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# RUSSIA-UNDP PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW



2016

*New green house in At-Bashi, Kyrgyzstan*

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## 2016

- Russian Federation-UNDP Trust Fund for Development Steering Committee approved funding for 6 projects
- Project “Building national capacities for establishing the animals’ identification and tracking in Kyrgyzstan” launched
- Joint seminar with the Russian MFA on “Volunteering and Development Programmes: International and Russian Experience” held on April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Briefing on Strategic Partnership of Russia and UNDP took place in New York on February 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Introduction

Since the closure of UNDP Country Office in Moscow on 31 December 2010, UNDP and Russia have entered a **new stage of partnership**, focused on cooperation at the regional and global level, and Russia's growing donor role. With Russian funding, UNDP has been able to launch innovative initiatives across the region, addressing the needs of the vulnerable, spurring employment, growth and more effective governance. Since 2011, Russia has allocated over \$25 million to UNDP projects worldwide, including in Armenia, Belarus, Cuba, Kyrgyzstan, Philippines, Syria and Tajikistan. Russia-UNDP partnership also has a strong intellectual dimension, focused on expert networking and knowledge sharing at the regional and global level. In partnership with Russian ministries and other counterparts, UNDP organized several international events on global development issues, and benefitted from analytical support on issues such as Eurasian integration, migration and so on.

The ongoing fruitful cooperation between Russia and UNDP in development assistance was given a new impetus by the **Partnership Framework Agreement**, signed by UNDP Administrator Helen Clark and Russian First Deputy Prime Minister Igor I. Shuvalov on 23 January 2015. The Agreement sets a stage for a long-term strategic partnership between Russia as donor and global player and UNDP. It foresees cooperation in the following key areas:

- Support to multilateral efforts and the global development agenda;
- Development cooperation in the developing countries around the world, with particular focus on the CIS region;
- Collaboration in countries where the Russian Government is providing bilateral development assistance with a view to enhancing effectiveness of such assistance;
- Leveraging the knowledge, experience and expertise in development cooperation;
- Promoting a skilled cadre from the Russian Federation in the field of development within UNDP.

Agreement for the **Establishment of the Russian Federation - UNDP Trust Fund for Development**, with initial funding of **\$25 million** from Russia, was signed by UNDP Administrator Helen Clark and Russian

## 2015

- Partnership Framework Agreement signed
- Agreement for the Establishment of the Russian Federation - UNDP Trust Fund for Development signed
- Integrated Support to Rural Development: Building Resilient Communities in Armenia project launched
- Socio-economic development of communities around radioactive sites in Kyrgyzstan project launched

## 2014

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on 11 June 2015. The Fund was established in accordance with the Partnership Framework Agreement between UNDP and Russia to support development cooperation activities in developing countries around the world, with particular focus on the CIS region.

A **briefing on Strategic Partnership of Russia and UNDP** took place in New York on the margins of the ECOSOC meeting and in the run-up to the UNDP-50 Ministerial meeting on 23 February 2016. Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Gennady Gatilov and UNDP Administrator Helen Clark delivered main statements. The event concluded with questions and comments of representatives of Permanent Missions that attended the briefing.

This overview was prepared for the first annual consultation on Russia-UNDP Partnership and aims to inform the readers on the cooperation in the following directions:

- 1) Support to multilateral efforts and the global development agenda;**
- 2) Development co-operation in the developing countries, including humanitarian response;**
- 3) Establishment of Russia-UNDP Trust Fund for Development.**

## 2013

- Support to Civil20 and collaboration with G20 Development Working Group
- Information briefings series started
- UNDP Administrator met with the Foreign Minister Lavrov in St.Peterburg
- UNDP Administrator met with the Minister of Economic Development Ulyukaev in Moscow
- International expert seminars on Russia's cooperation with BRICS countries

