



**Minutes of the Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) meeting on
Strengthening Capacities of the National Police of Ukraine on Reunification of Families in Ukraine
Project**

13 August 2024

Agenda

- Presentation of the Project “Strengthening Capacities of the National Police of Ukraine on Reunification of Families in Ukraine”
- Discussion/Comments/Recommendations

Participants:

- Mr. Christophoros Politis, Deputy Resident Representative, LPAC Chair;
- Mr. Vitaliy Kasap, Head of the Department of International Police Cooperation of the National Police of Ukraine;
- Ms. Rana El Houjeiri, Senior Programme Advisor;
- Ms. Lesia Shyshko, Strategic Planning, Partnerships and RMB Team Leader;
- Ms. Valeriia Velygorska, Programme Finance Analyst;
- Ms. Olena Ursu, Programme Specialist, Democratic Governance portfolio Team Leader;
- Ms. Maria Gutsman, Programme Specialist/Team Leader IDRPB;
- Mr. Nazar Grom, Government Liaison Specialist;
- Ms. Naomi Konza, Mine Action Strategy Specialist;
- Ms. Svitlana Kolyshko, Human Rights Project Coordinator;
- Ms. Olena Kulikovska, UNDP Programme Analyst, Democratic Governance portfolio.

The main points discussed:

Introduction

The LPAC meeting was called to discuss the Project document for the “Strengthening Capacities of the National Police of Ukraine on Reunification of Families in Ukraine” Project (hereinafter referred to as “the Project”) funded by the Government of the Netherlands and implemented by UNDP in partnership with the National Police of Ukraine.

The project is aimed at strengthening capacities within the National Police for applying DNA identification approaches and the establishment of a foundation for a systematic approach to child reunification with families, encompassing enhanced technical capacities, database development, improved skills of forensic units, and increased awareness among war-affected individuals.

The project is aligned with the priorities of the Government of Ukraine, UNDP Strategic Plan (2022-2025), UNDP Country Programme Document (2018-2024), UN Transitional Framework for Ukraine September 2022 – December 2024, as well as UNDP Resilience Building and Recovery Framework for Ukraine.

Moreover, the initiative will be a part of the broader national initiative of the National Police "The Ukraine Family Reunification Initiative". The project will help to enhance already established cooperation (in the frame of Human Rights for Ukraine phase 1 and Human Security for Ukraine projects) and expand the new areas of work.

At the same time, the project will closely work with other national stakeholders to achieve sustainable transformative results in the sphere. Specifically, UNDP has a close partnership with the Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsperson) who is involved in the process of the return of the deported children, Office of the General Prosecutor.

Presentation of the Project and Issues Raised

The LPAC meeting was chaired by Mr. Christophoros Politis, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative, and his opening remarks welcomed the National Police representative present at the meeting. Mr. Politis highlighted that this project is a part of UNDP-facilitated actions aimed at enhancing the capacities of national and local state and non-state actors to promote human rights and ensure access to justice for all people, with a focus on IDPs, returnees, and vulnerable groups, including children.

A brief project presentation was done by Ms. Olena Ursu, Programme Specialist, Democratic Governance Team Leader, covering issues of the Project's goals/objectives and intended project rollout plan.

Ms. Ursu highlighted that the Project activities will focus on three main areas:

- Equipping the National Police with enhanced technical infrastructure for DNA identification;
- Enhancing the capacity of the National Police to apply new approaches to DNA identification and data collection.

Ms. Olena Kulikovska, Programme Analyst, highlighted the following issues:

- Quality assurance assessment of the project is satisfactory;
- The Project is well incorporated with the CPD Theory of Change (ToC), contributes its Outcome 1 and will be implemented under Output 1.2;
- The effectiveness and efficiency of the project is proven by the strong M&E component and sustainability plan;
- The project was identified as a low-risks project during the SESP exercise;
- The project is qualified as GEN2.

The decision was made unanimously by all LPAC members.

Mr. Christophoros Politis, Deputy Resident Representative, LPAC Chair, emphasized the significance of alignment between the project's vision and the beneficiaries' perspective, stressing the importance of having shared priorities and approaches. Mr. Politis highlighted the importance of approval for the project extension to 31 December 2025 to full completion of the project activities, including final reporting, capturing lessons learned and development of future programmatic interventions in this area.

Mr. Vitaliy Kasap, Head of the Department of International Police Cooperation of the National Police of Ukraine, speaking on behalf of the National Police, expressed his gratitude to UNDP and noted that such multilateral cooperation will contribute to the establishment of a foundation for a systematic approach to child reunification with families. He highlighted the importance of the project activities proposed and promised to ensure ongoing support from the National Police side when needed.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Politis emphasized the practical outcomes of the meeting, confirming unanimous agreement on the project's directions, strategy, and approach. The Deputy Resident Representative acknowledged the collective commitment to the priority areas. Mr. Politis expressed gratitude to all partners, highlighting the collaborative effort in achieving results despite challenges. He encouraged

ongoing feedback and recommendations for further improvements, underscoring the importance of continuous communication.

Major points discussed/suggested

- The Project document was unanimously recommended for approval.
- The LPAC members endorsed the Project extension till 31 December 2025.
- The results of design and appraisal quality assurance are endorsed and should be approved.
- The SESP analysis was endorsed.

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Annex 1: ["Strengthening Capacities of the National Police of Ukraine on Reunification of Families in Ukraine" Project document](#)