

Section I: Identification and JP Status Economic governance, regulatory reform, public participation, and pro-poor development in Albania

Semester: 2-10

Country Albania

Thematic Window Democratic Economic Governance

MDGF Atlas Project

Program title Economic governance, regulatory reform, public participation, and pro-poor

development in Albania

Report Number

Reporting Period 2-10

Programme Duration Official Starting Date

Participating UN Organizations * UNDP

* WB

Implementing Partners * •Albanian Electricity Transmission Corporation

* •Albanian Electro-Énergetic Corporation

* •Energy Regulatory Entity

* •General Department for Water Supply
* •Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy

* •Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

* •Ministry of Transport and Public Works

Budget Summary

Total Approved Budget



UNDP	\$1,353,550.00
WB	\$743,650.00
Total	\$2,097,200.00

Total Amount of Transferred To Date

UNDP	\$615,580.00
WB	\$433,350.00
Total	\$1,048,930.00

Total Budget Committed To Date

UNDP	\$521,335.00
WB	\$433,350.00
Total	\$954,685.00

Total Budget Disbursed To Date

UNDP	\$469,786.00
WB	\$433,350.00
Total	\$903,136.00

Donors

As you can understand, one of the Goals of the MDG-F is to generate interest and attract funding from other donors. In order to be able to report on this goal in 2010, we would require you to advise us if there has been any complementary financing provided in 2010 for each programme as per following example:

Amount in thousands of U\$

Type Donor Total For 2010 For 2011 For 2012

Parallel

Cost Share

Counterpart

DEFINITIONS



- 1) PARALLEL FINANCING refers to financing activities related to or complementary to the programme but whose funds are NOT channeled through Un agencies. Example: JAICA decides to finance 10 additional seminars to disseminate the objectives of the programme in additional communities.
- 2) COST SHARING refers to financing that is channeled through one or more of the UN agencies executing a particular programme. Example: The Government of Italy gives UNESCO the equivalent of US \$ 200,000 to be spent on activities that expand the reach of planned activities and these funds are channeled through UNESCO.
- 3) COUNTERPART FUNDS refers to funds provided by one or several government agencies (in kind or in cash) to expand the reach of the programme. These funds may or may not be channeled through a UN agency. Example: The Ministry of Water donates land to build a pilot 'village water treatment plant' The value of the contribution in kind or the amount of local currency contributed (if in cash) must be recalculated in US \$ and the resulting amount(s) is what is reported in the table above.

Direct Beneficiaries

Targeted - Reached

% difference

1634511

0.0

	Men	Men from Ethnic Groups	Women	Women from Ethnic Groups	Boys	Girls	National Institutions	Local Institutions
Targeted Number	693		334				11	
Reached Number	217		87				13	
Targeted - Reached	476	0	247	0	0	0	-2	0
% difference	31.31	0	26.05	0	0	0	118.18	0
Indirect Beneficiaries								
	Men	Men from Ethnic Groups	Women	Women from Ethnic Groups	Boys	Girls	National Institutions	Local Institutions
Targeted Number Reached Number	1634511		1508778					

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1508778

0.0

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Section II: JP Progress

1 Narrative on progress, obstacles and contingency Measures

Please provide a brief overall assessment (250 words) of the extent to which the joint programme components are progressing in relation to expected outcomes and outputs, as well as any measures taken for the sustainability of the joint programme during the reporting period. Please, provide examples if relevant. Try to describe facts avoiding interpretations or personal opinions

Progress in outcomes

The programme has reached cruising speed. Implementation is progressing well and delivery is good.

Outcome 1 - The PMC of 10 November 2010 approved some changes to the planned activities. All the activities (taking into account the changes) are ongoing without exception meaning that their translation into outcome 1 can be reasonably expected to take place in 2011.

Outcome 2 – Most activities have been going ahead as planned. Difficulties to work with the existing consumer associations were encountered and discussed at the PMC. There are alternative channels to strengthen civil society. The programme is considering various alternatives to make sure that outcome 2 is fully achieved.

Outcome 3 - Activities contributing to this outcome have been going ahead as planned which in 2011 should result in the achievement of outcome 3.

Progress in outputs

Almost all of the activities of the programme have now been initiated and is delivering a growing number of final outputs, such as: Study on Effectiveness of Support to the Poor with respect to access to electricity, Poverty and Social Impact Analysis of Electricity Tariff Reforms, Mid-Term Review of the Strategy on Consumer Protection and Market Surveillance, several consumer protection training activities etc.

Measures taken for the sustainability of the joint programme

The activities of the JP are designed in such a way as to ensure sustainable impact. For instance, the Willingness to Pay Survey which is to be implemented under the World Bank-led component is to serve as an input to the new Water and Wastewater Sector Strategy which will provide the policy framework for water sector activities in the next few years. Under the UNDP-led component, support is provided to prepare a "model" water contract which will be adopted and used over several years by the 56 Albanian water utility companies. The consumer complaints management system that will be established is expected to be used by the competent ministry over of a number of years etc.

Are there difficulties in the implementation?

Management: 1. Activity and output management. 2. Governance/Decision Making 4. Accountability

What are the causes of these difficulties?

External to the Joint Programme

Briefly describe the current difficulties the Joint Programme is facing



The programme is not facing any major internal difficulties that are of an operational character. Perhaps it is worth mentioning however some issues with respect to financial reporting to the MDG-F Secretariat. They are due to an incompatibility between the financial reporting modalities agreed in the fee for service agreement between UNDP and the World Bank and the MDG-F reporting format. The latter requires financial reporting broken down by activity while the fee for service agreement with the World Bank is broken down by input (travel, consultancy fees, training etc.). Because of this, the EG programme cannot report on the expenditures and commitments by activity for the World Bank led component. It can only report an aggregate figure for expenditures and commitments for that component.

