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Dear Mr. OH Donggil,

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Kyrgyz Republic presents its compliments to KOICA Office in Kyrgyzstan and has the honor to send you the Quarterly Report covering April-June 2019 on implemented activities under UNDP project on: "Improvement of fire safety of population by strengthening capacity of the Fire and Rescue Services in the Kyrgyz Republic" funded by the Government of Republic of Korea.

The report contents are structured as project summary and context, monitoring, and its findings and conclusion. Preparatory activities such as kick-off meetings, pre-ground work, sharing copies of legal documents for land plots, and development of design estimate documentation are the main highlights during the reporting period April-June 2019.

UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic highly appreciates invaluable support of KOICA in the Kyrgyz Republic in implementing the project.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you and your team the assurances of my highest consideration.

Saltanat Dospaeva
Officer-in-Charge

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Dospaeva', is written over the typed name and title.

Mr. OH Donggil
Country Director, KOICA Office in Kyrgyzstan

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1. 2nd Quarterly report
2. Progress report

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**United Nations Development Programme
Kyrgyz Republic**

**QUARTERLY REPORT ON UNDP PROJECT: "IMPROVEMENT OF FIRE
SAFETY OF POPULATION BY STRENGTHENING CAPACITY OF THE FIRE
AND RESCUE SERVICE IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC"**

Bishkek, 2019

Quarterly report

“Improvement of fire safety of population by strengthening capacity of the Fire and Rescue Services in the Kyrgyz Republic”

Donor: Republic of Korea

Main partner: Ministry of Emergency Situations of KR

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1. SUMMARY

This report is drafted based on quarterly results of the implemented project “Improvement of fire safety of population by strengthening the capacity of the Fire and Rescue Services in the Kyrgyz Republic” (hereinafter referred to as Project). The project is funded by the Government of the Republic of Korea with the project period of 4 years (2019-2022) and is such areas (expected outputs) as strengthening of emergency response to enable the provision of timely assistance to victims of disasters and reduction of damage from disasters.

The report includes a description of the activities implemented under “Improvement of fire safety of population by strengthening the capacity of the Fire and Rescue Services in the Kyrgyz Republic” project during the second quarter (April-June) of the 1st year of implementation. The main achievements of the Project during the reporting period are:

- Preparatory activities (kick-off meetings, sharing copies of legal documents for land plots, pre-ground work on the 4 project sites for construction)

- Development of design estimate documentation (arranging the necessary coordination and expertise) for the construction of Fire and Rescue Services;

- Proceed to consult with MES and recruiting a local lawyer to improve the legal framework for fire safety and rescue capacity.

- At the end of July 2019, project delivery was 16 066,15 USD or 13,9 % of the total amount (120 000,00 million US dollars as per approved annual work plan).

- Project activities in the 2nd quarter are being implemented according to the annual plan and no major challenges are identified during the implementation period.

2. Context

The Kyrgyz Republic, in view of its geographical location, is a country vulnerable to numerous natural disasters. Serious geological, technological, climatic threats and global climate change problems have a constant negative impact on the population and economy of the republic. The average annual damage (direct damage, except economic losses) over the past three years (2015-2017) was about 1.44 billion soms (about 20.1 million US dollars). At the same time, according to experts of the World Bank, the economic damage caused by natural disasters can reach 1.5% of the country's GDP (more than 100 million US dollars).

Regarding the current fire safety issues in Kyrgyzstan, about 950 fires occurred in Kyrgyzstan from the beginning of this year. Total 23 died. Most of the fires 65 percent occurred in the private housing sector. Basically, the fires occurred due to violation of the rules of handling electrical equipment 36.8 percent (careless handling of fire 9.9 percent, children playing with fire 6.3 percent). Reported by the Ministry of Emergency Situations,

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic takes measures to reduce the vulnerability of the country, the work is in progress on improving the regulatory framework, material, and technical equipment, infrastructural measures on risk reduction, etc. But due to the difficult economic situation, the total provision of security from disasters is a difficult task for governmental agencies at the present days. It is required the support and assistance of development partners.

3. Project summary and objectives

In this regard, the project on “Improvement of fire safety of population by strengthening the capacity of the Fire and Rescue Services in the Kyrgyz Republic” started its implementation in January 2019. Followings are relevant information about the project.

| Item | Detail |
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| Goal | The project is to reduce the vulnerability of the population to fires and create conditions for sustainable development through the implementation of the following tasks |
| Output 1 | Modernizing fire and rescue protection facilities and equipment for ensuring the safety of vulnerable population; |
| Output 2 | Strengthening fire-fighting capacity to protect the population especially women and children |
| Period | 2019-2022 (4 years) |
| Budget | Total 7,351,600USD |
| Donor | Government of the Republic of Korea |
| Implementing Partner | UN Development Programme |
| Government partner | Ministry of Emergency Situation |
| Challenges | No challenges are faced, all requests related to project implementation are met in a quick manner by a national partner. |

