the CAP to be in line with the F4 panel recommendations.

3. In spite of the expressed request by the UNCC to phase-out by the end of 2012; yet no clear actions have been taken by the Government on how to proceed. A decision by Jordan Government needs to be taken, as early as possible, so as to avoid any interruptions or gaps that would negatively affect the performance of Badia Restoration Project.
4. The IRs believes that still there is a need to diversify and enlarge the list of implementing agencies and not to limit it to public institutions but to consider CSOs, NGOs and private sector while keeping the rangeland cooperative as the major implementing partner in BRP.
5. Of major concern to the IRs is the efficiency, cost effectiveness and feasibility of certain activities and approaches suggested in the new CAP such as the water harvesting measures, range rehabilitation, establishing range reserves, land tenure revision and the relations between resting lands and the barley subsidy.
6. IRs recommend to the assessment of barely incentives and pricing to be sure that this activity has produce the expected output including the resting of rangeland that will facilitate the natural recovery of damaged ecosystems. Also, the IRs recommend that the revised CAP include the reverse auction mentioned in the F4 panel to reduce the livestock population to match the carrying capacity of badia rangeland.
7. IR Alhamad is concerned with overall transparence of Alshumari project and the appropriate use of fund. He requests the NFP to carry out financial and technical investigation to verify the pending issues on fence repairing cost, inadequate work on reserve carrying capacity and finding out minimum viable population of Oryx.

### REQUESTED FUNDING RELEASE

The NFP have requested the funding releases for the programme and the release of the following funds is supported by IRs

US\$

A Request for funds in the 6<sup>th</sup> Biannual report.

1. Request for CAP activities not supported. CAP needs to be revised

2. Immediate Release:

Database and information unit...

**23,100**

ECU administration ,external audit and IRs

**250,000**

...

**Subtotal**

**273,100**

3. No release is supported for the M&E amount as the first release for this has not been reported on

**B. Request For the activities in the second year of the phasing plan .**

1. The first installment of \$11,947,050 is for immediate release **to cover the activities that have been approved in the two years plan**

**11,947,050**

2. The second installment of \$11,947,047 is to be release upon fulfillment of the following conditions:

**11,947,047**

- For Macro catchment water harvesting techniques (stock watering ponds); an assessment including field visits of the first year of CAP, which has been implemented, should be made to verify cost-effectiveness and feasibility of up-scaling appropriateness of the selected watersheds and targeted areas.
- For Socioeconomic activities and incentives: an assessment including field visits of the first year of CAP which should consider main issues including number of beneficiaries , who received the incentives ,for what herd size, the price of barley per ton, cost of land transport, logistic charges, and eventually the positive impact on the Badia Restoration.
- Revision and acceptance by the IRs and Secretariat of a revised CAP plan that focuses on activities falling under the F4 panel recommendations, such as those provided for in the first and second year of the present CAP which have been agreed to by the Governing Council, the IRs and the Secretariat and for which funds have been released. The revised CAP must clearly incorporate the activities of these two years so that a clear linkage is made to avoid lessening the impact of those fund releases.

**23,894,097**

- **Subtotal:**

**24167197**

**Total approved**

Note: IR Alhamad supports the release of only \$US 250,000 for ECU administration, external audit and IRs . He made reservation

concerning other releases because it is not appropriate to release further fund for JNFP without a comprehensive revised CAP that go along with F4 panel recommendations. Also, the present fund release is based on inappropriate phasing plan presented in the 4<sup>th</sup> BRP biannual report and the GC in his 71 session approved only the first year.

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**IR REVIEW STATEMENT**

The following Independent Reviewers team members certify that the review of the NFP report is complete.


