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Interim Progress Report

**“Strengthening Integrated Risk Governance Capacities of the Kyrgyz Republic
and Regional Cooperation in Central Asia”**

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I. Progress made during January-July 2021

Output 2. National Disaster Risk Monitoring and Early Warning systems, as well as avalanche-risk reduction capacities, strengthened alongside transport corridors

Dolon avalanche station in Naryn province

On June 9, 2021, UNDP introduced amendments to the Contract signed with the construction company 'Pobeda' by increasing the total cost of 'Dolon' avalanche station for additional \$ 96 909,88, which was approved by UNDP Regional Procurement Committee for Europe and CIS countries.

The amendment increased the total cost of «Dolon avalanche station» from \$ 433,622.45 to US\$ 530,532.33. The implementation of the remainder of construction works are ongoing, which will be completed by the end of 2021.

By the end of 2020, the construction works in Dolon site was 70% complete. The buildings were constructed; interior designs completed; electricity poles partially installed. The remaining works until the end of 2021 will complete exterior work, landscaping and electrification (photos from ongoing works are given beneath).



Exterior works



Installation of electricity poles



Chatkal avalanche station in Bashky-Terek village of Chatkal district of Jalal-Abad province

As mentioned above, “Chatkal” avalanche station was suspended in June 2019 and since then the prices for construction materials and services have been significantly increased. In this regard, UNDP hired a Design Institute to revisit the Design Documents by applying more cost-effective solutions. As of July 2021, the Design Documents have been drafted and are undergoing necessary consultations with Kyrgyzhydromet and other relevant state institutions. Secondly, when “Chatkal” construction site was suspended, it was properly conserved / canned by the construction company “Pobeda” in order to keep it safe. The costs of conservation need to be reimbursed to the construction company and therefore UNDP is handling necessary negotiations with the company and identifying its internal sources of funding.

Meanwhile, the construction company “Pobeda” launched construction works of the key Administrative Building. As soon as the Design Documents will be revised for other elements such as Support Buildings, landscaping and communication lines, the construction will be started.



*Launch of construction works in Chatkal avalanche station in Bashky-Terek village
(remark: the station is being constructed near the meteorological station built by World Bank in the past)*

Chapchyma avalanche station in Chapchyma mountain pass of Chatkal district of Jalal-Abad province

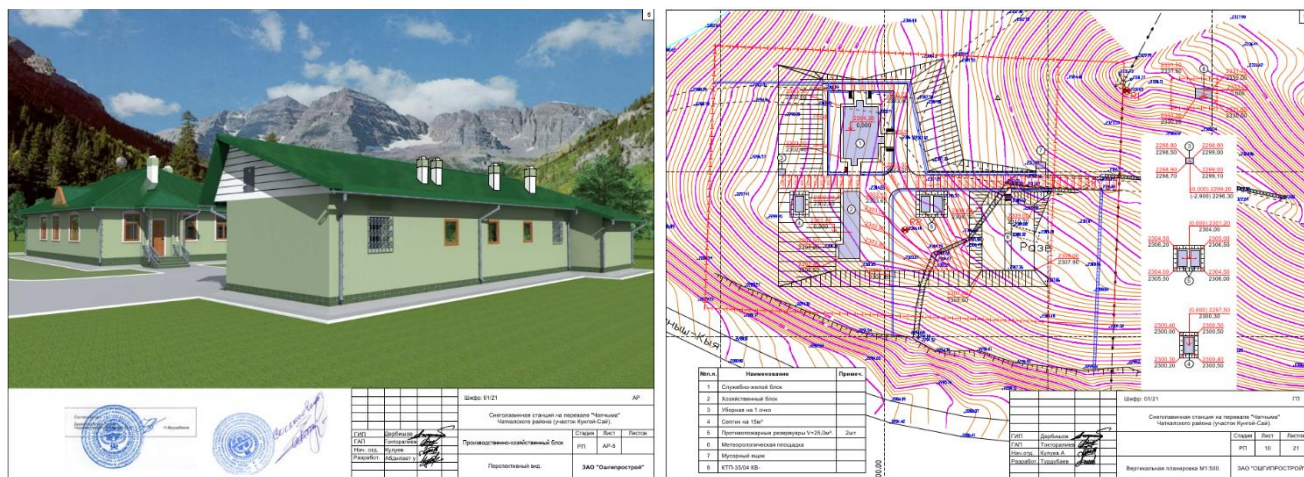
The approved Non-Cost Extension dd. May 11th, 2021 included construction of an additional, 3rd avalanche station in “Chapchyma” mountain pass.

