

ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT (APR)

Basic programme/project information:

Programme or project number and title:

00047116 Comprehensive Policy Support for the Development Agenda of FYR Macedonia

Designated institution: UNDP

Project starting date:

Originally planned: 2005

Actual: 2006

Project completion date:

Originally planned: December 2010

New: December 2011

National Human Development Report Component

Project starting date:

Originally planned: September 2007

Actual: April 2009

Project completion date:

Originally planned: December 2010

New: December 2011

Total budget (US \$):

Original: 539,820.00

Latest signed revision: 507,970.89

Period covered by the report: January 2011 – December 2011

TEXTUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1. What are the major achievements of the programme or project vis-à-vis the expected results during the year under review? To the extent possible, include an assessment of the potential impact, sustainability and contribution to capacity development.**

During 2011, a process of editing and finalization of the National Human Development Report was undertaken. The NHDR is set around issues related to social exclusion, from economic, social, cultural and political life of the society that impact human development, and additionally, examines the position of youth in the society.

For the purposes of making more accurate analysis relevant for the 2011 NHDR, an experienced local statistician was engaged with strong background in developing and applying regression analyses. The consultant worked on the construction of a social exclusion index variable and performed type of regression analysis to be used and the appropriate statistical diagnostic tests. Analyses have been done on the data set received from the RBEC Social Exclusion Survey. Based on the results, consultant provided interpretation on statistical findings. This served later on as a base for reviewing the content of the report once again, and initiated another round of discussions and editing. The statistical annex of NHDR 2011 was up-dated, and additional set of data have been introduced, relevant for the topics covered in the report.

By the end of the year, the report has been revised and some initial steps have been set to ensure its proper advocacy and promotion.

- 2. What major issues and problems are affecting the achievement of programme or project results?**

Analyses done by experts did not provide the required depth considering the data that was put at their disposal. Methodology designed for this report has not been followed in details, which resulted in lower quality of the report.

- 3. How should these issues or problems be resolved? Please explain in detail the action(s) recommended. Specify who should be responsible for such actions. Also indicate a tentative time-frame and the resources required.**

The experience shows that the process of selection of experts is critical for ensuring the quality of such type of analysis. Due to weak analytical capacities of the selected team of experts, the project had to engage additional expert-local statistician to validate and improve the statistics and related analysis. Two international editors have been engaged to review and provide substantive input into the final draft of the National Human Development report. Consultants improved the harmonization of the NHDR with the UNDP's corporate analytical framework for Human Development Reports and quality standards. Additionally, an update of the data set in Annexes of the report was undertaken.

The final activities related to the promotion and dissemination of the report are postponed for 2012.

4. What new developments (if any) are likely to affect the achievement of programme or project results? What do you recommend to respond to these developments?

The report should promote the concept of human development and stimulate the dialogue on related issues. It will be important to plan and organize good promotion and dissemination of the report.

5. What are the views of the target groups with regard to the programme or project? Please note any significant gender-based differences in those views.

Feedback from the consultations and shared findings of the analysis are very positive, although national partners were not directly involved in the last phase of the report editing.

6. To date, what lessons (both positive and negative) can be drawn from the experience of the programme or project?

There should be very strong coordination among the team leader, the editor and the team of experts, ensuring that the agreed methodology is followed. There must be a regular qualitative review of the analytical contributions provided by different experts, both by the editor and by independent experts/statisticians. The role of the sounding board/the readers group should be more prominent that will provide bigger space for their involvement during the process of preparation for peer review of the work done based, to initiate new approaches while analyzing different data and enrich the end results. Representatives of the relevant line ministries and other government institutions need to be more substantively involved and their participation should be raised on a higher level.

7. If the programme or project has been evaluated, what is the implementation status of the recommendations made by the evaluators?

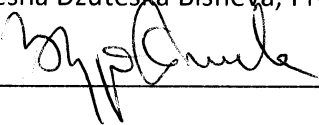
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8. Do you propose any substantive revision to the programme or project document? If yes, what are they? State justification.

