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IN MOLDOVA

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Participants:

1. Bruno Pouezat, UN RC
2. Ray Torres, UNICEF
3. Edward Brown, WB
4. Petrus Wijninga, UNHCR
5. Martin Wyss, IOM
6. Pavel Ursu, WHO
7. Ignacio Artaza, UNDP
8. Alexandrina Iovita, UNFPA
9. Gabriela Ionascu, UNAIDS
10. Gunes Tomruk, UNAIDS
11. Veaceslav Buikli, IMF
12. Ala Lipcu, ILO
13. Mihaela Darii, Office of the UN RC

## Summary of Discussions

AGENDA ITEMS	KEY POINTS DISCUSSED	DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS
<p><b>I. UNDAF Governance Outcome.</b></p>	<p>Mr. Virgilio Ray Torres, UNICEF Resident Representative, briefed UNCT on the main challenges of the UNDAF Theme Group on Governance Outcome and, in particular, on the UNDAF Governance TG meeting held on 25 September.</p> <p>Organized for the first time, the meeting aimed at exploring the common understanding of the next steps to be taken, existent challenges, the perception of the role of the leading agency, as well as of the role of other agencies within the theme group. Several relevant issues were raised during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The need for the commitment of agencies to speak with one voice;</li> <li>- Theme group meetings should enhance the implementation of output as identified, and/or initiate a more substantive discussion with the Government.</li> </ul> <p>UNCT was also updated on the work of the UNDAF Group on Local and Regional Development. The composition of the Donors' Group on Local &amp; Regional Development is bigger and includes among its participants government counterparts, donors and the civil society. The group is led by Mr. Vrabie, Minister of Local Public Administration.</p>	<p>UNCT deems it important for UNDAF Theme Groups to start or continue discussions within TG meetings, which should become a forum where challenges should be addressed in order to achieve more coherence and coordinated efforts during the preparation process for the new programme cycle.</p>
<p><b>II. Joint Work in Human Rights area.</b></p>	<p>On 22 August, a joint proposal was submitted to Action 2 Global Programme. Envisaged as a follow-up to the UN Reform in the area of human rights, Action 2 pursues to</p>	<p>Though, proposal to Action 2 Global Programme does not include the region of Transnistria, UNCT suggested to the HR group to systematically explore the possibility</p>

	<p>strengthen the capacity of the UNCT to integrate human rights; and to facilitate UNCT in developing a common strategy and joint programmes.</p> <p>The joint proposal put forward two requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. request for the support for the implementation of a project in human rights area up to US\$60,000;</li> <li>2. support for the deployment of a Human Rights Adviser.</li> </ol> <p>The outcomes of the joint project will be the establishment of a fully fledged coordination mechanism represented by the Subgroup on Human Rights, which shall serve as a coordination and informative body within UNCT in the human rights area.</p> <p>The project will be implemented through the ongoing project Support to the Implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan (NHRAP) and will also envisage a series of trainings on UN Human Rights mechanisms, procedures, reporting, etc. The joint project will be monitored by stakeholders meetings, as well as a Project Steering Committee composed of UNCT representatives and national institutions.</p> <p>Among other, the project has one particularly strong side, i.e. it takes into consideration the existent national capacity and strengthens it, leading towards harmonization of the UN support to the Government.</p>	<p>of inclusion of the Transnistrian region into its scope of activities.</p>
<p><b>III. UNAIDS Programme Acceleration Fund (PAF) 2002-5.</b></p>	<p>Mr. Gunes Tomruk, UNAIDS consultant briefed UNCT on the UNAIDS Programme Acceleration Fund.</p> <p>UNAIDS PAF is a financing mechanism, managed by the</p>	

	<p>UNAIDS Secretariat at Global level, representing UNAIDS direct financial support to country level activities. The overall purpose of PAF is to stimulate joint planning and action by and through the UN system in priority areas so that UN organizations are enabled to make a strategic contribution to an effective and efficient scaled up national response.</p> <p>The purpose of the PAF assessment is to provide information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how PAF has been utilized at country level;</li> <li>- how funds have been managed;</li> <li>- what are the bottlenecks to quick disbursement from Secretariat level to country level, and then to the implementing partner.</li> </ul> <p>The selection of the Republic of Moldova as a case for analysis included among other high utilization of PAF due to lack of other sources of funding; an indication of rejections of proposals in terms of obligation of funds; availability of 'joint' proposals; a large number of projects/activities, etc.</p> <p>In-country assessment supports the improvement of joint working by the UN Theme Group and their partners at country level and is aligned to the national response. The next steps of the in-country assessment, as outlined by Mr. Tomruk, will be a range of informant interviews.</p>	
<p><b>IV. UNCT Workplan September-December 2006.</b></p>	<p>UNCT was briefed on the main activities included in the UNCT Workplan for the last quarter Sep – Dec, 2006. The following important events should be taken into consideration:</p>	<p><b>Christmas cards</b> UNCT proposed to reconsider the design of Christmas cards provided that the price stays unchanged (i.e. \$US 1 per card).</p>

