

THE PROGRAMME AREA

The Programme is open to all municipalities of Ukraine based on the terms of partnership and competition. By the end of the 1st quarter 2008, the Programme was operational in 21 municipalities from 12 regions of Ukraine, including AR Crimea, namely –



OTHER PARTNERS

Oblast level partners

Regional bodies like oblast/ rayon councils/ state administrations are recognised to be important partners for oblast-wide expansion of Programme activities and linking of the local development vision into national system.

National level partners

UNDP/MGSDP cooperates with the *Ukrainian Association of Local and Regional Authorities* and with the *Committee of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on State Construction and Local Self-Government* on creating conducive environment for strengthening of decentralized governance for sustainable development in Ukraine. Linakge is also established with the Fund for Facilitation of Local Self-Government under the President of Ukraine and the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Economy of Ukraine.

Bi-lateral donors

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and Royal Norwegian Embassy of Ukraine support the sub-project within MGSDP framework to promote conditions of participatory governance and development in urban areas in Ukraine.

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Municipal Governance and Sustainable Development Programme

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DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE TO IMPROVE LIVING QUALITY OF PEOPLE

Municipal Governance and Sustainable Development Programme (MGSDP) of UNDP in Ukraine was initiated in April 2004 to develop and demonstrate a participatory and transparent mechanism for localizing the principles of sustainable development.

The objective of MGSDP is to promote democratic governance so as to improve living quality of people in urban areas of Ukraine. This objective is achieved under the framework of public private partnership.



COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY APPROACH TO IMPLEMENT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Local communities of citizens, academia, small businesses and civil society organisations in the selected municipalities form the core beneficiary of the Programme. Through the Programme intervention their institutional capacity is built such that they are able to plan and solve their social, economic and environmental problems in a sustainable way.

It happens with support from their respective city councils and other national/international development agencies, which internalise communities' plan in their own development agenda and contribute resources to implement such plans. The process of local sustainable development is bottom up in true sense. It moves from local level all the way up to national level.

MAJOR AREAS OF PROGRAMME'S SUPPORT

Developing participatory institutions

UNDP/MGSDP assists in mobilising local communities of citizens to create Neighbourhood Organisations (associations of co-owners of multi-apartment buildings, service co-operatives, bodies of self-organisation of population etc). It also assists academic institutions, NGOs and small / medium businesses to create their respective networks. These self-governing institutions are founded on the principles of good governance and join with city council, regional/ rayon bodies in making joint vision about sustainable development of their cities.

Institutional capacity building

The Programme builds institutional capacity of its stakeholders at all levels through provision of such support as advisory services, training, exposure visits, study tours, equipment etc. so as to enhance their capacity to improve governance, service delivery and living quality of the citizens in the Programme area. To make the planning process at local level participatory, UNDP/MGSDP supports citizen's participation in local development planning, strategic planning, performance-based budgeting, public hearings, plan mainstreaming

Implementation of local priorities/ projects

of the communities is supported through small grants based on equity, productivity and sustainability criteria. These projects are destined to make direct improvement in the living environment.



Raising public awareness

of the local communities and other stakeholders on the agenda of sustainable development, HIV/AIDS, Millennium Development Goals, gender, human rights, consumer rights, public auditing etc. is done through roundtables, trainings, media, campaigns etc.



Policy and legislation-related activities

Lessons learned at the local level, especially in the field of decentralisation and local self-government, are brought for policy dialogue and policy improvement. It is done through policy studies, seminars, conferences, roundtables etc.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIP WITH UNDP/MGSDP

The Programme activities at all levels are implemented under partnership arrangement with the stakeholders. It is founded on commitment for resource sharing, ownership and sustainability.

Under the partnership arrangement, **the partner municipality** creates on its own cost a Municipal Support Unit for handling the cooperation with local communities and other stakeholders at local level and contributes its share of resources for co-financing the local development initiatives of the communities. **UNDP/MGSDP** provides necessary technical support to build institutional capacity of the partner municipality to strengthen municipal governance. It also provides technical and financial support to local communities for undertaking sustainable development initiatives.