



## Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund Annual Project Narrative Progress Report

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<b>Programme No: E</b> <b>MDTF Office Atlas No: 66245</b> Programme Title: Support to the policies for social integration and food security.	<b>Participating Organization(s):</b>  FAO UNDP						
<b>Implementing Partners:</b> Office of Planning and Budget (OPP) Ministry of Work and Social Security (MTSS) Ministry of Social Development (MIDES) National Nutrition Institute (INDA)	<b>Programme Budget (from the Fund):</b> <table border="1"><tr><td>FAO</td><td>76,612</td></tr><tr><td>UNDP</td><td>592,138</td></tr><tr><td><b>Total:</b></td><td><b>US\$ 668,750</b></td></tr></table>	FAO	76,612	UNDP	592,138	<b>Total:</b>	<b>US\$ 668,750</b>
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<b>Programme Duration (in months): 18</b> <u>Start date</u> <sup>1</sup> : 25-Jul-2008 <u>End date</u> : 25-Jan-2010 Original end date Revised end date, if applicable Operational Closure Date <sup>2</sup> , if applicable: <u>Budget Revisions/Extensions:</u> List budget revisions and extensions, with approval dates, if applicable							

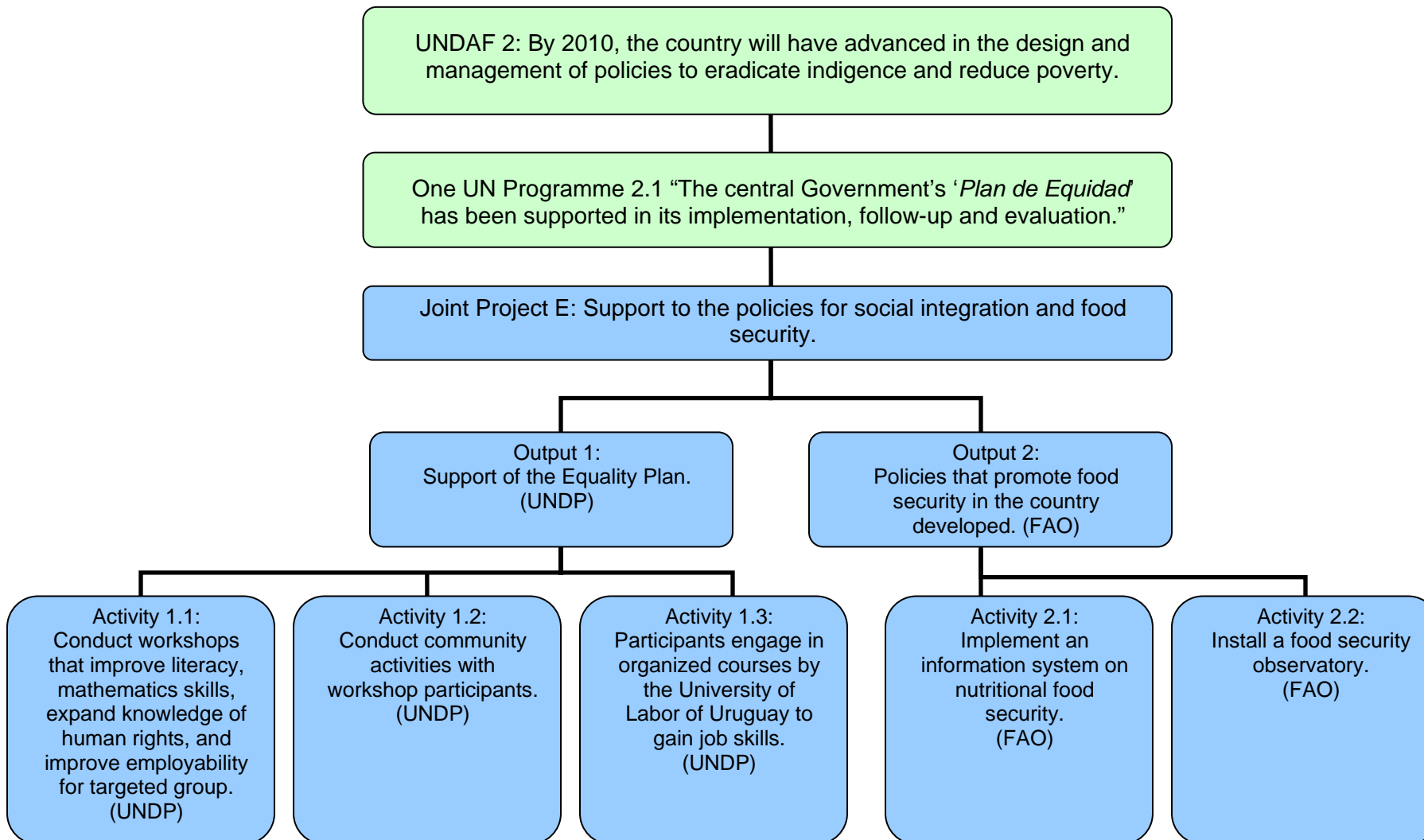
<sup>1</sup> The start date is the date of the first transfer of funds from the MDTF Office as Administrative Agent.

