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Extrabudgetary project
Empowering Bishkek Stakeholders for Sustainable Development: Awareness and Capacity Building for SDG Action (UNECE component of the Joint SDG Fund SDG Localization window project)
(for approval)

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

Project title: Empowering Bishkek Stakeholders for Sustainable Development: Awareness and Capacity Building for SDG Action (UNECE component of the Joint SDG Fund SDG Localization window project)		
Expected timing/ duration: October 2024 – September 2025		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The overall objective of the project is raising awareness and building capacities of key stakeholders to enable action towards selected SDG targets in the city of Bishkek, building upon the VLR process. The project was developed in a context where Bishkek faces multiple challenges, ranging from rapid population growth, continued expansion of informal settlements, degraded urban infrastructure, environmental deterioration, and the related negative impacts on human health. It therefore aims to support key local and national public officials with the necessary skills and tools to integrate SDGs into local policies, programs, and decision-making processes, and will utilise an effective mix of tools including advocacy, action and monitoring to ensure sustainable impact. The activities are expected to support SDG localisation in the City of Bishkek, through building key capacities to enable progress on selected targets of SDGs 11, 13, 16, 17. The activities will also address the technical assistance request of the City of Bishkek in the following areas: raising awareness on SDG localization, analysis of the current enlargement of the city of Bishkek, stakeholder mapping, capacity building, SDG local implementation dashboard. The objective of the project will be implemented by delivering the following activities: A1.1. Causal chain analysis on selected SDG targets and their linkages and barriers, in line with the Global Urban Monitoring Framework; A1.2. Collection and description of applicable policy measures and best practices to address existing issues identified in the VLR of Bishkek and in the Smart Sustainable City Profile of Bishkek; A2.1. Analysis of Bishkek enlargement policy and best practices across the region and the globe; A2.2. Support Bishkek City Council in organising an event on SDG localisation to increase awareness and enhance bottom-up and inclusive processes to engage local stakeholders on the 2030 Agenda and address interlocking crises and development challenges; A3.1. Use and update existing capacity-building materials on SDG targets and proven measures for effective SDG localisation efforts, incorporating data governance, planning, policy, finance, and monitoring to deliver workshops; A3.2. Design and deliver capacity-building workshops on Data and the SDGs. The workshops aim to strengthen capacities to elaborate data-based evidence and identify short-, mid-, and long-term options at the local level; A4.1. Create advocacy and visibility by linking outputs and best practices of the joint programme to regional and international processes such as the World Urban Forum (WUF), the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (RFSD), and the Forum of Mayors. UNECE will be the lead UN organization of the project, to be implemented in coordination with UN-Habitat and UNDP, with inputs from ESCAP, and under the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator in Kyrgyzstan.		
Link to the SDG targets: 11.1, 11.6, 11.7, 13.3, 16.2, 16.7, 17.16, 17.9, 17.17, 17.18.		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Existing policy measures are identified and enhanced in line with the action-oriented recommendations of the VLR of Bishkek; EA2. Awareness of decision makers and target groups is raised on the status and applicable solutions for addressing gaps in SDG targets; EA3. Enhanced capacities of key stakeholders in solution setting and strategic programming to enable actions towards SDG targets and monitoring progress; EA4. Enhancing visibility by linking programme outputs and best practices to regional and international platforms.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Local and national public officials, civil society organisations, academia, private sector, government. Beneficiary country is Kyrgyzstan.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The proposed project directly contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 8 “to strengthen member State-owned and city-level programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management, and advance evidence-based population and social cohesion policies” of the UNECE programme budget for 2024.		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month/P4		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donor	Amount (US\$)	
UN Joint SDG Fund – Seed funding for SDG localization	100,000	
Project Manager: Paola Deda 12.08.2024	Section/Division: Forests, Land and Housing	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron 12.08.2024	Approved by EXCOM¹	09.09.2024

¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex
Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Existing policy measures are identified and enhanced in line with the action-oriented recommendations of the VLR of Bishkek;	A1.1. Causal-chain analysis on selected SDG targets and their linkages and barriers in line with the Global Urban Monitoring Framework; International consultant to undertake the causal-chain analysis x \$8,000	8,000
	A1.2. Collection and description of applicable policy measures and best practices to address existing issues identified in the VLR of Bishkek and the Smart Sustainable City Profile of Bishkek; International consultant to collect and describe applicable policy measures and best practices x \$8,000	8,000
EA2. Awareness of decision makers and target groups in raised on the status and applicable solutions for addressing gaps in SDG targets;	A2.1. Analysis of Bishkek enlargement policy and best practices across the region and the globe; Contractual services x \$12,500 Specialised national consultant on forecasting methods x \$12,500	25,000 12,500 12,500
	A2.2. Support Bishkek City Council in organising an event on SDG localisation to increase awareness and enhance bottom-up and inclusive processes to engage local stakeholders on the 2030 Agenda and address interlocking crises and development challenges; Travel of 3 staff and 1 international consultant to Bishkek x \$2,000	8,000
EA3. Enhanced capacities of key stakeholders in solution setting and strategic programming to enable actions towards SDG targets and monitoring progress;	A3.1. Use and update existing capacity-building materials on SDG targets and proven measures for effective SDG localisation efforts, incorporating data governance, planning, policy, finance, and monitoring to deliver workshops; International consultant x \$12,000 Contractual services (communication materials) x \$7,458	19,458 12,000 7,458
	A3.2. Design and deliver a capacity-building workshop on data and SDGs. The workshop aims to strengthen capacities to elaborate data-based evidence and identify short-, mid-, and long-term options at the local level; Travel of 3 staff and 1 international consultant to Bishkek x \$3,000	12,000
EA4. Enhancing visibility by linking programme outputs and best practices to regional and international platforms.	A4.1. Creating advocacy and visibility by linking outputs and best practices of the joint programme to regional and international processes such as the WUF, ECE RFSD, and the Forum of Mayors. Travel of 4 participants from Bishkek to international meetings x \$3,250	13,000
Budget summary		93,458
7% of Programme Support Costs		6,542
Total		100,000