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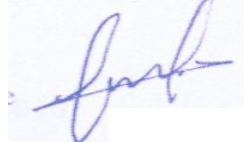
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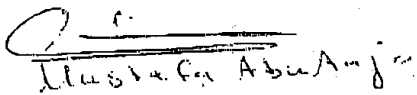
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## REVIEW OF KEY ISSUES FROM PREVIOUS IR REPORT

SUMMARY KEY ISSUES	COMMENT ON NFP ACTIONS
<p>The following issues were stated in the 5<sup>th</sup>. IRs Report submitted in August 2011:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NFP needs to further improve its cooperation with other Ministries and enhance its capacity in terms of technical, financial, policy and project management support to deal with the increasing demands of the project moving forward.</li> <li>2. IRs strongly urge Jordan NFP to review the role of the Steering Committee and consider better involving the Cabinet of Ministers to ensure the necessary inter-Ministerial coordination. The IRs also stress the importance of diversifying the implementing partners to include, local small contractors and the private sector when necessary.</li> <li>3. NFP were urged to implement the External Auditor's recommendations stated in the two operational audit reports (30 June and 31 December 2010), the IRs endorsed the Auditor's findings stressing the lack of a financial system and the need to establish one as soon as possible.</li> <li>4. The IRs noted that a sum of \$423,729 (Jerash Project) that has been diverted from the claim funds for use in an unrelated activity is not yet recovered in total. The IRs reiterates their concerns about this diversion and look forward to the recovery of those funds by December 2011, as committed by Jordan Government.</li> <li>5. The IRs note that the financial system remains weak with no proper policies and procedures in place, which hinders the proper control and follow-up over the financial and contractual sides of the project.</li> <li>6. IRs request Jordan NFP to provide more information on the water availability and authorization for use, as well as the mitigation of the environmental impacts, and a comprehensive engineer's cost estimate of the Irrigated Fodder Project, in order to make a proper decision on this project.</li> <li>7. The IRs recommends that in light of the long-term CAP that is being developed by NFP, a revised</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Some attempts were made but still the cooperation with other Governmental Agencies needs more strengthening.</li> <li>2. The Committee schedule and mandate is still the same and no progress on diversification of contract-awarding to include some from private sector</li> <li>3. The IRs were not informed on the fate of the External Auditor's recommendations (were endorsed by the IRs)</li> <li>4. Nothing new about this Jerash Project channeling of funds and NFP is urged again to follow-up with relevant Government circles.</li> <li>5. We are all waiting to see the Finance Control System to be in place in an operational mode, by April 2012, as promised by the NFP.</li> <li>6. It seems that this Fodder Project has been put aside, as not a priority at present.</li> <li>7. This Project Proposal was included as part of the new CAP document. Major CAP revision</li> </ol>

proposal for “Restoration and Sustainable Management of Rangeland in Wadi Al Butm Watershed Area” be submitted as part of the CAP in the sixth NFP Biannual Report.

8. The IRs supports the Two-year Phasing Plan, provided by the NFP within the 5th. Biannual Report, and look forward to seeing a well-structured CAP long-term plan that accounts for all the award funds by December 2011.

is needed to be in line with F 4 panel recommendations.

