United Nations Development Programme Country: Cyprus

Project Document

Project Title

Support to the Committee on Missing Persons Project on Exhumation, Identification and Return of remains of missing persons in Cyprus, Phase V

UNDAF Outcome(s):

Expected CP Outcome(s):

(Those linked to the project and extracted from the CP)

Expected Output(s):

(Those that will result from the project)

- 1. Exhumation of remains of missing persons
- 2. Analysis and identification of remains
- 3. Reburial of the identified victims
- Quality control and local capacity building of scientific committees
- 5. Awareness and confidence building measures

Executing Entity:

Implementing Agencies:

UNDP DIM

UNDP Partnership for the Future Programme, Cyprus Members of the Committee on Missing Persons

Brief Description

The CMP was established in April 1981 by agreement between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities under the auspices of the United Nations. It is the only institutionalized, bi-communal committee in Cyprus. The Terms of Reference of the CMP call upon the Committee to look into the cases of persons reported missing in the inter-communal fighting as well as the events of July 1974 and their aftermath. The mandate of the CMP is purely humanitarian: establish the fate of missing persons. The Committee does not attempt to establish the cause of death or attribute responsibility for the death of missing persons (Article 11, CMP Terms of Reference).

Overall objective of the project is to close painful chapter in the history of the island and contribute to the process of reconciliation between both communities. The latter will be further encouraged by the important participation of bicommunal scientific teams at all stages of the process.

Specific objectives of the project are a) exhumation of remains of missing persons b) analysis and identification of remains c) reburial of the identified victims d) quality control and local capacity-building and e) communication.

On 27 February 2006 the EU approved an aid regulation (Council Regulation EC 389/2006) for the benefit of the Turkish Cypriot community aimed at putting an end to the isolation of this community and helping prepare for the reunification of the island. €259 million was voted in 2006 for this programme which is implemented by the Commission (DG Enlargement) over five years. The project is funded from the above-mentioned EU contribution.

Programme Period: 8 months

Key Result Area (Strategic Plan): Conflict Prevention

Atlas Award ID:

Start Date: 9 January 2013
End Date: 9 September 2013

PAC Meeting Date: DEX

Total resources required	EUR 1.9 mil.
Total allocated resources:	EUR 1.9 mil.
Regular Other:	
o EC	EUR 1.9 mil.
o Donor	
Unfunded budget:	
In-kind Contributions	

Agreed by (UNDP):