



Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund Annual Project Narrative Progress Report

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Country and Thematic Area
Uruguay, Decentralization and citizen participation

Programme ID: "I"
MDTF Office Atlas No: 66250
Programme Title: Support for the decentralization processes and promotion of citizen participation as part of the reform of the State.

Participating Organization(s):

UNDP and UNESCO

Implementing Partners:
Office of Planning and Budget (OPP)
Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRREE)
Ministry of Social Development (MIDES)
National Parliament

Programme Budget (from the Fund):

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| UNDP | 478,526 |
| UNESCO | 297,225 |
| Total: | US\$ 775,751 |

Programme Duration (in months): 18

Start date¹: 1 Aug 2008

End date: 30 Jan 2010

Original end date

Revised end date, if applicable

Operational Closure Date², if applicable:

Budget Revisions/Extensions:

Budget revisions and extensions, with approval dates, if applicable

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

² 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

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| <p>Programme Description:</p> | <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>The project will: strengthen the process of decentralization and promotion of citizen participation throughout the country; improve the process of coordination and interaction of social, cultural, and international involvement policies; and ensure greater social and political participation through strengthening the Departmental councils of social policies.</p> |
| <p>Development Goal:</p> | <p>UNDAF 4. By 2010, the country will have advanced in the adjustment of national legislation and practices to its international commitments, and in the strengthening of public and civil institutions for the design, execution, monitoring and evaluation of public policies.</p> |
| <p>Outcome:</p> | <p>One UN Programme 4.2 “Policies on decentralization and promotion of citizen participation in the territory will have been supported by 2010.”</p> |
| <p>Outputs and Key Activities:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 The coordination of social public policies throughout the country has been strengthened by 2010. 1.2 The capabilities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs related to the promotion of commerce and investment by implementing local Government initiatives and supporting the formation of diplomatic personnel have been strengthened by 2010. 1.3 The coordination of public policies that promote social integration and citizenship throughout the country has been strengthened by 2010. 2.1 The participation by citizens in the identification of priorities for the social policies throughout the country has been strengthened by 2010. 2.2 The spaces for citizen participation throughout the country have been supported by 2010. 2.3 By 2010, the link between Parliament and the community, in particular local governments and youth throughout the country, has been strengthened. |

Outputs for the Joint Project “I” and their relation to the One UN Programme and the UNDAF

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Joint Project “I”: Support for the decentralization processes and promotion of citizen participation as part of the reform of the State.

Output 1:
The decentralization and coordination of policies throughout the country supported.
(UNESCO-UNDP)

Output 2:
Citizen participation throughout the country promoted.
(UNESCO-UNDP)

Activity 1.1:
Strengthening the coordination of social public policies throughout the country. (UNDP)

Activity 1.2:
Strengthening of the capabilities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs related to the promotion of commerce and investment by implementing local Government initiatives and supporting the formation of diplomatic personnel. (UNDP)

Activity 1.3:
Strengthening of the coordination of public policies that promote social integration and citizenship throughout the country. (UNESCO)

Activity 2.1:
Strengthening of the participation by citizens in the identification of priorities for the social policies throughout the country. (UNDP)

Activity 2.2:
Support of the spaces for citizen participation throughout the country. (UNESCO)

Activity 2.3:
Strengthening the link between Parliament and the community, in particular local governments and youth throughout the country. (UNDP)

II. RESOURCES

| Participating UN Organization(s) | Approved Joint Programme Budget | Approved Transfers to PUNOs (2008) | Approved Transfers to PUNOs (2009) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| UNDP | 478,526 | 207,452 | 271,074 |
| UNESCO | 297,225 | 97,103 | 200,122 |
| Total: | US\$ 775,751 | US\$ 304,555 | US\$ 471,196 |