Briefly describe the current external difficulties that delay implementation

A new General Director (GD) responsible for consumer protection at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy (METE) was appointed in June 2010. He is the counterpart for the UNDP-led component. He does not have a background in consumer protection and was not involved in the inception work that took place in February and March 2010. Endorsement of certain activities takes longer than before. There is a question mark on the EG programme's planned support to the 2 existing consumer associations (see minutes of 10 November 2010 PMC). An amount of US\$ 100,000 planned for support to the 2 associations needs to be re-programmed. METE has requested for more time to come up with a position. Its position is expected to be clear by the next PMC scheduled for March 2011. There are diverging views between different institutions as to the scope of the survey of citizens' satisfaction with electricity and water services. The first PMC approved a survey with a national scope but the second PMC decided to limit the survey to a few regions. The Water Regulatory Authority which is directly concerned by this activity disagreed. The Albanian institutions are consulting each other and are expected to come up with one single position on the matter.

Explain the actions that are or will be taken to eliminate or mitigate the difficulties

The financial reporting issue has been raised on several occasions with the WB Task Manager. Based on advice received from the Bank's lawyers, the only way a different reporting format could be adopted would be by amending the fee for service agreement and renegotiating the reporting formats that are part of the agreement. Based on previous experiences this process might take longer than the remaining lifespan of the project.

The EG programme is devoting the necessary time to explain the planned activities and make sure that they are endorsed rapidly.

The issue of the re-programming of the US\$ 100,000 has been discussed in depth with the new GD. Options have been proposed.

With respect to the scope of the survey, the EG programme has held meetings on this specific issue with the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) and the Water Regulatory Authority. The two institutions have had consultations among them and they will soon come up with their position.

2 Inter-Agency Coordination and Delivering as One

Is the joint programme still in line with the UNDAF?

Yes true No false

If not, does the joint programme fit the national strategies?

Yes true No false



What types of coordination mechanisms

The JP is part of the One UN Programme in Albania and is structured under the Governance Pillar. Therefore, activities are part of the standard planning and reporting cycle foreseen by the One UN Programme along with those of all other JPs that are active in the country.

The Programme Management Committee, which meets on a quarterly basis and is co-chaired by the UN Resident Coordinator and the Lead Government partner, provides oversight and guidance to all agencies participating in the joint programme.

The activities of the Joint programme have been structured in order to complement each other and are closely interlinked to prevent the various components of the JP from running in parallel as separate sub-programmes. Although technical JP staff of UNDP and the World Bank are not able to co-locate given that the WB technical staff working on the JP are based in Washington DC, the JP has put in place an effective mechanism to ensure continuous communication and coordination also with the local WB office.

At the invitation of the Resident Coordinator, the Joint Programme CTA / coordinators have been meeting to share lessons learned and experiences to improve and strengthen the work of all the JPs in the country.

Please provide the values for each category of the indicator table below

Indicators	Baselin Current e Value		Means of verification Collection methods	
Number of managerial practices (financial, procurement, etc) implemented jointly by the UN implementing agencies for MDF-F JPs	0	10	Internal reporting system	Internal meetings / reports
Number of joint analytical work (studies, diagnostic) undertaken jointly by UN implementing agencies for MDG-F JPs	0	1	Internal reporting system	Internal meetings / reports
Number of joint missions undertaken jointly by UN implementing agencies for MDG-F JPs	0	1	Internal reporting system	Internal meetings / reports

3 Development Effectiveness: Paris Declaration and Accra Agenda for Action

Are Government and other national implementation partners involved in the implementation of activities and the delivery of outputs?

Not Involved false
Slightly involved false
Fairly involved true
Fully involved false

In what kind of decisions and activities is the government involved?

Policy/decision making



Who leads and/or chair the PMC?

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy chairs the PMC.

Number of meetings with PMC chair

The EG programme has a minimum of 1 meeting every 2 weeks with the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy. It is very frequent that the EG programme meets with the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy every week. The Ministry is actively involved in programme decisions and closely monitors activities.

Is civil society involved in the implementation of activities and the delivery of outputs?

Not involved false
Slightly involved false
Fairly involved true
Fully involved false

In what kind of decisions and activities is the civil society involved?

Management: service provision

Are the citizens involved in the implementation of activities and the delivery of outputs?

Not involved false
Slightly involved true
Fairly involved false
Fully involved false

In what kind of decisions and activities are the citizens involved?

Policy/decision making

Where is the joint programme management unit seated?

UN Agency

Current situation

The JP is directly implemented, meaning that procurement, budgeting and reporting is carried out by UNDP in close consultation with the Government. This ensures that the objectives and related outputs are fully owned by the government. The new General Director who was appointed in June 2010 has been even more actively involved in all project decisions of the UNDP led component than the previous counterpart. As regards the World Bank led component, there has been extensive consultation with all the relevant institutions. Actually, in some cases, contracting has been delayed for the sake of making sure that activities correspond to priority needs. The activities of the programme support the achievement of government objectives as formulated in government policy and strategic documents. As regards civil society, developments during the second half of 2010 have put a question mark on planned support to the two existing consumer associations. It has been difficult to initiate cooperation with one of the associations. The EG programme's government counterpart for the consumer protection component is reluctant that the programme supports the other association on the grounds of succession and related sustainability issues. There are alternative channels to strengthen civil society. The government together with the EG programme are considering various options to do this (the re-programming of US\$ 100,000 mentioned above).



4 Communication and Advocacy

Has the JP articulated an advocacy & communication strategy that helps advance its policy objectives and development outcomes?