4. Monitoring procedure

| Item | Purpose and Detail | Date |
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| The official ceremony of signing Grant Agreement | Grant Agreement was signed on December 31, 2018, with KOICA Representative, UNDP and the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic. The event took place with the participation of the following officials | 31, December 2018 |
| Kick-off meeting | Held meeting among KOICA, UNDP, MES discussed and gather ideas on project progress and area of cooperation. | 26 April 2019 |
| Field monitoring (Bishkek) | Monitored the project site in Bishkek in the preparation of a visit of prime minister. with available electricity, water and pre-ground work project site has been prepared for fire station construction for next year | 7 June 2019 |
| Field monitoring (OSH/SUZAK) | The site in the Osh is ready for construction of the fire and rescue service. The old building was demolished, and the use of land permission has been granted. Suzak of Jalal-Abad region. It will cover two rayons of Djalal-Abad region and town as well. Electricity and water pipes are installed. | 27-28 June 2019 |

5. Findings

| Item | Detail |
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| Output 1. | Modernizing fire and rescue protection facilities and equipment for ensuring safety of vulnerable population |
| Activity 1.1 | Development and approval of construction documents for construction of premises of the fire and rescue units. |
| Action 1.1.1 | Development of a standard detailed design (design specification and estimates) |
| Findings | <p>Kickoff meeting held as of 26 April 2019 to inform the partners and beneficiaries on project implementation. It was attended by representatives of MES, KOICA, and UNDP. Attendees based on discussions decided to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Take into consideration information provided by UNDP and KOICA on activities being implemented and planned to be undertaken; -Submit project quarterly reports by results of the second quarter; -Request MES to share copies of legal documents for land plots; -UNDP will review the normative-legal framework and training materials of fire-rescue services. <p>The Project prepared the Terms of Reference for development design-estimation documentation for construction of fire-rescue services. As of date, the bidding procedure is being completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bidding announced with a deadline of April 30, 2019; -Bidding procedures completed with the participation of six local companies; -Bids evaluated and 2 contractors are selected 1 for the north region and 1 for the south region. -waiting for contract awarding. |
| Action 1.1.2: | Approval of work documentation with the needed state bodies and obtainment of necessary state approvals to enable construction |
| Findings | It will be done on a later stage (4 Q) upon completion and approval of design-estimation documentation. |
| Activity 1.2: | Construction of 4 buildings of fire-fighting units (fire-rescue services) |
| Action 1.2.1: | Conduct bidding (competitive selection) to select a contractor for construction |
| Findings | It is planned to be done during 4 Q 2019. |
| Activity 1.3: | Procurement of equipment and machinery for the new fire-fighting and rescue units |
| Action 1.3.1: | Development and determination of the names and specification of machinery and equipment for fire-fighting and rescue units |
| Findings | Selection and hiring of an expert are ongoing for the development of technical specifications for machinery and equipment required for fire-rescue services (work to be done during 3 - 4 Quarters). |
| Action 1.3.2: | Conduct bidding (competitive bidding) for selection of machinery and equipment suppliers |
| Findings | It is planned to be done during 4 Q 2019 upon getting agreed on the technical specifications for machinery and equipment with the national partner. |

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| Output 2 | Policy consulting, improvement of guidelines and preparation of the training materials on fire-fighting measures with the account of gender aspects |
| Activity 2.1.2: | Assistance in adaptation of fire-fighting guidelines to local conditions with the account of gender aspects |
| Findings | Terms of Reference for Local Lawyer who will review the legislation related to the fire and rescue services of the Kyrgyz Republic is finalized and agreed. Recruitment is in process. |

6. Conclusion

During 2 Q according to the signed annual work plan, preparatory activities are supposed to be completed under Output 1 including:

- Drafting of Terms of Reference for the development of design-estimation documents
- Announcement of bidding with a deadline of April 30, 2019;
- Finalization of bidding procedures with six local bidders;
- Evaluation of bids and waiting for contract awarding as of date.
- Undertaking monitoring trips to inspect the area for future construction works.

During the reporting period 2 Q 2019, Terms of Reference for the development of design and estimation documentation for further construction was developed including two lots. Bidding was announced with a deadline of April 30, 2019. It will effectively address the issues related to reducing the vulnerability of the population and enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response.

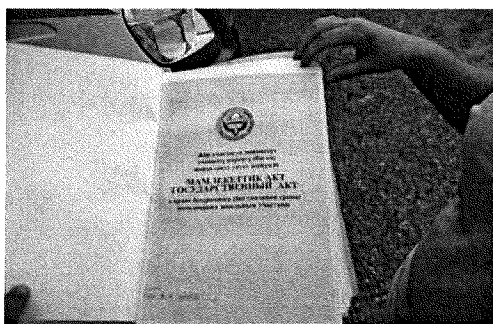
In general, the planned activities are in match with the approved annual work without deviations in implementing a schedule. In cooperation with the Government partner (Ministry of Emergency Situation), the project sites are ready for construction in the following year. Stakeholder meetings and project monitoring will continue for advocate) and management of the project.

7. Achievement

-The below is a site for future construction of the fire and rescue service in Osh city. The old building was demolished, and the area is getting prepared for construction works.



-State act for termless use of land has been issued for the future construction plot.



-And Suzak of Jalal-Abad region. It will cover two rayons of Djalal-Abad region and town as well. Electricity and water pipes are installed.

