



### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MODULE IS TO PROMOTE GOOD GOVERNANCE TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE CO-MANAGEMENT AND COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA. AS PART OF THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE TO ENGAGE LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN CO-MANAGEMENT AND COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE, THE UNSDG PROJECT IS SUPPORTING GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES IN TERMS OF NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS THE PROMOTION OF BUSINESSES, YOUTH SUPPORT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR LEADERS. THE ENGAGEMENT OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE GOVERNANCE HAS MANY ADVANTAGES SUCH AS SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT, ENHANCED LEADERSHIP, YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND INFLUENCE IN PLANNING, REPORTING AND DECISION MAKING, ETC. AS A RESULT, COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES WILL FEEL HEARD AND PROUD. LEADERS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND YOUTH WILL ADOPT GOOD GOVERNANCE INTO PRACTICE. THIS SHOULD HELP THEM MAKE THEIR WORK AND PROCEDURES MORE TRANSPARENT, ACCOUNTABLE, AND EQUITABLE IN TERMS OF DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES, WHICH WILL INCREASE THE PUBLIC'S TRUST AND APPRECIATION OF THEIR DAILY WORK.

GOOD GOVERNANCE IS AN IDEAL THAT IS DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE AND THERE ARE VERY FEW COUNTRIES, SOCIETIES, OR ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE EVEN COME CLOSE TO FULFILLING IT IN TOTAL. HOWEVER, TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, ACTION MUST BE TAKEN TO MAKE THIS IDEAL WORK. SO FAR, BY DEFINING CHARISMATIC LEADERS, BUILDING ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS, TRAINING FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS, SUPPORTING THEM IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION, AND SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY.

FUTURE EFFORTS WILL ENSURE THE CREATION OF STRONGER GOVERNANCE AT 3 DIFFERENT LEVELS: PROVINCE LEVEL, REGIONAL LEVEL, AND COUNTRY LEVEL. MOREOVER, GOVERNANCE WITH GOOD PRACTICES WILL IMPACT LOCAL AUTHORITIES' LACK OF CAPACITY AND INCREASE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

**THIS MODULE IS DESIGNED TO MEET A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC LEARNING OBJECTIVES, AND PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:**

- *EXPLAIN THE MEANING AND VALUE OF GOOD GOVERNANCE*
- *EXPLAIN THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING GOOD GOVERNANCE*
- *EXPLAIN THE PROCESS AND SOME OF THE TOOLS FOR APPLYING PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE TO THE WORK*
- *REFLECT ON THE STRENGTHS AND SHORTCOMINGS OF GOOD GOVERNANCE PRACTICES IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES*