

Minutes of the Terminal Project Review Meeting

Project ID #00071121

“Development of capacities of the National Human Rights Institutions in Uzbekistan”

Date: June 28, 2011
Time: 10:00 – 12:00
Venue: UNDP CO Conference Room

Present:

JC Mr. Jaco Cilliers, Deputy Resident Representative
AU Ms. Aziza Umarova, Head of GGU
BA Mr. Bekhzod Aliev, Project Manager
MaT Ms. Marina Ten, Head of RMU
NP Ms. Natalya Pygay, Programme Associate
EA Mr. Evgeniy Abdullaev, Legal Research Coordinator
JN Mr. Jasur Norboev, Task Manager on Training and Capacity Development
KR Ms. Kseniya Rijkova, Task Manager on Legal Aid and Legal Clinic Education
DI Mr. Dilshod Israilov, LGSP Project Manager
JA Mr. Jurabek Aripov, MFA Project Manager
AN Mr. Abdujabbor Nishonov, Director of Legal Clinic under Namangan State University
MT Mr. Mirzatilla Tillaboev, National Human Rights Center
BI Mr. Bohodir Ismailov, Legal Training Center under MOJ
ED Ms. Elena Danilova-Cross, Human Development Coordinator
IT Mr. Ilkhom Turgunov, Ministry of Interior
DA Mr. Dilshod Azimov, Antimonopoly Committee
GH Mr. Golib Holjigiov, Antimonopoly Committee
DM Ms. Dilnoza Muratova, Ombudsman’s Office

Meeting opened

- AU Welcomed participants and thanked everybody for participation. Informed that the meeting was organized to summarize the results of the Project activity and encouraged all the participants to be more interactive.
- JC Introduced himself and informed that he had previous work experience in the sphere of human rights in the South African Republic where apartheid took place. Underlined the sensitivity of the human rights area and stressed the importance of cooperation with the national partners. Thanked everybody for adherence to project’s work and reiterated that there would be no results without support of the national partners.
- BA Thanked everybody for coming and made a presentation on the project’s work during 2009-2011, its achievements, issues, risks and lessons learned.

The main objective of the project was to strengthen national capacities for promotion and protection of human rights and access to justice in Uzbekistan through: (1) development of the capacities of the national human rights institutions to effectively fulfil their mandates, (2) support free legal aid, and (3) human rights awareness raising via regional resource centres.

Through Activity 1 the following outputs were achieved: 1.1. Capacity development through trainings: Over 400 government officials including judges, law enforcement officials, Ombudsman representatives, advocates and law teachers have been trained on international human rights standards. (170 on habeas corpus, 155 on CAT, 25 on handling complaints, 90 on CAT, ICCPR, ICSECR, CEDAW). 1.2. Assistance with drafting of the national UPR reports and follow up to recommendations of HR treaty bodies: 2 roundtables to discuss follow-up to recommendations of UN human rights bodies (UPR & CEDAW) were conducted and support to implementation of the National Follow-up Action Plan on UPR was provided (out of 8 recommendations implementation of which was supported by UNDP, 3 were covered by the Project); 1.3. Capacity development through advisory service: Needs assessment for the Ombudsman's office was conducted by international expert from BRC (Dec. 2009), strategic plan and instruction on processing of complaints were drafted with assistance of international expert (Nov. 2010); 1.4. Curriculum development of the courses on human rights: Training module on CAT for police officers was drafted by two international Polish experts and translated into Uzbek; 3 training modules on international human rights instruments (ICCPR, ICSECR, CEDAW) for judges, lawyers and law teachers were developed by Project staff in Russian and Uzbek and are to be introduced into the curricula of the Lawyers' Training Center; 1.5. Research and analysis: Research on implementation of habeas corpus procedure in Uzbekistan (in cooperation with the Research Center under the Supreme Court) was conducted, published and disseminated among stakeholders; Research on legal aid related legislation in Uzbekistan was developed in cooperation with the BRC; 1.6. Support to awareness raising campaign: 'CEDAW in Q & A' book was published and presented in Tashkent & Nukus (4 000 copies in Uzb, Rus and Karakalpak); 300 human rights related books were procured and transferred to partner organizations; Web-portal on the consumer' rights www.potrebitel.uz & www.istemolchi.uz was launched in cooperation with the State Committee on Demonopolization and Support of Competition.