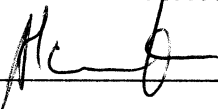
No revision is proposed.

9. Provide any other information that may further support or clarify your assessment of the programme or project. You may include annexes as you deem necessary.

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Programme or project summary table

Programme/project title and number:	00047116 Comprehensive Policy Support for the Development Agenda of Macedonia (NHDR)	Management arrangement:	
Designated institution:		Period covered:	January – December 2011
OVERALL ASSESSMENT			
<p>Brief analysis of progress achieved in the contribution of the programme or project to the expected results. All activities related to the process of preparation of the final NHDR are completed. The promotion and launching of the report is expected to happen in 2012.</p>			
FINANCIAL SUMMARY			
Source of funds	Annual budget (\$ '000)	Estimated annual expenditure (\$ '000)	Delivery rate (%)
TRAC (1 and 2) TRAC 3 Other Cost-sharing: Government Financial institution Third party Trust funds AOS (where applicable)	\$ 39,103.94	\$ 27,420.71	70.12 %

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Programme support objectives (PSOS) or immediate objectives	Indicators	Achievements
<p>Obj. 1</p> <p>The National Development Report examines the position of youth in the society, their views in terms of barriers they face in the four dimensions both as sub-group within the vulnerable groups and in general as a specific social group, as well as their challenges and prospects as future citizens of the EU.</p>	<p>Number of strategic documents and policies that reflect the position of youth; Quantitative and qualitative data received from conducted research</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NHDR examines social exclusion, both as processes and outcomes, around four different types of exclusions - economic, social, cultural and political.
<p>Annual output targets</p>	<p>Achievement of outputs</p>	<p>Proposed output targets for the next year</p>
<p>Objective 1:</p> <p>NHDR on Social Inclusion and the Youth developed Output 01 Final Draft of the NHDR completed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final draft completed presenting general thesis on social exclusion drivers based on an analysis of existing data and studies , including the four areas of exclusion. 	<p>Promotional activities</p>



ANNUAL REPORTING GENDER MAINSTREAMING TEMPLATE

PROJECT TITLE:	National Human Development Report
PROJECT OBJECTIVE:	<p>The UNDP Country Office has initiated a process with an overall objective <i>to support national and regional poverty reduction and social inclusion advocacy efforts and policy development</i> with examples drawn from practice and statistical evidence based on a standardized set of definitions and indicators and using technically robust methods. The process has been focused on developing a National Human Development Report (NHDR) centered on social inclusion and the youth. Specifically, the project objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To explore the issues related to social inclusion/exclusion on national and regional level and develop a common analytical approach to social inclusion; • To improve the evidence base, by building a more robust statistical picture of patterns of exclusion developing a unified set of definitions and indicators/indices; • To analyze policy impacts and options, providing guidance to policymakers on successful inclusive policy choices in the economic, social and cultural spheres; • To support the Government in conducting comprehensive analysis of policies related to poverty reduction, anti-discrimination and human rights.

1. Does the project incorporate a gender perspective? (e.g. inputs, outputs, outcomes, impact)?

- NHDR is focused on social inclusion and exploring the drivers and outcomes of exclusion of different vulnerable groups including the women.

2. If YES or NO:

The NHDR examines social exclusion, both as processes and outcomes, around four different types of exclusions that people in the country and in the region can experience: Exclusion from economic, social, cultural and political life of the society where they live. The approach used for preparation of the report enables to gain insights into whether there are gender differences in exclusion experiences within the different sub-groups. Among other, the sub-groups included female-heads, single mothers and female victims of domestic violence as target audience.

3. What risks or unknowns can you identify in implementing a gender perspective?

Lack of disaggregated data could be one of the possible risks in developing and fine-tuning policies related to gender equality.

4. Can you suggest how such risks might be minimized (within or beyond the scope of your project)?

Further analyses should include additional variables (ethnicity of women), thus enabling culture-sensitive approaches and policies aimed at the most affected subgroups of women. Disaggregating statistical data by gender should be further encouraged and promoted.