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**Project Board and Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC)
meeting minutes:**

Project:	1. "Strengthening Procurement and Supply Chain Management in procuring ARVs for the national PR under HIV grant"
	2. "Strengthening national capacities to address emerging challenges to halt the spread of the three diseases (AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria)"
	3. "Support to effective, resilient and inclusive governance systems for health"
Date:	Thursday, 26 December 2019;
Time:	15.00-17.00
Venue:	Conference Hall, UNDP Country Office in Uzbekistan, 4 Taras Shevchenko St., Tashkent, Uzbekistan

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Agenda

Date: Thursday, 26 December 2019

Time: 15:00 - 17:00

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Time	Activity
14:30 - 15:00	Registration
15:00 – 15:10	Opening remarks: • Bakhrom Almatov, Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Director of the Agency for Sanitary and Epidemiological Well-Being under the Ministry of Health (Chief State Sanitary Doctor); • Matilda Dimovska, UNDP Resident Representative in Uzbekistan

15:10 – 15:30	Presentation of the results of the projects: <i>"Strengthening Procurement and Supply Chain Management in procuring ARVs for the national PR under HIV grant")</i> <i>"Strengthening national capacities to address emerging challenges to halt the spread of the three diseases (AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria)"</i> <i>Akmal Makhamatov, Health Program Coordinator, UNDP</i>
15:30 – 15:50	Questions and answers, discussions
15:50 – 16:10	Presentation of a new joint project "Support to effective, resilient and inclusive governance systems for health" <i>Laziz Tursunov, Programme Associate, UNDP in Uzbekistan</i>
16:10 – 16:30	Questions and answers, discussions
16:30 – 17:00	Wrap up and resolutions

Opening remarks	
MD	Dear participants of the meeting! Today's meeting is dedicated to summarizing the implementation of the Project "Strengthening Procurement and Supply Chain Management in procuring ARVs for the national PR under HIV grant". UNDP expresses its sincere appreciation for the continued cooperation in implementing joint initiatives in the field of HIV response. The recently signed Financing Agreement with the government demonstrates the mutual trust and strategic partnership between UNDP and the Ministry of Health; Since 2005, UNDP in Uzbekistan has been actively involved in the implementation of national HIV programs and projects, providing assistance and support in the purchase of antiretroviral drugs for the treatment of HIV infection, as well as diagnostic test systems and other medical supplies with funds from international donors, and since 2014 - also from the state budget on the basis of requests from national partners. UNDP has significant experience in procuring high-quality medicines, medical products and products for governments in more than 50 countries based on international principles of openness and transparency and is a strategic partner of states in implementing international best practices. Large-scale procurement of medicines at the regional and global levels, as well as long-term contracts with leading world manufacturers and suppliers of medicines, allow UNDP to reduce the cost of orders, achieve the most favorable prices for medicines and shorten the time for their delivery to the country of destination. From our point of view, UNDP, the project played a very important role in ensuring a smooth transition of the role of the main recipient of the Global Fund grant from UNDP to RC AIDS. In addition, thanks to the implementation of the project, today about 29,000 people living with HIV (PLHIV) are receiving antiretroviral treatment (ARV). 49%