- Through Activity 2 the following outputs were achieved: 2 new legal clinics (in Nukus and Namangan) were officially opened and more than 1,600 people were consulted by all 5 clinics; Due technical support (books, stationery sets and updates of Norma legal data base) was provided for LCs; More than 350 university professors and law students

improved their legal skills through participation in a Study tour to Czech Republic (Oct 2010), various moot courts, trainings, summer schools, and a national conference on legal clinical education (Nov. 2010); A new legal clinics web- portal www.uklinika.uz which will serve as a communication platform for law students and professors as well as allow submitting cases for review by legal clinicists is currently being developed in cooperation with UNV.

- Through Activity 3 the following outputs were achieved: New resource center was established at the National Library in Tashkent; Around 4,000 people have gone through gender awareness, disability rights and “know your rights” trainings in the regions (51% female/49% male) provided through 7 resource centers; 342 people have been trained in local communities on “gender, youth and violence” issues (58% female / 42% male); 135 people have received technical support in filing appeals and complaints to national human rights institutions, consumer protection bodies and state authorities.

Risks anticipated: Low level of government’s interest in passing the law “On legal aid” due to fiscal constraints. Inadequate human resources available to the Ombudsman’s office to implement the institutional strategic development plan.

Issues encountered: Future sustainability of the regional resource centers – strategic development plans have been developed for each resource center which should provide them with necessary guidance on steps necessary to take to ensure sustainability. Statistical information on arrest warrants issued for pre-2008 and 2010 was not made available by the Supreme Court for research on implementation of habeas corpus in Uzbekistan – research was published with statistics from 2008-2009 only.

Lesson learned & recommendations: The Project scope seemed to be too stretched that gave more flexibility for the Project staff, but prevented more in-depth interventions; in future it is more feasible to have more targeted projects in this area. Also, NIM modality seems to be better suited for human rights related projects, as with DIM modality there have been ownership issues with project’s outputs.

DA Commended the great work aimed at protection of consumers rights that had been done by the project and stated that it had stimulated consumers to be more active. Informed of several social advertisement spots on consumer rights that were being broadcasted on various radio stations and were to be shown on national TV soon. Said that it was very interesting to work with the Project, thanked everybody for cooperation and mentioned that it would be important to continue this work.

AN Inquired if legal clinics may hope for future support as they had just been opened. Stated that institutes and universities were not ready yet to support legal clinics themselves and voiced the need to get at least technical support till the time when they would be included into official teaching curriculum as at the moment the clinics were

driven only by enthusiasm of those who understood the importance of the clinical legal education.

BA Reminded that on November, 2010 Conference on Clinical Legal Education participants had decided to establish an NGO which would serve as a joint platform for all 5 legal clinics and mobilize resources for legal clinics through applications for national and international grants. Therefore, legal clinics might get necessary support through that Foundation in the future.

AU Mentioned that the role of donor organization is limited. Informed that ten years ago ABA had established legal clinics which had been supported by other donors, including UNDP, within these ten years. Listed UNDP's efforts on sustainability of legal clinics (technical base, capacity development and policy advice) and stressed the importance of National Human Rights Institutions' (NHRI) involvement in addressing the issues of free legal aid. Mentioned that despite several attempts by UNDP to involve Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education into this process the interest from those two ministries remained very low.

Reiterated the importance of the problems ownership by the national partners and stated that probably UNDP overestimated its abilities and capacities of its national partners on legal clinics initiative at the project document development stage.

Expressed UNDP's readiness to introduce the Foundation of Legal Clinics to donors.

Noted that unfortunately working on human rights was mostly associated with holding various conferences and round tables, whereas other initiatives such as public service announcements on national television had not been approved.

Concluded that although the project was not able to achieve some of its goals, it had completed whatever was feasible.

Informed that in the future UNDP planned to work in a very narrow sphere, potentially with the Supreme Court on civil courts reform.

BI Noted that the Legal Training Center under MOJ had experience in working with advocates, judges, and prosecutors, but given the functional differences for these professions, suggested that training modules should be adopted taking into consideration those differences. Mentioned that the area of military justice system remained uncovered and needed to be further explored. Informed that the State Programme on raising legal culture was being prepared by the Ministry of Justice and it would serve as a guide for future work.

JC Informed of the visit of the UNDP Administrator to Uzbekistan several weeks ago and her meetings with the President of Uzbekistan, Mr. Azimov and Mr. Ganiev. Mentioned that during those meetings UNDP was referred to as a trusted partner for further work on democratic reforms that has earned the credibility of the Uzbek Government.

Clarified that initiatives couldn't be developed by UNDP, as they had to be proposed by the national partners. Stated that UNDP was waiting for serious initiatives by the Uzbek government and was ready to bring necessary expertise.