Yes true No false

Please provide a brief explanation of the objectives, key elements and target audience of this strategy

The JP has an integrated advocacy and communication strategy to advance its policy objectives and development outcomes. The two main components of the programme (strengthening of energy and water public services and consumer protection) have USD 174,000 allocated for public awareness. In energy and water, USD 80,000 have been allocated to raise awareness on ongoing reforms and strengthening dialogue between government, regulators, public utility providers and customers. USD 94,000 has been allocated for consumer protection, aimed at raising consumer awareness on their rights. Specific consumer awareness activities targeted at journalists, businesses, teachers and pupils are also planned, in addition to special events planned for 15 March 2010 (Consumer Day).

The new development since the last bi-annual report is that the content of the awareness raising strategy on consumer rights has been refined. METE and UNDP discussed the preparation of a documentary and TV spots on consumer rights.

What concrete gains are the adovacy and communication efforts outlined in the JP and/or national strategy contributing towards achieving? Increased dialogue among citizens, civil society, local national government in erlation to development policy and practice Media outreach and advocacy

What is the number and type of partnerships that have been established amongst different sectors of society to promote the achievement of the MDGs and related goals?

Faith-based organizations Social networks/coalitions Local citizen groups Private sector Academic institutions Media groups and journalist Other

What outreach activities do the programme implement to ensure that local citizens have adequate access to information on the programme and opportunities to actively participate?

Focus groups discussions

There were no major new developments in this area since the last bi-annual report. Under the UNDP led component, the programme plans to conduct in 2011 a survey of consumers' perceptions of the quality of electricity and water services. The relevant Albanian institutions have held consultations among themselves on the scope of the survey and they will soon inform the EG programme of their position.



The government is preparing with the support of the World Bank a new Water and Waste Water Sector Strategy which is expected to be ready by February 2011. Discussions have been held with the Ministry of Public Works and Transport to use the planned national public awareness campaign on electricity and water services not only to publicize locally, through regional/local workshops, the results of the survey but also to present the new strategy and provide a framework for dialogue between government, regulators, public utility providers and customers.

A survey on willingness to pay for water services is currently being implemented under the World Bank led component. This will give voice to the consumers and help shape government policies aiming at supporting the poorest segments of the population.

Household surveys

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Use of local communication mediums such radio, theatre groups, newspapers

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Capacity building/trainings

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Section III: Millenium Development Goals Millenium Development Goals

Additional Narrative Comments

Please provide any relevant information and contributions of the programme to de MDGs, whether at national or local level

The component of the JP dealing with water and sanitation (and that dealing with energy as well) is not about increasing access to water and sanitation but rather improving the quality of water and sanitation services. The interventions of the programme are therefore focused on the institutional strengthening of the central government departments dealing with the monitoring of water and sanitation services and designing objective criteria for the prioritization of water and sanitation investment in rural areas. Also, a large component of the programme is about mapping the quality of water and sanitation services provided in Albania, strengthening the voice of customers vis-a-vis water utility suppliers and promoting a dialogue between them and customers. In the last 6 months of 2010 the EG programme initiated support to the Water Regulatory Entity for the preparation of a "model" contract for all the 56 water utility companies. This contract, which is expected to be adopted by the 56 water utility companies of Albania, will ensure that they meet their obligations (constant supply of quality water) and that the right of the customers are protected.

All the above activities will have a national impact.

Please provide other comments you would like to communicate to the MDG-F Secretariat



Section IV: General Thematic Indicators

- 1 Strengthen national and local governments' capacity to manage and monitor water supply and sanitation services
- 1.1 Number of institutions, civil servants and/or citizens trained to take informed decisions on water management and sanitation issues

Public institutions

Total 3

Private Sector Institutions

Total

NGOs

Total 3

Community based organizations

Total

Civil servants

Total 151 Women 32 Men 116

Citizens

Total 35 Woem 6 Men 29

Other, Specify

Total

The above information is based on data reported by the World Bank for activities under the World Bank component. Many additional civil servants and citizens will be trained to take informed decisions on water and sanitation issues in the course of 2011. This will be reported in the forthcoming biannual reports.

Women

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Men

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1.2 Increase in the coverage the water supply and sanitation monitoring systems due to the JP Intervention

Water suply system

% increase over the total system extension

Sanitation system

% increase over the total system extension

Level of analysis of the information compiled

1.3 Budget allocated to provide water and sanitation services before the implementation of the Joint Programme

National Budget 3.5 billion Albanian Lek
This is 2008 data and corresponds to US\$ 41,176,471
Total Local Budget
This is 2008 data and corresponds to US\$ 41,176,471

1.4 Variation (%) in the Budget devoted to provide water and sanitation services from the beginning of the joint programme to present time

National Buget

% Overall

% Triggered by the joint programme

Local Budget

% Overall

% Triggered by the joint programme



Comments

No information currently available

1.5 Number of laws, policies or plans supported by the programme that explicitly aim to improve water and sanitation policies and management

Policies

National 1

Local

Laws

National Local

Plans

National Local

1.6 Please briefly provide some contextual information on the law, policy or plan and the country/municipality where it will be

According to World Bank data, in Albania 75% of the population has access to safe drinking water and 86.3% of the population has sanitation facilities. These figures are low by regional standards. May rural communities are particularly affected by this problem. The government with the support of the donor community is taking serious steps to address this situation. A new Strategy for Water and Wastewater is currently being developed with World Bank Support. A Master-plan for investments in the water sector is being prepared with the support of Kfw which has a multi-million water sector investment programme. The World Bank has also multi-million investment interventions in the water sector. There are competing demands for water sector investment among the rural communities and a policy is badly needed on how to prioritize water sector investment in these communities. The EG programme (under the World Bank led component) is currently developing a methodology which will be applied/tested in the Durres region. It is expected that provided that the methodology works and produces the expected results, it will adopted as a policy by the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, which is responsible for water resources in Albania, and applied nationally.

