



Country: Turkmenistan

Initiation Plan

Project Title: Support to Ombudsperson Office to protect and promote human rights in Turkmenistan

Expected CP Outcome(s) 3: State institutions implement and monitor laws, national programmes and strategies in a participatory manner in line with the country’s human rights commitments

(Those that are linked to the project and extracted from the CPAP)

Initiation Plan Start Date: August 1, 2017

Initiation Plan End Date: August 1, 2018

Implementing Partner: Ombudsperson Office

Brief Description

In line with the revised Constitution (2016) and National Human Rights Action Plan (2016-2020). Turkmenistan adopted the new Law on Ombudsperson in 2017 to establish independent human rights body. The Parliament elected the Ombudsperson in March 2017, who is trying to map out a strategy for the institution. The powers of the Ombudsperson include the right to conduct surprising inspections of places of detention, corrections and to request and receive necessary materials and information from entities regardless of their organizational forms. The Ombudsperson submits annual progress report about the situation with human rights in the country for consideration of the President of Turkmenistan and presents this report to the Parliament.

Current project will provide assistance to the Ombudsperson Office in set up an institution which can defend human rights effectively in Turkmenistan. This will be accomplished by achieving the following output:

Project Output: Institutional capacity and ability of newly established Ombudsperson Office to protect and promote human rights and fulfil its functions and mandate in line with the Paris Principles is strengthened.

Programme Period: 2016-2020	Total resources required:
CPAP Programme Component: Rule of law and economic diversification	Total allocated resources:
Atlas Award ID: <u>00104822</u>	British Embassy in TKM: <u>£ 30,000.00</u>
PAC Meeting Date: _____	<u>38,860.00 USD¹</u>



Agreed by UNDP: Ms. Elena Panova, UNDP Resident Representative

¹ UN rate <https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php>

I. PURPOSE

This Initiation Plan is an integral part of the Project Document that is planned to be signed between the Office of Ombudsperson (aka the Parties). The purpose of the project is cooperation between the Parties in implementation of Turkmenistan's National Human Rights Action Plan for 2016-2020, adopted by Turkmenistan in the beginning of 2016. The overall Project Document covers the period of 2018-2020, while the Initiation Plan covers 2017 - 2018.

The purpose of this Initiation Plan is to launch the implementation of the Project (hereinafter the Project) with the Ombudsperson Office of Turkmenistan (aka National Partner). The initiation plan is prepared to describe the preparatory activities for launching the Project, including the process of, conducting Project Appraisal Committee, discussion of the Project Outputs and Outcomes for each year of the Project operation, finalization of the Project Document with the National Partner, discussions on the cost-sharing mechanisms that will be used between the National Partner and UNDP, developing effective Monitoring and Evaluation mechanisms for the Project activities, developing Terms of Reference and hiring the project manager, and describe first activities that will be conducted in 2017 and first half year of 2018, and implement the activities of the project before the Project Document is signed by both UNDP and the National Partner. The latter might require substantial time due to bureaucratic delays and need for coordination and approval not only by Ombudsperson Office but also the Ministry of Finance of Turkmenistan, since the Project involves cost-sharing. Initiation Plan shall be used to avoid these delays and start the implementation of the agreed Project activities.

UNDP with the funds received from UK Embassy in Turkmenistan for the initiation phase of the project will implement the activities.

