



AMENDMENTS TO THE PROJECT DOCUMENT



Project Title: Assistance in Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of the Office of the Ombudsman of Turkmenistan

Project #:

Implementing Partner: Office of the Ombudsman of Turkmenistan

Start date: 01.03.2023 **Completion date:** 31.12.2024

Date of the Project Assessment Committee meeting:

Summary

The reason for amendments to the project document on “Assistance in strengthening the institutional capacity of the Office of the Ombudsman of Turkmenistan”, signed on 27.02.2023, with a total budget of \$99,071¹. is to extend the deadline for achieving tangible results within the project components, and to increase the project budget to continue activities to strengthen the capacity of the Ombudsman’s Office to protect human rights, including the rights of women and girls in accordance with the Paris Principles; to assist in obtaining the accreditation of the Ombudsman’s Office in the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI); and the study of a National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) system in Turkmenistan, that require a longer implementation period and additional donor funds in 2024:

- increase the budget additionally by 107,868 US dollars (81,214 US dollars from the Government of Turkmenistan, 5,964 US from UNDP, and 20,690 from the Government of Finland, the total budget of the project will be 206,939 US dollars. The Office of the Ombudsman of Turkmenistan to transfer an additional contribution in the amount of 81,214 US dollars within 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the invoice by UNDP;
- extend the validity period of the Project Document until 31.12.2024, with additional activities for the effective implementation of the project components;
- review the Work Plan, Results framework and risks for 2024 (attached);
- the remaining terms, conditions and clauses of the Project Document remain unchanged.

Contributes to the achievement of the Outcome 1 of the SDCF UN-TKM 2021-2025:

By 2025, people have access to more effective, innovative, and transparent public administration based upon the rule of law, human rights, gender equality, labour rights, and quality data.

Output 1.3 UNSDCF:

The legislative and strategic framework, programmes and their implementation improved with regards to the recommendations of the UN Mechanisms, including the UPR, UN treaty bodies and Special Procedures with the participation of civil society.

Gender marker: GEN 2

Total amount of additional funds required (for 2024):	107,868 USD	
Total expected resources for 2024:	Government of Turkmenistan:	81,214 USD
	UNDP:	5,964 USD
	Donors²:	20,690 USD
Total amount of previously allocated funds for 2023:	Government of Turkmenistan:	71,297 USD
	UNDP:	5,964 USD
	Donors:	21,810 USD
Total project budget will be:	206,939 USD	

¹ The actual project amount in 2023 is less than the amount envisaged in accordance with the signed project document due to the limited contribution of international donors.

² The amount of donor funds will vary depending on the exchange rate on the date the funds are received.

Agreed by (signatures):

Office of the Ombudsman of Turkmenistan	United Nations Development Programme
✓ Yazdursun Gurbannazarova Ombudsman of Turkmenistan	✓ Tomica Paovic UNDP Officer-in-Charge in Turkmenistan
Date: 18.02.2024	Date: 18.02.2024



I. RESULTS FRAMEWORK

Expected outcomes as formulated in the Cooperation Framework on Sustainable Development between Turkmenistan and the United Nations, 2021-2025

Outcome 1: By 2025, people of Turkmenistan have access to more effective, innovative, and transparent public administration based upon the rule of law, human rights, gender equality, labour rights, and quality data;

Outcome indicators, as stipulated in the Country Programme document, 2021-2025, Results Framework, including baseline and target indicators:

Output 1.3: *The legislative and strategic framework, programmes and their implementation improved with regards to the recommendations of the UN mechanisms, including the UPR, UN treaty bodies and Special Procedures with the participation of civil society.*

Outcome indicators, as stipulated in the Country Programme Document, 2021-2025, Results Framework, including baseline and target indicators:

Outcome 1.3: Legislation, policies, programmes and their implementation strengthened to implement the recommendations of the UN human rights mechanisms, including the UPR, UN treaty bodies and Special procedures with the participation of civil society.

Indicator 1.3.2: The share of accepted recommendations of the UN treaty bodies implemented within the framework of the National Human Rights Action Plan for 2021-2024.

Baseline indicator: 70% (1st NHRAP, 2016-2020)

Target indicator: 80% (from the 2nd NHRAP for 2021-2025)

Data source: NHRAP Assessment Report.

Indicator 1.3.3: Accreditation of the Ombudsman's Office at the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)

Baseline indicator: No (2020) **Target:** Yes (2025)

Data source: Annual reports of the Ombudsman

Baseline indicator: No (2020)

Target indicator: Yes (2025)

Applicable immediate outcome from the UNDP Strategic Plan: The introduction of a human rights approach based on the principle of "leaving no one behind"

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Expected outputs	Indicators	Data source	Baseline		Target			Data collection methods
			Name	Year	Year 2023	Year 2024	Total	
<p><u>Output 1</u> Systematic engagement of the Ombudsman's Office with the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) and the Asia-Pacific Forum (ATF) established</p>	<p>1.1.1 A number of consultations held with ATF experts to prepare a questionnaire for obtaining accreditation to the GANHRI and preparing to follow-up interviews with the GANHRI SCA (Subcommittee on Accreditation)</p>	Project Progress report	-	2022	1	1	2	Consultant's report The Questionnaire and appendices submitted to obtain accreditation to GANHRI
	<p>1.2.1 The visit of Ombudsman to have on accreditation to the GANHRI was arranged.</p>	Project Progress report	No	2022	No	Yes	Yes	APF Report and Protocol of the Ombudsman's Dialogue with the GANHRI Subcommittee
<p><u>Output 2</u> Institutional capacity of the Ombudsman's Office in accordance with the Paris Principles strengthened</p>	<p>2.1.1 The number of participants at the seminar on improving the effectiveness of handling complaints, by identifying systemic problems, enhancing dialogue and interaction with government agencies.</p>	Project Progress report	-	2022	-	20	20	Consultant's report and relevant internal regulations of the Ombudsman's Office
	<p>2.2.1 The number of representatives of law enforcement agencies, hyakimiks (municipalities) who participated in awareness-raising workshops on strengthening the legal mandate of the Ombudsman in accordance with the Paris</p>	Project Progress report	-	2022	-	50	50	Consultant's report

Expected outputs	Indicators	Data source	Baseline		Target			Data collection methods
			Name	Year	Year 2023	Year 2024	Total	
	Principles							
	2.2.2 Recommendations have been developed for cooperation between the Ombudsman's Office and law enforcement agencies, the judicial system and bar associations.	Project Progress report	No	2022	-	Yes	Yes	Technical assessment
	2.3.1 A workshop for employees of the Ombudsman's Office to study international standards and successful foreign experience in the functioning of national human rights institutions accredited by the GANHRI and received membership in the APF was held.	Project Progress report	No	2022	-	Yes	Yes	Technical assessment
Output 3 Engagement of the Ombudsman's Office with civil society strengthened	3.1.1 A number of IAC members and representatives of Public Associations took part in a workshop to discuss the creation of a national preventive mechanism (NPM) to prevent torture and other ill-treatment of prisoners, especially women prisoners, with the involvement of an international expert.	Project Progress report	-	2022	20	20	40	Technical assessment

Expected outputs	Indicators	Data source	Baseline		Target			Data collection methods
			Name	Year	Year 2023	Year 2024	Total	
	3.1.2 A methodology has been prepared for the creation of an NPM under the Office of the Ombudsman of Turkmenistan in the Ombudsman+ format.	Project Progress report	No	2022	No	Yes	Yes	Technical assessment
	3.2.1 The number of representatives of public associations who took part in the round table on organizing an annual dialogue to facilitate the exchange of information about problems and achievements in the field of human rights in the velayats.	Project Progress report	-	2022	-	15	15	Technical assessment The agenda of the "Round table" Press release and other related documents.
	3.2.2 A permanent platform has been created for the exchange of information on challenges and achievements in the field of human rights between Public Associations and the Ombudsman's Office.	Project Progress report	No	2022	No	Yes	Yes	Technical assessment The agenda of the "Round table" Press release and other related documents.