IT Disagreed with AU that work on human rights had been limited to conferences and round tables. Informed of the HR trainings for 170 officers jointly conducted by the project and the MoI in the regions and the appreciation of certificates by the participants upon completion of those trainings.

Stated that all countries in the world were facing human rights problems, and therefore the work in Uzbekistan should also be continued. Expressed readiness for further cooperation.

Further to the free legal aid issue, noted that the government bodies also had been giving people free consultations through their hotlines. Informed that the MoI itself had 285 hotline phone numbers and its officers had been providing free legal advice to those citizens who called for advice or clarification. Mentioned that MoI's official web-site contained the information on where to apply with complaints if needed.

AN Noted that legal clinic was a very important practice for students since they could not go to courts on their own to get acquainted with the advocates' work, and such an opportunity was provided by legal clinics.

KR Mentioned that the mission of legal clinics was not only to give pro bono legal support to vulnerable groups of people, but also (and mainly) to develop students' professional skills through practice under the mentoring of practitioners. Stated that legal clinics were making the government's job easier as they handled many complaints and provided quality legal advice so that those people did not have to apply to state bodies, spending time of government officials and resources of the State. Also noted that legal clinics had opportunities to solve lots of legal problems even without going to State bodies using negotiations and giving consultations. Lastly, pointed out that at the same time they were training legal specialists with real practical skills, and the employers sometimes were very surprised that newly graduated students came prepared to do actual work, for example, how to write legal documents.

MT Thanked BA for the Project results. Mentioned that the National Human Rights Center had been working on UPR, however because of the lack of financial resources and other problems the work had not been fully completed. Stated that they should continue the work on realization of UN Human Rights Committee recommendations as the new reporting cycle was going to start soon.

Informed of a visit of UN Office of High Commissioner on Human Rights representatives in July.

Reported that the draft law “On legal aid” was being reviewed by the Ministry of Justice at the moment. Mentioned that given financial implications of that law further lobbying with the Ministry of Finance and other State bodies was needed.

Informed that two national programs were expected to be adopted soon – 1) On increasing of legal awareness of the society and 2) On human rights.

Expressed NHRC willingness to continue the work on supporting of realization of National Action Plans and President’s Concept.

DM Informed that the Project had helped the Ombudsman’s Office to develop its strategic development plan and Manual on handling public complaints which had increased the effectiveness of Ombudsman’s office work and contributed to its development. Noted the appropriateness and usefulness of the training on international standards for Ombudsman’s regional representatives and its expert commission. Proposed to work more closely with the national human rights institutions.

JC Thanked everyone for the information sharing and informed that UNDP would have more discussions on the issues of further development and sustainability with national partners. Emphasized that UNDP was working on enhancing national potential for development on local level, and would be glad to assist if there were any needs. Confirmed that UNHRHC was coming to Uzbekistan in July and stated that efforts by the projects and the national partners were something we should be proud of. Thanked everybody once again and closed the meeting.

BA Suggested that in accordance with UNDP policies and procedures, equipment purchased by the project for the below partners and located at their premises (as per MOUs signed), is transferred to partners’ custody when the project ends:

#	Location	Partner Name	Focal Point
1.	Andijan Regional Resource Center	Andijan Regional Palace of Schoolchildren	Ms. Gulnora Yuldasheva, Director
2.	Ferghana Regional Resource Center	“Ferghana Brand Info” LLC	Ms. Olga Akopdjanova, Administrator
3.	Navoi Regional Resource Center	“Faktor Plyus” LLC	Ms. Tamara Shevchenko, Administrator
4.	Khorezm Regional	“Interbilim” NGO	Ms. Rashida Masharipova,

	Resource Center		Administrator
5.	Surkhandaryo Regional Resource Center	Termez State University	Mr. Alimjon Rakhmankulov, Administrator
6.	Djizzak Regional Resource Center	Zaamin District Department of Public Education	Mr. Ilhom Malikov, Head of IT Department
7.	Tashkent Regional Resource Center	National Library named after Alisher Navoi	Mr. Marat Rakhmatullaev, Head of Foreign Department
8.	Legal Clinic under Namangan State University	Namangan State University	Mr. Abdujabbor Nishonov, Director
9.	Legal Clinic under Karakalpak State University	Karakalpak State University	Ms. Nadejda Bezruchenko, Trainer

As to the equipment located at the project site, to transfer it to the project's partners, UNDP CO and projects according to the following table:

Description	Serial number	Quantity	Cost in USD	Current location	Transferred to
Work table, 1600/117/760	n/a	5	1,000.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	Project # 00078148
Pedestal with drawers	n/a	5	1,025.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	Project # 00078148
Conference table 1800/700/760	n/a	2	300.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	Project # 00078148
Half open bookcase with lock, 800/370/1850	n/a	5	725.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	Project # 00078148