8. The new CAP document has been submitted end of February 2012 and it is been under review and evaluation.

**CHAPTER I: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

**BADIA RESTORATION PROJECT**

<b>REVIEW AND EVALUATION</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
<p><b>A. General Management</b></p> <p>a. Are the management and administration structures, roles and responsibilities clearly explained for the programme?</p> <p>b. Have there been any changes or updates to the programme management cycle in the last reporting period? If so are they reasonable? If not should there have been changes?</p> <p>c. Have management and administrative activities since the last reporting period been adequately explained and are reasonable and appropriate?</p>	X		Structure yes; but additional staff needs to be recruited in (Range Ecology and Policy and Planning).
		X	
	X		A number of activities were initiated during this period. But their appropriateness need to be checked later
<p><b>B. Procurement/Contracts</b></p> <p>a. Have the applicable Government procurement laws and regulations been provided?</p> <p>b. Are the procurement processes conducted according to the applicable laws and regulations of the Government?</p> <p>c. Is there a system for tracking of contracts, monitoring adherence to the conditions of the contracts?</p> <p>d. Is there independent verification of field work conducted in accordance with contractual obligations? to ensure transparency?</p>	X		The BR Project funds have to be disbursed in line with Government Rules and Regulations All contracts have to be handled by the Govnm. Special Tendering Committee. Pricing of Barely is not transparent and an exaggerating in management cost is noticed (up to 80% of the international barley price) Through the above Committee and by the PMU Procurement Officer (recruited Aug 2011)
	X		
	X		
		X	The only field monitoring and oversight is done through NFP/PMU staff through reports from the Three Field Crew Units.
<p><b>C. Database &amp; Information Unit</b></p> <p>a. Is the DBIU well established to respond to the need of the project?</p>	X		The Unit provided to the BR Project the data and maps required.
<p><b>D. Database &amp; Information Unit</b></p> <p>a. Any special issues reported?</p> <p>b. If so, are they to be reported to the GC and is adequate detail available to do so?</p>	X		IR Alhamad, is concerned with the weak contribution of DBIU in producing vegetation maps to monitor the recovery in the damaged ecosystems

**CHAPTER II: GENERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT****BADIA RESTORATION PROJECT**

<b>I. REVIEW AND EVALUATION</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>A. Introduction (General Financial Management)</b>			
a. Are the overall figures reasonable for the reporting period and activities planned?	X		The continued absence of an accounting system at JNFP, means that one of the fundamental criteria of GCD 258, financial transparency, is still absent. This situation is in the course of being rectified.
b. Are there any items to be addressed in general?	X		Accounting and reporting guidelines manual is important to ensure that financial results are transparently communicated. Additionally, the reports must address the period covered and should include the OB and EB reconciled
c. If so, what?			
<b>B. Accounting Systems and Procedures</b>			
a. Are there any changes or deviations reported?		X	As stated above the continued absence of the financial system and the lack of accounting policy and its detailed steps remains the most significant financial issue.
b. If so, are they adequately explained?			
c. Is the statement of compliance included?		X	
<b>C. Procurement</b>			
a. Is the statement of application of regulations and policies included?	X		However, a quality manual is required to outline the policy of purchases and ensure that purchased products conform to specified purchase requirements and in line with budgeted prices and quality. Additionally, an adequate external audit activity has to be efficient to ensure and maintain reasonably detailed and accurate records.
b. Are there any reported changes or deviations from the applicable laws? If so, are they adequately explained? Are they reasonable?		X	
c. Has appropriate information been provided in regards contract tendering processes and numbers of signed contracts, etc.		X	The procurement chronologies have not been provided for procurement activities to date.
d. Are the overall numbers related to procurement reasonable for the implementation in progress?	X		
e. Overall, are there sufficient controls in place to ensure transparency?		X	The whole system of (Controls of Finance and otherwise) must be



			established by management to carry on the business in an orderly and efficient manner to ensure adherence to management policies and safeguard the assets.
<b>D. Audit Systems and Procedures</b>			
a. Are external auditors in place?	X		No report provided for the reporting period. The external auditors will provide reports starting with 2011 due to non available opening balances and confirmation of some accounts
b. Are there any reported changes or deviations from the applicable laws?		X	
c. Are recommendations being addressed adequately?		X	The main recommendations from the previous external audit reports concerned the lack of a financial system. It is not adequately addressed as yet.
d. Is the scope of the audits sufficient to ensure all financial aspects of the Awards are covered?			The external auditors scope of audit has to include the risk assessment report of the ongoing process to ensure that risk has been identified and designed to be mitigated
<b>E. Special Account and Cash Reporting</b>			
a. Are the beginning and ending balances reconciled with statements?		X	No statements are annexed to the report.
b. Are all adjusting items sufficiently explained and documented?		X	The Jerash fund balance remains outstanding.
<b>F. Special Issues</b>			
a. Any special issues reported?		X	
b. If so, are they to be reported to the GC and is adequate detail available to do so?			

