**Cuba**

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| **Programme Title:** | Support for new decentralization initiatives and production stimulation in Cuba |
| **Programme number & MDTF ref:** | MDGF-2096-D-CUB Private Sector (67266) |
| **Window:** | Development & Private Sector |
| **Approved Budget by NSC (US$):** | 7 million |
| **Participating Organizations:** | FAO, UNESCO, UNDP |
| **First Tranche transferred on:** | 28-Oct-2009 |
| **ACTIVITIES Reported:** | |
| **Main Substantive Activities:** | |
| Training provided in municipal level economic development strategies, human resources strategies, artisan production, managerial techniques (453 producers and 10 cooperatives), 31 cooperatives identified for JP support. 12 government technical services identified to provide technical cooperation to producers. Created diagnosis and joint strategies for the comprehensive training management of the human resources in the five municipalities. | |
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| **Problems and lessons learned:** | |
| The complexity of this JP is considered a fact given the quantity and diversity of public, private and international entities involved in its implementation. Consequently the coordination process has been the major difficulty and it will continue being the main challenge.  Concerning the national context, institutional changes and new strategic development policies within the updating process of the Cuban economic model, have resulted in new roles and functions in some of the key institutions involved in the program. As a result, new persons in the national institutions, acting as focal points, were appointed. The current national context is in line with the JP activities and goals.  Within the past 12 months some of the main lessons learned are: 1. The participatory programming process has lead to a high appropriation of the programme by the local actors. 2. The creation of a Training Group has resulted in a comprehensive agenda aimed at strengthening capacities. 3. Recognition by national actors the UN System and local entities of the need to improve the information flows and coordination mechanisms. 4. Local providers have limited stock to support the project demand; the alternative to solve the purchase processes rely on complex importation mechanisms. | |
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| **The programme reports relevant linkage to the UNDAF:** Yes | |
| **The programme has communications strategy in place:** Yes | |

ARTS & FIGURES

As of 31 December 2010