II. WORK PLAN

Year: 2024

Expected results	Planned activities	Timeframe				Source of funding	Budget estimate		
		1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q		Budget description	Amount (USD)	
<p>Output 1: Systematic engagement of the Ombudsman's Office with the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) and the Asia-Pacific Forum (ATF) established</p> <p><i>Gender marker: GEN 2</i></p>	<p>1.1. Consultations held with the APF experts to draft a questionnaire in order to obtain accreditation to the GANHRI and prepare for subsequent interviews with the GANHRI Subcommittee on Accreditation. <i>(Strategic Priority 5 according to the Capacity Assesemnt Report of the Ombudsman's Office)</i></p> <p>1.2. Organizing a visit for accreditation to the GANHRI and conducting a Dialogue with the GANHRI SCA on the submitted application for accreditation (Ombudsman +2 staff member of the Ombudsman's Office, and the UNDP representative). <i>(Strategic Priority 4 according to the Capacity Assesemnt Report of the Ombudsman's Office)</i></p>					<p>Government of Turkmenistan</p>	<p>71200</p> <p>International expert (1 expert* 4 days – online format)</p>	<p>\$ 3 200</p>	
							<p>74200</p> <p>Translation services (translation of a set of documents to submit to the Subcommittee)</p>	<p>\$ 5 600</p>	
							<p>Government of Turkmenistan</p>	<p>71600</p> <p>Transportation, travel expenses of the Ombudsman and 2 staff member of the Ombudsman's Office, 1 UNDP representative</p>	<p>\$ 11 880</p>
						<p>74200</p> <p>Translation services (simultaneous interpretation) Printing handouts</p>		<p>\$ 1 800</p>	
					<p>Government of Turkmenistan</p>	<p>64300, 74500</p> <p>Operating expenses</p>	<p>\$ 753</p>		

		Total for the Output 1						\$ 23 233
		Administrative costs (7%)						\$ 1 626
		Grand Total for the Output 1 including Administrative costs :						\$ 24 859
Output 2: The institutional capacity of the Ombudsman's Office strengthened in accordance with the Paris Principles <i>Gender marker: GEN 2</i>	2.1. A workshop held to improve the effectiveness of handling complaints by identifying systemic issues and enhancing dialogue and engagement on these systemic issues, in addition to individual complaints, with public authorities to which most complaints referred to, such as the Supreme Court, law enforcement agencies, and the banking sector/ <i>(Strategic Priority 3 according to the Capacity Assessment Report of the Ombudsman's Office)</i>	Government of Turkmenistan					71200 International expert (1 expert* 6 days, 1 mission)	\$ 3 300
							71600 Transportation, travel expenses (international expert)	\$ 3 089
							75700 Training events, workshops	\$ 2 880
							71200 International expert (1 expert* 8 days, 1 mission)	\$ 4 400
							71600 Transportation, travel expenses (international expert)	\$ 3 089
							75700 Training events, workshops 74200 Translation services (in the host country)	\$ 5 600 \$ 412
2.2. A workshop held with members of Parliament, representatives of law enforcement agencies, hyakimliks (municipalities) in Ashgabat and welayats in Human Rights Information Centres to raise awareness about the legal mandate of the Ombudsman in accordance with the UN Paris Principles. <i>(Strategic priorities 1 and 2 according to the Capacity Assessment of the Ombudsman's Office Mission Report)</i>	Government of Turkmenistan						71200 International expert (1 expert* 8 days, 1 mission)	\$ 4 400
							71600 Transportation, travel expenses (international expert)	\$ 3 089