**PROJECT 5000304: RANGELAND RESTORATION COMPONENT**

<b>I. TECHNICAL REVIEW &amp; EVALUATION</b>	Yes	No	Notes/Issues
<p><b>1. Project Plans</b></p> <p>a. Is the project plan finalized? If so when was it submitted?</p> <p>b. Have there been any changes to the project plan since the last report?</p> <p>c. Are there environmental indicators/criteria that can be used to track the progress and effectiveness of restoration measures? If so are they appropriate?</p>	<p align="center">X</p> <p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p>The Report presented (on pages 47-48) a Project Phasing Plan for 2009-2017. Roadmap was submitted in Aug 2008; and Badia Restoration Project plan, submitted in Oct 2009.</p> <p>A new CAP doc was submitted in Feb 2011 for 5 years.</p>
<p><b>2. Phasing Plans</b></p> <p>a. Has phasing plan been submitted and approved by the Governing Council?</p> <p>b. If so, when?</p> <p>c. Has the Phasing Plan been modified since that time?</p> <p>d. If so, is the revised phasing plan reasonable and appropriate?</p> <p>e. If not, does the phasing plan continue to be reasonable and appropriate?</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p>GC has approved the fund release for first year of the phasing plan (GC71 decision)</p> <p>Only for the CAP plan</p> <p>IR Alhamad, is not finding the phasing plan continue to be reasonable and appropriate</p>
<p><b>3. Project Status</b></p> <p>a. Have the projected activities for the current reporting period been conducted and verified? If not is there an explanation as to why?</p> <p>b. Is the sufficiency of reporting and verification appropriate and reasonable?</p> <p>c. Are the activities consistent with the submitted phasing plan?</p>	<p align="center">X</p> <p align="center">X</p> <p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p>IR Alhamad, does not agree as no field verification was conducted yet.</p> <p>Monitoring and verification should be established.</p>
<p><b>4. Environmental Assessments</b></p> <p>a. Where any significant field demonstrations or assessments undertaken in the reporting period? If not should there have been? If so what was the outcome and .....?</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p>BR project activities are basically agric. and water harvesting, revegetation, etc., all of which don't entail negative environmental impacts.</p> <p>IR Alhamad, no field demonstration or assessment was reported. The report did not report any quantitative data on natural recovery of damaged ecosystems</p>
<p><b>5. Periodic Technical Evaluation</b></p> <p>a. Is the project being implemented in a reasonable and appropriate way?</p>			<p>Plan is generally so, with some delays and certain activities are lagging behind.</p>

<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the plan reasonable and appropriate to achieve the purpose of the award?</li> <li>• Is the approach (procurement procedures and outcomes...) reasonable and appropriate for implementing the project plan?</li> <li>• Are timelines appropriate?</li> <li>• Has new information come to light that raise questions about the approach etc?</li> <li>• Is there adequate progress being made.</li> </ul>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>	<p>Procurement is done through Government Committee, with adequate governance and control. The PMU Procurement Officer who joined PMU should facilitate a better control over the process.</p> <p>IR Alhamad, found no report on the use of barley incentives to rest the rangeland and enhancing the natural recovery. No work has been done yet on matching the rangeland carrying capacity with livestock populations.</p> <p>Generally so, but governmental bureaucracy often put the set timelines for implementation of activities behind.</p>
<p>b. Are there any proposed changes to the project/phasing plan (e.g. modifications, adaptive management)?</p> <p>If so do you support these changes?</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>A major revision to the original CAP was concluded end of February 2011. The new document is under revision at present and due to its significance for BR project, a wide dialogue ought to take place, including all relevant parties, particularly the beneficiaries in the Badia.</p> <p>Yes. The suggested projects and approaches are in principle appropriate Yet their feasibility and appropriateness to the specific sites and watersheds need further investigations. IR Alhamad notes: The duration of CAP is not in line with F4 panel recommendations :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- CAP duration 4 years, while in the recommendation its 20 years</li> <li>2. CAP area is about 12 percent of the badia , while in the recommendations it covers the entire badia</li> <li>3. CAP is not addressing the land tenure problems in Badia . while in the recommendations it's a must to solve this problem to ensure sustainable grazing practices in the badia F</li> <li>4. Panel recommended the reverse auction to match the livestock</li> </ol>