During the reporting period, the following progress has been made, which is mainly related to designing of the station:

- Engineering (topographic) survey for construction of the avalanche station conducted
- Feasibility study conducted to assess possible costs for electrification of the avalanche station
- Master plan for construction of the avalanche station agreed with relevant state authorities
- Sketch of the buildings of the avalanche station developed and agreed with Kyrgyzhydromet
- Design and Estimate Documents developed and agreed with relevant state authorities (state expertise)
- Based on above documents, the open tender was announced

Currently the evaluation of received tender bids is underway. Tentatively, the contract is expected to be signed in September 2021. Due to weather conditions in Chatkal district, the physical construction will go beyond 2021 and completed in 2022.

The development of above engineering design documents is usually time consuming and necessitates lengthy agreement processes with relevant state institutions. The development and agreement processes were also affected by the political events after the parliamentary elections in October 2020, which caused lots of re-shuffling of government officials who supposed to decide over above documents across governmental institutions at different levels. This caused therefore the delays in the development and agreement processes, on which UNDP made every effort to complete them as necessary. Due to difficult climatic conditions the physical construction of the station will go beyond 2021 and completed in 2022 (expectedly by September 2022). The project is implemented as per UNDP rules, when end 31st of December 2021 is an *operational closure date* of the project, whilst the year of 2022 is a *financial closure period*, which allows to complete all the issued contracts.



Designed avalanche station in Chapchyma mountain pass and Master Plan

Output 4: Increased regional cooperation of Central Asian (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan) Disaster Management Authorities facilitated under the “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue

On May 11th, 2021, the Government of Japan endorsed a Non-Cost Extension of the project until the end of 2021. Among others, the approved Non-Extension included further support for the Center for Disaster Response and Risk Reduction in Almaty till the end of 2021.

In this regard, UNDP and the Center have identified the following activities, which have been launched for implementation as of July 2021 through signing an Agreement:

Activity 1: Conduct extended meetings of the Regional Science and Technology Council for Emergencies to discuss and develop programs / plans and recommendations for:

- Regional Disaster Risk Profile and Recommendations
- Regional coordination mechanism for emergency response
- Concepts for the use of remote sensing (distance) techniques for the purpose of disaster risk assessment prevention and elimination of emergencies in the countries of Central Asia

Activity 2: Conducting meetings of the Working Group of the Regional Forum-Meeting of the heads of Disaster Management Authorities of Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) to agree on issues and materials aimed at developing regional cooperation

Activity 3: Preparation and holding of the Regional Forum-Meeting of the heads of emergency departments of the Central Asian countries to discuss and make decisions on recommendations and proposals aimed at developing regional cooperation

Activity 4: Conducting a set of practical measures to implement the decisions of the Regional Forum-Meeting of the heads of emergency departments of the Central Asian countries:

- Creation and organization of activities of the Regional coordination mechanism for emergency response
- Implementation of measures aimed at the use of remote sensing (distance) techniques in the emergency departments of CA countries
- Implementation of measures to disseminate innovative information and communication technologies in disaster risk management.

II. Final Evaluation

In accordance with the Project Document, the project has to be evaluated by the independent international evaluator. In this regard, as per UNDP rules and regulations, Ms. Dusan Zupka will be hired in August 2021. Mr. Zupka has more than 20 years' experience as Independent consultant and project evaluator in Disaster and Environmental Risk Management and Governance as well as Strategic Planning, and he is well familiar with DRM and environmental situation in Central Asia including experience as a UNDP consultant in Kyrgyzstan in the past. As per UNDP rules, the evaluation exercise should be conducted within the project life cycle, i.e. before operational closure of the project on December 31, 2021.

The evaluator will assess the project in terms of *relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability* criteria.

