

**IFMIS Restart – Status Briefing for January 15, 2008**

**EGII Actions:**

As of notice that the MOU had been signed on January 14, the team took the following action:

- IT Sector Lead contacted Ms. Najua, DG of MOF’s IT Directorate, to arrange pick-up of server equipment.
- EGII CCN staff were selected and briefed on operational details related to their physically going to the MOF Data Center (site of 5/29 kidnapping incident) to retrieve server equipment and client machines.
- EGII IT staff was briefed on the terms of the MOU and an outline of immediate actions and procurements that will be EGII’s responsibility were prepared.
- A high level timeline for action was drawn up to serve as the basis for coordinating efforts.

**Next Steps:**

The team is working to rapidly resume procurement of necessary licences and hardware. Additionally we are working to draft a work plan that accommodates the provisions of the MOU. IT Team has been in contact with MOF counterparts and we are awaiting responses on timing of retrieving server equipment.

**EGII Procurement:**

Microsoft Sever Operating system licences	\$5,000
Two Firepass boxes (hardware) to allow for up to 500 simultaneous users – necessary in order to support 250 spending units, as outlined as an obligation under the MOU. Also includes licensing fees.	\$75,000
FreeBalance Licensing – to include support costs, SQL server licensing as well as licences for report forms and Crystal reports	Approximately \$200,000

**Timing:**

- Hardware transport to EGII Camp can take place within 24 hours of confirmation that Ms. Najua has been authorized to disassemble server racking.
- Procurement of hardware and software licenses has begun. Formal CTO approvals will be transmitted to USAID by January 16.
- Assuming all goes well and shipment of Firepass hardware can be arranged in short order, the server equipment will be ready for return to MOF Data Center and for reconnection by April 15, 90 days from today. (The MOU provides 30 days for transportation and 60 days for troubleshooting of the servers and software updates – in reality we will likely be able to arrange transport within 10 days but require closer to 74 days, 10 weeks, to complete troubleshooting)

### Weaknesses:

- The MOF must authorize EGII to retrieve hardware from Data Center before we can retrieve, inventory and troubleshoot the equipment.
- The MOF has until May 1 to reconnect VSAT and assume control over their accounts. EGII will offer technical assistance to this end, but cannot ensure adherence to the timetable.
- The MOU indicates that EGII will pay licensing fees and provide technical assistance in order to support 250 spending units. This will require procurement of a new FirePass box (and a redundant backup). Receipt of this in time to meet the 60 day window afforded by the MOU may prove challenging.

### Outstanding Issues:

The IT team has requested that the EGII project be allowed to reconnect the VSAT service providing connectivity for the MOF Data Center. Without ensuring this connection the team will have no ability to access the server remotely for repairs, updates and troubleshooting. The software vendor and EGII have relied on remote access on numerous occasions to repair and restart the system. Should the MOF lag in its obligation to reconnect this particular facility, EGII will be unable to influence the system until they do so. The total cost of this activity would not exceed \$3,500 for a three-month bridge period – less if the MOF is able to get connectivity running in early May, as outlaid in the MOU. The reality is that our CCN team is very hesitant to travel to the MOF site in the wake of security incidents, and additional visits to troubleshoot potential problems will be contentious and may introduce delays.