

## **Annual Project Progress Report**

**Project title:** Assistance in the realization of the National Action Plan of Turkmenistan in the field of human rights for 2021-2025

**Output ID:** 00123316

**Project ID:** 00129742

**Implementing partner:** Institute of State, Law and Democracy of Turkmenistan

**Period covered in this report:** 01.01.2021

**Date of last Annual Report:** 31.12.2021

**Date of the last Project Board meeting:** 27.05.2021

**Date of last Quality Assurance and rating:** Design stage 2020; Overall rating: Satisfactory; Decision: The project is of sufficient quality to continue as planned. Any management actions must be addressed in a timely manner.

### **1. Project Performance**

Please state the expected Output of the Project, set indicators and corresponding CP Outcome (as per project document/AWP):

**Project Output 1: Assistance in the implementation and monitoring of the implementation of the activities of the National Action Plan for Human Rights for 2021-2025 (NHRAP)**

#### **Output indicators:**

- 1.1 25% of NHRAP activities completed.
- 1.2 A reporting form on the implementation of the NHRAP has been adopted and is used by national authorities.
- 1.3 Analysis of the mid-term review of the implementation of UPR recommendations (2018) completed.
- 1.4 Analysis of the compliance of national legislation with the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

#### **Output targets:**

- 1.1. 25% percent of NHRAP activities indicated in the Project Document completed.

b) Were the indicators and output achieved?    Yes X                    No                     Partially

c) If no or partially, please explain why?

- 1.2. The Monitoring and Reporting framework on the implementation of the NHRAP has been developed and sent to the members of Working Group of Inter-agency Commission on implementation of international obligations of Turkmenistan in the field of human rights and (IAC) for its further application.

b) Were the indicators and output achieved?    Yes X                    No                     Partially

c) If no or partially, please explain why?

**3.1.** Recommendations for the integration of new the courses on human rights to the curriculum of Bachelor's degree and Master's degree (LL.M) programs at the universities and institutes of Turkmenistan were developed and sent to the members of the Working Group of IAC.

b) Were the indicators and output achieved?    Yes                       No                       Partially

c) If no or partially, please explain why?

**3.2.** More than 200 civil servants, law enforcement officers, judges, lawyers took part in the seminars dedicated to human rights and a series of workshops for 20 members of the Working Group of IAC on the implementation of Turkmenistan's international obligations in the field of human rights.

b) Were the indicators and output achieved?    Yes                       No                       Partially

c) If no or partially, please explain why?

**3.3.** 500 copies of NHRAP for 2021-2025 were published jointly with the OHCHR and disseminated to national partners.

b) Were the indicators and output achieved?    Yes                       No                       Partially

c) If no or partially, please explain why?

## 2. Progress Reporting

### **Project Output 1: Assistance in the implementation and monitoring of the implementation of the activities of the National Action Plan for Human Rights for 2021-2025 (NHRAP)**

1.1. 25% of NHRAP activities indicated for year 1 of the project on Assistance in the implementation of the National Action Plan for Human Rights for 2021-2025 completed.

1.2. International consultant David Johnson presented the preliminary M&R framework with Recommendations to the members of the Working Group (WG) of IAC at the workshop on October 7-8, 2021. As a result of the workshop, the Monitoring and Reporting (M&R) framework with thorough Recommendations on the implementation of the NHRAP for 2021-2025 was prepared. Final M&R Form/Framework with Recommendations was sent with NV 749 dated 03.12.2021 to the members of WG of IAC for its further application in the preparation of Annual Reports on implementation of NHRAP 2021-2025 to the IAC. This M&R Form is developed for the first time to ensure the effective implementation of NHRAP based on annual reports of members of WG of IAC starting from the first year of NHRAP implementation in April 2022.

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International consultant Natalia Alhazashvilli conducted an Analysis of the mid-term review of the implementation of UPR recommendations (2018) of Turkmenistan. Mrs. Alhazishvilli discussed with the members of the Working Group of IAC the preliminary Analysis with the recommendation at the workshop on October 27-28, 2021. The Final Analysis and

### **Project Output 3: Promotion of human rights education at various levels of educational institutions and professional training courses**

3.1. On December 6-7, 2021, the workshop on the International Standards for Human Rights Education Programs was delivered in online format for the representatives of the Ministry of Education, Institute of State, Law, and Democracy, the faculty of the Turkmen State University named after Mahtumkuli, Institute of International Relations of the MFA of Turkmenistan, International University for Humanities and Development, Academy of Civil Service under the President of Turkmenistan with involvement of international expert Mrs. Aigul Kulnazarova.

Preliminary consultations and analysis of current syllabus of the three leading universities and institutes was conducted prior to the workshop. As a result of fruitful discussions and feedback of the faculty of the above listed institutions and universities during the workshop, Mrs. Kulnazarova provided detailed Recommendations on integration of new human rights courses with the sample of the syllabus of the course on international protection of human rights.

Development and provision of recommendations for the integration of human rights training materials and courses into the educational programs of the above listed universities and institutes of Turkmenistan was not anticipated for 2021 under the project document. Final Recommendations for the integration of new courses on human rights to the curriculum of Bachelor's degree and Master's degree (LL.M) programs at the universities and institutes of Turkmenistan along with the sample syllabus of the course on International Protection of Human Rights will be sent to the members of Working Group of IAC, Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan and separately to three leading universities and the Institute of International Relations of Turkmenistan for further consideration and application.

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3.2. As a result of seminar on Topical Aspects of the Implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan (NHRAP) of Turkmenistan for 2021-2025 delivered 23-29 July 2021 and the workshop on National and international mechanisms of protection of rights of people with disabilities in Turkmenistan delivered on October 21, 2021, more than 200 representatives from the law enforcement agencies, judges, lawyers, social sector civil servants, and representatives of the civil society organizations in all five velayats in Turkmenistan were trained on human rights issues.

Description of risk	Type and category	Risk management actions	Current situation
COVID-19 travel restrictions	External risk	Agree on Project Board meeting not the reallocation of money for travel to any other additional activities in the frame of the Project Document activities	One planned activity not delivered due to COVID-19 travel restrictions Ongoing
Lack of funds	Operational risk	Apply for donor funds to mobilize additional funds from donors to strengthen and maintain the results achieved	No donor funds available Ongoing

#### **4. Lessons learned and follow-up steps (if applicable)**

##### **a) Please provide the lessons learned and further steps after the project's closure.**

Effective implementation of the NHRAP 2021-2025 anticipates the application and delivery of activities on sensitive issues such as anti-corruption measures, development of the penitentiary system, etc. that were not addressed in the previous NHRAP. In order to address those newly identified sensitive areas effectively project team is planning to initiate a new pipeline that is aimed on implementing specific tasks and strategically tackling the identified sensitive areas of the RoL, and redesigning penitentiary system in Turkmenistan.

Project will design future events not only to analyze and review the acting legislation of Turkmenistan but also to contribute to the effective implementation of specific laws to further develop RoL in Turkmenistan.

#### **5. Transfer of Assets or other related matter**

##### **a) Please state on any past or future transfer of assets made within the project cycle (Attach list of equipment, cooperation frameworks with beneficiaries, etc.)**

N/A

#### **6. Financial management**

Budget item	Total approved in 2021 (in USD)	Expenses + commitments	Budget utilization in % to planned
Component 1	29,471	18,727	64
Component 2	13,886	8,263	60
Component 3	26,676	21,747	82