1.7 Sector in which the law, policy or plan is focused



Access to drinking water

Comments

Policy for the prioritization of water and sanitation investment in rural areas

1.8 Number of citizens and/or institutions to be affected directly by the law, policy or plan

Citizens

Total 392,126

No. Urban

No. Rural 392,126

National Public Institutions

Total

Urban

Rural

Local Public Institutions

Total

No. Urban

No. Rural

Private Sector Institutions

Total

No. Urban

No. Local

2 Improve access to safe drinking water

2.1 Number of citizens that gained access to safe affordable drinking water with the support of the JP

No. Citizens



No. Women No. Men

2.2 Variation (%) of the population who gained	access to drinking water in the region of intervention from the beginning of the
programme to present time	

%

2.3 Number of municipalities/communities/cities with access to safe drinking water through the JP

Total number
No. Urban Communities
No. Rural Communities

2.4 Type of improvements produced on the wellbeing of the population through the access to potable water

Comments

- 3 Community empowerment and participation in the water management decision processes
- 3.1 Number of community organizations strengthened or created to increase the civil society participation in the decision making processes



No. Organisations
No. Women
No. Men
% from ethnic groups

3.2 Number of citizens sensitized in hygiene and sanitation issues

Total No. No. Children No. Women No. Men % from Ethnic groups

4 Strengthening water supply and sanitation services providers

4.1 Number and type of water and sanitation services providers strengthened

Public institutions 56
Private institutions
Community organizations
Public Private Partnership
Other: Specify

National Level No.

Local Level No. 56

4.2 Indicate the type of intervention used to strengthen water and sanitation services providers



Knowledge transfer

4.3 Number of water and sanitation service providers mentioned above that have developed a financial plan and sustainability system

Total Number

Type of financial plan

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Expected Results (Outcomes & outputs)	Indicators	Baseline	Overall JP expected target	Achievement of target to date	Means of verification	Collection methods (with indicative time frame & frequency)	Responsibilities	Risks & assumptions
JP outcome 1: Capacities of regulatory bodies to better monitor the provision and efficiency of service delivery enhanced a) Output 1: Shortcomings of the Power Market	Indicator 1.1 % of the recommendations	Baseline: no assessment of the Power	1 assessment of the Power Market Model	Consultants contracted in November	Copy of official approval of the assessment and its	The programme will request a copy of the document from	World Bank	Assumption: The assessment is
Model and capacity constraints of GDWS (including for monitoring and benchmarking) and GDPWWSW	of the assessment of the Power Market Model and capacity diagnosis reports approved by the respective institutions	Market Model ever done	prepared and 80% of its recommendati ons approved by METE and ERE	2010 and completion expected in March 2011	recommendations available in programme files	METE/ERE		of good quality
identified			1 capacity diagnosis report for GDWS and GDPWWSW and 80% of its recommendati ons approved	Consultants contracted in November and capacity diagnosis ongoing	Follow up support provided by the EG programme in the frame of its planned activities	Regular programme reports to the PMC, evaluation report	World Bank	Assumption: The capacity diagnosis is of good quality

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	Indicator 1.2 Assessment of monitoring and benchmarking practices and recommendations for improved monitoring of water utilities performance approved	Baseline: Monitoring and benchmarking practices out of line with emerging challenges	1 assessment of the monitoring and benchmarking practices prepared and recommendati ons for a new methodology approved by GDWS	Consultants contracted. First mission carried out in September 2010. Recommend ations under preparation	Copy of decision of GDWS to adopt the enhanced monitoring methodology available in the programme files	The programme will request a copy of the document from GDWS	World Bank	Assumption: The enhanced methodology responds to actual needs
b) Output 2: Remedies to address capacity constraints affecting the effectiveness of GDWS, KESH and OST designed/impleme nted	Indicator 2.1 Business plans adopted by the respective institutions	Baseline: no existing policy	2 business plans to improve the performance of KESH and OST prepared and adopted by the respective institutions	Consultants contracted in November 2010 and completion expected in March 2011	Copy of agreement on performance between KESH and METE and OST and METE available in programme files	The programme will request a copy of the document from METE	World Bank	Risks: METE and KESH/OST fail to reach agreement on business plan
	Indicator 2.2 GDWS relevant staff trained in applying the new monitoring and benchmarking methodology	Baseline: Monitoring and benchmarking practices out of line with emerging challenges	10 GDWS staff trained	2011	Evidence of training and actual use of the methodology available in programme files	Regular programme reports to the PMC, evaluation report	World Bank	Risks: no risks since the enhanced methodology is a priority need

	Indicator 2.3 Criteria and prioritization methodology adopted and introduced at GDWS	Baseline: no existing policy	Criteria and prioritization methodology to prioritize investment in rural areas developed, adopted and introduced at GDWS and 10 GDWS staff trained	In October 2010 a Senior Engineer was mobilized to assess the investment options for water supply increase in the Durres service area	Copy of decision of GDWS to adopt the methodology and evidence of training available in the programme files	The programme will request a copy of the relevant document from GDWS.\	World Bank	Risks: The methodology is excessively complex and difficult to use
c) Output 3: National representative data on citizens' perceptions of the quality of electricity and water services generated and analyzed for policy making purposes	Indicator 3.1 National survey conducted	Baseline: no existing policy	Methodology to conduct surveys of citizens' perceptions of electricity and water services developed with the relevant central and local authorities and implemented nationally	2011	Survey results available in the files of the programme	Regular programme reports to the PMC, evaluation report	UNDP	Assumptions: Existing sociological survey institutions can do a quality job
	Indicator 3.2 National report with regional sections prepared	Baseline: no existing methodology and data	Analytical report with policy recommendati ons to improve the performance	2011	Analytical report available in the files of the programme	Regular programme reports to the PMC, evaluation report	UNDP	Assumption: Good analytical expertise mobilized Risks:

			of electricity and water utility providers prepared					Politicization of the results
d) Output 4: Evidence based dialogue on citizens' perception of the quality of electricity and water services as well as reforms in the two sectors established	Indicator 4.1 Number of articles presented by the media	Baseline: no existing national level analysis	Media campaign implemented and at least 30 articles dealing with the results of the survey presented by the media	2011	Copy of the articles available in the files of the programme	Programme staff collects the articles	UNDP	Risk: Limited interest on the part of the media (low)
CStabilished	Indicator 4.2 Number of people attending the national round table	Baseline: limited media coverage of public service delivery issues	National round table organized and at least 40 people including senior government officials, attend the national round table and provide substantive inputs to the debate	2011	List of participants and summary of the discussions kept in programme files	Programme staff will record attendance and prepare the summary of discussions	UNDP	Risks: Little interest on the part of the concerned players (low)
	Indicator 4.3 Number of people	Baseline: round tables	12 regional public	2011	List of participants and summary of the	Programme staff will record attendance	UNDP	Risks: Little interest

	attending the regional public hearings	on the topic have taken place but no precise data is available	hearings organised and at least 200 people attend them and have their awareness and understanding of electricity and water issues raised		discussions kept in programme files	and prepare the summary of discussions		on the part of customers, associations and other interested parties (low)
JP Outcome 2: Consumer associations and state bodies strengthened, to provide a strong national voice for customers								
a) Output 5: The capacity of the state bodies to protect and promote consumer rights enhanced	Indicator 5.1 Number of government and consumer protection NGO staff trained	Baseline: some knowledge available but requires consolidation	10 MSD/CPC staff participate in 3 study tours to EU member states to enhance their knowledge of EU member states' consumer protection practices in order to be in a position to take informed policy	Director of MSD trained on consumer complaints management 2 study tours organised (Italy and Romania) in favour of 5 staff of MSD, 5 members of CPC and 1 journalist dealing with consumer	Reports of each participant in a study tour highlighting new knowledge acquired available in the files of the programme	The reports will be made mandatory by programme staff for the participants in study tours	UNDP	n.a.

		decisions	issues				
Indicator 5.2 Number of st from the new Market Surveillance I and the CPS/trained	Surveillance Body and the CPC are	30 staff from MSB, MSD and CPC trained	15 CPS staff, CPC members and consumer protection associations trained	Lists of participants and participants' feedback available in the files of the programme	Programme staff will record attendance and will make the provision of feedback mandatory	UNDP	n.a.
Indicator 5.3 based Nation Consumer Complaints Management System estab and operation	existing system	CCMS software developed and operational	Company for the development of the software contracted and software development ongoing	Accessible and visible to the public on internet	n.a.	UNDP	Risks: The Alternative Dispute Resolution System is not in place when the software become operational thus reducing its immediate usefulness
Indicator 5.4 Number of la and mediator trained in consumer legislation	•	10 lawyers and 10 mediators trained	Consultant contracted and development of the training programme ongoing	Lists of participants and participants' feedback available in the files of the programme	Programme staff will record attendance and will make the provision of feedback mandatory	UNDP	n.a.
Indicator 5.5	Study <u>Baseline:</u> No	Study	Study	Report available in the	Regular programme	UNDP	n.a.

	on the customer services of the water utilities Indicator 5.6 Recommendation to improve	existing comprehensiv e and structured information Baseline: The existing energy and	conducted and used by GTZ to prepare customer service guidelines Contracts reviewed and recommendati	Preliminary review of energy and	files of the programme Letter from the CPC to the public utility providers	reports to the PMC, evaluation report Copy of letter obtained by programme staff	UNDP	Assumption: Good cooperation
	compliance with consumer protection legislation of energy and water contracts followed up	water contracts have never been screened for violations of consumer rights	ons for amendments followed up by the CPC	water contracts conducted. 2 national consultants contracted and preparation of a model water contract ongoing				between ERE, WRE and CPS
b) Output 6: Consumer protection capacities and structures of the	Indicator 5.7 Mid- term review (MTR) of Strategy on CP and MS plus Action Plan approved by METE	Baseline: Mid- term review pending	Mid-term review and action plan prepared and approved by METE	Two MTRs conducted: One for food products and one for non- food products. The draft reports have been submitted to the concerned ministries	Mid-term review report shared with the higher policy making level such as the Council of Ministers	Programme staff will obtain evidence of the policy impact of the report and follow up	UNDP	Risk: No follow up on the recommendati ons of the MTRs due to lack of political will

consumer associations developed and awareness about consumer rights raised in all regions of Albania	Indicator 6.1 Capacity assessment of consumer protection associations and recommendations for training prepared and followed up	Baseline: no capacity assessments ever conducted	Capacity development needs assessment reports prepared	Capacity development needs assessment of the 2 active consumer protection associations conducted and submitted to the government	Training programmes prepared by the programme on the basis of the capacity assessment (available in programme files)	PMC reports and evaluation report	UNDP	Risk: The associations refuse to cooperate
	Indicator 6.2 Number of staff/regional focal points from the associations trained	Baseline: only sporadic ad hoc capacity building	The capacities of over 15 central staff and 40 regional focal points of the consumer protection associations raised in how to run a consumer protection association, provide	2011	Lists of participants and participants' feedback available in the files of the programme	Programme staff will record attendance and will make the provision of feedback mandatory	UNDP	Risks: The regional focal points do not have a chance to exercise the skills acquired due to lack of resources