	of these people are women. More importantly, thanks to joint cooperation and commitment from the government of Uzbekistan, currently 57% of patients receive treatment from the state. Today we will also launch our new joint Project ““Support to effective, resilient and inclusive governance systems for health”, which will go beyond the partnership on HIV. We hope that within this project we will be able to support the implementation of the Health System Development Concept of Uzbekistan, including on issues of strengthening the sustainability of the healthcare system, reliable procurement of medicines and healthcare products, and the supply chain management system. The new project is a clear indication of the integrative role of UNDP in the field of healthcare. The recently published new Human Development Report on inequalities in human development focuses on issues of direct relevance to healthcare; The cooperation between UNDP and Uzbekistan will ensure savings in the state budget, reliable supplies of quality medical products, improve access to essential medical services for the population and vulnerable groups, strengthen national supply systems and create sustainable health systems.
BA	Dear participants of the meeting! I want to use this opportunity to express my gratitude to the UN Development Program and to you (Ms. Matilda Dimovska) personally for the support of the Ministry of Health and the AIDS Service in implementing the activities of our joint HIV Project in the Republic of Uzbekistan. Since 2005, UNDP has been a key partner of the Ministry of Health on HIV issues, with our joint efforts we have been able to achieve good results in providing quality services to people living with HIV. In our country, the problem of HIV infection did not appear today or yesterday, we are reaping the benefits of the 90s and early 2000s and I must say that for the first time in recent years, our common decisive measures to combat the spread of HIV infection and reduce AIDS mortality bring real sustainable results. As an example, I can cite the achievements in the program to prevent the transmission of HIV from mother to child, where UNDP is our main partner. The signing of the two Decrees of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on combating HIV infection is a truly historic event and proof of the Government’s high commitment to the fight against HIV / AIDS, which makes financing of the HIV response sustainable. Thus, we have all the necessary resources and support to successfully complete this confrontation with HIV and to halt the further development of the epidemic in Uzbekistan. Our joint efforts allowed us to carry out many of the planned activities in 2019, including the timely procurement and delivery of medicines and medical devices.

	I also thank you for assisting in signing the new Financial Agreement between UNDP and the Ministry of Health for 2019-2022. I hope the new Project will give us the opportunity to go even further in achieving our goals. As you already know, reforms have taken place in the sanitary and epidemiological surveillance system. By the President's Decree, the Sanitary and Epidemiological Well-Being Agency has been created at the Ministry of Health, and our service has set great tasks in the field of disease prevention. The Agency is ready to implement various Projects together with UNDP in areas such as: - Food Security and Food Control - Epidemiology of Noncommunicable Diseases - Prevention of hemocontact and zoonotic infection I take this opportunity to thank you and your entire team for your good work, I want to wish you a Happy New Year, wish you success and good health. I hope that in the new year we will successfully begin our new joint project and expand our partnership in other areas of healthcare.
	Presentation
AkM	Presented brief information about the project: ➤ On September 3, 2016, Agreements were signed between UNDP and the Ministry of Health, as well as between UNDP and the Republican AIDS Center for the implementation of the joint Project; ➤ Project Implementers: Ministry of Health, AIDS Center, UNDP ➤ Project Budget: \$11.92 million ➤ RC AIDS (GF grant funds) - \$7.53 million ➤ Ministry of Health - \$ 4.15 million ➤ Agreement for 2017 - \$ 1.79 million ➤ Agreement for 2018 - \$ 2.36 million ➤ UNDP - \$ 236,731 ➤ Project Duration: 2016-2019. Project Goal - Providing technical assistance to increase the capacity of the new PR in project management and assisting in the procurement and delivery of ARVs and medical supplies Project Objectives: Ensuring the effective implementation of the plan to transfer the functions of the Principal Recipient of the GF grant to the national side - RC AIDS; Providing technical assistance in program, operational management and M&E; Providing technical assistance in conducting research, operational and national research, as well as enhancing the capacity of national specialists; Assisting in the procurement of medical supplies and medicines Project implementation. Organizational matters Mechanisms for interaction, coordination, technical assistance and reporting were agreed at the beginning of the project

The project carried out its work in accordance with the annual action plans and on the basis of the procurement plan

In carrying out all planned activities, UNDP formally received requests from national partners

Procurement and hiring of consultants were coordinated with national partners

UNDP timely informed national partners about the possible or actual savings resulting from the implementation of the Project

On an ongoing basis, UNDP staff and management held joint meetings with national partners

Project implementation. The main areas of technical assistance:

- Transfer of experience and achievements of the previous Project
 - Management, Monitoring, and Forecasting Tools
 - Training modules
 - SOPs, Guides
- Enhancing the capacity of the new PR
 - Programmatic Issues (Prevention and Treatment)
 - Financial and administrative (transfer of material assets and financial documents)
 - M&E (accounting and reporting documents, SORA, IIA, M&E visits)
- Conducting research, SS, hiring international and national experts
- Purchase of equipment, machinery, medicines and medical products
 - Tender
 - Transportation and storage
 - Customs clearance
 - Certification and Insurance
 - Distribution

Project implementation. Disbursement of funds:

KEY RESULTS OF THE PROJECT

PIU at AIDS Center has sufficient potential in project management

The MIS electronic system has been successfully integrated into the national system.