**UNDP Programmes, Projects and Humanitarian Operations  
funded by the Russian Government**

Development programmes and projects	
Comprehensive development of the Naryn Region in Kyrgyzstan, 2014-2016	\$3,5 million
Livelihood Improvement of Rural Population in Nine Districts of Tajikistan, 2014-2017	\$6,7 million
Assisting the Government of the Republic of Belarus in accession to WTO (the fourth phase), 2014-2017	\$589,680
Socio-economic development of communities around radioactive sites in Kyrgyzstan, 2015-2016	\$1,48 million
Integrated support to rural development: building resilient communities in Tavush region, Armenia, 2015-2020	\$5 million
Capacity building of professionals of the Kyrgyz Republic for organization of the system of cattle identification and tracing in Kyrgyzstan in the framework of participation in the Eurasian Economic Union, 2016-2017	\$449,850
Humanitarian response	
Contribution to the UNDP part of Syria SHARP Appeal, 2013	\$2 million
Contribution to the UNDP part of the Philippines appeal, 2013	\$1 million
Post-hurricane recovery in Cuba, 2014	\$1 million
Vanuatu Debris Clearance Initiative, 2015	\$0,5 million
Emergency support to strengthen the resilience of the Syrian people and foster the recovery of disrupted livelihoods, 2015	\$2 million
Projects approved for funding from the Russia-UNDP Trust Fund for Development	
Disaster Resilience for Pacific Small Island Developing States	\$7,5 million
Integrated Osh Area-based Development, Kyrgyzstan	\$3,5 million
Integrated Rural Tourism Development, Armenia	\$3 million
Aid for Trade: Support to Productive Capacities in the Agro-industrial Sector in Serbia	\$1,5 million
Promotion of employment and self-employment of the population in small and medium-sized towns in the Republic of Belarus	\$1 million
Strengthening preparedness and response capacity, Tajikistan	\$1,5 million

## Support to multilateral efforts and the global development agenda



High level meeting on Post-2015 agenda, March 2014



BRICS cooperation, G20,  
Post-2015 agenda,  
Economic agenda for SCO,  
HIV/AIDS response, Eurasian  
integration, migration, etc.



2011-ongoing

Between 2011 and 2013, UNDP partnered with the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation on **international expert seminars on Russia's cooperation with BRICS countries**. Seminars took place as a part of the expert consultations mechanism on BRICS cooperation, growth, trade and development, and covered the following topics:

- Innovation and Sustainable Development in BRICS, 30 November 2011;
- Low-carbon Development and Green Protectionism: Challenges for BRICS Countries, 15 March 2012;
- Innovation and SME development in BRICS, 18 January 2013;
- BRICS and Africa: New Opportunities for Co-operation, 28 February 2013;

For all seminars, UNDP secured participation of high level experts from BRICS and was able to engage with the Russian government at high level of the Deputy Minister of Economic Development. The series concluded with a joint report and a final conference in Moscow on 5 December 2013.

During the **G20 Russian Presidency** in 2013, UNDP engaged with the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation on the agenda of the Development Working Group and with the Sherpa's office in support of the Outreach track with Civil Society – Civil 20. UNDP has supported three **Civil 20** reports: a review of the status of implementing G20 decisions; a review of implementation of G20 Development Agenda, and the final product of the Civil 20 group, a report «Sustained and Balanced Growth Requires Equitable Policies» that was presented to the President of Russia in June 2013. UNDP supported the work of the Civil 20 thematic working groups, especially one on the post-MDGs and on energy. These groups provided their inputs directly to the Russian Sherpa and the official G20 expert groups. UNDP, in partnership with Civil 20, has also developed an online platform for wide consultations with citizens and civil society.

In March 2014 UNDP, the World Bank and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation organized a High-Level Expert Seminar “**The Post-2015 Development Agenda: towards a new partnership for development**” in Moscow. The Seminar provided an opportunity to discuss the perspective of the Russian Federation in the ongoing broad consultation on the post-2015 development agenda. The seminar updated participants on the current UN processes, the main outcomes of selected thematic and national consultations, the work of the High-Level Panel on post-2015, as well as on the results of the My World survey. It provided fora for exchange of views on the key elements of the post-2015 development agenda relevant for Russia and CIS countries, including the engagement of the civil society and the private sector.

In 2014-2015, UNDP organized a series of international seminars together with the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation and the Russian Foreign Trade Academy aimed at drawing up the **economic agenda for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)**. The representatives of academic, administrative and business circles, international organizations participated in the seminars. The main purpose of the series was to discuss the themes, which could become a priority for Russia's co-operation with the SCO countries.

The Partnership pays special attention to supporting economic growth, which benefits sustainable human development in the context of the ongoing process of Eurasian integration. During Kyrgyzstan's accession to the Eurasian Economic Union, UNDP assisted the Government of Kyrgyzstan to gain access to crucial Russian expertise on **strengthening its sanitary, phytosanitary, and veterinary controls**. The project provided expert support in preparation of key policy documents and implementation plans in the area of sanitary, veterinary and phytosanitary safety. It included technical assistance in bringing this system in compliance with the technical and regulatory requirements of the Customs Union, study visits to Russia, the purchase of equipment for laboratories, equipment checkpoints, personnel training and other necessary measures. To support trade development UNDP also implemented a similar technical assistance project on **sanitary and phytosanitary measures** of the Republic of Tajikistan, resulting in a clear Road Map - Action Plan of prioritized activities on improving sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary safety in order to ensure public safety and improve the competitiveness in external markets for 2015-2017. Matrix of monitoring and evaluation of the activities has been developed and capacity building activities for national stakeholders have been implemented.

