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Dear All,

**GOVERNANCE & DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME (GDPP) MID TERM REVIEW  
2020 – PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT**

I wanted to thank you very much for attending the GDPP Mid Term Review Validation Workshop held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Your contributions and exchanges of ideas helped to further enrich the content of the MTR document, compelling us to focus on key areas for further follow up.

Following the validation workshop and with further refinement, I am pleased to share with you (attached) the revised and final version of the GDPP Mid Term Review. I am informed by the team that the Report will be formally tabled for endorsement at the upcoming GDPP Programme Management Board meeting. That meeting is expected to take place in October 2020 and do expect to hear more on this soon.

Of course, the MTR will only be helpful if the recommendations and key lessons learned are acted upon in a timely manner given that we are at the halfway stage of the Programme. Undoubtedly, the impact of the pandemic will see a slowing down in the rate of implementation, which is inevitable. However, I wanted to let you know, and this was something raised in our June meeting, that work is already underway to focus greater attention towards innovations that will enhance our work on gender and social inclusion (GESI) imperatives of this important programme.

In addition, in line with the MTR recommendations, the GDPP M&E framework is being refined so as to be better able to identify causal links that demonstrate the impact that GDPP is making working with key Democratic Institutions in Ethiopia. In this respect, in advance of the GDPP PMB meeting, we will be arranging some focused discussions between Development Partners and Implementing Partners to discuss this as well as identify other key themes for GDPP to prioritize. This will help ensure that the shared vision approach will keep the Programme on track and enhance its overall impact.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any queries or requests for further information. Please direct such requests to Donna Bugby-Smith Senior Governance Adviser (GDPP)  
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