		<p>population with Badia forge resources, while CAP ignores this option , and not work was proposed to reduce the sheep number to badia carrying level.</p> <p>5. More than 75% of CAP budget is not allocated for restoration activities, as it was designed to be badia development program with no direct linkage to restoring the damaged ecosystems.</p> <p>6. The CAP budget is neither reasonable nor appropriate for example livestock show, slaughter house, community development program, rangers. For example how come uniform and shoes could cost six hundred thousand US\$ in 5 or 10 years? It is clear that the proposed budget was not subject to any economical analysis</p>
<p><b>6. Projected Activities</b></p> <p>a. Are the projected activities for the next reporting period consistent with the project/phasing plan?</p> <p>b. Are the project activities reasonable and appropriate?</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p>	<p>No phasing plan was approved by GC yet</p>
<p><b>II. FINANCIAL REVIEW &amp; EVALUATION</b></p>		
<p><b>1. Periodic and Total Expenditures</b></p> <p>a. What were the total expenditures for this project?</p> <p>b. Is the actual expenditure consistent with the planned expenditure?</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Total accumulated expenditure up to 30-06-2011 US\$ 1,049,748 and current period US\$ 21,200,129 (inclusive US\$ 12,661,207 obligations not paid)</p> <p>It is consistent with pre-estimated expenditure noting that activity 3 “Establishment DBIU” HFDB” has an outstanding budgeted amount US\$ 194,590 not expended during as planned</p>
<p><b>2. Periodic Financial Review</b></p> <p>a. Are project expenditures appropriate in the context of the project as a whole?</p> <p>b. Are expenditures reasonable based on the progress achieved in the reporting period?</p> <p>c. Are expenditures and obligations transparent and based on established policy as reported by the NFP?</p> <p>d. Are any deviations reported from established policies and if so, are they justified?</p> <p>e. Is there a request for release of funds? Is the request appropriate and reasonable?</p>		<p>Detailed reports are required to ensure its appropriateness</p> <p>Supplementary reports that contained details expenditures are required</p> <p>No details for expenditures.</p>

III. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS			
<p>a. Are there any significant issues/problems that you would like to bring to the attention of the Governing Council?</p>			<p>A serious revision and evaluation of the "suggested projects and alternatives" ought to take place to evaluate these changes and amendments. A wide dialogue including the Government, UNCC Secretariat and the IRs needs to be conducted to consider filing by the NFP of some "amendment request" to the GC for approvals.</p>
<p>b. Does the Council need to authorize the release of funds?</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>The IRs do not support the release of funds requested in the CAP since they recommend reviewing the submitted CAP. However, the IRs reviewed the subsequent request of NFP to fund the activities in the second year of the phasing plan. They recommend immediate release of \$US 2,127,197 and conditional release of \$US 22,040,000 ( IR AlHamad had reservations and only approved the release of \$US 250,000 for ECU administration, external auditors and IRs.. Details are presented in the Fund release section of this report</p>

