

Project title: Support for development of National Development Strategy (NDS) of North Macedonia – Bridging Phase

Project duration: 01.04.2022 – 31.08.2022

Implementing Partner: United Nations Development Programme

Financed by: United Nations Development Programme

Project value: 50,000 USD

Brief Description

In early 2021 the Government of North Macedonia started the preparations for the development of 20-year National Development Strategy (hereinafter: NDS), supported by a project implemented by the UNDP in coordination with UN Resident Coordination Office (RCO) North Macedonia. UK GGF funding was secured to prepare a methodology for the process, all the background baselines and assessment of strategic documents, proposals for the institutional structure to manage and implement the project, the communications and engagement strategy and various other preparatory documents that could serve as input to the process. All these products and processes comprised the first phase of the NDS development process and have been completed by the end of July 2021.

Phase II of the project was also supported with UK GGF funding. It commenced in October 2021 and was conceptualized as continuing of phase I with focus on the development process of the NDS, supported by a system, a structure that will enable effective monitoring of the implementation, supporting the process of embedding the NDS priorities within the national strategic plans, reflecting them in various future planning documents, and making sure the NDS process accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. This phase was successfully completed in March 2022

The bridging phase as approved by project board on the II Project Board Meeting marks the continuation of part of the activities from Phase II. The Project aims to develop the North Macedonia National Development Strategy and the operational system for implementation and monitoring, through a wide and participatory consultation process of consensus building.

Project objective

The objective of the Project is to support the key national stakeholders to formulate and potentially roll-out the North Macedonia National Development Strategy for the period 2021-2041 and embed an inclusive system for implementation and monitoring of the NDS within the national administrative framework.

Project outputs

The proposed project outputs and activities are interdependent, and they will be implemented in parallel and are structured as follows:

- Consolidation of the thematic baseline data produced in the II Phase and the citizen's input in the process through system approach
- Validate the thematic baseline data with national institutions and key stakeholders (academia, CSOs, experts etc.)

- Visioning workshops with specific target groups (farmers, youth, artists, private sector etc.)
- Communications pertaining the NDS
- Functionalities of the digital platform to be promoted/Empowering citizens to give their inputs through digital platform
- Working with journalists to sensitize them about the NDS.
- Building capabilities throughout the institutions and society to support the NDS
- Establishment of NDS operational structure
- Organization of event for promotion of the digital platform
- Experts' workshops to support the development of the National Development Strategy

WORK PLAN					
Activity	Timeframe per sub activity				
	04/22	05/22	06/22	07/22	08/22
Consolidation of the thematic baseline data and the citizen's input in the process through system approach					
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