



**Country: Russian Federation
Initiation Plan
(Preparatory Assistance)**

Project Title Completion of the Country Programme and Transition to New Operational Model

Expected CP Outcome(s): **RUS_Outcome 25:** Russia's effective participation in the new international ODA architecture in line with the country's growing international role
(Those that are linked to the project and extracted from the CPAP)

Initiation Plan Start Date: March 1, 2010
Initiation Plan End Date: December 31, 2010
Implementing Partner: Direct Implementation

Brief Description

The current Country Programme for the Russian Federation comes to an end on December 31, 2010. The Government of the Russian Federation has decided not to commence the next programme cycle and officially confirmed its intention to graduate from UNDP-supported category in 2011. There is a great interest however among the Government counterparts to continue several higher-priority on-going projects and to support new ones which better reflect country's status of an emerging donor.

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Programme Period:	3/2010 – 12/2010
CPAP Programme Component:	n/a
Atlas Award ID:	_____
PAC Meeting Date	_____

Total resources required	\$262 500
Total allocated resources:	_____
• Regular	\$262 500
• Other:	
○ Donor	_____
○ Donor	_____
○ Donor	_____
○ Government	_____
In-kind Contributions	_____

Agreed by UNDP RR:

25/2/10

I. PURPOSE

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Government's decision not to extend the current CP or develop the next Programme cycle on one hand and to change modality of UNDP-Government relations from 2011 on another, demands corresponding actions from UNDP side. After several high-level visits of the UN and UNDP officials back in 2009 a mutual agreement was reached that new model of operations/project implementation is needed in order to better secure UNDP support to Government's efforts in the country. There are many other inter-linked issues to be tackled promptly to ensure smooth transition for new modality in such a short term.

There are several key directions where the efforts to be concentrated during the term of this PA.

- To reach an agreement with key Government's agencies and different UNDP units on modality of operations in post-2010 period, develop in details the most likely scenarios and workplans for their implementation.
- To ensure on-going projects implementation after 2010, including establishment of Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Centre, Human Development mainstreaming, Private Sector Engagement and support of Russia's development assistance agenda.
- To provide strong communication support for projects and management team in order to raise visibility in competency and consistency with national demands. For this purpose 2 communication consultants will be hired, one for wider dissemination of projects' best practices and outreach of UNDP expertise in the country, and the second for Government relations activities and advocacy.
- To secure involvement of world-wide and region-wide UNDP/UN expertise through engagement of experts in the CO's activities when and where relevant and missions of the CO management to New-York, Bratislava etc when and where relevant. This activity also includes visits of UNDP staff to the CO

These main activities should be implemented in parallel and results should not depend one on another.

II. EXPECTED OUTPUT

Sound ground for new modality introduction: The Government and UNDP has mutually agreed on legal, operational and programmatic issues in post-2010 term; EECCC established, pilot projects are being implemented and initial financing secured; Human Development Project institutionalized and hosted by national counterpart; private sector engagement led to projects sponsored by the private sector and PPP pilot projects funded by the private and public sectors; Russian development assistance programme(s) endorsed and financing secured by the Government.

III. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The IP (PA) will be implemented under the direct supervision of the RR, with the support of DRR and ARR/P. Close involvement of ARR/O and 2 Clusters Heads and Communication Analyst will be necessary. Project assistant will be contracted for operational and technical work under this IP.

IV. MONITORING

Interim results will be reported to UNDP management in June and September. Progress report will be prepared at the end of this IP.

V. ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Year: 2010

EXPECTED OUTPUTS <i>And baseline, indicators including annual targets</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
Output 1 Support office set up	<p>Activity Result: Legal, contractual, financial and office space issues resolved. Support office can start working on 1 January 2011</p> <p>-Activity action: consultations with NY (BDP, BRSP, others), BRC</p> <p>-Activity action : consultations with the Government</p>	x	x	x	x	DRR, ARR/P with support of RBEC	04000	71600 Travel	20 000

Output 3 Support of ODA programme	Activity Result: ODA programme(s) in priority areas shaped, endorsed, financing secured -Activity action: Experts hired -Activity action: Support of Rosortudnichestvo/MFA/Ministry of Finance -Activity action: Support of MinHealth -Activity action: Support of MinEnv	X	X	X	X	X	ARR/P, Head of Cluster Econ.Dev-t	of of 04000		71200 International consultants 71300 Local consultants 71400 Contractual Services Individuals 71600 Travel 73100 Rent Supplies	12 000 30 500 21 000 10 000 10 000 1 000
Output 4 Enhancing communications and public awareness	Activity Result: Visibility and public awareness of UNDP and its priority projects raised -Activity action: Consultant hired -Activity action: Communication action plan for the IP developed and implemented	X	X	X	X	X	Heads of Clusters, Communication analyst	11888 or 04000 (ASL 2011)		71300 Local consultants 73100 Rent	25 000 10 000
TOTAL											262 500

LOCAL PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING

25 February 2010, Virtual, by exchange of correspondence

Subject: Consideration of the UNDP DEX Initiation Plan for the Project 'Completion of the Country Programme and Transition to New Operational Model'

Participants:

UNDP Country Office (Committee members):

1. Mr. Sascha Graumann, DRR
2. Ms. Florida Perevertaylo, ARR/O
3. Ms. Elena Armand, ARR/P
4. Ms. Natalia Olofinskaya, Head of Environment Cluster
5. Mr. Evgeny Levkin, Head of Socio-economic Development Cluster
6. Ms. Victoria Zotikova, Communications Analyst

Ms. Elena Armand has presented draft project document for the Initiation Plan (for Preparatory Assistance) for the DEX project 'Completion of the Country Programme and Transition to New Operational Model'.

In order to shift timely and smoothly to new operational modality and keep pursuing the priority projects into future pipeline, it was suggested to have 4 project activities under the IP:

Activity 1: Support office setup

Activity 2: Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Centre Establishment

Activity 3: Support of ODA Programme

Activity 4: Enhancing Communications and Public Awareness

Committee members commented the draft and following amendments were made in the project document:

- Budget for travel was increased up to USD 20 000 taking into account high probability of missions to be undertaken both by CO management and UNDP experts;
- Budget for communications was increased for USD 5000 (from USD 20000 up to USD 25000) taking the probability of sub-contracting the NGO rather than an individual consultant;
- Funds for participation in conferences, workshops were added to Activity 2;
- Solution exchange sub-project was inserted as an output into Activity 2;
- Project assistant's position was added to provide operational and technical backstopping to the project.

Recommendation:

The Committee unanimously agreed to undertake the following actions:

1. To approve and launch the IP 'Completion of the Country Programme and Transition to New Operational Model' starting March 1, 2010.

2. To introduce changes into the ProDoc (EA is responsible).
3. To prepare a budget and Annual work plan in Atlas (EA is to organize).
4. To recommend the Head of the Office (RR) to sign the Project Document and budget revision as appropriate.

Signatures:

Meeting Participants:

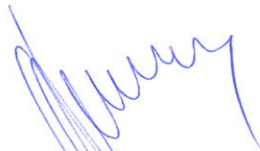
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