High PMTCT indicators, on average 98-99% of HIV-infected pregnant women and children born from them passed through the PMTCT program.

Equal access for men and women to the services of the Project is ensured. 51% of men and 49% of women receive ART.

A 3-line treatment for PLHIV has been introduced

Annual increase in the number of PLHIV for treatment. About 28,000 PLHIV receive antiretroviral therapy.

A steady decrease in the cost of antiretroviral drugs amounted to 10-45% during the project implementation period.

New drugs, new treatment regimens

Difficulties in the implementation of the Project, lessons learned

	Frequent changes in the leadership and staff of national partners (especially first year of the Project) Systemic changes in healthcare (in connection with the reform) Long process of approval of co-financing agreements Delays in the transfer of public funds Planning and forecasting the need for medicines and medical devices Deviations from the treatment plan, which created a risk of deficiency or excess Global delays in the delivery of certain drugs Assurance and quality control of the project (completion stage) The project went through quality control at the completion (closure) stage in order to determine compliance with the following criteria: ➤ Strategic focus ➤ Relevance ➤ SDG Compliance ➤ Management and monitoring ➤ Effectiveness ➤ Efficiency ➤ Sustainability and national ownership Strategic focus - compliance with the strategic development goals of Uzbekistan and UNDP priorities; Relevance - engaging target groups, taking into account their interests, previous UNDP assistance and projects in this area, reducing gender inequality and empowering women Compliance with the principles of sustainable development - promotion of human rights, gender equality, consideration of possible environmental impacts and risks; Management and monitoring - the presence of a robust results matrix with quality performance indicators, a monitoring and evaluation plan, a project management mechanism, and risk analysis. Effectiveness - the rational use of resources, communication with other existing projects, the availability of a budget with calculations, the provision of services to support the implementation of the project by UNDP; Efficiency - the validity of the project implementation mechanism, the involvement of target groups, especially vulnerable groups in the project development process, comprehensive consideration of interests and opinions, the presence of a multi-year work plan; Sustainability and national ownership (ownership) - participation and interaction with national partners in the project development process, identification of key partners, exit strategy, measures to mobilize resources.
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AkM	"Strengthening national capacities to address emerging challenges to halt the spread of the three diseases (AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria)" A joint project between UNDP, the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GF) and the Ministry of Health to assist in strengthening the capacity of the national coordinating mechanism for three infections is carried out in accordance with the approved work plan and budget of the Project. In 2019, all planned Monitoring visits to the regions were held, seminars and trainings for IEC members were organized. A number of trainings were conducted to increase the potential of AIDS service NGOs. In accordance with the approved plan, meetings of IEC and meetings of technical working groups at IEC were held. Two visits of the senior portfolio manager of the Global Fund to Uzbekistan were organized, as well as a presentation of the research results prepared by Curatio International. On December 31, 2019, the term of the Agreement between UNDP, the Global Fund and the Ministry of Health is ending, in connection with this, a new Agreement is being signed for the next 3 years. In 2020, the country will submit new applications to the Global Fund for HIV and TB components. Our project will provide comprehensive support in the development and approval of a country proposal. To optimize the management of all existing Projects between UNDP and the Ministry of Health, it is planned to implement all Projects under one Project. In this regard, we ask the members of the Project Council to consider the proposal for managing the Project on "Strengthening national capacities to address the emerging challenges of the spread of the three diseases (AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria)" within the new joint project "Helping to strengthen the health system for the effective management of inclusive programs and supply chains" It is submitted for consideration and approval in the prescribed manner.
Discussion	
BA	We accept the report on the implementation of the Project, note the importance of the achievements of the Project in implementing the national plan to combat the spread of HIV infection in Uzbekistan. I wanted to get an answer to one question - why the Project did not set an ambitious goal to cover 90% of PLHIV with ART.
AkM	At the time of planning the budget and the procurement plan, the launch and implementation of the project, the country used the previous WHO protocols, the number of people requiring ART was calculated taking into account a patient with T4DM below 350.
KY	According to the latest estimates of the AIDS and UNAIDS service in Uzbekistan (based on the Spectrum program) at the end of 2019, the estimated number of PLHIV is 58 thousand, the presentation uses an estimated number of 52 thousand PLHIV. I ask you to use new data in the future.

