

**FURTHER STRENGTHENING AND EXPANSION OF MINE ACTION CAPACITY IN AZERBAIJAN
PROJECT**

PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date: September 28, 2012

Venue: UNDP Conference room

Participants:

**Mr. Nazim Ismaylov, Director ANAMA
Ms. Nato Alhazishvili, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP
Mr. Shamil Rzayev, Senior Programme Adviser, UNDP
Mr. Elnur Khalilov, Programme Adviser, UNDP
Ms. Leyla Fathi, Programme Adviser, UNDP
Ms. Nigar Azimova, Planning and Development Manager, ANAMA**

Project Presenter: Ms. Nigar Azimova, Planning and Development Manager, ANAMA

1. Introduction

Ms. Nato Alhazishvili opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Nazim Ismaylov and introducing the participants. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the project document of the "Further strengthening and expansion of mine action capacity in Azerbaijan" project. The Government counterpart for the project is the Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action (ANAMA). The project is funded by ANAMA and UNDP.

2. Presentation of "Further strengthening and expansion of mine action capacity in Azerbaijan" project

Ms. Nigar Azimova, Planning and Development Manager of ANAMA made a presentation on the project covering the project background, goals and expected deliverables. She noted that the major goal of the project is to continue to support ANAMA in its formation of a fully sustainable national institution to be able to oversee all aspects of mine/UXO action programme.

Her presentation outlined the main objectives, project outputs, activities and risks, as well as project governance arrangements and financial information.

3. Issues and Discussions on Project Phase III

After presentation, the floor was opened for discussions:

Ms. Nato Alhazishvili thanked Ms. Azimova for the presentation and asked the participants to be active in expressing their views regarding the objectives and implementation approach applied within the project.

Mr. Ismaylov thanked UNDP for finalizing the Project Document. He noted that the Project is aimed to benefit a great number of beneficiaries and create save living environment for residents near the landmine affected territories.

Mr. Ismaylov also listed a number of achievements during the past years of joint UNDP and ANAMA's collaboration, such as the country wide mine victim assistance survey, all aspects of mine clearance and transition of ANAMA to the International Centre for Mine Action.

Director of ANAMA assured that this Project would receive the attention and priority it deserves and would be followed through by the ANAMA.

Ms. Leyla Fathi asked about the implementation modality of the project.

Mr. Shamil Rzayev informed participants that implementation modality of this project will full National Implementation (NIM) through NIM advances.

Mr. Khalilov asked when ANAMA plans to complete the demining of currently accessible contaminated land. Mr. Ismaylov mentioned that ANAMA requires approximately 5 more years to address most of the priority land that is contaminated with mines.

Ms Nato Alhazishvili thanked all participants and recommended the Project Document approval, on behalf of LPAC.

4. Decisions & Actions

The LPAC members decided:

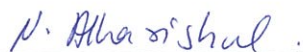
1. To approve the Project Document on "Further strengthening and expansion of mine action capacity in Azerbaijan"

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Approval/Comments by UNDP Deputy Resident Representative:



Ms. Nato Alhazishvili