

## MINUTES LPAC/PROJECT BOARD MEETING

Venue: UNDP building, meeting room

Date: Wednesday, 24 June, 2015

### Participants

#### Blind and Deaf Society of Turkmenistan:

- Chary Ovezov, Chairperson

#### Textile College:

Yusup Saparovich Berdiyev as NPC from Ministry of Textile

#### UNDP:

- Vitalie Vremis, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative
- Azat Atajanov, Programme Specialist
- Aygul Mametnazarova, Project Assistant

### Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome remarks;
  2. Presentation and review of project results "Social Inclusion through Leadership Skills for Disabled Women in Turkmenistan" (*presentation to be made by Programme Specialist, 10 minutes*);
  3. Presentation on Project "Enhance social inclusion of people with disabilities through mainstreaming inclusive approach into the vocational trainings institutions" (*Portfolio Manager*);
  4. Discussion of issues:
    - a) Outline summary list of agreed actions related to issues: Project Manager recruitment, first activities;
    - b) Remarks of Chary Berkeliyevich Ovezov as NPC from BDST;
    - c) Remarks Yusup Saparovich Berdiyev as NPC from Ministry of Textile, Textile College;
    - d) Redistribution of the savings in the project: Payment for Internet;
- Wrap up and final remarks.

**1. Welcome remarks;**

Considering that project "Inclusive education for PWDs" formally started in January, Mr. Chary Ovezov signified his concern about delays in implementation of project activities.

Mr. Chary Ovezov expressed strong wish to arrange forthcoming National Forum at the highest level and also stressed the importance of prompt hire of Project Manager.

**2. Presentation and review of project results "Social Inclusion through Leadership Skills for Disabled Women in Turkmenistan"**

The Programme Specialist, Mr. Azat Atajanov made overview of implemented activities of the project "Women Leaders" and demonstrated achieved results.

According to the review all activities are implemented in time. All required steps to arrange National Forum are performed.

Mr. Azat Atajanov noticed that Project board is planning to monitor trained women's lives changes and initiatives they attempted.

**3. Presentation on Project "Enhance social inclusion of people with disabilities through mainstreaming inclusive approach into the vocational trainings institutions"**

Mr. Azat Atajanov made a short presentation on the project "Inclusive education for PWDs". He described the components of project strategy, main approaches and expected outputs.

Mr. Azat Atajanov outlined that taking into account specific of the project, it can change. Some changes will depend on national and international experts' opinion.

As a main result it is anticipated that pilot program for small group of women with visual and hearing disabilities will be developed. Subsequently this program will be designed to apply to Government. In the next phase of the project approval of program by Ministry of Education will follow. Later it is planned to integrate program into state budget. As a result it is anticipated to integrate group of women with visual and hearing disabilities into vocational institutions.

The main difference of the project "Inclusive education for PWDs" is changes in structure of the Project Board. Government of Finland as donors, Ministry of Textile as

National Project Coordinator and Project Assistant became new components of the project structure.

Mr. Azat Atajanov outlined that by agreement with Ministry of Textile AWP and financial reports must be signed by BDST. However, financial reports are accessible for every member of the Project Board.

In this connection Textile college acts like senior executive. All activities within Textile College will be implemented only with support and agreement of Mr. Yusup Berdiyev.

**5. Discussion of issues:**

**a) Outline summary list of agreed actions related to issues: Project Manager recruitment, first activities;**

Mr. Azat Atajanov informed that first round of Project Manager hiring is passed. All candidates underwent required testing, but in jury consensus no one demonstrated due qualification.

Decision:

It is decided to search candidates manually. Mr. Vitalie Vremis turned to Mr. Chary Ovezov and Mr. Yusup Berdiyev to propose candidates if there are and in this case they will be immediately invited to interview.

Mr. Azat Atajanov stated importance of possessing three languages by candidates.

It is planned to interview two candidates by Monday, 29 June, 2015.

**b) Remarks of Chary Berkeliyevich Ovezov as NPC from BDST;**

Mr. Chary Ovezov mentioned that within the project "Women Leaders" new computers with mounted special program for visually disabled people were bought. In purpose to help visually and hearing disables people to use computers and Internet, Mr. Chary Ovezov suggested hiring specialist for computer class. Mr. Chary Ovezov proposed to open computer class for three to four hours what will be very helpful for disabled people. Mr. Chary Ovezov appealed to Project Board to take into consideration this proposal and allocate means from project budget.

Decision:

Consider Mr. Chary Ovezov's suggestion and calculate the budget and make final decision as soon as possible.

**c) Remarks Yusup Saparovich Berdiyev as NPC from Ministry of Textile, Textile College;**

Mr. Yusup Berdiyev assured about readiness to cooperate within the project. Mr. Yusup Berdiyev noticed that Textile college has experience of work with disabled people and specialists of the college are ready to teach disabled women. Mr. Yusup Berdiyev suggested to discuss both current educational program as well as modified program accordingly with disabled women needs.

Decision:

Arrange working meeting at Textile College.

**d) Redistribution of the savings in the project: Payment for Internet;**

Mr. Azat Atajanov informed that due to changes of USD exchange rate there was a budget shortage in Government of Finland funds for "Inclusive education for PWDs" project. Instead of anticipated 161,000.00 USD it was received 109,000.00 USD. By the end of current year it is planned to utilize 66,000.00 USD.

Mr. Azat Atajanov outlined that although it is impossible to change total approved budget of AWP, activities of the project will be reviewed and modified accordingly with accessible budget. Mr. Azat Atajanov also noticed that there is small saving on Project Assistant salary from January till May. It was mentioned that payment for Internet is taken into account in AWP budget.

Concluding this discussion, Mr. Vitalie Vremis stressed that taking into account the importance of the project, there is possibility to allocate additional funds from TRAC to implement important and interesting project activities.

**e) Wrap up and final remarks.**

Mr. Vitalie Vremis inquired about assets be needed to fix in report.

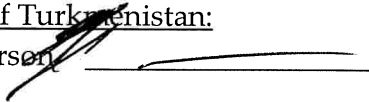
Mr. Chary Ovezov suggested transferring the possession of all bought assets of finishing project to BDST. Mr. Chary Ovezov assured that all transferred assets will be used in next projects.

Mr. Vitalie Vremis expressed a wish to make informational lists and brochures about implementing projects using Braille type. Mr. Vitalie Vremis addressed to Mrs. Aygul Mametnazarova to inquire about needed equipment within Ashgabat.

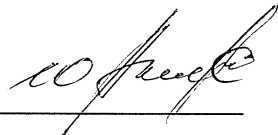
It was supposed that next Project Board meeting will be held by September-October, 2015.

Approved by the Project Board:


Deaf and Blind Society of Turkmenistan:


Chary Ovezov , Chairperson 

Textile College:

Yusup Saparovich Berdiyev, Head of Textile college 

UNDP:

Vitalie Vremis, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative 

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