									71300 71400 National expert	\$ 1 500
									71600 Transportation, travel expenses of 1 staff member of the Ombudsman's Office, 1 national expert, 1 UNDP representative	\$ 4 536
									71200 International expert (1 expert* 4 days, online format)	\$ 3 200
							Government of Turkmenistan		74200 Translation services (simultaneous interpretation)	\$ 962
							Government of Turkmenistan		64300, 74500 Operating expenses	\$ 950
							Government of Turkmenistan			\$ 33 918
							Government of Turkmenistan		75100 Services and Administration	\$ 2 374
							Grand Total for the Output 2 including Administrative costs:			\$ 36 293

<p>Output 3: Engagement of the Ombudsman's Office with civil society strengthened <i>Gender marker:</i> GEN 2</p>	<p>3.1. A workshop held for the members of the IAC to discuss the system of a National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) for the prevention of torture and other ill-treatment of prisoners, especially women prisoners, with the involvement of an international expert.</p> <p>A methodology drafted for the creation of an NPM under the Office of the Ombudsman of Turkmenistan in the the Ombudsman+Public Associations format.</p>	<p>Donor funds</p>	<p>71200 International expert (1 expert* 8 days, 1 mission)</p>	<p>\$ 4 400</p>
			<p>75700 Training events, workshops</p>	<p>\$ 2 880</p>
			<p>74200 Translation services (simultaneous interpretation) Printing handouts</p>	<p>\$ 948</p>
			<p>71600 Transportation, travel expenses of an international expert</p>	<p>\$ 3 094</p>
	<p>3.2. "Round tables" held in velayats (regions) on the establishment of an annual dialogue with representatives of public associations to facilitate the exchange of information on challenges and achievements in the field of human rights. (Strategic Priority 1 according to the Capacity Assesment of the Ombudsman's Office Mission Report)</p>	<p>Donor funds</p>	<p>71300 71400 National expert</p>	<p>\$ 2 000</p>
			<p>71600 Transportation and travel expenses (representatives of public associations)</p>	<p>\$1 572</p>
			<p>75700 Training events, workshops</p>	<p>\$3 480</p>
			<p>64300, 74500 Operating expenses</p>	<p>\$ 963</p>
	<p>Total for the Output 3</p>			<p>\$19 337</p>

	Administrative costs (7%)					Donor funds	75100 Services and Administration	\$1 354
Project Management	Grand Total for the Output 3 including Administrative costs					UNDP	72400 Communication and Internet (2 staff - 50%*12 months)	\$ 20 690 \$ 3 264
							73100 Office rent	\$ 2 700
						Government of Turkmenistan	71400 Project Manager salary 50%*12 months	\$ 12 600
							71400 Project Assistant salary 30%*12 months)	\$ 5 640
Administrative costs ,7%							64300, 74500 Operating expenses	\$ 510
							75100 Services and administration	\$ 1 313
Total for Project Management, including Administrative costs:						Government of Turkmenistan		\$ 20 063
Project Management						UNDP		\$ 5 964
Project Management, total								\$ 26 027
Government of Turkmenistan, Total								\$ 81 214
UNDP, Total								\$ 5 964
Donors, Total								\$ 20 690
TOTAL 2024								\$ 107 868

III. TABLE OF RISKS, 2024

Project Title: Assistance in Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of the Office of the Ombudsman of Turkmenistan					Project # in Quantum: #01000297	Date: 2024
No	Description	Risk category	Degree of exposure and probability of risk	Measures to counteract	Responsible person	
1	Effective application of the Methodology for the creation of NPMs at the Office of the Ombudsman of Turkmenistan in the Ombudsman+Public Associations format.	Operational	=2	The project will hire international and national specialists to assist the team in developing a Methodology for creating an NPM at the Office of the Ombudsman of Turkmenistan in the Ombudsman+Public Associations format given the country context. UNDP will advocate to the Government of Turkmenistan the successful use of the methodology and the creation of the NPM.	Project Manager	