<sup>2</sup> All activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MDTF programme have been completed. Agencies to advise the MDTF Office.

## I. PURPOSE

<b>Programme Description:</b>	<p>This project was developed as one of the objectives of the One UN Programme 2007-2010 “Building Capacities for Development” in Uruguay.</p> <p>This project seeks to enhance social integration processes for the poor, particularly the young population (19 to 29) with children. The project will also contribute to reduce the significant poverty levels recently observed in Uruguay.</p>
<b>Development Goal:</b>	<p>UNDAF 2: “By 2010, the country will have advanced in the design and management of policies to eradicate indigence and reduce poverty.”</p>
<b>Outcome:</b>	<p>One UN Programme 2.1 “The central Government’s <i>‘Plan de Equidad’</i> has been supported in its implementation, follow-up and evaluation.”</p>
<b>Outputs and Key Activities:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support of the Equality Plan.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Conduct workshops that improve literacy, mathematics skills, expand knowledge of human rights, and improve employability for targeted group.</li> <li>1.2 Conduct community activities with workshop participants.</li> <li>1.3 Participants engage in organized courses by the University of Labour of Uruguay (UTU) to gain job skills.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Policies that promote food security in the country developed.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Implement an information system on nutritional food security.</li> <li>2.2 Install a food security observatory.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

## Outputs for the Joint Project E and their relation to the One UN Programme and the UNDAF



## II. RESOURCES

Participating UN Organization(s)	Approved Joint Programme Budget	Approved Transfers to PUNOs (2008)	Approved Transfers to PUNOs (2009)
FAO	76,612	24,610	52,002
UNDP	592,138	181,338	410,800
<b>Total:</b>	<b>US\$ 668,750</b>	<b>US\$ 205,948</b>	<b>US\$ 462,802</b>

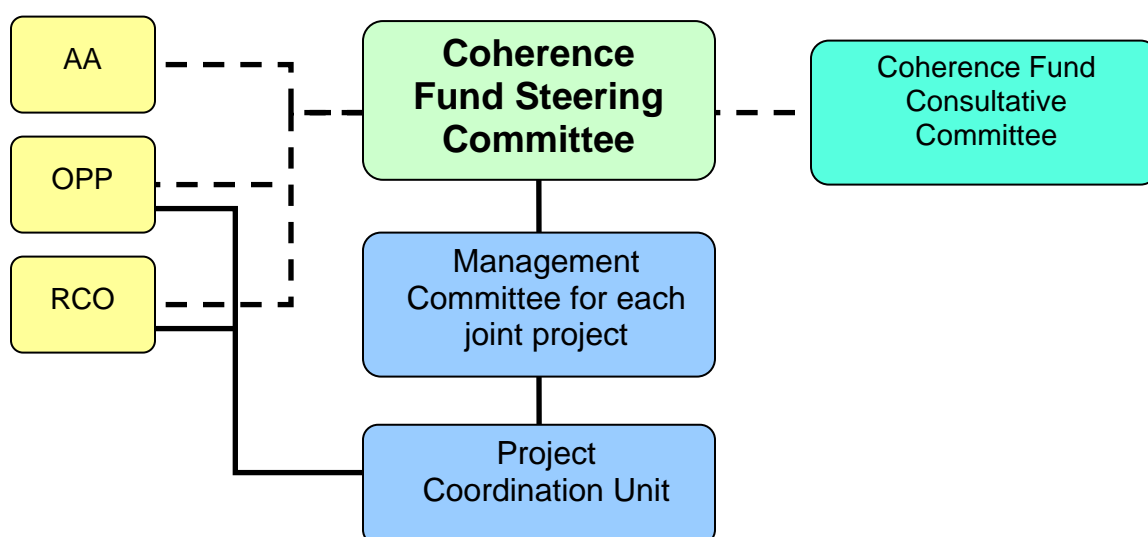
## III. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

To support the One UN Programme, the Government and the UNS in Uruguay agreed to establish the Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund; a common, un-earmarked, development fund, under the leadership of the Resident Coordinator. The Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund supports the coordinated resource mobilization, allocation and disbursement of donor-contributed resources for the unfunded elements of the One UN Programme.

The Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund has several governance mechanisms to ensure proper management of funds, supervision of project execution, and monitoring of results. The mechanisms are: The Coherence Fund Steering Committee, The Coherence Fund Consultative Committee, The Management Committees, and the Administrative Agent (AA).

The members of the Management Committee are: Office of Planning and Budget (OPP), Ministry of Work and Social Security (MTSS), Ministry of Social Development (MIDES), National Nutrition Institute (INDA), the Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO), the executing agencies (FAO, UNDP) and the associated UN Agencies (ILO, WHO, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNIFEM).

### Governance mechanisms for the Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund.



## IV. RESULTS

Collaborative work between the two implementing agencies (UNDP and FAO) simplified the planning and monitoring processes.

One of the main outputs in this project involved strengthening or creating institutional linkages aiming for the sustainability of the results produced, beyond the time limit of the project.