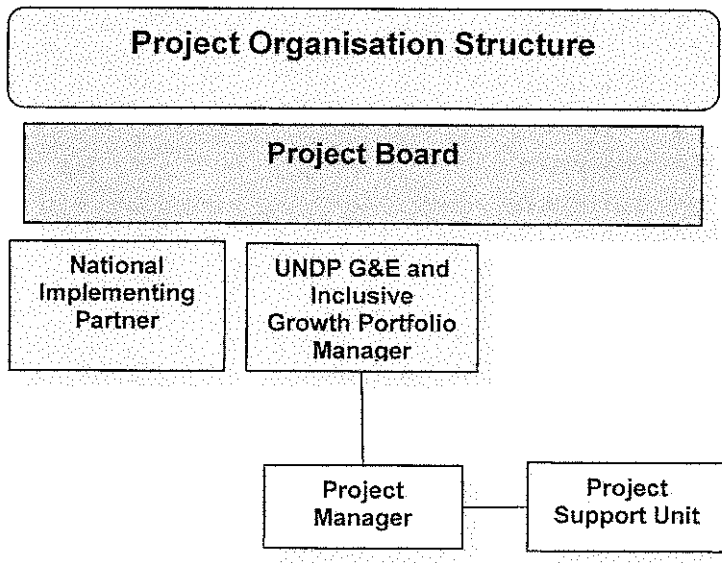
II. EXPECTED OUTPUT

The main objective of the Initiation Plan is to support the new Ombudsperson set up an institution which can defend human rights effectively in Turkmenistan. This will be accomplished by achieving the following:

Output: Institutional capacity and ability of newly established Ombudsperson Office to protect and promote human rights and fulfil its functions and mandate in line with the Paris Principles is strengthened.

III. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

UNDP staff including the Manager of the joint project between UNDP and Supreme Court of Turkmenistan on cooperation in implementation of the NHRAP for 2016-2020 in the area of rule of law and the access to justice and Governance, Economic Diversification and Inclusive Growth Portfolio Manager shall be responsible for implementation, monitoring, and reporting on the activities of the Initiation Plan before the Project Manager (PM) is contracted. After the PM comes on board, he/she will be responsible for carrying out the activities of the project as set forth in the Annual Workplan for 2017-2018 below. UNDP Project Implementation Unit shall provide all necessary administrative support for the implementation of the Initiation Plan. All activities of the Initiation Plan shall be coordinated with the National Implementing Partner – duly appointed representative of the Ombudsperson Office.



IV. MONITORING

UNDP staff shall bear the primary responsibility for the monitoring and quality assurance of the Initiation Plan implementation. At the completion of the initiation phase the UNDP staff shall prepare the Progress Report and present it at the Project Board meeting.

V. ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Year: 2017

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
<p>Output 1: Technical support in development of a strategy for Ombudsperson Office is provided.</p> <p>Baseline: no strategy in place</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <p>1. A roadmap that serves as a basis for the institutional development of the Ombudsperson is in place.</p> <p>2. Rules of procedure (including e.g. clear guidance on handling complaints) drawn up and agreed. Drafts of</p>	<p>Activity 1.1: An experts mission to work with the institution to conduct needs analysis and design a roadmap for Strategy with a detailed action plan and a budget to set up a viable institution (1 international consultant: Desk-work and mission, total amount: 10 days)</p> <p>Activity 1.2: Consultations on the draft roadmap and finalising the document (1 roundtable with the Ombudsperson Office and representatives of the Mejlis).</p>		X			UNDP, Ombudsperson Office	British Embassy	71200 71300	\$15,290.00 \$883.00
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<p>necessary of by-laws prepared.</p> <p>Targets:</p> <p>Rules of procedure (including e.g. clear guidance on handling complaints) drawn up and agreed. Drafts of necessary of by-laws prepared.</p> <p>Related CP outcome #3:</p> <p>State institutions implement and monitor laws, national programmes and strategies in a participatory manner in line with the country's human rights commitments</p>	<p>Activity 1.3: Carry out needs analysis on human resources of the Ombudsperson's Office.</p> <p>1 International consultant with 2 missions to Ashgabat (deskwork + 10 days of mission)</p> <p>1 national consultant (90 days).</p> <p>Round-Table to present the analysis. (1 day, 10 people).</p>				<p>British Embassy</p>	<p>71200 71300</p> <p>75700</p>	<p>\$15,290.00</p>
	<p>Activity 1.4:</p> <p>Study visit for members of the Travel to the Regional Meeting of Ombudspersons from NHRIs in the UNDP regional hub: 1 meeting with 2 participants – 2 days (the Ombudsperson and Deputy Ombudsperson)</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>UNDP, Ombudsperson Office</p>	<p>British Embassy</p>	<p>71600 75700</p>	<p>\$1,974.00</p>
TOTAL							\$34,687.00

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
Project Management		X	X	X	X	UNDP	British Embassy	DPC	\$1,295.00
		X	X	X	X	UNDP	British Embassy	GMS 8%	\$2,878.50
TOTAL									\$38,860.00