





[Name of Fund or Joint Programme] MPTF OFFICE GENERIC FINALPROGRAMME¹ NARRATIVE REPORT REPORTING PERIOD: FROM January 2014 TO December 2014

Programme Title & Project Number	Country, Locality(s), Priority Area(s) / Strategic Results ²		
 Programme Title: DRR, Climate Change and Adaptation Programme Number (<i>if applicable</i>) 	(if applicable) Country/Region: Montenegro		
• MPTF Office Project Reference Number: ³ 80995	Priority area/ strategic results		
Participating Organization(s)	Implementing Partners		
• Organizations that have received direct funding from the MPTF Office under this programme	• National counterparts (government, private, NGOs & others) and other International Organizations		
Programme/Project Cost (US\$)	Programme Duration		
Total approved budget as per project document: 30,000 MPTF /JP Contribution ⁴ : • <i>by Agency (if applicable)</i> Agency Contribution • <i>by Agency (if applicable)</i>	Overall Duration (months):12 Start Date ⁵ (1. 06.2013) Original End Date ⁶ (1.06.2014)		
Government Contribution (<i>if applicable</i>) Other Contributions (donors) (<i>if applicable</i>)	Actual End date ⁷ (31.12.2014) Have agency(ies) operationally closed the Yes No Programme in its(their) system? Expected Financial Closure date ⁸ : 30.06.2015		
TOTAL: 30,000			
Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval. Evaluation Completed	Report Submitted By Name: Pier Carlo Sandei		
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Evaluation Report - Attached	 Participating Organization (Lead): UNEP 		
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¹ The term "programme" is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

² Strategic Results, as formulated in the Strategic UN Planning Framework (e.g. UNDAF) or project document;

⁴ The MPTF/JP Contribution is the amount transferred to the Participating UN Organizations – see MPTF Office GATEWAY

⁵ The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MPTF Office as Administrative Agent. Transfer date is available on the <u>MPTF Office GATEWAY</u>

⁶ As per approval of the original project document by the relevant decision-making body/Steering Committee.

⁷ If there has been an extension, then the revised, approved end date should be reflected here. If there has been no extension approved, then the current end date is the same as the original end date. The end date is the same as the operational closure date which is when all activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MPTF / JP have been completed. As per the MOU, agencies are to notify the MPTF Office when a programme completes its operational activities. Please see MPTF Office Closure Guidelines.

⁸ Financial Closure requires the return of unspent balances and submission of the Certified Final Financial Statement and Report.

³ The MPTF Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to as "Project ID" on the project's factsheet page on the <u>MPTF Office GATEWAY</u>.

FINAL PROGRAMME REPORT FORMAT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Due to increased intensity and frequency of extreme events, Montenegro has suffered some of the worst climate-related disasters in its history in 2010. The estimated damages of flooding in November/December 2010 stand at around EUR18 million while impact of human development is greater. Due to its geographic location (South Eastern Europe, according to the IPCC 4th report is one of the world's hot spots in terms of the potential negative impacts of the changing climate) and development patterns over the previous decade, Montenegro remains highly vulnerable to a variety of climate-related disasters. Through the activities noted above, the UN System will provide essential support in assessing the risk and developing preparedness plans that would include efforts to reduce the risk before a disaster strike as well as ensure a systemic relief and recovery process, inclusive of DRR, in the post-disaster scenario.

The current research in the field of disaster risk reduction shows that \$1 invested in prevention saves estimated \$7 in reconstruction and response. If we depart from this analysis, the funding invested through this program will result in reduction of disaster related damages - human, economic, social, environmental and others.

I. Purpose

The development of National Action Plan (NAP) to combat land degradation and its integration into the National Development Strategy, and other relevant UNCCD strategies and documents in Montenegro was highlighted in the First National Report on the implementation of the UNCCD, as one of the urgent measures in addressing the problem of land degradation. The project will put an emphasis on the activities aimed at supporting mainstreaming NAP recommendations into relevant national strategic documents. The project aimed to assist Montenegro in formulating the first ever NAP, which would be in line with the UNCCD 10-Year Strategy resulting in improved planning and monitoring of UNCCD implementation at the national level for better decision making on desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and sustainable land management issues.