**End October - MDG Needs Assessment**

The second phase of the MDG NA will be completed by end of October. The second phase of the exercise pursues the goal to estimate MDG costs and provide policy recommendations for their achievement by the year 2015. The second part of the mission is undertaken by Roman Mogilevski, international consultant, and Jacek Kukrowski, MDG Advisor, UNDP Regional Office.

**15 November - 2<sup>nd</sup> JSM & one-day UNCT retreat**

The second JSM will represent an internal meeting with the participation of heads of agencies during which CPAPs will be shared, the M&E framework will be discussed, and HACT microassessments results will be analyzed.

**Mid November - UN/Government/donor conference (MDG/EGPRSP)**

The conference proposes to follow several important lines

- present findings of the MDG NA mission;
- discuss the general trends of the 2<sup>nd</sup> EGPRSP;
- identify key operational/implementation needs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> EGPRSP.

**22-24 November - UN M&E training for UNDAF Theme Groups**

The training aims to bring participants to the same level of understanding and perception of UNDAF terms and concepts.

**October - 2<sup>nd</sup> round of discussions on joint projects/programmes**

The second round of discussions should bring about substantive outcomes such as the overall number of joint

UNDP and WHO have already confirmed their commitment to cost-share the cost of the cards. Other UN Agencies willing to cost-share the total expenditures of Christmas cards should confirm to Mihaela Darii, UN Coordination Assistant, at [mihaela.darii@undp.org](mailto:mihaela.darii@undp.org) by **6 October**.

Svetlana Alexandrova, UNDP Communication Unit, will follow up to the UNCT on the changes introduced to the design of the card.

	<p>projects/programmes to be implemented; the leading agency and main areas of intervention within the joint project/programme.</p> <p><b>15 December - <u>UN Joint Annual Review</u></b>  The UN Joint Annual Review will follow Agency specific Annual Reviews and will mainly raise two issues for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UN Support to the national development objectives and Agencies' key achievements;</li> <li>- Programme management modalities and ways for improved collaboration during the new programme cycle 2007 – 2011.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>V. Others</b></p>	<p><b>Update on UN AI Coordinator</b>  Ion Bularga has been selected for the position of UN AI Coordinator. In line with the TORs, the UN AI Coordinator will distribute evenly his time between the work with the Government and the UNCT.</p> <p>UNICEF is looking into the opportunity to contract an international expert to review the National Contingency Plan. This study will complement the work of the UN AI Coordinator.</p> <p><b>Follow-up to the AI Simulation Exercise</b>  As a result of the AI Simulation Exercise, an Action Plan has been drafted which will be disseminated. UNICEF and UNHCR are kindly asked to provide their comments.</p> <p><b>Meeting with Ms.Greceanii</b>  On September 26, a meeting with Ms.Greceanii, First Deputy Prime-Minister, will take place. The meeting will be attended by Mr. Bruno Pouezat, Mr. Ray Torres, Mr. Edward</p>	<p>UNCT should consider ways of how to engage the UN AI Coordinator with UNCT and UN Agencies to ensure proper guidance.</p>

	<p>Brown, and Mr. Johan Mathisen. Several issues will be raised during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UN support provided for the 2<sup>nd</sup> EGPRSP</li> <li>- The correlation between MDGs and the 2<sup>nd</sup> EGPRSP</li> </ul> <p><b>Consultative Group Meeting (CG), 12 December, 2006</b>  On 12 December, a Consultative Group Meeting will be held in Brussels organized by WB, IMF and EU. The European Union will play a key-role in the organization of the CG meeting. The objective of the CG meeting is to obtain the commitment of donors to pledge resources for Moldova and to discuss development priorities. The role of the UN is to help the Government to make its case to the donors.</p> <p><b>UN RC “Out of office” notice</b>  Mr. Bruno Pouezat, UN RC, will be out of office during 27 September – 2 October. Mr. Petrus Wijninga, UNHCR Resident Representative, will act as the UN Resident Coordinator, a.i. and Designated Official, a.i.</p>	<p>UN Agencies might consider disseminating informative materials and booklets in the UN Booth which will be placed on the premises during the CG meeting.</p>
<p><b>VII. Next UNCT Meeting.</b></p>		<p>Next UNCT meeting is to be held on <b>24 October, 2006.</b></p>