		consumer protection support and conduct public awareness raising activities					
Indicator 6.3 Number of consumer advisory centres established	Baseline: Several centres existed in the past but had to close due to lack of resources	Model Consumer Advisory Centres established as a partnership between the consumer protection NGOs and the municipalities (and possibly METE) operational on a sustainable basis	To be reprogrammed	Municipalities (and possibly METE) partly co-finance together with the programme the operation of the centres and fully co-finance it upon completion of the programme	Independent evaluation to be conducted in the last quarter of activity of the programme	UNDP	Risks: METE has no resources to support the centres and only the municipalities finance their operations. The risk of the centres closing after the completion of the programme is real.
Indicator 6.4 Number of consumers, businesses and pupils in schools benefiting from the awareness raising programme on the provisions of the new consumer protection law	Baseline: The law was passed in 2008 and there has never been an awareness raising campaign about its provisions	At least 100 consumers, businesses and pupils in schools benefit from the awareness raising programme	NGO for formulation of training and awareness raising programme on consumer protection law contracted	Lists of participants and participants' feedback available in the files of the programme	Programme staff will record attendance and will make the provision of feedback mandatory	UNDP	Risks: Lack of interest on the part of target groups

	Indicator 6.5 Number of journalists benefitting from the awareness raising programme on the provisions of the new consumer protection law	Baseline: The law was passed in 2008 and there has never been an awareness raising campaign about its provisions	At least 20 staff benefit from the awareness raising programme	Journalists have developed an awareness raising programme targeted at journalists and 3 regional awareness raising events have taken place	Lists of participants and participants' feedback available in the files of the programme	Programme staff will record attendance and will make the provision of feedback mandatory	UNDP	Risks: Lack of interest on the part of target groups
JP Outcome 3: Vulnerable groups, people in need, and those living in informal areas benefit from propoor utility policies a) Output 7: Adequate mechanisms to facilitate tariff reform by mitigating its impact on the poor established	Indicator 7.1 Stocktaking report used to identify knowledge and data gaps	Baseline: updated data needed	Stocktaking report prepared and used to identify knowledge and data gaps	Data assessment for the energy sector conducted	Analyses available in the files of the programme	PMC reports and evaluation report	World Bank	Risks: The information in LSMS is not adequate to make the assessment
	Indicator 7.2 Study on the effectiveness of support to the poor reviewed by government	Baseline: No such study exists	Study on the effectiveness of support to the poor conducted and analyzed by	Draft paper for energy completed	Evidence of review of the study by the government obtained by programme staff and available in programme files	PMC reports and evaluation report	World Bank	n.a.

	Indicator 7.3 Willingness to pay survey used to anchor price increases on revealed preferences of households	Baseline: Such surveys have never been implemented	the government for policy making purposes Survey on willingness to pay conducted and used to guide price increases	Implementati on of willingness to pay survey ongoing	Evidence that the WRE and municipalities use the survey available in programme files	Evidence obtained by obtained by programme staff	World Bank	Risks: The findings of the survey may not be compatible with the objectives of the concerned institutions and thus may not be used
	Indicator 7.4 Enhanced mechanisms for the protection of the poor from the impact of tariff reforms integrated into the government's policy options	Baseline: mechanisms exist but can be improved	2 PSIA reports completed and recommendati ons enhanced mechanisms for the protection of the poor prepared and reviewed by the government	Data analysis on the energy sector completed	Evidence (minutes of meetings, other) of high level policy makers reviewing the recommendations of the programme	Programme staff will obtain the necessary evidence from the government	World Bank	Risks: The proposed options are not approved by the government
c) Output 8: The process of legalization of utility connections in illegal	Indicator 8.1 Number of participants in workshops	Baseline: legalization of electricity connections initiated by	2 workshops with at least 50 participants altogether organised on	2011	List of participants and summary of the discussions kept in programme files	Programme staff will record attendance and prepare the summary of discussions	UNDP	Risks: No interest on the part of the water companies

settlements supported		the private electricity distributor but limited activity with respect to water	the legalization of utility connection in the presence of government representative s organized in Bathore & Keneta					and/or residents to be involved in such dialogue
	Indicator 8.2 Number of residents who pay their utility bills	Baseline: residents legalizing their connection in the electricity sector but in the water sector this takes place only in relation to the establishment of new water supply networks	At least 50 more residents of Bathore & Kenata pay their utility bills since the start of the project's interventions	2011	Evidence in the form of new residents applying for legalization provided by the utility providers	Programme staff will obtain the evidence from the utility providers	UNDP	Risks: Those who wanted to legalize their connections have done it already and only very few residents will agree to do it as a result of the programme's interventions

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This table refers to the cumulative financial progress of the joint programme implementation at the end of the semester. The financial figures from the inception of the programme to date accumulated (including all cumulative yearly disbursements).