Chair for visitors, ISO Black	n/a	15	405.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	Project # 00078148
Swirl armchair for staff	n/a	5	400.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	Project # 00078148
PERSONAL COMPUTER Dell Vostro 220s Slim Tower Desktop / Intel Dual Core E5200 / Integrated Intel® GMA X4500HD / 2GB (2x1GB) NECC DDR2 800MHz SDRAM / 250GB SATA II 3.0Gb/s / 16x DVD+/- SATA Drive / Integrated 5.1 Channel (Audio) Capable / Integrated 10/100/1000 Ethernet / Dell USB Qwertkey Keyboard (English/RUS) / Dell USB Optical Mouse with scroll, black ID / Windows Vista Business / Antivirus: Norton Internet Security 2009– 15(M)	1) D1Q8NBX; 2)I2Q8NBX; 3)G1Q8NBX; 4)F1Q8NBX: 5)32Q8NBX	5	3,100.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	1) Legal clinic SHAM 2) Legal clinic under KSU 3) Legal clinic under UWED 4) NGO "Umidvorlik" 5) NGO "Umidvorlik"
Dell E190S 19 inch Flat Panel Monitor	1) CN-OU417N-64180-98Q-OZZU; 2)CN-OU417N-64180-98Q-101U; 3)CN-OU417N-64180-98Q-1BEU; 4)CN-OU417N-64180-98Q-1CVU; 5)CN-OU417N-64180-98Q-1CKU	5		Tashkent, WHO,HR project	1) Legal clinic SHAM 2) Legal clinic under KSU 3) Legal clinic under UWED 4) NGO "Umidvorlik" 5) NGO "Umidvorlik"
MULTIFUNCTIONAL DEVICE PRINTER-COPIER-SCANNER HP LaserJet M1522n	CNF8942029	1	850.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	Project # 00078148
MULTIFUNCTIONAL DEVICE PRINTER-COPIER-SCANNER-FAX Canon MF-4150	KVW41380	1	380.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	Project # 00078148
Camera Nikon D 3000	3292992	1	680.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	UNDO CO, GGU


TELEPHONE – FAX MACHINE Panasonic KX-FT 932HK	8IBWA001262	1	156.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	NGO "Umidvorlik"
UPS – Mercury 600 VA	1)090328E0600No3450; 2)090328E0600No3448; 3)090328E0600No3406; 4)090328E0600No3407; 5)090328E0600No3449	5	250.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	1) Legal clinic SHAM 2) Legal clinic under KSU 3) Legal clinic under UWED 4) NGO "Umidvorlik" 5) NGO "Umidvorlik"
AIR CONDITIONER Relax Split System including all necessary accessories, 9000 btu, cooling and heating, display	1)A19406600900074; 2)A19406600900030; 3)A19406600900070; 4)A19406600900055	4	1,360.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project, 1.Room#202; 2.Room#204; 3.Room#205; 4.Room#206	Project # 00061668
AIR CONDITIONER Relax Split System including all necessary accessories, 12000 btu, cooling and heating, display	1)A78206600900201; 2)A78206600900184	2	800.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project, 1.Room#201; 2.Room#203	Project # 00061668
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Panasonic KX-TS2365	1)8KCKD386033; 2)8KCKD386098; 3)8KCKD386036; 4)8KCKD386050	4	160.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	Project # 00061668

PROJECTOR WITH CARRY CASE Epson EB-S6	L5RF970011L	1	698.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	UNDO CO, GGU
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Panasonic KX-TS 2350	7LAFB021590	1	32.78	Security Guards at WHO	Project # 00061668
Microwave oven, 1150BT, 17л., SC-1700	H10715000762	1	153.55	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	Project # 00061668
FlipChart Board	n/a	1	140.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	Project # 00078148
White Board	n/a	1	95.00	Tashkent, WHO,HR project	Project # 00078148
Screen with shelf 1600/700/850	n/a	1	120.00	UNDP CO, GGU	UNDP CO, GGU
Working table 1600/1170/760	n/a	1	200.00	UNDP CO, GGU	UNDP CO, GGU
Pedestal, 4 drawers with lock, 430/700/760	n/a	1	205.00	UNDP CO, GGU	UNDP CO, GGU

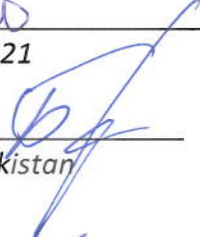
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