

Project Title: 00045318 Strengthening Poverty Reduction and Social Sector Development in the OECS

Implementing Partner: OECS Secretariat

Brief Description

The United Nations Development Programme and the OECS Secretariat have through the current project been longstanding partners in the area of poverty reduction and social sector development, recognizing this as critical to the sustainable development of the sub-region. These proposed follow-on activities directly support the objectives identified in the Sub-regional Cooperation Framework and the OECS Economic Union Treaty, and will also serve to reinforce governance, environment and disaster risk reduction activities also funded by UNDP.

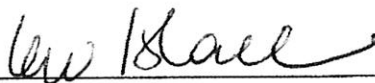
This programme is designed to provide support to the countries of the OECS sub-region in strengthening their capacities and efforts to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable human development through capacity-building, enabling dialogue at the national level on the MDGs and with support to the formulation of national strategies and initiatives. It will also:

- Strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat to provide technical advisory services and guidance to government in key areas of social protection, social services delivery and social policy formulation; and*
- Directly support governments in addressing key challenges in the agricultural sector and the sustainable rural development.*

Through this effort, governments will be enabled to better identify and formulate appropriate and integrated socioeconomic development policies which reflect and enable the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Programme Period:	2012	Estimated annualized budget:	US\$195,000
Focus Area (Strategic Plan):	Social protection and poverty reduction with a focus on vulnerable groups	Total allocated resources: UNDP	US\$195,000
Intervention Title (Project Title):	Strengthening Poverty Reduction and Social Sector Development in the OECS	Unfunded budget:	_____
Duration	1 year		

Agreed by (Implementing Partner):



Agreed by UNDP:



I. ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Year:

EXPECTED OUTPUTS <i>And baseline, associated indicators and annual targets</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNI	
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budg
<p>Output 1 Design and pilot of social safety net (SSN) instruments that (i) address the market-based vulnerabilities of micro-enterprises and individuals through increased access to financial services; and (ii) facilitate disaster response in at least 1 OECS country</p> <p>Baseline: 0 countries have social protection frameworks that include financial inclusion/disaster response targeting mechanisms</p> <p>Indicators: No. of countries with social protection frameworks that include financial inclusion/disaster response targeting mechanisms</p> <p>Targets: At least 1 OECS country has social protection frameworks that include financial inclusion/disaster response targeting mechanisms</p> <p>Related CP outcomes: Enhanced social protection services and systems to reduce poverty and inequity; Strengthened enabling environment to reduce poverty; Increase economic participation and social inclusion with emphasis on vulnerable groups</p> <p>Output 2 MDG localization process completed in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Antigua and Barbuda and capacity enhanced in the OECS Secretariat to support countries in building on localization process to</p>	<p>List activity results and associated actions</p> <p>1. Feasibility/options paper produced to identify SSN product and design and recommendations for incorporation at national level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research consultancy - Publication of paper <p>2. Pilot SSN programme incorporated into reform policy document or strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National/regional consultation with national/regional and development partners 					UNDP, OECS Secretariat, National counterparts Possible partners: UN Women, UNICEF, IDRC	00045318 (Regional TRAC)	Travel Consult Meeting
	<p>3. Pilot SSN programme incorporated into national SSN scheme and implemented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expert consultancy and attachment to support technical rollout of programme 							
	<p>1. 2 Localization Reports completed and published</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultancy to finalize reports - Publication of Reports 					UNDP, OECS Secretariat, National counterparts	00045318 (Regional TRAC)	Cc

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<p>Output 4 Managing for Development Results (MFRD) capacity enhanced at sub-regional and national level</p> <p>Baseline: No centralized regional knowledge base exists to offer technical assistance and fill training and data gaps in M&E for evidence-based policies and programmes; M&E country-level capacity building programme carried out by UNDP and UNICEF completed in four (4) countries in 2011</p> <p>Indicators: Agreement reached on institutionalized framework for delivery of M&E technical assistance and other M&E services to sub-region; No. of countries to have completed M&E capacity development exercises</p> <p>Targets: Agreement reached on institutionalized framework for delivery of M&E technical assistance and other M&E services to sub-region; M&E country-level capacity-building completed in three (3) additional countries</p> <p>Related CP outcome: Social, environmental and economic data collection is harmonised and access increased for use in policy and decision making processes at the sub-regional and national level</p>	<p>1. Consultations and best practice desk reviews to agree on and initiate institutionalized framework for delivery of M&E technical assistance and other M&E services to sub-region</p>					UNDP, OECS Secretariat, Possible partners: World Bank, UNICEF	00045318 (Regional TRAC)	Ti	Co Meeting
	<p>2. Completion of Phase II M&E country-level capacity-building - Country capacity building</p>					UNDP, OECS Secretariat Possible partners: World Bank, UNICEF	00045318 (Regional TRAC)	Ti	Co Meeting
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