

**PROJECT DOCUMENT****[UNDP Cyprus]**

Project Title: SUPPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON MISSING PERSONS' (CMP) PROJECT ON EXHUMATION, IDENTIFICATION AND RETURN OF REMAINS OF MISSING PERSONS IN CYPRUS – MULTI DONOR 2021 - 2024

Project Number: 00135667

Implementing Partner: N/A

Responsible Parties: CMP GC and TC Members' Offices (if required)

Start Date: 09.08.2021 **End Date:** 31.12.2024 **PAC Meeting date:** 02.07.2021

Brief Description

The CMP Multi-Donor project aims to complement a larger EU funded and UNDP implemented programme of support to the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus project.

The overall objective of the project is to close, without further delay, a painful chapter in the history of the island and contribute to restoring trust and fostering reconciliation between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities. This important objective will be further encouraged and promoted through the participation of bi-communal scientific teams in all stages of the process. The expected output is for the remains of missing persons to be recovered, identified and returned to their families.

During the 15 years of the CMP's operations, the Committee has made significant progress in locating and identifying half of the 2,002 missing persons in Cyprus. To date, more than 1,000 missing persons have been exhumed and 1,006 individuals have been identified, the majority of whom have been returned to their families for dignified burials. The remains of almost 200 missing persons are awaiting or are currently undergoing anthropological, genetic and radiocarbon dating analyses. The work of the Committee's project, however, is far from complete and much remains to be done in this complex and changing environment.

Through the CMP Multi-Donor initiative UNDP PMO in Cyprus aims to channel other international entities' and local authorities' financial support to the CMP to support ad-hoc funding needs identified by the three members. UNDP Cyprus is in full synergy with the overall mandate of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus, is responsible for the day-to-day administrative, financial and procurement implementation of the project.

Activities under this project will be planned and carried out in full complementarity with the larger EU funded initiative hence contributing to the overall confidence building process by bringing the two communities to work together, reducing the number of missing, increasing awareness and building local capacities. The primary target group is the families of missing persons from both communities of the island.

Activity results:

Result 1: **Investigation** - Information is collected and analyzed in order to identify potential burial sites

Result 2: **Excavation** – Potential burial sites are excavated and human remains are recovered

Result 3: **Anthropological Analysis** – The biological profiles of the exhumed remains is established through scientific anthropological analysis.

Result 4: **Genetic Testing and Matching** – DNA analysis is conducted on exhumed remains and relatives of missing persons

Result 5: **Identification and Return of Remains** - Formal identification of missing person is concluded, the family is informed, remains are returned and psychological support is provided.


Result 6: **Communication and Public / Stakeholders Awareness** - Public and stakeholders are informed about CMP activities.

Result 7: **Training and Capacity Building** - Employees working on CMP project receive training.

Result 8: **Project Management** - It is ensured that project is compliant with UNDP and donor guidelines.

Contributing Outcome (UNDAF/CPD, RPD or GPD): N/A UNDP SP Outcome 3: Build resilience to shocks and crises. Cyprus PMO Outcome 1: Peacebuilding and reconciliation processes improved through the strengthening of inter-communal partnerships Indicative Output(s) with gender marker: GEN1 (Limited contribution to gender equality)	Total resources required:	400,000 Euro for 2021 and 600,000 Euro per year as per 4 year strategy budget	
	Total resources allocated:	UNDP TRAC:	
		Donor:	Ireland: 25,000 Euro Republic of Cyprus: 175,000 Euro Germany: 100,000 EUR Total: 300,000 Euro
		Government:	
		In-Kind:	
Unfunded:	Estimated 100,000 Euro for 2021, and 600,000 Euro for each following year		

Agreed by (signatures):

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