Outcome 1/Output 1 - Joint Programme Results Framework with Financial Information*

Output 1.1. Shortcomings of	of the Power Market Model and capa		const	train	ts of (GDWS	6 (including for m	onitoring a	nd benchma	rking) and GD	PWWSW identi	fied
		YEAR					RESPONSIBLE PARTY		PLANNED BUDGET			
Programme Outputs	ACTIVITIES	09	10	11	12	UN AGENCY		Total amount planned for the JP	Total amount planned according to AWP / funds received	Estimated total amount committed	Estimated total amount disbursed	Estimated % delivery rate of budget
1 assessment of the Power Market Model report	Activity 1.1.1 assessment of the Power Market Model and recommendations					WB	ERE	139,100	32,100			
1 capacity diagnosis report for GDWS prepared	Activity 1.1.2 capacity diagnosis of GDWS and recommendations					WB	MPWTT/GDWS	32,100	32,100			
1 assessment report of the monitoring and benchmarking practices of GDWS	Activity 1.1.3 assessment of monitoring and benchmarking practices and recommendations					WB	MPWTT/GDWS	53,500	53,500			
	TOTAL							224,700	117,700			

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Outcome 1/Output 2 - Joint Programme Results Framework with Financial Information*

Output 1.2. Remedies to address capacity constraints affecting the effectiveness of GDWS, KESH and OST designed/implemented

		YEAR					RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET				
Programme Outputs	ACTIVITIES	09	10	11	12	UN AGENCY		Total amount planned for JP	Total amount planned according to AWP / funds received	Estimated total amount committed	Estimated total amount disbursed	Estimated % delivery rate of budget
2 business plans and agreements on performance prepared	Activity 1.2.1 Preparation of business plans for KESH and OST and agreements on performance					WB	METE	107,000	53,500	-	-	-
10 staff trained	Activity 1.2.2 Training of GDWS staff on monitoring methodologies, service quality, transparency, complaints systems and dispute resolution					WB	MPWTT/GDWS	53,500	0	-	-	-
10 staff trained	Activity 1.2.3 Methodology developed and capacity built around the prioritization of investments in water supply in rural areas					WB	MPWTT/GDWS	53,500	53,500	-	-	-
	TOTAL			-				214,000	107,000	-	-	-

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Outcome 1/Output 3 - Joint Programme Results Framework with Financial Information

			YE	AR			RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET				
Programme Outputs	ACTIVITIES	09	10	11	12	UN AGENCY		Total amount planned for JP	Total amount planned according to AWP / funds received	Estimated total amount committed	Estimated total amount disbursed	Estimated % delivery rate of budget
and national report with	Activity 1.3.1 Design and implementation of a national survey on citizens' perceptions of electricity and water services and preparation with CTA substantive support of national and regional reports on the results of the national survey					UN DP	METE/ERE for electricity and GDWS/ WRE and local governments for water	128,400	32,100	-	-	

Outcome 1/Output 4 - Joint Programme Results Framework with Financial Information

Output 1.4. Evidence based	d dialogue on citizens' perception of	the q	ualit	y of	electi	ricity a	and water service	s as well as	reforms in t	he two sector	rs established	
			YE	AR			RESPONSIBLE		F	PLANNED BUI	OGET	
		09	10	11	12		PARTY	Total	Total	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
		03			12	AGENCY		amount	amount	total	total amount	%
Programme Outputs	ACTIVITIES							planned	planned	amount	disbursed	delivery
						S		for JP	according to AWP /	committed		rate of budget
									funds			Duuget
									received			
Media campaign, national	Activity 1.4.1 Implementation of					UN	METE/ERE for	74,900	-	-	-	-
round table and 12	a media campaign on the results					DP	electricity and					
regional public hearings	of the survey and other topics						GDWS/WRE					
implemented	related to the reform of utility						and local					
	services, including information						government					
	materials, national round table						units for water					
	and 12 regional public hearings											
	TOTAL	•			•	•		74,900	-	-	-	-

Outcome 2/Output 5 - Joint Programme Results Framework with Financial Information

		YEAR					RESPONSIBLE PARTY			PLANNED BUD	OGET	
Programme Outputs	ACTIVITIES	09	10	11	12	UN AGENCY		Total amount planned for JP	Total amount planned according to AWP / funds received	Estimated total amount committed	Estimated total amount disbursed	Estimated % delivery rate of budget
Functional review and capacity assessment reports prepared	Activity 2.5.1. Functional review and capacity assessment of the CPS to design its future structure and staffing and capacity requirements					UN DP	МЕТЕ	-	32,100	Activity cancelled	-	0%
10 MSD/CPC staff participate in 3 study tours to EU member states	Activity 2.5.2 Exposure of MSD/CPC to relevant EU member state practices in the area of: 1) Overall consumer protection systems; 2) Complaint management systems; 3) Alternative dispute resolution systems; 4) Cooperation with consumer protection NGOS					UN DP	METE	55,530	32,100	55,530	55,530	173.0%
30 staff from the MSB, MSD and CPC trained	Activity 2.5.3 Training of the inspectors of the new Market Surveillance Body as well as training of CPS/CPC in: 1) Unfair commercial practices; 2) Misleading advertisements; 3) Unfair terms of contracts					UN DP	METE	40,125	2,675	7,721	7,721	288.6%

	TOTAL				309,035	227,375	205,484	177,985	78.2%
Mid-term review and action plan prepared	Activity 2.5.9 Mid-term review of implementation of the Strategy for Consumer Protection and Market Surveillance and preparation of Action Plan		UN DP	METE	55,640	37,450	51,913	51,913	138.6%
1 report on the customer services of the water utilities	Activity 2.5.8 Study on the customer services of the water utilities		UN DP	WRE	28,890	-	0	0	0%
Model contracts prepared	Activity 2.5.7 Review of the electricity and water contracts for compliance with the consumer protection law and drafting of model contracts		UN DP	METE	16,500	10,700	11,128	5,350	50.0%
10 staff trained	Activity 2.5.6 Upgrading the skills of the staff of the Foundation for Conflict Resolution to handle business-consumer matters		UN DP	METE	10,700	10,700	0	0	0%
10 lawyers trained	Activity 2.5.5 Formulation of training programme and training of lawyers on the provisions of the consumer protection law through one or several workshops		DP	METE	16,050	16,050	14,766	10,700	66.7.3%
CCMS software operational	Activity 2.5.4 Update the concept for the National Complaints Management System and support software design, installation and training for the use of the software		UN DP	МЕТЕ	85,600	85,600	64,426	46,771	54.6%