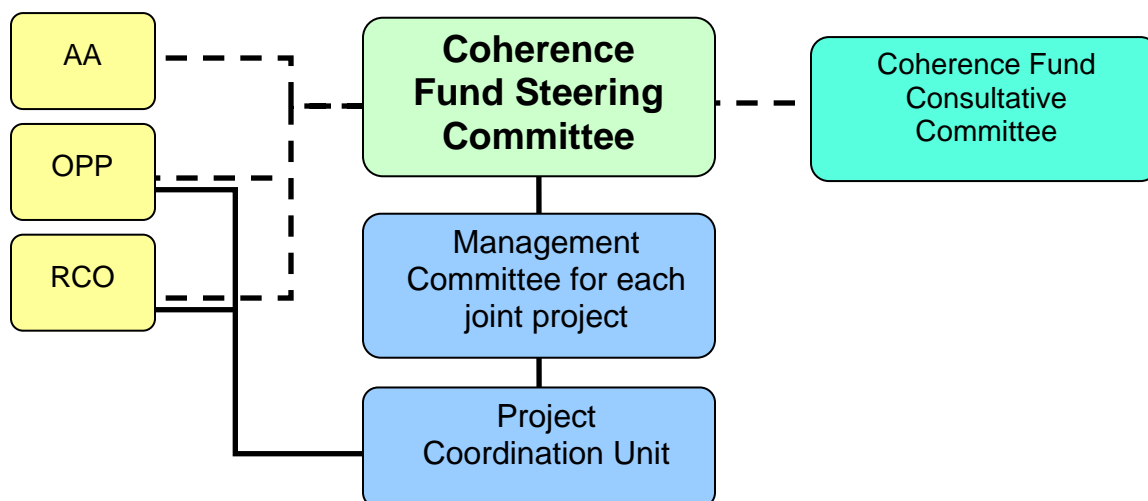
III. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

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 Education and Culture (MEC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRREE), Ministry of Social Development (MIDES), National Parliament, the Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO), the executing agencies (UNDP, UNESCO) and the associated UN Agencies (FAO, IOM, ILO, UNAIDS, WHO, UNFPA, UNIFEM).

Governance mechanisms for the Uruguay One UN Coherence Fund.



IV. RESULTS

Output 1: The decentralization and coordination of policies throughout the country supported. (UNESCO-UNDP)

Activity 1.1: Strengthening the coordination of social public policies throughout the country. (UNDP)

- In 2009, the project supported the implementation of workshops held in seven Departments including Cerro Largo, Durazno, Paysandu, Salto, Rocha and Treinta y Tres.
- In total, 269 people from local Departmental organizations received training (approximately 75% of them were women and 25 % men).
- Topics of the training include:
 - Communication and Negotiation.
 - Development of social policies.
 - Grassroots organizations.
 - Management of public policies.
 - Project development.
 - Strategic planning.

Activity 1.2: Strengthening of the capabilities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs related to the promotion of commerce and investment by implementing local Government initiatives and supporting the formation of diplomatic personnel. (UNDP)

In this output the project strengthened the MRREE to communicate with the Uruguayan citizens throughout the country on the availability of information, career possibilities, and services available from the Ministry.

- Communication strategies and products were developed through this project including the image design for the MRREE's Directorate on Intelligence, Commercial Promotion and Investment (DIPCI).
- Workshops and training sessions were held in four Departments within the country, namely: Canelones, Salto, Soriano, and Tacuarembó. Representations from the other Departments attended the nearest location available.
- The topics covered in the training activities included:
 - Business intelligence.
 - Investment projects.
 - International marketing of goods and services.
 - Links with the network of consulates and diplomatic missions across the DIPCI.
 - Relationship with local producers.
 - International marketing.
 - Tools available in DIPCI.
- Development of the DIPCI Website: dpc.mrree.gub.uy
- Modernization and digitalization of the Library of Artigas Institute of the Foreign Service (IASE): www.mrree.gub.uy (Library)

Activity 1.3: Strengthening of the coordination of public policies that promote social integration and citizenship throughout the country. (UNESCO)