	Questions: - How do you assess whether it is possible to say the introduction of 3-line treatment as an achievement of the project? This is talking about the presence of patients who have resistance on the 2-line - Do you plan to purchase sequencing equipment in the future under the Project?
MD	Has highlighted that the presence of patients with resistance to ARVT 2-line in the country is not a good situation. However, the achievement of the Project is that the Project gives access and the opportunity for PLHIV who have 2-line resistance to be able to continue treatment on 3-lines. Thus, the spread of HIV infection is minimized and mortality among PLHIV is reduced.
BAd	The project obtained excellent results in terms of the management of drug provision; for the entire period of the project, there were no cases of deficiency / excess or expiration of drugs. How did you manage to do this? Can you share your experience? Do you have tools for predicting, planning and calculating medicines? This option can be used in the purchase of medicines in other areas.
AkM	As part of our cooperation, in 2014 an SOP was developed for managing the provision of ARV therapy, and tools were also developed (Excel database) for forecasting and planning drug purchases. From this point on, RC AIDS and UNDP jointly use this mechanism / approach in managing drug procurement. This year, as part of the implementation of our Project, we are developing an electronic database for the AIDS service, we plan to introduce a tool for forecasting and planning consumption and drug requirements in this program. Regarding the application of this experience in the procurement of other drugs, under the new joint project with the Ministry of Health, the component "Assistance in strengthening the national procurement system and the supply of medicines and other medical supplies" is provided for, and during the implementation process the project tool can be adapted in the procurement of other drugs.
AA	Provided that within the framework of cooperation with UNDP, the development of the "Information System for Monitoring HIV-infected Cases, Taking into Account Epidemiological, Laboratory and Treatment Aspects, as well as the Movement and Availability of Drugs and Diagnostics in Real Time" is being completed. A full-fledged IP will improve the quality and reliability of data.
DA	Reported that to date, the IEC Secretariat has submitted an application to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to receive funding for 2020-2022, totaling \$210 thousand. The application was reviewed by the relevant specialists of the Global Fund and a number of consultations were held on individual points of the Application. Currently, the Global Fund is completing the process of signing the Agreement on financing the administrative expenses of IEC, after which funds are expected to be received.
BA	Thanked the participants for their questions and discussion. He handed over the word to UNDP for the presentation of the new project and asked to adhere to the time limit taking into account the limited time and the importance of allotting time for discussions.
LT	Presented the brief information about the project "Support to effective, resilient and inclusive governance systems for health".

