



ANNUAL PROGRAMME¹ NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: JANUARY – DECEMBER 2011

Programme Title & Number <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programme Title: “Cross-border natural resources and conflict”• Programme Number: 00046725• MDTF Office Atlas Number: 00074593	Country, Locality(s), Thematic Area(s) <p><i>Batken, Leylek, Alabuka districts of Kyrgyzstan Isfara and Rasulov districts of Tajikistan</i></p>
Participating Organization(s) <p><i>UNDP UNV</i></p>	Implementing Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Institute of President• Khujand Regional Office UNDP Tajikistan• State Administrations of Batken, Leylek and Alabuka districts of Kyrgyzstan• State Administrations of Isfara and Rasulov districts of Tajikistan• Oblast Advisory Committees of Batken and Jalalabad oblasts
Programme/Project Cost (US\$) <p>MDTF Fund Contribution:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$ 433.621Agency Contribution<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNDP \$ 69.834TOTAL: \$503.455</p>	Programme Duration (months) <p>Overall Duration: 25 months</p> <p>Start Date:² 23.03.2010</p> <p>End Date (or Revised End Date):³ 31.12.2012</p> <p>Operational Closure Date:⁴ 30.06.2013</p> <p>Expected Financial Closure Date: 30.09.2013</p>
Programme Assessments/Mid-Term Evaluation <p>Assessment Completed - if applicable <i>please attach</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date: _____</p> <p>Mid-Evaluation Report – <i>if applicable please attach</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date: _____</p>	Submitted By <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Name: Ainura Umetalieva○ Title: Programme Manager○ Participating Organization (Lead): UNDP Kyrgyzstan

¹ The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

² The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MDTF Office as Administrative Agent. Transfer date is available on the [MDTF Office GATEWAY](http://mdtf.undp.org) (<http://mdtf.undp.org>).

³ As per approval by the relevant decision-making body/Steering Committee.

⁴ All activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MPTF programme have been completed. Agencies to advise the MPTF Office.

I. Purpose

Project Goal: to strengthen working groups at the district level and association for cross border municipalities to assist the local authorities and civil society on the both sides of the border to take joint actions to address the root causes of the local tensions.

This goal will be achieved through the following output:

Output 3. Potential causes of cross border conflicts are addressed and cooperation is improved between and among cross border communities.

The Project contributes to the achievement of the outcomes of the UN Development Assistance Framework and Country Programme in Kyrgyzstan through strengthening capacity of local actors in conflict prevention and peace building and cooperation mechanisms like cross border working groups and associations for joint monitoring of conflict situations and joint response.

- **UNDAF outcome B1:** Good governance reforms and practices institutionalized at all levels by Government, civil society organizations and the private sector toward poverty reduction, protection of rights and sustainable human development
- **CP Outcome B.1.6.** Promote peace building approaches at national and local levels for strengthening social harmony, human security and development

II. Resources

Financial Resources:

The total annual budget of the Project is \$295 715.87 where MDTF fund contribution is \$ 225.881.87 and UNDP - \$ 69 834.00.

Moreover UNDP PDP contributed by remuneration of the working hours of the following staff members:

- Program Manager
- Chief Technical Advisor
- Administrative and Financial Assistant
- 1 Program Specialist

Human Resources:

- 1 Program Specialist responsible for overall project planning, implementation and monitoring (covered by UN DAO)
- PDP Program Manager responsible for day-to-day oversight of project implementation, financial delivery, planning, monitoring and reporting of the activities and achievements
- PDP Administrative and Financial Assistants responsible for overall procurement, finance and accounting reporting;

III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements

- This project has been implemented as a sub-project of the larger UNDP Peace and Development Programme in compliance with its management arrangements and standard UNDP procedures.
- UNV contributed to project implementation through recruitment of 1 national volunteer and provision of knowledge tools.
- Monitoring of the project has been implemented through weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual reports, travel reports, quarterly planning workshops where lessons learnt have been taken into account while planning the following stage of the project. Program Manager and Chief Technical Advisor constantly attended project activities and visited project site to verify progress of the project.

IV. Results

During the reporting period, the following preparatory activities have been carried out within the project: Due to the fact that DAO funds have been received 11 months later than planned and only in December 2011, i.e. end-year closure period, it was not possible to achieve substantial results. Nevertheless, the following preparatory works have been done within remaining 2 weeks of 2011:

- A national UN Volunteer has been recruited through open competition to work in pilot cross-border communities in Batken oblast.
- Information activities have been carried out for representatives of oblast, rayon and municipal authorities to ensure effective work of Cross-Border Working Groups. In the pilot Alabuka, Batken and Leilek rayons, working groups compositions have been updated to reflect changes in the management of local partners - rayon and municipal authorities.
- The Working Groups have worked out their action plans for 2012 on development of cross-border cooperation between the Kyrgyz, Tajik and Uzbek border communities.
- An open bid was launched to purchase computer equipment for the Cross-Border Working Groups to improve their work.