II. Assessment of Programme Results

• This section is the **most important in the Report** and particular attention should be given to reporting on **results** / **and changes** that have taken place rather than on activities. It has three parts to help capture this information in different ways (i. Narrative section; ii. Indicator based performance assessment; iii. Evaluation & Lessons learned; and iv. A specific story).

i) Narrative reporting on results:

From January to December 2014, respond to the guiding questions, indicated below to provide a narrative summary of the results achieved. The aim here is to tell the **story of change** that your Programme has achieved over its entire duration. Make reference to the implementation mechanism utilized and key partnerships.

• **Outcomes:** Main outcome of this project was to support to Montenegro in aligning to the UNCCD 10 Year Strategy and Reporting Process under UNCCD. The outcome was achieved and is contribution to the national environmental legislation, MDGs, National Priorities as well as UNDAF outcomes. Main beneficiary of the project is the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro.

- **Outputs:** Result of this project is the National Action Program aligned to the UNCCD 10 Year Strategy and Reporting Process under UNCCD. Relevant progress reports attached (Annex 1 and 2). Results for the year 2014 include:
 - Second draft of NAP developed and consulted at the last stakeholders workshop held in Podgorica on 24th of October 2014,
 - Final comments inserted and the document submitted to Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism for public hearing,
 - Developed final NAP document, and
 - Endorsement by the Government and dissemination of documents.

There are no major delays, first draft of NAP was presented at the first stakeholders' workshop on April 3rd, second draft was presented on October 24th, adopted by the Government and now the final version of the document will be disseminated.

• **Qualitative assessment:** Overall, the project was very successfully implemented. The key partnerships include partnerships between different relevant ministries and institutions such as the University of Podgorica. Cross cutting issues pertinent to the project is the aspect of climate change and disaster risk reduction which is tackled from the aspect of land degradation in Montenegro.

Using the **Programme Results Framework from the Project Document / AWPs** - provide details of the achievement of indicators at both the output and outcome level in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, clear explanation should be given explaining why.

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
Outcome 1 ⁹ Indicator: National Action Program aligned to the UNCCD 10 Year Strategy and Reporting Process under UNCCD in Montenegro Baseline: Ratification of UNCCD in 2007 Planned Target:	Adoption of a National Action Plan to combat Land degradation with inputs and elements of disaster risk reduction included		Annex 2
Output 1.1 Indicator 1.1.1 Baseline: Planned Target:			
Indicator 1.1.2 Baseline: Planned Target:			
Output 1.2 Indicator 1.2.1 Baseline: Planned Target:			
Indicator 1.2.2 Baseline: Planned Target:			

⁹ Note: Outcomes, outputs, indicators and targets should be **as outlines in the Project Document** so that you report on your **actual achievements against planned targets**. Add rows as required for Outcome 2, 3 etc.

iii) Evaluation, Best Practices and Lessons Learned

• Evaluation of the project "Support to Montenegro for development of National Action Program Aligned to the UNCCD 10 Years Strategy and Reporting Process under UNCCD" was done through regular meetings of the Project Steering Committee, two stakeholder validation workshops as well as the public hearing. In addition, the evaluation was done by UNEP headquarter through substantial and financial reports. Major lessons learned is the importance of ownership of the project by country and involvement of all relevant stakeholders in the process.

iv) A Specific Story (Optional)

- This could be a success or human story. <u>It does not have to be a success story often the most interesting and useful lessons learned are from experiences that have not worked</u>. The point is to highlight a concrete example with a story that has been important to your Programme.
- In ¹/₄ to ¹/₂ a page, provide details on a specific achievement or lesson learned of the Programme. Attachment of supporting documents, including photos with captions, news items etc, is strongly encouraged. The MPTF Office will select stories and photos to feature in the Consolidated Annual Report, the GATEWAY and the MPTF Office Newsletter.

Problem / Challenge faced: Describe the specific problem or challenge faced by the subject of your story (this could be a problem experienced by an individual, community or government).

Programme Interventions: How was the problem or challenged addressed through the Programme interventions?

Result (**if applicable**): Describe the observable *change* that occurred so far as a result of the Programme interventions. For example, how did community lives change or how was the government better able to deal with the initial problem?

Lessons Learned: What did you (and/or other partners) learn from this situation that has helped inform and/or improve Programme (or other) interventions?