III. Forecasted timeline of project implementation

#	Commitments & new procurement items	2021											
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
1	Dolon avalanche station												
1.1	Construction Dolon	Y	Y	Y	X								
2	Chapchyma avalanche station (third new one)												
2.1	Developing Design Documents												
2.2	Obtain approvals from relevant institutions												
2.3	Selection of construction company												
2.4	Construction of Chapchyma site									X			
3	Bashky-Terek avalanche station (existing contract)												
3.1	Revisting Design Documents of Bashky-Terek												
3.2	Construction of Bashky-Terek site							X					
4	Other commitments												
4.2	Meteo equipment for Chapchyma station												
4.3	Furniture for Bashky-Terek and Chapchyma												
4.4	Support to CESDRR in Almaty												
7	Fixed costs (GMS & Management), including												
7.1	Travel & Monitoring												
7.2	Final Evaluation												

Start of construction works X
 Construction works is impossible due to weather conditions Y

IV. Current status of the project budget

Summary of expenses and resources available to date

Summary Table	Amount (\$)
Total received budget from Japan	5 373 811,39
Expenditures for 4 years (2017-2021) with GMS	4 604 291,75
Existing commitments (existing contracts' amount)	382 244,90
Pending commitments	387 274,71
Japan Grand Total	5 373 811,36
UNDP own resources for Bashky-Terek	67 433,97
UNDP own resources for Chatkal	40 000,00
UNDP own resources for CESDRR	15 000,00
Grand Total	5 496 245,33

Breakdown of existing and pending commitments

Actions	Purchases	Existing Commitments		Pending commitments		
		Japan (donor funds)	UNDP (contribution)	Japan (donor funds)	UNDP (contribution)	Total
<i>Action 2.1.2</i>	Existing commitments for Bashky-Terek & Dolon stations	261 867,01	67 433,97			0,00
	Existing commitments for Dolon station (cost increased amendment)	50 960,40				0,00
	Cost increase conservation costs to Bashky-Terek				40 000,00	40 000,00
	Design Documents for Chapchyma station	9 595,65				9 100,00
	Cost of Civil Engineer/s	16 600,00	12 000,00			0,00
	Construction of Chapchyma station			220 000,00		220 000,00
<i>Action 4.1.3</i>	Support CESDRR in Almaty	14 907,41		1 100,00	15 000,00	31 007,41
<i>Action 2.1.1</i>	Meteo equipment for Chapchyma station			68 987,69		68 987,69
	Furniture for Bashky-Terek and Chapchyma			10 000,00		10 000,00
<i>Project Management</i>	Staff and Personnel Costs			20 000,00		20 000,00
	Management costs			10 000,00		10 000,00
	Travel and Monitoring			5 000,00		5 000,00
	Final Evaluation			10 000,00		10 000,00
	Communication costs			1 500,00		1 500,00
	Total:	353 930,46	67 433,97	358 587,69	55 000,00	413 587,69
	GMS (8%)	28 314,44		28 687,02		28 687,02
	Gross Total:	382 244,90	67 433,97	387 274,71	55 000,00	442 274,71

Project title: Strengthening Integrated Risk Governance Capacities and Regional Cooperation in Central Asia

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OTHER RESOURCES CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FROM: JAPAN

DONOR STATEMENT BY NATURE OF EXPENSE (UNCERTIFIED) FROM MARCH 7, 2017 TO JULY 30, 2021 IN US DOLLARS

Status of Contribution in JPY & USD

Exchange Note:	ON MARCH 7, 2017
Deposit Request:	Letter of UNDP, dd. March 7, 2017, Mitsuki Mizuno, Senior Adviser, UNDP Bureau for External Relations and Advocacy
Effective Date:	01.01.2017
Expiry Date:	31.12.2021
Recipient Office(s):	Republic of Kyrgyzstan, UNDP
Agreement Currency:	JPY
Agreement Amount:	JPY 616,000,000.00
Funds Received:	JPY 616,000,000.00
Refunds:	JPY 0.00
Funds Receivable:	JPY 0.00
Funds Received in USD as per Agreement Amount:	USD 5,373,811.39

Summary of Expenditures (USD)

2017-2021 Programmable Expenditure:	4 975 751,29
2017-2021 Indirect support cost 8%	398 060,10
2017-2021 Grand Total:	5 373 811,39
Funds Received in USD:	5 373 811,39
2017-2018 Cumulative Expenditure (UNCERTIFIED/TRANSITIONAL):	4 604 291,75
Unspent Balance:	387 274,71
Implementation rate (%)	85,68%

