

Annex 1

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION

Project Title: LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY (LIF) – PHASE 1

Brief Description

Development and restructuring of infrastructure has been a major component of UNDP and EU partnership in Cyprus since 2001. Investments in the local infrastructure in the northern part of Cyprus have been financed in the sectors of environment, water and wastewater, architectural restorations, recreational areas, and other social infrastructure, such as local community facilities.

The overall objective of the project is to provide technical assistance for the design and implementation of projects aiming at improving environmental, social and economic infrastructure in the Turkish Cypriot community.

The specific objective of the project is the establishment of a new mechanism, namely a “Local Infrastructure Facility” (LIF) to coordinate and support the implementation of EU funded infrastructure projects in the northern part of Cyprus. Its main aim is the identification, selection, bringing to maturation, tendering and implementation of sustainable projects selected through iterative participatory processes involving the EU, UNDP and the local communities/beneficiaries. The selected & matured projects are to be proposed to be realised with EU funding and implemented by UNDP. The inclusion of any bi-communal project aspects, either in terms of physicality or implementation, is to be promoted where possible.

Expected Output(s):

- Output 1: Establishment of the Local Infrastructure Facility (LIF) Unit and its governance mechanism.
- Output 2: Support to local communities in the identification of infrastructure needs.
- Output 3: Support to local communities in the preparation of sector specific Master Plan/s.
- Output 4: Support to local communities in the preparation & implementation of selected infrastructure project designs, works and supervision.
- Output 5: Increasing capacity of local administration & engineering expertise.
- Output 6: Visibility & awareness raising.

The duration of this first LIF programme period is estimated to *48 months*, to include the Defects Liability Period of the infrastructure projects implemented.