Field Visit Report

Date of visit: 19 October 2017

Purpose of visit: Opening of the first Police Station renovated under community policing concept

Project number and title: 00089415/ Support to Police Reform Project

Venue of visit: Buiucani Police Station Nr. 3, Chisinau mun., Republic of Moldova

Outcomes	Update on outcomes	Outputs	Update on outputs	Reasons if progress below target	Update on partnership strategies	Recommendations and proposed action
Law enforcement authorities are better able to secure fundamental rights of all parties in criminal proceedings	No changes are required	Strengthened linkages between the police and community	Achievements of the project in outputs (marking if strategic) and soft assistance (if any).	N/A	To continue discussions with the General Police Inspectorate about the support necessary in the efficient absorption of State budget resources provided for the implementation of the Police Development Strategy	To cooperate with the General Police Inspectorate in order to elaborate a list of requirements for the renovations of other police stations around the country for the community policing concept implementation, taking the experiences and features of the reopened renovated Police Station, including physical and informational accessibility, proper space for visitors, cooperation with civil society, children area, open wi-fi access, etc.

PROJECT PERFORMANCE—IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

It took a while to officially re-open the Buiucani Police Station Nr. 3 in Chisinau city. The opening was postponed because of the obligatory vetting procedure of the INL/US Embassy (the donor for the Project), which lasted longer than expected. As a mitigation measure for the future, it is proposed to ask the INL/US Embassy to organize related vetting procedures at the early stages of the activities implementation.

PROGRESS TOWARDS RESULTS

The Police has been very positive on the cooperation with UNDP, showed an ownership over results achieved and a commitment to further progress on the basis of the Police Development Strategy. Project's donors and partners were impressed with the thoughtful and people-friendly design and features of the renovated Community Police Station. Reports of the mass-media were positive and have especially highlighted the following features of the Station: play area for children and open wi-fi access.

LESSONS LEARNED

- People-centered approach to development is noted and appreciated by people and mass-media,
 and it needs to be further consistently implemented throughout the development interventions;
- The re-opened Police Station renovated under community policing concept has a potential to become a model for further renovations of the police stations around the country;
- Placement of an NGO right at the Buiucani Police Station Nr. 3 for the provision of services to the SGBV survivors is an innovative approach for Moldova and the experiences of this cooperation need to be learned in several months' time.

Participants in the field visit:

- Alexandru Jizdan, Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova;
- Dafina Gercheva, UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative;
- James Pettit, U.S. Ambassador to Chisinau;
- Alexandru Pinzari, Chief of Police;
- Timothy Buckley, Director, Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Section (INL), US Embassy Chisinau;
- Edward Cronin, Senior Law Enforcement Advisor, INL, US Embassy Chisinau;
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List of persons additionally met:

- Sergiu Muruz, Chief of Buiucani Police Station Nr. 3, Chisinau;
- Ana Revenco, Executive Director, NGO La Strada.

News:

Towards Community Policing: Buiucani Police Station No. 3 in Chisinau will become more friendly and accessible, 19 October 2017:

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