Another main output was an analysis of the human rights perspective as a cross cutting issue in all joint projects financed through the coherence fund and the elaboration of the corresponding report. Specific cross cutting issues such as gender and local development were also analyzed.

### **Output 1: Support of the Equality Plan. (UNDP)**

Minor adjustments to the work plan were made. The main adjustment involved the regrouping of certain products into one: "Implementation of the socioeducational programme "Uruguay Integra" for groups of adults undergoing situations of social vulnerability". The number of expected results was maintained, as the units of analysis are each of the groups that participate in Uruguay Integra. A systematization of the experience was added as an additional product. All expected results were achieved, coverage reached 24 groups.

Currently, the systematization of the results is being finished. A team was hired to evaluate the experience in the area of Monitoring and Evaluation at MIDES. Also, the systematization of the experience involving UTU is being carried out.

#### *Activities*

- Finalization of workshops and training sessions.
- Elaboration of dissemination materials.
- Support institutional connections with associate institutions through CPS.

#### *Publications*

1. Report from external consultant.
2. Publication on the experience piloted within the output. (Uruguay Integra)
3. Manual on Nutrition for Uruguayan families (with INDA and other institutions)
4. DINEM - MIDES Report on monitoring and evaluation of the pilot experience.
5. Audiovisual on the pilot experience.
6. Report on Non-formal education.
7. Systematization of the experience Uruguay Integra – UTU.

### **Output 2: Policies that promote food security in the country developed. (FAO)**

An additional product of systematization of the experience was incorporated to the output. A report on the observatory "Process and results of its design and implementation" Coordination of activities with Project C in the framework of the activities of the Observatory on Food Security.

#### *Activities*

- Implementation of software.

- Design of Website.
- Website operational.
- Workshop to present the Observatory on Food security to technicians from INDA.
- Extension of Contract for Consultants to elaborate consolidated report.
- Consolidated report finalized.
- Contract Extension for consultant for the region of Canelones and Florida.
- Contract extension for consultant on software improvement.
- Consultation with technical focal points on Reports concerning Food Security in Uruguay.
- Further steps taken towards institutionalization of the Observatory.
- Elaboration of Report on Food Security Observatory: Process and Results of Design and Implementation.
- Presentation of Results and Perspective of the Observatory.

#### *Publications*

1. Publication of monitoring indicators.
2. Software and Observatory's website.
3. Dissemination of copies of reports prepared by consultants.
4. Reports on each workshop.
5. Publication: Report "Process and outcome of design and Implementation."

#### *Achievements*

All planned results were achieved. The Observatory on Food Security was established and is operating. At present work is being done to design a new project that allows for further institutionalization of the Observatory.

The experience of group work with *Uruguay Integra* also aimed at developing capacities for continuous group work to carry out different activities (discussions, reading activities, gym) aiming for social integration, beyond the timeframe of the project.

#### *Weaknesses*

With regard to the first output, work to strengthen networks among the different Ministries supporting Uruguay Integra is still to be done; nonetheless, interinstitutional contacts have been promoted with support from the project.

The process of consolidation of the Observatory requires time and additional resources which are already in process of being mobilized. Greater commitment from national institutions aiming for its sustainability is still necessary. Steps were taken throughout the development of the project with regard to this issue.

#### *Cross-cutting issues*

The perspective taken on cross cutting issues aimed at transcending the project itself, trying to connect it both with other projects and also within the project, through building bridges with other institutions or departments within the implementing partners.

Cross cutting issues can be identified at two levels: those involving food security and social integration issues, and from a more general perspective, the issue of incorporating the human rights perspective to the project itself. Efforts have been made to raise institutional awareness with this regard.

## V. FUTURE WORK PLAN

### Output 1: Support of the Equality Plan. (UNDP)

- Finalize systematization of the experience.
- Compilation of a publication.

### Output 2: Policies that promote food security in the country developed. (FAO)

Further institutionalization of the Observatory on Food Security through the design of new initiatives to guarantee sustainability beyond the finalization of project E.

## VI. MONITORING

Expected results	Indicators	Status/measure
Output 1: Support of the Equality Plan.	• Number of groups trained.	24
	• Number of Departments where workshops were held.	7
	• Number of participants.	125 (102 women, 23 men)
Output 2: Policies that promote food security in the country developed.	• Food Security Information System.	Operational
	• Web page for the Observatory on Food Security.	Operational
	• Workshops in the interior of the country held.	6
	• Report on Food Security.	Developed

## VII. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

DaO	Delivering as One
DINEM	National Directorate for Monitoring and Evaluation
FAO	United Nations Organization for Food and Agriculture
INDA	National Food Institute
INIA	National Institute of Farming Research
LATU	Technological Laboratory of Uruguay
MGAP	Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries
MIDES	Ministry of Social Development
MTSS	Ministry of Labour and Social Security
OPP	Office of Planning and Budget
PAHO- WHO	Pan American Health Organization-World Health Organization
PUNO	Participating United Nations organization
RCO	Resident Coordinator's Office
UDELAR	University of the Republic (National University)
UNCT	United Nations Country Team
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Fund for Children
UNRC	United Nations Resident Coordinator
UNS	United Nations System
UTU	Uruguayan Technological University