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Extrabudgetary Project

ECE Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management for CIS countries: Armenia and Uzbekistan

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: ECE Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management for CIS countries: Armenia and Uzbekistan

2. Expected timing/ duration: 2014-2016

3. Objective and brief summary of the project:

To prepare an assessment of the housing and land management sectors and to formulate policy recommendations improving housing and land management systems in Armenia and Uzbekistan.

The project will fully cover the preparation of the Country Profile Uzbekistan, as well as the fact finding mission and the drafting of some chapters of the Country Profile Armenia. In particular, the project will include the following activities: A1.1. Fact finding mission to Uzbekistan, to agree with the Government on the scope, specific content and timeline of the preparation of the Country Profile.

A.1.2 Analysis and drafting of chapters of the Country Profile for Uzbekistan by international experts.

A 1.3 Editing, translation (as needed) and submission of the Country Profile chapters to the Government for review.

A 2.1 Fact finding mission to Armenia, to agree with the Government on the scope, specific content and timeline of the preparation of the Country Profile

A.2.2 Analysis and drafting of the Country Profile for Armenia by international experts.

4. Expected results of the project:

1. Country Profile for Uzbekistan is developed and submitted to the Government

2. First draft of the Country Profile Armenia developed

5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:

Main target group and beneficiaries are national governments in Armenia and Uzbekistan responsible for housing and land management in their countries. Additional beneficiaries are local authorities, NGOs and academia in Armenia and Uzbekistan active in housing and land management in these countries.

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

The ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management produces country profiles on the housing and land management sector on requests of the governments. Country profiles help the governments to assess their policies, strategies, institutional and financial frameworks for the housing and land management sectors. They provide a strategic analysis of the housing and land management sectors, drafted by independent international experts in cooperation with national experts of the beneficiary countries. Recommendations for improving policies and practices are an essential part of the study. Country profiles also provide information to potential investors, including both private sector and international organizations.

The Government of Uzbekistan submitted its request to conduct Country Profile on 23 September 2013. It has asked for ECE's support in developing policies for affordable and energy efficient housing, especially in rural areas. Affordability of housing for young people is a special concern of the Government.

The Government of Armenia submitted its request on 29 September 2013. According to the government's request, the main challenges they face are spatial planning, informal settlements and housing policy, especially issues of housing affordability and energy efficiency. In the subsequent biennium, funds will be sought for the editing and translating of the country profile for Armenia. This will be paid from the unit's trust fund if additional extrabudgetary funds are not raised.

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

Three months of RB staff (P4 1 and GS 2) time

8. Estimated extrabudgetary resources: Donors Russian Federation		Amount (US\$) 50,000	
9. Project Manager:Gulnara Roll17.06.20Name and signatureDate		10. Division: Economic Cooperation, Trade, and Land Management	
11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit:		12. Approved by EXCOM ¹ :	
Zamira Eshmambetova Chief of PMU		Date	

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

Annex

Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project "ECE Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management for CIS countries: Armenia and Uzbekistan"

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 - Country Profile for Uzbekistan is developed and submitted to the Government.	A.1.1 Fact finding mission to Uzbekistan to agree with the Government on the scope, specific content and timeline of the preparation of the country profile.	 (supported by UNDP Uzbekistan)		
	A.1.2 Analysis and drafting of the Country Profile chapters by international experts	30,000		
	A.1.3 Editing, translation (as needed) and submission of the country profile chapters to the Government for review.	5,000		
E.A.2 - First draft of the Country Profile Armenia developed.	A.2.1 Fact finding mission to Armenia to agree with the Government on the scope, specific content and timeline of the preparation of the country profile.	6,000		
	A.2.2 Analysis and drafting of the Country Profile chapters by international experts	9,000		
Total (including 13 % of Programme Support Costs)		50,000		

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;

⁽d) For other outputs not included under bullet points above: hyperlink to relevant documents.

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.