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Extrabudgetary Project

Strengthening cooperation on transboundary watershed management between Afghanistan and Tajikistan in the upper Amu Darya River basin (Phase 2 of Project E188)

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

PART I. Planning

(to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)

- 1. Project title/number: Strengthening cooperation on transboundary watershed management between Afghanistan and Tajikistan in the upper Amu Darya River basin (Phase 2 of Project E188)
- 2. Expected timing/duration: July 2014 December 2017

3. Objective and brief summary of the project:

To develop cooperation on hydrology and the environment in the upper Amu Darya River basin between Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

The project will support Tajikistan and Afghanistan in the development of sustainable hydrology and environment cooperation in the upper Amu Darya basin. On the basis of an existing bilateral agreement, the project will support strengthening cooperation and information exchange. In particular, it will promote the understanding of, and access to information about the water resources and environmental conditions in the upper Amu Darya basin for relevant stakeholders. The project phase will include the support to bilateral meetings, exchange of information and expeditions aiming to promote the development of substantive cooperation as well as capacity building.

The project will be implemented in coordination with a number of international organizations and donors such as the Asian Development Bank, The World Bank, UNEP and USAID. OSCE Dushanbe and the NGO Zoi Environmental Network in Geneva will be directly involved in project implementation.

4. Expected results of the project:

- 1. Strengthened framework for bilateral cooperation on hydrology and environment;
- 2. Improved substantive bilateral cooperation on hydrology, including on the exchange of data;

7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):

3. Improved substantive bilateral cooperation on environment.

5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:

Environmental and Hydrometeorological authorities and their staff in the beneficiary countries Afghanistan and Tajikistan are the target groups of the project. From Afghanistan the Ministry for Water and Energy and the National Environmental Protection Agency and from the Tajik side the Committee for Environmental Protection and Tajik Hydromet are the key project partners.

6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:

The project is part of the work programme under the ECE Water Convention and SPECA. The project is directly linked to expected accomplishment (a) "Improved response to environmental challenges in the ECE region by ECE constituencies" and (c) "Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe" of Subprogramme 1. Environment in the ECE Strategic Framework for 2014-2015.

Two months of RB staff (P5 Regional Adviser) time 8. Estimated extrabudgetary resources: Donors Amount (US\$) Russian Federation 150,000 10. Division: 9. Project Manager: Bo Libert 17.06.2014 Environment Name and signature Date 12. Approved by $EXCOM^{1}$: 11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Zamira Eshmambetova 17.06.2014 Chief of PMU Date Date

¹ EXCOM is the responsible Committee for further decision making, reporting and oversight.

Annex

Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project "Strengthening cooperation on transboundary watershed management between Afghanistan and Tajikistan in the upper Amu Darya River basin - Phase 2"

Part I. Planning (to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)			Part II. Implementation (to be used for reporting on progress in the implementation of the project in real time) ^{1,2}	
Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)	Implemented activities ³	Actual expenditures ⁴ (US\$)
E.A.1 - Strengthened framework for bilateral cooperation on hydrology and environment.	A.1.1 Annual bilateral meetings 2014-2016	75,000		
	A.1.2 Cooperation Atlas: Translation and broad dissemination of the publication in local languages	25,000		
E.A.2 - Improved substantive bilateral cooperation on hydrology, including on the exchange of data.	A.2.1 Capacity building and development of hydrology data exchange, joint forecasts and flood warnings mechanism	25,000		
E.A.3 - Improved substantive bilateral cooperation on environment.	A.3.1 Capacity building and development of joint environmental monitoring, indicators and data sharing	15,000		
	A.3.2 Exchange of experience in operating protected areas and afforestation	10,000		
Total (including 13% of Programme Support Costs)		150,000		

¹ The secretariat shall inform EXCOM in case of unexpected developments or serious problems of any kind in the project implementation;

² Questions from member States on project implementation will be forwarded to the secretariat;

³ Relevant information should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity and include the following:

⁽a) For an advisory service (including at a workshop/seminar/training organized by other organizations): title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlink(s) to presentation(s) and other relevant documents;

⁽b) For a workshop/conference/training organized by UNECE: title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlinks to the meeting agenda, list of participants, presentation(s) made by UNECE, conference documents, training materials and reports;

⁽c) For a consultancy: project expenditures; hyperlinks to the consultancy ToR and main outputs (study, report, training material, presentation, etc.) produced by the consultant/s;

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⁴ Relevant financial information – certified by the Executive Office - should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity.