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AMENDMENT

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The amendments are as follows:

I. The following outputs are added to page 2 under 'Expected Output(s)':

3. Potential causes of cross border conflicts are addressed and cooperation is improved between and among cross border communities
4. Capacities of border communities to reduce tensions strengthened and root-causes of conflicts in communities addressed
5. Capacities of border communities to reduce tensions along the Kyrgyz-Tajik and Kyrgyz-Uzbek border strengthened

II. The end date stated on page 3 as 'June 2011' is removed and replaced by the new date 'December 2011'.



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III. Following the description of output 2 on page 13, the following text will be added to reflect the new outputs 3, 4 and 5:

Output 3. Potential causes of cross-border conflicts are addressed and cooperation is improved between and among cross-border communities.

a. Support and Development of District level Cross border working groups

The Programme will build on its previous cross border work and will strengthen existing as well as create new joint working groups at the district level of bordering areas of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. These districts will be identified during the PDA and membership of the groups will be developed together by UNDP and its local partners. These groups will be under the chairmanship of each of the District Heads on rotational basis. The groups will discuss and resolve cross-border issues with the involvement of local experts as needed. Membership would include District Heads, Heads of municipalities within the districts, experts from relevant fields depending on the issue being discussed, law enforcement structures and representatives of local women groups to ensure some semblance of gender balance. The principle of gender balance will also be followed whenever possible when selecting participants for membership in the working groups. The Programme will continue to work closely with UNDP Tajikistan to identify actors and to create and support the working groups.

The working groups will first identify cross-border problems (causes, actors involved) through the assistance of the Programme. The working groups will then meet on a regular basis to discuss persistent or important thematic issues. During the meetings, the working groups will first prioritize those issues that need urgent interventions and then they will attempt to find peaceful solutions that are mutually beneficial for both sides through consensus.

They will also develop and propose more permanent mechanisms for the resolution of more persistent problems. The groups will discuss, design, and approve joint action plans with concrete dates of execution and concrete actions which will be implemented by concrete local organizations/agencies. These plans will be approved by both sides. Funding for these actions will come jointly from each of the local administration and from complimentary small grants from UNDP.

The Programme will train the permanent members of the groups in conflict prevention skills including active listening, consensus building and mediation as well as in designing and drafting concrete action plans.

b. Create models for cooperation in municipalities in the Fergana Valley

In partnership with the Local Government Initiative/Open Society Institute and the Association "Phila", the Program will first create a pilot project that will model how to unite three municipalities in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan into one association of multiethnic communities. The model will be similar to the Association of Multiethnic Cities "Philia" located in South-East Europe. This pilot will promote peace and development ideas at the municipal level in the Fergana Valley. The municipalities will be selected by UNDP and its partners based on their similarity to each other including its multiethnic make up. This component is different than the above working group component in that it focuses on the



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municipal level and is less concerned with communities that border each other and more concerned with identifying and working with communities that are similar to each other.

The membership will consist of the heads of municipalities, local NGOs, informal structures such as elder courts, women and youth committees and groups and religious leaders. They will meet quarterly on a rotational basis in member communities to discuss major issues and challenges they face, and develop local action plans to address these challenges. The initial pilot communities will sign a cooperation agreement and later develop and adopt a charter for the association.

Under the pilot project, the municipalities will first identify common issues that could be solved with joint efforts. Second, they will support activities for ethnic minorities (for instance Kyrgyz in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan and Tajiks in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan etc) inside the municipalities. Third, they will advocate and lobby for joint community interests with each of their respective governments. Fourth, they will promote ideas of multilingualism, multicultural education, etc. Finally the municipalities will also implement community development type projects with their own resources and complementary small grant funding from UNDP.

The experiences of “Philia” will be adapted to local conditions in the Fergana Valley and replicated after evaluating the initial pilot project. The knowledge, experience and skills that “Philia” possesses will be transferred to local stakeholders through the organization of study tours (to Philia member countries and to the pilot communities), special meetings or forums on concrete topics like women leadership, youth and peace, unity of culture etc. Moreover, for members of this association the Programme will organize trainings on different issues such as public management of ethnic diversity and other areas relevant to the municipalities with the involvement of LGI/OSI and Philia trainers.

c. Development of Cross border Citizen Diplomacy

This component includes a range of activities aimed at improving contact, interaction and dialogue across borders. The Programme will train informal leaders and opinion makers from both sides of the border on mediation and negotiation skills as well as in general conflict prevention skills. The leaders will apply the new knowledge and skills in assisting in the resolution of local disputes. The Programme will also facilitate meetings and strengthening of forums for informal leaders, including civil society leaders and business leaders on both sides of the border. Activities such as festivals, sports tournaments, competitions and joint celebration of religious and national holidays will also continue to be used by the Programme to strengthen positive interaction between communities. These activities will be implemented in cooperation with local conflict prevention/peace promoting NGOs. Selection of participants will be done jointly by UNDP and its local partners.



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Indicators:

- Conduct analysis of local conflicts (using the PDA) to determine the main causes of conflict in cross border communities;
- Strengthen the capacities of existing local structures to regulate cross border problems
- Discussed and addressed cross border issues and problems during the working groups' meetings and association of cross border municipalities
- # projects implemented in cross border communities
- Supported the gender balance among the beneficiaries and cross border cooperation institutes and mechanisms (# of women in the working group).
- # trained key local actors (local authority, NGO, women and youth organizations, informal structures, etc.)
- Cross border cooperation issues (including gender and youth) included into local development plan
- # conducted cross culture events
- # issued articles and TV programs
- # prepared project reports disseminated among the local, rayon and national actors
- # community and youth organizations involved in volunteering activity to spread the idea of sustainable development and cross border dialogue

Output 4. Capacities of border communities to reduce tensions strengthened and root-causes of conflicts in communities addressed.

Building on the achievements of output 3 (see above), the following activities will be implemented with 2010 DAO funding:

Actions:

- Organize peace and development analysis in focus zones
- Do field research in focus zones
- Facilitate sessions on discussion, resolution/addressing cross border issues
- Provide technical support to cross border working groups
- Support projects of trans-border communities focused on conflict prevention

Indicators:

- Analysis of local tensions (through PDA process), root causes of conflicts, risks and challenges of environmental and disaster risk management situation undertaken
- Capacities of local risk management structures assessed and strengthened
- Cross border issues and challenges discussed and addressed during working meetings
- # of projects implemented in border municipalities



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Output 5. Capacities of border communities to reduce tensions along the Kyrgyz-Tajik and Kyrgyz-Uzbek border strengthened.

Building on the achievements of output 4 (see above), the following activities will be implemented with 2011 DAO funding:

Actions:

- Purchase of equipment for cross-border working groups towards sustainability of cross-border working groups

Indicators:

- # of equipment for cross-border working groups supplied and used.

Agreed by (UNDP)

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Date