	➤ On May 13, 2019, an Agreement was signed between UNDP and the Ministry of Health for the implementation of the joint Project; ➤ National Project Partners: Ministry of Health, Agency for Sanitary and Epidemiological Well-Being, AIDS Center, IEC, UNDP ➤ Project Budget: \$ 10,056,400 Project Duration: 2019-2025 The outcome of the project is: "National health care system of Uzbekistan is strengthened to effectively manage supply chain and inclusive programmes the healthcare system of the Republic of Uzbekistan has been strengthened for the effective management of supply chains and inclusive programs". Project Objectives: 1. <i>Assistance in creating a mechanism of state-social partnership (SSP) in the field of health - subject to the mobilization of donor funds</i> ◎ <i>Assessment of the current situation and study of the prerequisites for the implementation of SSPs;</i> ◎ <i>Foreign experience and various approaches to the implementation of SSPs</i> ◎ <i>Development of draft normative legal acts regulating relations on the interaction of executive authorities with NGOs;</i> ◎ <i>Assistance in the development of service standards and their piloting using SSP mechanisms / models;</i> ◎ <i>Assistance in building the capacity of employees of the health care system, NGOs and other departments involved in piloting SSP;</i> ◎ <i>Identification of relevant and socially significant areas for piloting and further widespread implementation of SSP mechanisms;</i> 2. <i>Assistance in the development of a management system to combat noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) - subject to the mobilization of donor funds</i> ◎ <i>Development of an action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;</i> ◎ <i>Assisting in the development of multisectoral measures to combat NCDs, including the development of strategic plans and investment projects</i> ◎ <i>Assisting in the establishment of coordination mechanisms and / or bodies to combat NCDs;</i> ◎ <i>Strengthening the evidence base on legislative, executive, administrative and other measures to prevent NCDs, as well as to regulate their determinants</i> ◎ <i>Analysis and study of international best practices in combating NCDs and the organization of pilot initiatives in this area within the framework of social partnership.</i> 3. <i>Assistance in strengthening the national system of procurement and supply of medicines and other medical supplies - subject to the mobilization of donor funds</i>
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- ◎ Improving the system for forecasting, planning and managing public procurement of medicines and medical products
 - ◎ Further development of the national system for storage and delivery of medical goods based on international best practices;
 - ◎ Assistance in expanding the access of the population to high-quality medicines of other medical goods that have passed WHO prequalification;
 - ◎ Assistance in the development of technical specifications and the introduction of automated control systems, monitoring and forecasting of procurements;
 - ◎ Enhanced cooperation, exchange of experience of national agencies of Uzbekistan (O'zmedimpeks, AK Dory-Darmon, etc.) with the UNDP procurement platform in Geneva and Copenhagen;
 - ◎ Training and capacity building for staff involved in national procurement
4. *Assistance in counteracting the spread of HIV infection in Uzbekistan*
- ◎ Forecasting, planning and procurement management of ARV drugs;
 - ◎ Organization of procurement, delivery, customs clearance and certification of medicines and other medical supplies;
 - ◎ Assistance in the organization, management and M&E of programs and projects for prevention, treatment, care and support among the general population and PLHIV;
 - ◎ Conducting and organizing various studies;
 - ◎ Increasing the capacity of national specialists;
 - ◎ Promoting the effective functioning of the Country Coordinating Committee in collaboration with the Global Fund to Fight HIV / AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
 - ◎ Support and technical assistance to the Ministry of Health in the administration of international grants and programs to combat HIV infections.

Key results

The capacity of the healthcare system of the Republic of Uzbekistan is strengthened for the effective management of supply chains and inclusive programs

The basis has been created for the implementation of effective mechanisms of state-social partnership to expand access to services and improve their quality, the involvement of citizens and NGOs, and increase the efficiency of the use of public funds.

The health care system and its focus on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases have been strengthened.

The transparency, efficiency and quality of the national system of centralized planning, forecasting, procurement, storage and distribution of drugs / medical products are improved.

Favorable conditions have been created for implementing various programs and projects to counteract the spread of HIV infection

Local and International Partners of the project

	◎ Ministry of Health ◎ ASEB ◎ AIDS Center ◎ IEC ◎ experts, practitioners, academia, NGOs ◎ UNDP (PARDT, RIA, WEP, PCEAT) ◎ WHO ◎ UNAIDS ◎ UNICEF The project also passed Quality Assessment at the design stage;
Discussion	
BA	Asked for details regarding the sources of financing the project budget.
LT	Noted that the project budget is estimated and includes activities financed both from the State budget, the Global Fund (to support IEC) and donor funds. As noted in the presentation, 3 of the 4 components of the project will work to mobilize donor funds and prepare joint applications. UNDP, together with national partners, will seek the opportunity to raise funds, as far as possible and will launch these components. From the beginning of 2020, the component "Assistance in counteracting the spread of HIV infection in Uzbekistan" will continue to work. To implement this component, funds are already available for the procurement of ARV drugs for 2020. All activities and components indicated in the Project Document "Assistance in the Development of Effective, Sustainable and Inclusive Health Management Systems" reflect the key directions of UNDP cooperation with the Ministry of Health for the next 5 years.
BA	Added a proposal to consider the inclusion of the possibility of inclusion of measures in the Project document for international accreditation of health system laboratories and sanitary and epidemiological surveillance. The relevance of this issue increases with the intensification of negotiations on the accession of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the WTO, in terms of ensuring food safety. In particular, the funds allocated by the state for the modernization of such laboratories are not sufficient.
MD	The proposal is very important, we are ready to discuss and decide together. The project team, during the finalization of the Project Document, will routinely make the final decision on this proposal
KYu	Suggested working together in such areas as conducting a medical examination for the detection of HIV infection and preventive measures among labor migrants, which today make up a large contingent among HIV-infected people. He noted that he would offer his comments and additions to the Project document.
MD	Provided that the suggestions are very important, we are ready to discuss and decide together. The project team, upon completion of work on the approval of the Project Document, can make a final decision on this proposal. In addition, UNDP in Uzbekistan will involve its other projects, in particular, a new project being developed jointly with the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan to support international laboratory accreditation activities. She indicated that this project is aimed

