

Social Standards Appraisal

Project n° 8320-01/2016

Final Conclusion

Not all relevant social standards have been considered within the project. Thus, obligations have to be complied with.

Marker Poverty (POV): 1

Marker Participatory Development&Good Governance (PDGG): 1

Recommendations, Conditions, Remarks

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Recommendation

UNDP as an organization has Social and Environmental Standards (SES) in place since 2015, but it is not obvious if (and to what extent) they are obligatory, since there is not reference towards their own standards within the project document. Thus, it is recommended that they provide reference to the use / application of their standards in course of their first narrative/progress report submitted to ADA.

Regarding the provision of small grants for economic development, it is recommended that the projects are also assessed if they actually support poor / vulnerable households, contribute to the empowerment of women and vulnerable groups and are also environmentally sustainable. These aspects need to be included in the selection criteria. UNDP is requested to inform ADA about their efforts in this respect in the respective narrative/progress reports.

In terms of the selection of disadvantages local areas, information concerning the respective local context – social, institutional, economic, environmental – is provided, including challenges and potentials (i.e. in terms of resources, capacities) should be reflected in the first narrative/progress reports (as baseline data).

In the framework of the different project activities it has to be ensured that everybody – especially vulnerable groups – can participate and benefit. Thus, existing barriers in participation, existing access and user rights, possible diverging or conflicting interests and related power relations have to be taken into due account. UNDP Ukraine is requested to provide relevant information in their narrative/progress reports, in terms of achievements made, challenges faced as well as response measures.

to be followed until: 30.06.2017

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Recommendation

UNDP Ukraine will share the TORs for the final assessment with ADA for comments and possible suggestions. It should be ensured that social and environmental impacts of the project as well as sustainability aspects are well covered in the TORs.

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