

Annual Report for the MDGs in the Kosovo Assembly

Reporting period: January 2009- December 2010

Estimated total budget: USD 65,000 TRAC + USD 224,000 other funding

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Report on delivered Outcomes and outputs for January - December 2010

1. Sensitization on MDGs

a. Public Events with MPs



The World Earth day 20th April 2010, was undertaken in partnership with the AoK and NDI. 12 MPs participated from the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Rural Development, Environment and Spatial Planning and other Parliamentary Committees; media coverage and partnership between UNDP/AoK and NDI strengthened further. New discussions on the Environment day initiated;





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The Rights of the Disabled week, 25 May 2010, undertaken jointly with the NGOs, Little People of Kosova (LPK)- Mitrovica, 'Handifer'- Ferizaj, and parents of the disabled children. The meeting gathered MPs, the Speaker's Cabinet, NGOs, disabled children and youngsters as well as their



parents in a round of discussions on the access to social services. It was an interactive share of experiences, practical concerns on the most vulnerable and commitments of MPs to work on responding to specific requests made;

International Day against Child Labor-organized jointly with ILO and UNDCO; a group of 10 children visited AoK, and had a round table discussion on issues related to policies in place on protection of children against work

exploitation. MPs from 4 Parliamentary Committees joined discussions with children promising more caution when working on the Labor law, on the sections concerning child labor;



Environment Day, 1 June 2010, undertaken and organized between the MDG team/ Hot spots project, financed by the Netherlands office and NDI. Public launching of the Green Parliament recycling initiative was announced with media participation. Recycling containers were placed in all public areas of the Parliament to separate paper, plastic and cans.





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- b. Regular daily one-on-one meetings with MPs, Heads of Parliamentary Committees, Heads of Parliamentary Groups, Assembly Cabinet Members, and Line Ministries to mobilize them on current issues related to MDGs and Social Inclusion. Meetings were held as part of the six months work-plan.
- c. Two Round table sessions with MPs, Civil Society and UNKT organized in the process of drafting and revision of the Policy Paper.
- d. Eight UNKT Theme working group/ coordination meetings on MDG data compilation, preparation and final revision. Data were compiled to measure progress on MDGs in Kosovo compared to 2004, 2007.
- e. Co-sponsored MDG TV ads, the disabled web and printed materials, Green Parliament Brochures, MDG Newspaper Articles, the AoK Bulletin.

2. Expertise made available for the individual MPs and the Committees

Needs assessment on capacity development and expertise to be offered to individual MPs and Committees was identified during February. During this time future project orientation was identified as well. Supported and negotiated by the MDG Team, the below experts have been negotiated and mobilized for the AoK:



- a. Two International Experts for the Comm. on Environment -hired under the EC - TAIEX programme for a six months period, parliamentary request supported and mediated by the MDG team.
- b. One Local Expert for the Comm. on Trade and Industry and One for the Comm. on Environment hired through CDF project, for a six months period.
- c. One Expert in support to the Comm. on Health, Labor and Social Welfare was hired to work directly under the MDG project team for a two months period.
- d. One international expert identified and hired during July- August, to prepare new programme development for the next 3-4 years. The programme will continue to support the Parliament throughout the next mandate, pending resource mobilization. Pro-doc and Resource mobilization strategy document completed by September 2010.
- e. Internship programme established and in place jointly with NDI, AOK and KIPRED. 16 students hired for a nine months period to support the Committees and the Administration on policy research and other secretariat work. The partnership between above



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organizations and UNDP, for this initiative proved to be effective and will continue throughout the next three years pending financing.

3. Social policy initiatives with MPs related to MDGs and Social Inclusion agenda

- a. **Policy paper** for the Committee on Health, Labor and Social Welfare on the Stance of this Committee related to the health issues and health legislation. The main focus of this policy paper is to empower the mandate of MPs to monitor the work of the legislative towards law implementation. Approval of the Policy paper on the Health issues scheduled for September 2010
- b. **Preparation of the “Kosovo MDG Factsheet 2010” (MDGFF)** launched on 19th October



2010. UNKT substantial contribution was given during May- August on compilation of the MDGFF. Peer review of the MDG FF by the MPs and civil society planned prior to its publication and launching.



- c. **Social inclusion Research** served as bases for the NHDR 2010.



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Completed Survey on Social Inclusion (6000 Households – Mosaic Survey), co-financed by the MDG project in 2009.

- d. **Technical assistance on speeches** delivered on MDGs by the highest level representatives of Kosovo (the President, the Prime Minister and the President of the Assembly).

4. Side effects on achieved outputs and outcomes

- a. **UNKT raised interest to participate substantially** on Social Inclusion and MDG issues at the AoK. Greater interest presented by UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, who were actively involved in ad-hoc bases with providing information and inputs to the policy documents prepared by the MDG team and the Committees. The senior management’s interest to become deeply involved in the new project has been noticed hence new project will be implemented under UNKT partnership.
- b. **Close partnership further developed with the Cabinet**, Administration, and several active MPs. MDG Champions identified in the process, as they also work on tackling social issues
- c. **The Project Team is fully and publicly associated with MDGs and Social Inclusion;** expectations grow with the request to remain active and offer support to the AoK
- d. **Extend the support to the Administration was identified during project implementation and new programme development.** This was placed as a pressing need for having a strong Administration as bases for having a strong Parliament. It was stressed out in the project produced jointly with the international experts.

Total project funds for 2010 : TRAC US\$ 65,000

Total mobilized out of MDG project for 2010:

• UNDP Hot spots project	3,000 \$
• UNDP Dragash Env. Project	1,500 \$
• Norway government (Library Gjakova)	5,000 \$
• EC TAIEX programme	120,000 \$
• UNDP CDF/ Soros	30,000 \$
• Soros (training Albania)	1,500 \$
• NDI (internship, environment)	4,000 \$
• UNDP DSS (international expert)	19,000 \$
• <u>UNDCO</u>	<u>2,000 \$</u>

Total out of project 224,000.00 \$