- 110 Workshops on Human Rights were held 7 Departments covering 55 localities. The intended public was primary and secondary school students, parents, adolescents as well as Civil Society Organizations. The key areas covered in the workshops were: Domestic violence, cross-border human trafficking, and citizen participation in the enjoyment and guarantee of human rights.
- 120 health workshops were held in these 7 Departments. The issues covered were: Reproductive and sexual rights, adolescence and sexuality, childhood and sexuality, and sexually transmitted diseases.
- Distance learning courses were developed on Diversity, Internet, and Reading.
- Workshop was held on “Education, Technology and Society”; 400 teachers and education relation professionals participated.
- Workshops on Science and Technology were held for Science clubs; 542 people participated from 82 institutions.
- Research and development of a law project jointly with the University of the Republic on the State of the Law and Civil Registry”.
- 4 Culture Factories were supported through workshops. The National Directorate of Culture (DNC) has made a commitment for sustaining these results through funding and development of programmes. Entrepreneurships were encouraged through workshops on the following areas:
 - Buita Derivatives – in Rocha.
 - Dolls and marionettes – Durazno. This group reached a distribution agreement with a national Department Store.
 - Small wood furniture.
 - Ceramics – Salto.
- 15 national artists received support to participate in traditional public events and celebrations in the “For each payment a singer” programme of the DNC.
- Publications to reach citizens and promoting public policies:
 - Declaration of Human Rights to hand out at each event.
 - Citizen services procedures on: marriage, deaths, births, etc.
 - Analysis and assessment of Afro-descendant population in the country.
 - Women’s rights and health.
 - Information technology and education in the classroom.

Output 2: Citizen participation throughout the country promoted. (UNESCO-UNDP)

Activity 2.1 Strengthening of the participation by citizens in the identification of priorities for the social policies throughout the country. (UNDP)

- Held a second National Meeting of the Departmental Social Councils, September 2009. Participation was attained from all the Councils of the territory. At the meeting The councils were able to exchange information, opinions, and strategies with the MIDES and maintained participation through the Inter-institutional Roundtables on Social Policies. Proposals were also developed on education, recreation, leisure, infrastructure, health, etc.
- Development of training materials and monitoring citizen rights and accountability.
 - "Letters of support for citizen monitoring."
 - "Citizenship in permanent construction."

Activity 2.2: Support of the spaces for citizen participation throughout the country. (UNESCO)

See results for output 1.3 as these outputs are being achieved jointly.

Activity 2.3: Strengthening the link between Parliament and the community, in particular local governments and youth throughout the country. (UNDP)

During 2009, new channels of communication between Parliament and Citizenship were designed and implemented.

- Children's Parliament.
- Digital publications.
- Audiovisual Archive/File.
- Development of visual records and TV PARLIAMENT.
- Meeting between youth and Members of Parliament.
- Material for distribution: Children's Parliament.
<http://www.miparlamento.gub.uy/>

V. FUTURE WORK PLAN

As the project is due to conclude in February 2010 the future work plan focuses on concluding arranged activities.

VI. MONITORING

| Expected results | Indicators | Status/measure |
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| Output 1: The decentralization and coordination of policies throughout the country supported. | • Number of Departments where workshops on coordinating social policies throughout the countryside are held. | 7 |
| | • Number of workshops on Human Rights held in the countryside. | 110 |
| | • Number of workshops on Health held in the countryside. | 120 |
| | • Distance learning courses. | Diversity, internet, reading |
| | • DIPCI website developed. | Operational |
| Output 2: Citizen participation throughout the country promoted. | • National Meeting of Departmental Social Councils | Held |
| | • Children's Parliament. | Held |
| | • TV PARLIAMENT. | Operational |
| | • Parliamentary website with emphasis on youth. | Operational |

VI. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

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| AA | Administrative Agent |
| CFCC | Coherence Fund Consultative Committee |
| CFSC | Coherence Fund Steering Committee |
| DaO | Delivering as One |
| DIPCI | Directorate on Intelligence, Commercial Promotion and Investment |
| DNC | National Directorate of Culture |
| FAO | United Nations Organization for Food and Agriculture |
| IASE | Artigas Institute of the Foreign Service |
| ILO | International Labor Organization |
| IOM | International Organization for Migration |
| MDTF | Multi-Donor Trust Fund |
| MEC | Ministry of Education and Culture |
| MIDES | Ministry of Social Development |
| MRREE | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| 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 |
| UNAIDS | Joint United Nations Programme on HIV / AIDS |
| UNCT | United Nations Country Team |
| UNDAF | United Nations Development Assistance Framework |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| UNIFEM | United Nations Fund for Women |
| UNRC | United Nations Resident Coordinator |
| UNS | United Nations System |