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UNDP Montenegro

CP Outcome: Responding to HIVAIDS

CP Outcome Indicator: Improving Governance of HIVAIDS responses

Project Outputs: UN HIVAIDS Theme Group to engage in: a) evaluation of implementation of the National HIVAIDS Strategy; b) facilitation of the Universal Access targets; and c) improvement of human rights of PLHIV

Output Indicators: a) national group for preparation of the Roadmap toward Universal Access and evaluation of AIDS Strategy implementation created; b) at least one consultation meeting organized; c) at least 60% of PLHIV reached with Handbook for PLHIV

Implementing partner: UNDP

Other Partners: UN Country Team Montenegro, Country Coordinating Mechanism, international and local experts

Programme Period: 2007 Programme Component: _____ Project Title: UNCT and National Response to HIVAIDS Project Duration: 6 months (June-December 2007) Management Arrangement: Direct execution	Initial budget \$75,000 Total budget: \$75,000 General Management Support Fee: 2% Allocated resources: 73,500 Donor: UNDP
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Mr. Garret Tankosic Kelly, Resident Representative a.i.



Project Title: UNCT and National Response to HIVAIDS

Proposed Duration: 6 months (June-December 2007)

Proposing UN Agency: UNDP

Programme Partners: UN Country Team Montenegro, Country Coordinating Mechanism, international and local experts

Total budget: \$73,500 US

Geographical Location: Montenegro

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National Counterparts: Country coordinating Mechanism, NGO sector

Executive Summary

Through this project, UNCT through its Theme Group on HIV/AIDS, will contribute in complimentary to individual agencies' response to the design, set up and coordination of a sustainable and affordable national response to HIVAIDS challenges.

Part I. Situation Analysis

On June 3rd 2006, Montenegro officially declared independence following the May 21st referendum on the state-status. On June 28th of the same year, the country became 92nd member state of the United Nations. The United Nations Country Team Montenegro (UNCT MNE) immediately began setting a stage for a more coordinate programmatic and policy approach in assisting the Montenegrin Government in its international obligations. One of the accomplished tasks was establishment of the UN HIV/AIDS Theme Group in charge of assisting the National Authorities, in conjunction with other UN agencies, in designing and setting up, and implementing of a sustainable and affordable national response to HIV/AIDS challenges. It submitted the application to and was subsequently granted funds from the UN AIDS Program Acceleration Fund for the above mentioned activities.

Part II. Strategy

The project will focus on two areas: a) evaluation of the implementation of the national AIDS strategy in order to support the formulation of the National Roadmap toward Universal Access, and b) enhancement of PLHIV's human rights.

1. National AIDS Strategy and Roadmap for Universal Access

Prior to Montenegro's independence in May 2006, State Union of Serbia and Montenegro made a commitment at the 2005 World Summit to initiate country consultations for scaling up HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in order to achieve universal access for all those who need it by 2010, as a mid-point to achieving the Millennium Development Goal 6 – to halt and begin reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015. This commitment will require development of a comprehensive package of prevention, treatment, care and support targets and measures relevant to the country needs.

The national consultation process towards reaching the Universal Access, supported previously by the UN TG on a State Union level, was conducted at the beginning of 2006. The review included assessment of the country AIDS response, identification of obstacles to universal access requiring local and regional action. Key findings of this process were shared at the SEE Sub-Regional Universal Access Consultation Meeting held in March 2006 in Bucharest. The recently established UN HIV/AIDS TG in Montenegro will continue to fully support the national partners in this process in 2007.

Montenegro has endorsed its National AIDS Strategy in 2005, and started with its implementation. Strategy covers the time period from 2005 till 2010. In 2007 assessment will be undertaken to measure progress in the implementation of the Strategy, results achieved, to identify failures, and develop recommendations for adjustment.

