LPAC Meeting minutes

Minutes

Of the Local Programme Advisory Committee (LPAC) for UNDP Project Applying Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) to Water Governance in Tajikistan August 24, 2012

Participants:

Participant	s:
Chairman	1. Mr. Mubin Rustamov, Programme Analyst, OiC for ARR/Programme, UNDP
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Agenda

- 1. Presentation of UNDP Project Applying Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) to Water Governance in Tajikistan, its goals and objectives
- 2. Discussion of UNDP Project Applying Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) to Water Governance in Tajikistan, its goals and objectives
- 3. Recommendations

Background:

The project "Applying Human Rights Based Approach to Water Governance in Tajikistan" aims improve the overall coverage of rural and urban communities that have access to safe drinking water supply and sanitation through creating an enabling policy environment for effective implementation of human right to water and sanitation in Tajikistan. The project is built upon the locally implemented GoAL WaSH/HRBA Pilot Campaign Project, which seeks to raise the awareness of rural populations about their rights to water and the responsibilities of local administration to provide water. The project was completed before 30 June 2012, the results and findings of which provide a strong impetus for an immediate intervention at national level to create an enabling policy environment for effective implementation of human right to water and sanitation in Tajikistan. The key lessons learned from the ongoing pilot campaign indicate that local population's awareness about water rights is very low due to the lack of enforcement mechanisms. UNDP will address those issues through an established network for policy development - TajWSS, IMCC, IWRM, E&WC, and WGF that provide opportunities for GoAL WaSH to introduce HRBA concept to national policy, and apply the approach at national and local levels. The new intervention will also provide a unique opportunity to assess the immediate change, as it strives to enhance approaches in the same district of Isfara building up on past experience.

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Ms. Nargiza Usmanova, Programme Analyst

Ms. Nargiza Usmanova provided an overview of the Project "Applying Human Rights Based Approach to Water Governance in Tajikistan", the process of project development and presented project goals and objectives, outputs and deliverables. Total budget for the project is 80K. Ms. Nargiza Usmanova explained that the purpose of the meeting is to advise and give feedback on the project document in order to establish an agreement on the project strategy and results indicated in the project document, among project stakeholders.

The LPAC Committee made the following recommendations:

- Agree that the process of the proposal development was transparent and conducted with the involvement of the main stakeholders;
- Taking into account interventions in the water sector within the project scope, recommend close coordination of the project implementation with the Ministry of land reclamation and water resources of the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Endorse direct implementation modality (DIM) for the project implementation;

- Begin the implementation of the project as soon as possible.

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