Outcome 2/Output 6 - Joint Programme Results Framework with Financial Information

Output 2.6. Consumer protection capacities and structures of the consumer associations developed and awareness about consumer rights raised in all regions of

			YE	AR			RESPONSIBLE PARTY			PLANNED BUD	GET	
Programme Outputs	ACTIVITIES	09	10	11	12	UN AGENCY		Total amount planned for JP	Total amount planned according to AWP / funds received	Estimated total amount committed	Estimated total amount disbursed	Estimated % delivery rate of budget
Capacity development needs assessment report prepared	Activity 2.6.1 Capacity development needs assessment of the consumer protection associations.					UN DP	МЕТЕ	23,540	16,050	22,680	22,680	141.3%
55 staff/regional focal points from the associations trained	Activity 2. 6.2 Development and implementation of a training programme in favour of the central structures of the associations and their regional/local focal points					UN DP	METE	39,590	39,590	0	0	0%
2 model consumer advisory centres established	Activity 2.6.3 Establishment of 2 "model" regional Consumer Advisory Centres with international expert assistance and support to their activities					UN DP	METE	107,000	10,383	0	0	0%
National consumer awareness campaign implemented	Activity 2.6.4 Formulation and implementation of a national consumer awareness campaign with the consumer associations on the occasion of Consumer Day					UN DP	METE	107,000	20,330	33,705	13,712	67.4%
20 representatives of the media trained	Activity 2.6.5 Training of media on consumer rights					UN DP	METE	27,820	10,700	13,656	10,797	100.9%
	TOTAL							304,950	97,053	70,041	47,189	48.6%

Outcome 3/Output 7 - Joint Programme Results Framework with Financial Information*

Output 3.7. Remedies to address capacity constraints affecting the effectiveness of GDWS, KESH and OST designed/implemented and legislative gaps with respect to micro-energy addressed.

		YEAR					RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET					
Programme Outputs	ACTIVITIES	09	10	11	12	UN AGENCY		Total amount planned for JP	Total amount planned according to AWP / funds received	Estimated total amount committed	Estimated total amount disbursed	Estimated % delivery rate of budget	
Stocktaking report prepared	Activity 3.7.1 Taking stock of available micro-economic data to identify knowledge gaps that the new data collection should address					WB	MLSAEO	16,050	16,050	-	-	-	
A comprehensive analysis prepared	Activity 3.7.2 National study on the effectiveness of support to the poor and the coordination of state agencies with utility providers					WB	MLSAEO	53,500	53,500	-	-	-	
National representative survey conducted	Activity3.7.3 National survey on willingness to pay for electricity and water as a tool to anchor price increases on revealed preferences of households					WB	CSO	96,300	53,500	-	-	-	
2 PSIA reports completed	Activity 3.7.4 Poverty and social impact analysis of tariff reforms in the electricity and water sectors					WB	MLSAEO	74,900	53,500	-	-	-	

Activity 3.7.5 Analysis of potential national mechanisms for the protection of the poor and vulnerable from tariff increases			WB	3	MLSAEO	64,200	32,100		-	-
TOTAL	<u>l</u>		I			304,950	208,650	-	-	-

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Outcome 3/Output 8 - Joint Programme Results Framework with Financial Information

Output 3.8. The process of	legalization of utility connections in	illeg		tlem	ents	suppo	rted RESPONSIBLE			PLANNED BUI	OCT.	
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Programme Outputs	ACTIVITIES	09	10	11	12	UN AGENCY		Total amount planned for JP	Total amount planned according to AWP / funds received	Estimated total amount committed	Estimated total amount disbursed	Estimated % delivery rate of budget
Two workshops organised	Activity 3.8.1 Work with community based organisations and local associations in informal areas to align the legalization of property ownership with the legalization of—and appropriate compensation for—utility service provision					UN DP	Local government units	42,800	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	1			42,800	-	-	-	-			

Management and Evaluation - Joint Programme Results Framework with Financial Information

Management and evaluati	on													
			YE	AR			RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET						
Programme Outputs	ACTIVITIES	09 10 3	11	12	UN AGENCY		Total amount planned for the JP	Total amount planned according to AWP / funds received	Estimated total amount committed	Estimated total amount disbursed	Estimated % delivery rate of budget			
Effective management of the programme	Management and operations cost of the programme including international technical support					UN DP		461,365	259,052	245,810	244,639	94.4%		
Evaluation report	Implementation of an evaluation of the programme		Γ					32,100	-	-	-	-		
	TOTAL		•					493,465	259,052	245,810	244,639	94.4%		
	TOTAL FOR OUTPUTS OF THE PROF	GRA	MME	UNI	DER U	NDP	COMPONENT	1,353,550	615,580	521,335	469,786	76.3%		
	TOTAL FOR OUTPUTS OF THE PROC	SRAN	1ME	UND	ER WI	B CON	/IPONENT	743,650	433,350	433,350	433,350	100.0%		
	TOTAL FOR ALL OUTPUTS OF THE P	ROG	RAM	ME F	OR B	отн с	JN AGENCIES*	2,097,200	1,048,930	954,685**	903,136***	86.1%		

^{*}USD 433,350 of the funds advanced by MDG-F is implemented by the World Bank under a fee for service contract with UNDP. This amount has been paid by UNDP to the World Bank under the fee for service contract. It is therefore treated by UNDP as a disbursement and reported as such in this table. Delivery details on the funds paid to the World Bank will be provided by the latter to UNDP by year end as per the reporting requirements of the fee for service contract.

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