Both above mentioned processes will highlight key milestones, major interventions and national targets until 2010 and lead to the development of the country roadmap. National targets will play critical role in helping to establish strategic priorities, focusing efforts to monitor and evaluate program and mobilize resources for universal access and implementation of the AIDS Strategy. This process will complement the review of the AIDS strategy implementation and its adjustment as required. Given the complexity of scaling up a comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS in Montenegro, and moving towards universal access, national counterparts approached UN TG and requested assistance in reviewing AIDS Strategy implementation and formulation of the Roadmap towards Universal Access.

To that end a national working group will be established with the support of the Montenegrin National AIDS Commission and under direct management by their Secretariat (located in the Institute of Public Health), and IPH, to undertake the following:

- Based on existing national report on universal access and therein identified gaps, conduct further consultations and evaluation of the progress in AIDS Strategy implementation in order to: set

anticipated country outcomes by 2010 including establishing of key targets and indicators as well as eventual proposals for adjustment of the current AIDS Strategy.

- Development of the national roadmap towards universal access with targets for 2008 and 2010 in each of the following areas: prevention, treatment, care and support.
- Assessment of budgetary allocation/expenditures for the implementation of AIDS strategy, identification of gaps, development of cost and fundraising plans
- Drawing up plans for: changing legislative framework, alignment with HIV/AIDS Strategy; institutional responsibilities; setting up of a resource centre for to compile all data related to HIV/AIDS research and protocols and services including available expertise in the country; enhancement of HIV/AIDS monitoring and evaluation systems.

2. Human Rights of PLHIV

In Montenegro, according to the official report, there are 34 PLHIV. Estimated number of PLHIV in Montenegro is around 350. Out of the official number, 18 PLHIV are receiving HAART, fully paid by the Health Insurance Fund. There are very often lacks in procurement of some ART drugs, which interrupts the full access to the treatment. Even though government officially provides ART for all eligible PLHIV, monitoring of its efficiency is very limited and weak access to social and health care services is far from the real needs of PLHIV. These individuals face violation of human rights and high level of stigma and discrimination. Anti-discrimination law is still not developed in Montenegro. Additionally, the reimbursement procedure for purchasing the medicine is inefficient and often times delayed.

PLHIV community is still not properly organized, while modest activities have been conducted to assist their community mobilization and capacity building. The main activity in this project involves a development and distribution of the Handbook on PLHIV's human rights containing information on therapy, monitoring supply, managing treatment and maintaining health, legal, support and bureaucratic services, access to health care. The PLHIV participation will be crucial in this process., especially in building their capacity and raising awareness on their treatment literacy, activism, further community mobilization, and involvement in the structures of the official system. Campaign to fight stigma and discrimination of PLHIV (AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day Campaign) will be supported as well as greater involvement of PLHIV in its development and implementation. Part of World AIDS Day Campaign activities will consist of advocating for improvement of PLHIVs human rights and access to treatment, care and support services (Round Table with key stakeholders). Training for media representatives will be organized on non-discriminatory reporting and role of journalists in creation of supportive environment for PLHIV and others affected.

Methodology:

1. National AIDS Strategy and Roadmap to Universal Access

- a. Establishment of a national group for preparation of the Roadmap toward Universal Access that would be in charge of evaluating the implementation of the AIDS strategy, preparing a constructive suggestions for improving its future carrying out, and establishing key targets for 2008 and 2010

2. Human Rights of PLHIV

- a. Centralizing the information regarding treatment, health maintenance, and legislature for PLHIV
- b. Facilitating an anti-stigma campaign and assisting the civil society in its implementation

Project Objectives:

The objective of this project is to, at a policy level, to assist the relevant national authorities in establishing the Roadmap toward Universal Access, and at an operational level, in mobilizing the civil society in fight against AIDS-related stigma. Combined, both levels of intervention will assist in implementation of a sustainable national response to HIV/AIDS challenges.

Project Output:

UNCT in cooperation with the national authorities and civil society to establish a framework document for Universal Access and to design and implement an advocacy campaign aimed at combating AIDS-related stigma.