**PROJECT 5000304: SHAUMARI COMPONENT**

<b>I. TECHNICAL REVIEW &amp; EVALUATION</b>	Yes	No	Notes/Issues
<p><b>1. Project Plans</b></p> <p>a. Is the project plan finalized? If so when was it submitted?</p> <p>b. Have there been any changes to the project plan since the last report?</p> <p>c. Are there environmental indicators/criteria that can be used to track the progress and effectiveness of restoration measures? If so are they appropriate?</p>	X		<p>The Project is declared complete and a Final Report was submitted to NFP.</p> <p>IR Alhamad, is not satisfied with the final report and still the project is not working on proper estimation of the reserve carrying capacity, minimum viable population , Also, budget and expenditure are not clear and still work on fence repair is ambiguous with no clear itemized project details on this issue, which warranted the need to conduct financial investigation.</p>
<p><b>2. Phasing Plans</b></p> <p>a. Has phasing plan been submitted and approved by the Governing Council?</p> <p>b. If so, when?</p> <p>c. Has the Phasing Plan been modified since that time?</p> <p>d. If so, is the revised phasing plan reasonable and appropriate?</p> <p>e. If not, does the phasing plan continue to be reasonable and appropriate?</p>	X	<p>X</p> <p>X</p>	
<p><b>3. Project Status</b></p> <p>a. Have the projected activities for the current reporting period been conducted and verified? If not is there an explanation as to why?</p> <p>b. Is the sufficiency of reporting and verification appropriate and reasonable?</p> <p>c. Are the activities consistent with the</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>		<p>One activity has been projected, namely establishing a Wildlife Animal Mobile Clinic, due to its importance –as the only such clinic in the region. IR Alhamad, wildlife mobile clinic is not part of Shumari project? It is reported under first year CAP?</p> <p>The IRs made a visit to Shaumari project (Feb 2012) upon receiving their Final Report. The Project achievements were reviewed and verified. The project unaccomplished activities were also underscored and documented (particularly the incomplete fencing work). The IRs only review the NFP periodic</p>



<p>a. Are the projected activities for the next reporting period consistent with the project/phasing plan?</p> <p>b. Are the project activities reasonable and appropriate?</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p>		<p>The projected activity is a (<i>Mobile Vet Clinic</i>) which is deemed essential for the vet care of the wildlife animals of the region, being the only available one there. For sure, if the Shaumari is envisaged to be an Ecotourism Center in Jordan for Oryx and Sand Gazelle, then Vet services cannot be ignored. Alhamad, no evidence supported the ecotourism activities to be sustained in Shaumari reserve, projected return is highly questionable.</p>
<p><b>IV. FINANCIAL REVIEW &amp; EVALUATION</b></p>			
<p><b>1. Periodic and Total Expenditures</b></p>			
<p>a. What were the total expenditures for this project?</p> <p>b. Is the actual expenditure consistent with the planned expenditure?</p>			<p>The accumulated total expenditures up to 30-06-2011 was US\$ 243,396 and the current reporting period US\$ 83,477 inclusive US\$ 43,477) obligations not paid. It is consistent with pre-estimated expenditures.</p>
<p><b>2. Periodic Financial Review</b></p>			
<p>a. Are project expenditures appropriate in the context of the project as a whole?</p> <p>b. Are expenditures reasonable based on the progress achieved in the reporting period?</p> <p>c. Are expenditures and obligations transparent and based on established policy as reported by the NFP?</p> <p>d. Are any deviations reported from established policies and if so, are they justified?</p> <p>e. Is there a request for release of funds? Is the request appropriate and reasonable?</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>		<p>Contractor comprehensive report (financial &amp; otherwise) is necessary to be provided on periodic basis. Detailed report is required</p> <p>Detailed report is required.</p>
<p><b>V. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p>			
<p>c. Are there any significant issues/problems that you would like to bring to the attention of the Governing Council?</p> <p>d. Does the Council need to authorize the release of funds?</p>			<p>Taking in consideration the mentioned points above and the lack in transparency in reporting project activities and cost; Dr. Alhamad would encourage the GC to reject the final report -which is nearly copy of the 3rd progress report-and recommending the GC to ask the JNFP to initiate an official investigation to clarify these bending issues.(Alhamad)</p>