Details of 2017-2021 Cumulative Expenditures (Kyrgyz Republic): As of July 31, 2021

Outputs	Actions	Total approved budget (as per latest Non-Cost Extension)	Expenses 2017-2021		Existing Commitments (contracts) Japan	Pending commitments		Total	Status
			Japan	UNDP		Japan	UNDP		
Output 1: An enabling environment for National Risk Assessment Framework created to apply innovative tools	Action 1.1.1. Conduct technical assessments	50 593,47	50 593,47					50 593,47	Implemented
	Action 1.1.2. Procurement of hardware and software to establish unified disaster monitoring system	754 566,37	754 566,37					754 566,37	Implemented
	Action 1.1.3. Training of MES staff to use GIS and RS techniques	17 674,43	17 674,43					17 674,43	Implemented
	Total Output 1	822 834,27	822 834,27	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	822 834,27	
Output 2: National Disaster Risk Monitoring and Early Warning systems as well as avalanche-risk reduction capacities strengthened alongside transport corridors	Action 2.1.1. Upgrading logistical infrastructure	134 069,23	59 995,16			78 987,69		138 982,85	Ongoing
	Action 2.1.2. Construction of three avalanche stations	1 036 420,01	478 071,20	67 433,97	339 023,06	232 000,00	40 000,00	1 156 528,23	Ongoing
	Action 2.1.3. Training of staff of Kyrgyzhydromet to use GIS and on snow survey	30 126,93	30 126,93					30 126,93	Implemented
	Total Output 2	1 200 616,17	568 193,29	67 433,97	339 023,06	310 987,69	40 000,00	1 325 638,01	
Output 3: Resilience of vulnerable communities built and disaster prevention and response capacities strengthened	Action 3.1.1. Purchase of equipment to Fire-Rescuing Facilities	1 010 713,39	1 010 713,39					1 010 713,39	Implemented
	Action 3.1.2. Training on psychological preparation	39 103,51	39 103,51					39 103,51	Implemented
	Action 3.2.1. Purchase of hardware and software complex to DDUs	909 048,80	909 048,80					909 048,80	Implemented
	Action 3.2.2. Purchase of hardware and software complex to establish National Early Warning System	85 774,16	85 774,16					85 774,16	Implemented
	Total Output 3	2 044 639,85	2 044 639,86	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	2 044 639,86	
Output 4: Increased regional cooperation of Central Asian Disaster Management Authorities facilitated under the "Central Asia plus Japan" Dialogue	Action 4.1.1. Conduct a trainings	148 962,09	84 808,00					84 808,00	Implemented
	Action 4.1.2. Conduct two times 2-day meetings	0,00	64 154,09					64 154,09	Implemented
	Action 4.1.3. Conduct Regional high-level event	193 207,63	153 556,48		14 907,41	1 100,00	15 000,00	184 563,89	Ongoing
	Action 4.1.4. Conduct practical/infrastructural measures aimed at reducing risks of transboundary hazards	163 941,67	163 941,67					163 941,67	Implemented
	Total Output 4	506 111,39	466 460,24	0,00	14 907,41	1 100,00	15 000,00	497 467,65	
	Total Outputs 1-4:	4 574 201,68	3 902 127,66	67 433,97	353 930,46	312 087,69	55 000,00	4 690 579,78	
Output 5. Project Management	Staff and Personnel Costs	292 030,02	273 511,50			20 000,00		293 511,50	
	Management costs	87 209,56	82 088,40			10 000,00		92 088,40	
	Travel and Monitoring	9 539,64	5 505,55			5 000,00		10 505,55	
	Final Evaluation	11 381,48				10 000,00		10 000,00	
	Communications costs	1 388,89				1 500,00		1 500,00	
	Total Output 5	401 549,58	361 105,44	0,00	0,00	46 500,00	0,00	407 605,44	
	Total Net of GMS (8%)	4 975 751,26	4 263 233,10	67 433,97	353 930,46	358 587,69	55 000,00	5 098 185,23	
	Indirect support costs (GMS) 8%	398 060,10	341 058,65		28 314,44	28 687,02		398 060,10	
	Japan Total	5 373 811,36	4 604 291,75	67 433,97	382 244,90	387 274,71	55 000,00	5 496 245,33	