Output indicators:

1. **National AIDS campaign and Roadmap for Universal Access:** a) Establishment of a national group for preparation of the Roadmap toward Universal Access that would be in charge of evaluating the implementation of the AIDS strategy, preparing a constructive suggestions for improving its future carrying out, and establishing key targets for 2008 and 2010
2. **Human Rights of PLHIV:** a) Centralizing the information regarding treatment, health maintenance, and legislature for PLHIV; b) Facilitating an anti-stigma campaign and assisting the civil society in its implementation

Partnerships and Co-ordination

UNDP/UNCT will work closely with the Country Coordinating Mechanism, civil sector and international/local experts where appropriate in evaluating the National AIDS strategy, in facilitating the Roadmap toward Universal Access, and in designing/implementing an anti-stigma campaign.

Part III. Management Arrangements

The project will be Directly Executed (DEX) by UNDP Montenegro and under direct authority of UNDP RR/RC. It will be managed by the UN Coordination Associate, who assists the RR/UN Inter-Agency Focal Point in UN Coordination issues, in cooperation with the UN AIDS Focal Point

UNDP in cooperation with the UN HIVAIDS Theme Group will provide overall coordination and implementation of the project activities. Services to be rendered by the UNDP Montenegro will, include, but not be limited to, the following: (i) overall project management, including finances; (ii) engaging international and local consultants, (iii) providing translation services; and (iv) providing technical support for engaged consultants in terms of travel, etc. arrangements.

PART IV: PROJECT RESULTS AND RESOURCES FRAMEWORK

Intended Outcome as stated in the Country Results Framework: Responding to HIVAIDS			
Outcome indicator: Improving Governance of HIVAIDS responses			
Applicable MYFF Service Line: N/A			
Partnership Strategy: Country Coordination Mechanism, NGOs			
Project title and ID: UNCT and National Response to HIVAIDS			
Intended Outputs	Output Targets for (years)	Indicative Activities	Inputs
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Part V- Risks and Prior Obligations

- a) Ensuring complimentary of the envisaged activities with the ongoing work in the HIVAIDS field by individual UN Agencies

Part VI- Monitoring and Evaluation

In accordance with UNDP rules and regulations, UNDP Montenegro will monitor and evaluate the outputs and the project outcome referring to the data (outputs, indicators) stated in the – *Project Results and Resources Framework*.

Quarterly progress report: PM will prepare a quarterly report on project progress that will include updates on the activities of the project, including any delays or problems encountered during implementation.

Financial Report: Operations Unit will present a financial expenditures report at the end of the project's implementation.

Part VII-Legal Context

The following types of revisions may be made to this project document:

- a) Revisions in, or addition to, any of the annexes of the project document;
- b) Revisions which do not involve significant changes in the immediate objectives, outputs or activities of a project, but are caused by the rearrangement of inputs already agreed to or by cost increases due to inflation, and;
- c) Mandatory annual revisions, which rephrase the delivery of agreed project inputs or reflect increased expert or other costs due to inflation, or take into account agency expenditure flexibility.

Signatories

1. Theme Group Chair

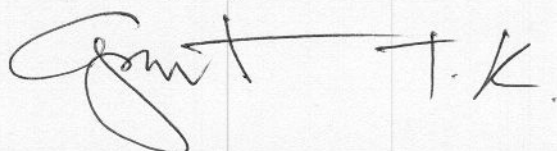
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(this proposal was reviewed and approved by the UN Theme Group on HIV/AIDS on the meeting held on November 25th, 2006)

2. UN executing, UN lead and/or UN implementing partner agency representatives

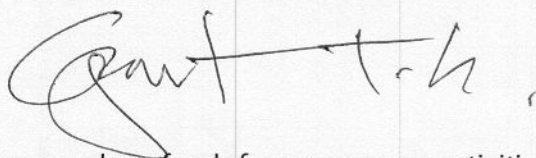
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(the UN executing agency or the UN implementing partner agency undertakes to provide technical and administrative back-up, to monitor implementation and to report on the activity's status to the UN Theme Group Chair)

3. UN Resident Coordinator/UN Inter-agency Focal Point (RC a.i.)

Garret Tankosic-Kelly, UN Inter-Agency Focal Point



(in cases where funds for one or more activities are to be channeled through the UN RC mechanism)