Minutes of the Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) meeting for Japanese Grant (Ref. Grant Agreement No 1260460) within the UNDP "Strengthening disaster response and risk assessment capacities in the KR and facilitating the regional dialogue for cooperation"

Date: Monday, 18 March'13

Venue: Ground floor CH, UN House

Participants (as per the list of participants enclosed):

- 1. Representatives from Ministry of Emergency Situations of the KR
- 2. Representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the KR
- 3. Representatives of Japan Embassy in the KR
- 4. Representatives of JICA in the KR
- 5. Representatives of National Platform for DRR
- 6. Representatives of International Organizations: GIZ, ACTED, UNICEF, OCHA/DRCU, WHO
- 7. Representatives of UNDP in the KR

Documents available:

- Project Document
- Presentation on Project document in English and Russian
- Agenda
- LoP

Introduction: UNDP Country Office has organized this event in accordance with its internal procedures in order to officially launch the recently endorsed project on "Strengthening Disaster Response and Risk Assessment Capacities in the Kyrgyz Republic and Facilitating a Regional Dialogue for Cooperation". On 21 February 2013, UNDP together with Japan Embassy and JICA signed the Grant Agreement and Exchange Note for 204 million Japanese Yens (equivalent to \$2.2 millions) to be implemented within the above mentioned programme.

UNDP RR made an opening speech by welcoming LPAC participants and briefly introducing the goals and objectives of the meeting. He noted on the programme's outcomes and outputs and emphasized the importance of the Japanese grant to the implementation of these outcomes, further regional cooperation and input into the economic development of the country.

Presenters:

- 1. D. Ibragimov, UNDP Programme Analyst, made a presentation on Project document, project strategy, programme objectives and results, and contribution of Japanese funds into the planning programme activities.
- 2. T. Temiraliev, Stats-Secretary of the MES, made a presentation on DRR issues and priorities for the country. He informed on the Unified Information-Management System on the civil protection, population security concepts during the crisis and emergency situations, early warning system based on the experienced from Russia, Japan and Kazakhstan.

<u>Comments received:</u>

M. Baihodjoev, MFA: Stated that the regional cooperation dialogue is absolutely essential for the countries of CA as we have similar risks and hazards as well as the training of the specialists in the area of DRR is very crucial.

Hirosi Sato, Japan Embassy: Stated that during the last official visit of the Kyrgyz President to Japan in February'13, the Prime-Minister of Japan referred on the Japanese grant provided to the Kyrgyz Republic and both Kyrgyz President and Japan Prime-Minister welcomed the programme to be implemented within this grant.

- T. Ten, UNICEF: Questioned on the technical support to the Crisis Management Centers in order to strengthen their monitoring capacity, and suggested to involve children and youth into the DRR related activities in order to increase the public awareness on early warning system. Also she stressed on the regional cooperation in the sphere of DRR.
- D. Ibragimov and M. Kaldarov, UNDP: Answering the questions raised by the UNICEF representative, stated that within the Result 1, we are planning to procure and provide technical equipment to the Crisis Management Centers on early warning. Early warning terminals are going to be established in the schools, trade centers and other crowded places. In regard to the involvement of children and youth, UNDP will be closely working with UNICEF in regards to the training on DRR issues in the schools. In view of the regional cooperation, the first steps are already undertaking by singing MOU by the Secretariats of National Platforms of Kyrgyzstan and Armenia during the HFA workshop held in Almaty last week.
- T. Temiraliev, MES: By providing presentation on early warning system, he noted that the MES is planning to invite early warning expert from Japan in order to get recommendations on early warning and monitoring system based on the experienced of Japan authorities.
- *P. Tominski, GIZ:* Stated that GIZ is currently implementing Disaster Risk Management Project that contains Regional cooperation component and he already sees several potential overlaps where GIZ and UNDP can cooperate together with MES.

<u>Summary:</u> Taking into the account the above discussion, the participants of LPAC meeting unanimously stated the following:

- High/relevance of the programme for the country sustainable development
- Effectiveness of programme planned outputs and outcomes

THUS the Project "Strengthening disaster response and risk assessment capacities in the KR and facilitating the regional dialogue for cooperation" IS APPROVED.

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Date: 19 March 2013