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Knowledge Management and Capacity Development in the Russia-UNDP Partnership, Phase III

Activity 1. Russian Experts on Demand 8th Call for Proposals

Note on the assessment of the applications

18 March 2021

The 8th Call for Proposals on individual online consultancy was announced on February 2, 2022 with an application deadline on February 28, 2022.

On March 18, 2022 the Assessment Panel considered 19 applications received from the following COs: Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

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The Panel applied the approach elaborated earlier during the implementation of Phase I and Phase II of the KM project. The selection criteria for applications, used by the Panel, were introduced in Annex I 'Key decisions and responsibilities on the project activities', approved by the Project Board on October 21, 2016. During the assessment, the Panel sent requests for clarificatins regarding four applications. Upon receipt of clarifications the final decision was made.

Final results of the assessment are presented in the table below:

Funding decision	*Amount*
Accepted	18
Rejected	1
Total	19

Note: the funding will be provided depending on further elaboration of the ToR as per recommendations of the Assessment Panel.

Proposed funding decisions selection criteria for applications with types of funding decisions can be found in Annex II. Additional comments by the Panel members, the clarifications received from UNDP country offices and evaluation charts of the Assessment Panel members are presented in separate documents.

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Selection criteria

Criteria used to assess the quality of the applications:

Criteria / value	High	Medium	Low
Evidence of Demand	An application contains clear reference to the beneficiary in the programme country and its request for support.	Justification for the assignment is strong and follows from the development context description, however no specific reference to national beneficiary is provided.	No clear beneficiary can be identified.
Relevance of Russian expertise	An assignment would support sharing of Russian expertise and experience, includes a reference to Russian institutions or experts.	An assignment would benefit from international expertise, including Russian expertise.	Local expertise would be more appropriate for the assignment.
Complementarity to current portfolio / no duplication	An assignment is complimentary to current portfolio of UNDP projects, including projects funded by Russia, it supports new cooperation opportunities.	An assignment is complimentary to UNDP projects funded by Russia, however it cannot be said with certainty whether the assignment does not duplicate activities in other ongoing UNDP projects.	A risk exists that an assignment might duplicate activities already supported by Russia in ongoing UNDP projects.

Types of funding decisions in the 8th Call for Proposals*:

- **Accepted:** Application is accepted, funding is allocated as needed following consultations with the CO and negotiations with experts;
- **Rejected:** Application is declined. No funding is provided.

Note: the funding will be provided depending on further elaboration of the ToR as per recommendations of the Assessment Panel.

Assessment of the applications received under the 8th Call for Proposals

Russian Experts on Demand Programme

Proposed funding decisions

#	Country / Funding decision	Application	Decision
1	Armenia	Innovative Methods in Career Guidance	**Accepted**
2	Armenia	Industrial Infrastructure Sites	**Accepted**
3	Armenia	Asbestos Waste Demolition and Disposal Plan	**Accepted**
4	Armenia	Disposal Plan for Residential Buildings in Yerevan City	**Accepted**
5	Armenia	SEZ and Investment Niches	**Accepted**
6	Armenia	GHG Inventory Capacity Building	**Accepted**
7	Belarus	Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture	**Accepted**
8	Belarus	Mainstreaming Gender in National MRV Methodologies	**Accepted**
9	Kazakhstan	Accessibility of Facilities and Services for Low-mobility Groups	**Accepted**
10	Kazakhstan	Nutrition Standards for Medical and Social Institutions	**Accepted**
11	Kyrgyzstan	Climate Change Exposure	**Accepted**
12	Kyrgyzstan	Creative Industries	**Accepted**
13	Kyrgyzstan	Crowdfunding Platforms	**Rejected**
14	Kyrgyzstan	Civic Engagement for Green and Sustainable Urban Development	**Accepted**
15	Tajikistan	Barriers on Upscaling of Climate Adaptive Agriculture Technologies	**Accepted**
16	Tajikistan	Hydrological Analysis of Micro-watersheds	**Accepted**
17	Turkmenistan	Regulatory Approaches Towards Digital Financial Services	**Accepted**
18	Uzbekistan	Digital Development of the Aral Sea Region	**Accepted**
19	Uzbekistan	Forest Carbon Offset Projects	**Accepted**