

**Minutes
of the LPAC meeting on the "Strengthening National Gender Machinery (NGM)"**

13 December 2011

17:00 – 18:00

UN Country House

Agenda:

1. Presentation of the Project Document
2. Discussion
3. Conclusions/recommendations

Present:

- Elena Panova, UNDP Deputy Country Director
- Berdi Berdiyev, Assistant Country Director
- Oksana Remiga, UNDP Programme Manager
- Yuliya Shcherbinina, UNDP Programme Manager
- Sergey Volkov, UNDP Programme Manager
- Tatyana Kudina, UNDP Programme Associate
- Victoria Kravchuk, UNDP Programme Associate
- Galyna Zhykovska, Head of the Department of the Family Policy, Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine
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The LPAC was convened to review the Project Document of the "Strengthening National Gender Machinery (NGM)". The Project Document was presented by Yuliya Shcherbinina, UNDP Programme Manager. The objective of the Project is to advocate for sustainable operation of NGM, as well as to provide expert and technical support to the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine. Although the NGM was supposed to hit the ground running from its inception in 2005 with the adoption of the Gender Equality Law, its initial operations were relatively weak due to the political volatility in Ukraine over the last 5 years. The Project aims to support adoption and implementation of the State Programme for Ensuring Gender Equality in Ukraine for 2012-2016 (National Gender Action Plan) with a particular focus on developing capacities of NGM elements responsible for implementation of this Plan (namely, ministerial and regional gender focal points).

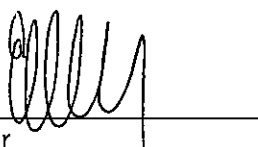
The main points discussed/suggested:

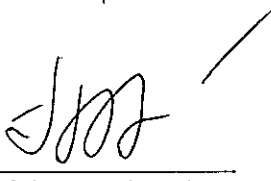
- ✓ In order to ensure effective and efficient support to the Ministry in adoption and implementation of the State Programme for Ensuring Gender Equality in Ukraine, which has to be provided to the consideration of the Cabinet of Ministers by April 2012 at latest, the Project has to be officially launched in January 2012.
- ✓ Head of the Department of the Family Policy noted that support to elaboration of the regional gender programmes is perceived as one of the key tasks of the Project. This task is significantly simplified due to the existing regional portraits, which have been developed in the framework of the "Equal Opportunities and Women's Rights Programme (EOWR)".
- ✓ In general, the project Document was positively assessed by the Department of the Family Policy of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine. The Department committed its support to the Project implementation.
- ✓ It was recommended to add «Support the independent evaluation of the EOWR Programme" to the projected Activity 1 of the Project Document ("Conduct follow-up analysis and provide recommendations for aligning the NGM with the current administrative context").

Resolved that:

- ✓ The Project Document was generally endorsed by the LPAC meeting on condition that the above-mentioned remarks are introduced into it.
- ✓ Programme Manager will revise the Project Document in line with the above-mentioned comments. The Project Document will be provided to the Ministry of Social Policy for approval.

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