	at supporting measures to prepare Uzbekistan for joining the WTO. This project will be funded by the Government of the Russian Federation.
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As a result of the meeting, the participants adopted the decisions:

In relation to "Strengthening Procurement and Supply Chain Management in procuring ARVs for the national PR under HIV grant" project (Output ID: 00102020):

1. To consider and approve the Final Report on the results of the Project;
2. To approve the achieved results of the Project, including Quality assurance report;
3. After clarifying the final residual amount within the project budget, transfer all donor funds to "Effective Management for Resilient Health System and Supply Chain" project (#00113659), implemented within Memorandum for provision of management and other support services between RAC and UNDP;
4. UNDP to complete the closure of the project in accordance with the rules and procedures, in particular to complete all procedures for transfer / disposal of property (if any) of the project;
5. Ministry of Health and UNDP to collaborate actively on mobilizing donor funds, if necessary, prepare joint proposals (upon agreement and consultations) to implement all the objectives of the Project until 2024;

In relation to "Strengthening national capacities to address emerging challenges to halt the spread of the three diseases (AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria" project (Output ID # 00084647):

6. To consider and approve the Final Report on the results of the Project;
7. To approve the achieved results of the Project, including the Review of the project quality assessment;
8. UNDP must complete the project closure procedure in accordance with UNDP rules and procedures, in particular, to complete all property transfer procedures (if any) to the project "Assistance in strengthening effective, sustainable and inclusive health management systems";
9. After clarifying the final residual amount within the project budget, and in consultation with the Global Fund, transfer all remaining funds to "Support to effective, resilient and inclusive governance systems for health" project budget (#00119180);
10. Consider newly signed CCM Funding Agreement between the representative of Government of Uzbekistan, Chairperson, representatives of civil society, the Global Fund and UNDP in Uzbekistan;

With regards to "Support to effective, resilient and inclusive governance systems for health" (Project ID number # 00119180)

11. To consider and approve the Project document, including information on the goals, objectives and main directions of the joint project of the Ministry of Health and UNDP “Support to effective, resilient and inclusive governance systems for health”;
12. Consider and approve Quality assurance review at the design stage;
13. To consider and endorse the Financing Agreement between the Ministry of Health and UNDP, which is aimed at rolling-out ARC procurement in advance given the specialized nature of procurement of this category of goods;
14. Ministry of Health will appoint National Project Coordinator in due course and will officially inform UNDP of their decision;
15. To approve the composition of the Project Board represented by the Ministry of Health, the Agency for Sanitary and Epidemiological Well-being, the Republican AIDS Center, and the Global Fund Grant Implementation Group and UNDP.
16. Prepare a detailed Project Plan of Activities (action plan, budget and procurement plan) for 2020 to be further approved by the representatives of the Ministry of Health and UNDP;
17. Relevant officials of the Ministry of Health and RAC to prepare demand plan for ARVs for 2020-2021 and submit them to UNDP for consideration and processing;
18. Based on the information provided by the Ministry of Health and the AIDS Center and the bilateral decision made following the discussions regarding the procurement volume, UNDP to start procurement process of ARVs;
19. To prepare the Meeting Minutes (in English and Russian) of the Project Board and LPAC of the joint project and the approved decision of the meeting and submit for consideration and subsequent signing by the parties;

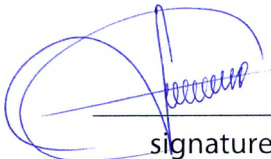
Annexes:

- 1) Final Project reports;
- 2) A presentation on the main activities of the project “Support to effective, resilient and inclusive governance systems for health”;
- 3) Project document “Support to effective, resilient and inclusive governance systems for health”;

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