

Joint Programme Q3 2021 progress update

Portfolio on Integrated SP & LNOB

Period: Until 30 September 2021

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1. Expenditures and commitments

Total estimated expenditure amount (in USD, from the beginning of the JP until 30 September 2021): **1,290,238 USD**

Total estimated expenditures plus commitments amount (in USD, from the beginning of the JP until 30 September 2021): **1,424,792.49 USD**

2. Progress update

2.1 Progress on 2020 results

Please, choose one of the options below

- 2020 Results already achieved
 2020 Results to be achieved by end of 2021
 2020 Results will not be achieved by end of 2021

2.2 Completion rates as of 30 September 2021

a) Please provide the rate of completion (from the beginning of implementation up until 30 September 2021) for each main JP result. Use only the formulation of results that you already included in the previous progress update (these results are in the list "Main JP results" that was attached to the email).

Result 1: Designed a new model of inclusive community-based services for children at risk of separation from parents, children without parental care, children with disabilities, youth at risk, women facing gender-based violence, people with disabilities and older persons in need of support with basic everyday care by piloting a community-based social worker model engaged in identification, assessment and case management as well as piloting specialized social services to meet specific needs and support people to live independent lives in their communities.

Estimated rate of completion as of 30 September 2021: 70%

Result 2: To support drafting of legislative amendments and other institutional framework (standards, service specifications), develop a mechanism for social contracting, and improve a social work curriculum to ensure sustainability of the proposed model.

Estimated rate of completion as of 30 September 2021: 70%

Result 3: To support establishment of a government inter-sectoral coordination mechanism, as well as support economic analysis and advocate for the new system of community-based social services to be incorporated into the state budget.

Estimated rate of completion as of 30 September 2021: 70%

b) If there were major progress highlights or recent innovations in the past quarter, please add briefly below in bullet points (Word limit of 300 words; no more than half a page).

- The Cabinet of Ministers endorsed funding for the 45 social work specialists from the 2022 state budget. Technical support was provided to the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and the Ministry of Finance and Economy to prepare the briefing notes on the proposed Social Service model, on the international experience with regards to budgeting source as

well as the functions and placement of the social service specialists within the structure of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection.

- The Draft new Law on Social Services together with the Amendments to the Social Code is being reviewed by the Working Group of relevant ministries and agencies established by the Parliament of Turkmenistan. A package of bylaws is planned to be developed starting from the end of 2021. It is expected that the new Law on Social Services, secondary legislation will be adopted and approved at the national level by the end of this year.
- The methodology and instruments for the economic analysis of new and existing social services have been agreed with the MLSP. The actual analysis is to start in October 2021 and finish in February 2022.
- Child Protection System Assessment was launched in July 2021 for the functional overview of service delivery and establishment of the relationship of the social protection structure with child protection statutory bodies, including the guardianship and trusteeship authorities and the commission on minors.
- 12 specialized social services were fully launched, piloting the new services for the children at risk of separation from parents or without parental care, children with disabilities, youth at risk (including adolescent girls, graduates of residential care institutions, and those in conflict with the law), women facing gender-based violence, families with substance use abuse, people with disabilities, and older persons in need of support with basic everyday care. Capacity building seminars and trainings were conducted for the service providers in the capital and two pilot regions on each of the specialized social service. A joint session of social work specialists from 20 districts with the representatives of UNICEF, UNDP, UNODC, UNFPA, and the respective specialized social service providers was conducted to discuss the criteria and referral mechanism to the new specialized social services and future cooperation between the primary social service providers at the social work specialists level and the specialized social service providers represented by governmental and non-governmental entities.
- Social contracting mechanism is being successfully tested by non-governmental social service providers selected through a competitive small-grants award process to pilot three new specialized social services to people with official status of disability, elderly people living alone and people with chronic illnesses. Three pilots under the social contracting mechanism were registered with the Ministry of Adalat (Justice) of Turkmenistan.
- A sample package of documents was prepared for the specialized service providers to be completed by the end of the pilots, including the standards, specification, statutory document;
- The first round of online Training-of-Trainers course on building core competencies in the field of social service and social work as fundamentals of teaching disciplines of the Bachelor programme in “Social work” started for the theoretics and practitioners representing four higher education institutions, social workers of the MoLSP, Academy of Civil Servants, and NGO. The TOT training combined the online course with the Columbia University (New York) School of Social Work, and face-to-face trainings on the Fundamentals of social work conducted by UNICEF national trainers
- The online and in-person training programme for all stakeholders has been successfully completed by October 2021. Some national trainers continue their educational activities in the social services area as part of other UN projects in Turkmenistan.

2.3 Expected completion rates by end of 2021

Please provide the expected rate of completion by end of 2021 – using the same results as above.

Result 1

Expected rate of completion by end of December 2021: 80%

Result 2

Expected rate of completion by end of December 2021: 80%

Result 3

Expected rate of completion by end of December 2021: 80%

3. Update on relevant strategic documents

Please provide the list of strategic documents produced in the last quarter, if any, and divide in two groups, as per below. Please add any hyperlinks, if available.

Strategic documents produced by the JP (titles and dates)

1. Standard package of service documentation – Statute, Guidance (SOPs), Service Specifications. September 2021
2. 'Answers for the Ministry of Finance and Economy', 7 September 2021. Policy note on the case for introducing social workers into the state budget.
3. Mechanism for referral and coordination between specialized services. July 2021
4. Briefing note (presentation) on introduction of social work degree for Ministry of Education. July 2021

Strategic documents for which the JP provided substantive contribution (titles and dates)

1. Child Protection Functional Assessment methodology and data collection instruments. July 2021
2. Program for Educators and Practitioners on Building core competencies in the field of social service and social work as fundamentals of teaching disciplines of the Bachelor programme in "Social work" in Turkmenistan. Part 1. Columbia University. July 2021
3. "Fundamentals of Social Work" Training Program for Educators. August 2021

4. Update on relevant strategic communications

Please provide the list strategic communication content/materials that you prepared in the last quarter, if any.

Strategic communications materials (titles, dates and hyperlinks)

- 1) JP Media Briefing PR on [UN Turkmenistan](#) website and a new article about JP was published on NT from July 2, 2021. Social media posts: [Twitter](#) (1 July 2021)
- 2) PR on UNODC training to social service providers (Strong Family Programme) on [UN Turkmenistan](#) and [AshgabatInnovative](#). Social media post: [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) (7 July, 2021).
- 3) PUNOs Joint Supervision session for the Social Workers and social service providers on referral mechanisms: [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) (26 July 2021)
- 4) Social media post on specialized trainings for the social service providers by UNFPA: [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) (July 28, 2021)
- 5) Social media post on new pilot services by UNDP: [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) (28 July 2021) UNDP Pilots press release: Press release on [UNDP website](#), [Ashgabat Innovative](#), [Turkmenportal](#), and on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) (August 2, 2021)
- 6) PR on training for Educators by Columbian university experts on [UN Turkmenistan](#), [Ashgabat Innovative](#), article on [Golden Age of Turkmenistan](#) Social media posts: [Twitter](#), (August 2, 2021)
- 7) Social media post about training of Educators by national trainers on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (August 3, 2021)
- 8) Reintegration of Babies UNICEF Pilot post: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) (August 16, 2021)

In addition 1 human interest story on social service provider was developed for unsdg website, will be released in October 2021; 2 stories are in pipeline; the scripts for 4 video stories are being developed.

Declaration/Confirmation:

We hereby confirm that the information provided in this update is duly reviewed and approved by the **RC and all PUNOs** involved in the Joint Programme.