Implementation constraints and lessons learnt

This project relates to cross-border cooperation among border Kyrgyz, Tajik and Uzbek communities. Preparation and implementation of such projects require numerous endorsements and coordination with all the parties, especially during drafting of project proposals. The delay in the receipt of DAO funds in 2011 resulted in postponing of majority of planned activities to 2012. Timely disbursement of the funds for projects involving international parties is significant for ensuring quality and sustainability of the projects.

Thus, in 2011 the Peace and Development Programme supported efforts to strengthen cross-border dialogue and cooperation through holding meetings, cross-cultural events, workshops and projects in the border communities by UNDP core funds.

Key partnerships and cooperation

A key partner in the project activities were UNDP Tajikistan Communities Programme, state administrations of Batken oblast, Batken and Leilek rayons of Kyrgyzstan and state administrations of Sughd oblast, Isfara and J.Rasulov rayons of Tajikistan, as well as cross-border working groups, local NGOs, etc.

Local authorities from both sides and UNDP Tajikistan contributed by carrying out various activities, ensuring attendance of participants, provision of premises and exchanging necessary information on border issues, etc.

V. Future Work Plan

Output 3. Mechanisms for dialogue, joint problem-solving and cooperation are in place to reduce tensions in cross-border areas

In 2012 the following activities are planned:

- Facilitate and support joint discussions of the Cross-Border Working Groups to address transboundary issues through workshops, roundtables and other events;
- Support cross-cultural and inter-ethnic dialogues in the pilot border communities through various cross-cultural events (festivals of friendship, joint exhibitions and fairs, etc.);
- Conduct a thematic study in the pilot areas to determine the root causes of conflicts in the border communities;
- Increase capacity of key local actors in preventing and resolving ethnic conflicts, in negotiation and other related fields;
- Support local initiatives of the targeted border communities through grants support aimed at strengthening cross-border cooperation.

VI. INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baselines	Planned Indicator Targets	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance (if any)	Source of Verification	Comments (if any)
OUTPUT 3. Mechanisms for dialogue, joint problem-solving and cooperation are supported to reduce tensions in cross-border areas							
<i>Activity Result 3.1.</i> Established and functioning cross-border working groups at rayon (district) level	Discussed and addressed cross border issues and problems during the working groups' (WG) meetings	Not enough # of dialogues and discussion held on cross border issues	4 WG meetings involving 400 participants	No meetings held	Due to the delayed transfer of the funds and it's timing in mid December 2011 (due to the year-end financial closure related matters), the planned activities as indicators have not been carried out. Only preparatory activities as indicated in the "Results" have been conducted.		
	# projects implemented in cross border communities	Very few number of projects in cross-border communities	tbd	No projects implemented in border communities			
	Cross border cooperation issues (including gender and youth) included into local development plan	Cross border cooperation issues (including gender and youth) are not duly reflected in local development plan	Cross border cooperation issues (including gender and youth) included into local development plan	Cross border cooperation issues (including gender and youth) are not included into local development plan			
	# conducted cross culture events	Not enough # of dialogues and discussion held on cross border issues	6 festivals of friendship held	No cross-culture events conducted			
<i>Activity Result 3.2</i> Root causes of conflicts in cross	Conduct thematic research to	No thematic research conducted to	Conduct 1 thematic research to	No thematic research conducted			

border communities identified and possible ways of solutions developed	determine the main causes of conflict in cross border communities;	determine the main causes of conflict in cross border communities;	determine the main causes of conflict in cross border communities;			
	# prepared project reports disseminated among the local, rayon and national actors	No project reports disseminated among the local, rayon and national actors	tbd	No project reports disseminated among the local, rayon and national actors		
	Strengthen the capacities of existing local structures to regulate cross border problems	Capacity of local structures to regulate cross-border issues is weak	1 trainings held on "Fundamentals of Negotiation "	No trainings held		
	# trained key local actors (local authority, NGO, women and youth organizations, informal structures, etc.)	Capacity of local actors (local authority, NGO, women and youth organizations , informal structures, etc.) is weak	1 trainings held on "Fundamentals of Negotiation "	No trainings held		
	# community and youth organizations involved in volunteering activity to spread the idea of sustainable	Community and youth organizations are not involved in volunteering activities to spread the	tbd	1 national UNV recruited		

	development and cross border dialogue	idea of sustainable development and cross border dialogue					
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