



**Minutes of the Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) meeting on
Enhancing Crisis Management and Emergency Response capacities at all levels of government authorities
of Ukraine Project**

14 November 2022

Chaired by Mr. Christophoros Politis, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative

Agenda

- Presentation of Enhancing Crisis Management and Emergency Response capacities at all levels of government authorities of Ukraine Project;
- Discussion/Comments/Recommendations;
- Closing remarks.

Participants:

- Mr. Christophoros Politis, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative (LPAC Chair);
- Mr. Anatolii Kutsevol, Deputy State Secretary of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;
- Ms. Yuliia Sokolovska, Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine;
- Ms. Mariia Karchevych, Deputy Minister of Health of Ukraine;
- Ms. Uliana Tokareva, Deputy Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine;
- Mr. Ivan Lukieria, Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine;
- Ms. Olena Ursu, Programme Specialist, Democratic Governance Team Leader;
- Mr. Moises Venancio, UNDP Senior Programme Advisor;
- Ms. Lesia Shyshko, UNDP Strategic Planning, Partnerships and RMB Team Leader;
- Ms. Olena Kulikovska, UNDP Programme Analyst, Governance;
- Mr. Nazar Grom, UNDP Project Manager;
- Mr. Sadig El Amin, UNDP Information Management Specialist;
- Ms. Anastasiia Korobai, UNDP Capacity Development Specialist (LPAC Secretary).

The main points discussed:

Mr. Christophoros Politis, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative

Since early 2020, UNDP has supported the efforts of the Government of Ukraine on crisis coordination and communication, countering disinformation and enhancing capacities for strategic communications, aligning Government's priorities with those of the EU Association Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Following the outbreak of the full-scale war in February 2022, UNDP availed immediate support to the Government of Ukraine to prepare, respond and recover from the impact of the ongoing war. This included enhancement of relevant Government capacities related to analyze policy, legislative adaptation to the new crisis situation in 9 ministries and central governmental bodies, to the crisis management and strengthened coordination between nation and sub-national authorities to ensure sustained core government functions and provision of public services. It also included continued support to the Government's external communication on addressing concerns for those working to build informed and inclusive societies, increase society's resistance to hybrid negative influences, as well as a range of assessments for increased situation analysis for harmonized approach of different key stakeholders to maximize effectiveness for post-agreement planning and recovery.

In this line, UNDP supported the Government of Ukraine in developing its Recovery and Development Plan and presenting it to international development partners at the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Lugano, Switzerland, July 2022.

At the request of the Office of the President and Cabinet of Ministers, UNDP also supported the launch of the comprehensive Human Impact Assessment (HIA), aiming to evaluate the impact of the war on people, their living conditions, health, access to education, livelihoods, food security, social status, as well as on overall levels of poverty and human development. The main goal being to assess the full extent of the war's impact, define the needs for recovery, and, in so doing, serve as the basis for designing a needs-driven recovery strategy and guide our future interventions. In addition to the significant effects that the war has on the economy, it has and will continue to severely impact the Ukrainian people's well-being. It will establish the evidence base for recovery and development priorities. The results of the survey are expected in March 2023. UNDP has also supported the Government to conduct in-depth research on ways to improve trade conditions between Ukraine and the EU, opportunities to enhance Ukraine's participation in the EU value-chains and possibilities to contribute to the EU's strategic autonomy.

Today's LPAC meeting was called to discuss the Project document for Enhancing Crisis Management and Emergency Response capacities at all levels of government authorities of Ukraine Project (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") implemented by UNDP.

Presentation of the Project and Issues Raised

Ms. Olena Ursu, Programme Specialist, Democratic Governance Team Leader

The project is aimed to support the Government to ensure sustainability, effectiveness and transparency in the continued crisis and emergency coordination, response planning between the central government, the oblasts/rayons and other stakeholders (international community, CSOs, private sector), while ensuring delivery of services and building stronger resilience of the receiving/host communities and of the IDPs.

Development of the project was inclusive and participatory, and the project has high importance for all stakeholders.

Mr. Nazar Grom, Project Manager, UNDP

The Project comprises two outputs:

- Output 1: Capacities at the national, regional and local level of government are strengthened for more effective and adaptive crisis/emergency response and livelihood creation;
- Output 2: Crisis management structures are strengthened with data/ information analysis systems enabling efficient response at all levels of government authorities.

Building on previous and ongoing lessons and efforts from UN agencies and others, UNDP now seeks to prepare and deliver a 12 months project, responding to the continued and arising needs in terms of crisis coordination and local recovery, partnering with the President's office, Government of Ukraine and relevant local structures, underpinning the Governments long-term agenda for service provision. Supporting ongoing crisis response and coordination efforts, UNDP will further strengthen the Government capacity to coordinate the crisis response and communicate strategically and effectively.

Ms. Olena Kulikovska, UNDP Programme Analyst, Governance, highlighted the following things:

- Quality assurance assessment of the project is satisfactory;
- The Project is well incorporated with the CPD Theory of Change (ToC), contributes to UNDAF Outcome 4 and will be implemented under CPD Outputs 1.2, 2.1, 4.2;
- The project has HRBA and gender components;
- Several risks related to ongoing war were identified during SESP exercise. The project is identified as substantial-risk project;
- The project is qualified as GEN2.

Mr. Anatolii Kutsevol, Deputy State Secretary of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine

With the start of the Russian Federation's country-wide armed attack Ukraine on 24 February 2022, the Government of Ukraine has recorded the loss of life, massive devastation in urban centres, and the destruction of civilian infrastructure. Even though the hostilities causing destruction still continue, the Ukrainian government has to work on finalization of the National Recovery and Resilience Building Plan. In this regard, the presented project is precious in the context of further reconstruction and restoration of the country.

With regard to the presented project's documents the Government has no objections and recommends approving this Project.

Ms. Yuliia Sokolovska, Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine

Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation into the territory of Ukraine, the Office of the President of Ukraine together with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has been working on the formation of management mechanisms and the identification of real levels of influence to overcome the consequences of the war.

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In this regard, continuous support to the President's Office, Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers, key ministries and other relevant structures at the local level in the provision of analysis, support to redesigning of institutional frameworks, development of new policies and procedures and operationalization of the results of ongoing Human Impact Assessment, are critical on overcoming the consequences of the war.

Taking into account above mention and the previous great experience of working together with UNDP, the Office of the President recommends approving this Project as well.

Major points discussed/suggested:

- The Project document was unanimously recommended for approval.
- The SESP analysis was endorsed with risk management plan to be developed.
- The Project's first Board meeting will take place in January 2023.

Enclosure:

- 1) Project document
- 2) Design and Appraisal Quality assurance report;
- 3) SESP report;
- 4) Risk log.

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