

Project Document



Project description: Introduction of court mediation institute in the Republic of Kazakhstan

Expected result of the UN Framework Program intended to render assistance for the purposes of development (UNDAF): By 2015, build up potential and accountability of the state bodies at all levels and of the civil society to ensure the rights and needs of the population, particularly of vulnerable groups

Expected result at the national level (UNDP Country Program in Kazakhstan): Capacity building of public institutions for the protection of rights and access to justice for all

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Expected result of the UNDP activity: Increased capacity of the justice system for access to justice for all

Partner in the Project implementation: Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Other partners: Judicial bodies, local authorities, mediators' organizations and associations, local communities

Short Project Description

The project is designed to broaden access to justice, particularly for any vulnerable groups by means of wider introduction of the court mediation institute in the Republic of Kazakhstan. All-round support to implement the Law "On Mediation" will be provided based on international best practices study of pre-judicial settlement of disputes, development of a set of regulatory documents, including for certification and official evaluation of the mediators. A number of training actions, including development of standard training courses for mediators, regional trainings and workshops, and a pool of professional and community mediators and trainers will be prepared. Under the Project, the Working Group will be organized involving experts from different interested departments and professional organizations of mediators to discuss and develop the standards of mediators' activity, ethics and professional codes. Public awareness and knowledge of opportunities of out of court settlement of disputes will be enhanced through an informational campaign and distribution of various information materials. Introduction of mediation mechanisms at the level of local communities will be evaluated during two pilot initiatives.

Implementation period of the UNDP Kazakhstan Country Program: 2010-2015

Key areas (Strategic Plan): Democratic governance

Project number:

Commencement date: January 2012

Completion date: December 2014

Committee date:

Project management: NIM

Project budget for 2012: USD 205.000

Project budget for 2013: USD 115.000

Project budget for 2014: USD 80.000

Total budget: USD 400.000

Direct costs: USD 400.000

- Regular sources _____
- Other funds:
 - The Government of Kazakhstan USD* 250.000
 - UNDP USD* 150.000

** in Kazakh Tenge equivalent in accordance with Co-financing Agreement between the UNDP and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan*

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