

Quarterly Progress Report

Project Number: 00083136

Project Title: Advancement of social inclusion and integration of persons with disabilities

Project Output: 1. Capacity of Deaf and Blind Society raised. 2. National legislation revised for compliance with CRPD and National Action Plan with regard to persons with disabilities formulated. 3. Employment opportunities for disabled promoted. 4. Public awareness on social and economic inclusion of people with disabilities increased

Implementing Agency: UNDP, Turkmenistan

Partner Agency: Deaf and Blind Society of Turkmenistan

Period: 1 quarter 2013 (1 January - 31 March 2013)

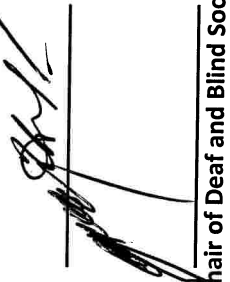
ACTIVITY	PLANNED ACTIVITIES (list all tasks planned to be carried out during the quarter in order to implement activities indicated in the approved AWP)	DELIVERABLES		TIMEFRAME		RESPONSIBLE PERSON (indicate concrete person responsible for implementation of the concrete task)	PLANNED BUDGET		ACTUAL EXPENDITURES (list actual expenditures against activities)	PROGRESS ACHIEVED (describe results of activities against quarterly work plan and progress made towards production of deliverables required to generate output)
		(list all deliverables to be obtained as a result of task implementation)	TO	FROM	Budget Description		Amount US\$	Description of expenses		
1	Capacity of DBST in addressing the needs of the deaf and blind people raised to ensure better integration to society									
1.3	Activity 1.3: Procure learning tools for teaching the blind children	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To be implemented in Q2
1.4	Activity 1.4: Conduct workshops on development of skills to teach deaf and blind people	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To be implemented in Q2
2	National legislation analyzed with an objective to review its compliance with Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities									

2.1	Activity 2.1: Review current legislation and prepare set of recommendations on introduction of relevant legal changes. Present the finding of the legislative review to key stakeholders	National legislation analyzed and recommendations on its improvement developed	01.01.13	31.03.13	UNDP	71200	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	The TOR for an international consultant to review current legislation is developed, cleared and sent for posting to the regional office. The Project team has negotiated with the Regional Office on the issue of identification of proper fund code for this consultancy. The issue is being addressed together with UNDP Operations Unit.
2.2	Activity 2.2: Organize study-visit to Finland to learn approaches and best practices in inclusion and integration of PWDs	Study-visit organized and best practices and experiences of social and economic inclusion of PWDs learned	01.01.13	31.03.13	UNDP	75700	\$18,000.00	\$18,452.16	Delegation of Turkmen officials from Mejlis, ministries of education, health, and labor and social protection and representatives from DBST participated in the study visit hold in Helsinki from 10 February to 15 February 2013. Study visit participants prepared reports and presented their findings and recommendations to their agencies.
3	Employment opportunities of persons with disabilities promoted								
3.1	Activity 3.1: Initiate consultations with state employment centres and local HR companies in providing social and legal assistance to PWDs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To be implemented starting from Q2

3.2	Activity 3.2: Organize forum of potential buyers and potential employers to advocate for employment of PWDs and promote market demand for products produced by PWDs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To be implemented starting from Q2
3.3	Activity 3.3: Develop proposal and recommendations for promoting policies and employment opportunities for people with disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To be implemented starting from Q2
Awareness of general public and media representatives raised on challenges of socio-economic integration of PWDs									
4.2	Activity 4.2: Develop set of communication and advocacy materials addressing the needs of PWDs	Relevant project informational materials updated; Publication on socio-economic integration of PWDs developed	01.01.13	31.03.13	Gov of Finland	74200 75100	\$5,885.00	\$197.54	The project brief was updated and posted on UNDP web site. Press release about the study visit to Finland prepared and posted on the UNDP web site and Turkmenistan news. The brochure on DBST activities is developed in Russian and Turkmen languages and is ready for publication. This brochure will highlight challenges of socio-economic integration of PWDs, successes and barriers and challenges faced by PWDs.
4.4	Activity 4.4: Develop website for DBST to promote its products in local markets	Process of website development initiated and relevant background materials collected	01.01.13	31.03.13	Gov of Finland	71300 75100	\$4,815.00	\$0.00	The TOR for the web -designer was developed, cleared and posted at the UNDP website. The advertisement was extended from March 26 to April 1, because no applications were received even though potential candidates and organizations were informed through phone calls and e-mails.

5	Activity 5: Project Management									
	Project Manager salary	01.01.13	31.03.13	Gov of Finland	71405	\$5,040.00	\$5,016.81	Project implementation is done in compliance with UNDP policies and procedures and under supervision of NPC and designated UNDP staff.		
	Communication expenses (E-mail, Internet)	01.01.13	31.03.13	Gov of Finland	72400	\$1,135.00	\$165.00	Project office is equipped with a heater, monitor for laptop and three on one product (printer, scanner, and copier) and access to Internet.		
	Technical and other expenses (computer, printer, stationery, etc)	01.01.13	31.03.13	Gov of Finland	72800 72500	\$4,100.00	\$431.58			
			Total			\$53,975	\$24,263.09			

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Tolerances' level:
For time: 14 days
For cost: <\$1000 - 10%; >\$1000 - 5%, but should not