In 2013-2015, UNDP in partnership with Rossotrudnichestvo (Federal Agency for Affairs of CIS, Compatriots Living Abroad and for International Humanitarian Cooperation) organized a series of **information briefings on development assistance** targeting staff of the Agency and interested ministries. The briefings updated participants on the social and economic situation and development assistance mechanisms for such countries as Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Belarus, Armenia, Uzbekistan, and Serbia. Briefings have enjoyed high interest from participating ministries. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Civil Defense, Emergencies and Disaster Relief of the Russian Federation, and other Federal Agencies have not only actively participated in the series but also presented their work in international development assistance.

Representatives of Russian ministries and agencies took part in several events of the regional **ODA Capacity Building Series for Emerging Donors in Europe and CIS** facilitated by the UNDP Regional Hub for Europe and the CIS. The series supported experience sharing and peer-to-peer learning. Russian participants took part in trainings

on project cycle management, strategic programming for ODA, communicating development results and monitoring and evaluation. Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation participated in the high-level workshop “Designing the Future of Knowledge Sharing: The Emerging Donors Perspective” in November 2015.

Russia and UNDP cooperate on **analytical work and research**. In partnership with Russian institutions, and with Russian funding, UNDP conducted a number of studies on pertinent issues in the region.

- An analytical report on the possible regional and national initiatives and projects on sustainable development in CIS aimed at supporting the program priorities of the Eurasian Economic Commission;
- A sub-regional analytical report including Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan on legal and regulatory frameworks for antiretroviral medicines and treatment;
- A study “Labour Migration, Remittances, and Human Development in Central Asia” (jointly with the Eurasian Development Bank with participation of Russian experts as co-authors).

UNDP and Russia continue to partner in other areas too. In March 2016, the Director of UNDP Independent Evaluation Office was one of the invited resource persons at the workshop on creating **Monitoring and Evaluation Framework** for Russia’s development assistance system. In early April 2016, Chief of Programme Coordination Section of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) visited Moscow for a seminar on **volunteering and development** programmes, co-organized by UNDP and the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and bringing together representatives of the Russian ministries, agencies and other organizations to discuss the prospects for promoting the participation of Russian volunteers in development projects regionally and globally, including through UNV programs.

# DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

## Comprehensive Development of the Naryn Region in Kyrgyzstan



*Beekeeping training in Naryn*



Naryn Region,  
Kyrgyzstan



2014-2016



30 villages



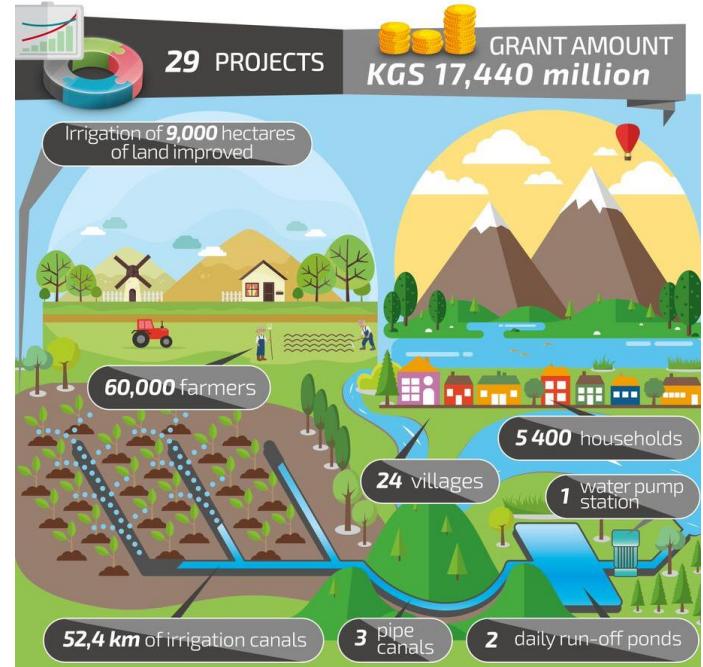
\$3,500,000

## IRRIGATION SYSTEMS REHABILITATION

The programme helps create conditions for sustainable socio-economic development of Naryn region. Its activities covered 30 villages of Ak-Talaa, At-Bashy and Jumgal districts.

### Some expected results and outputs:

- Enhance entrepreneurship capacity of beneficiaries;
- Improved access to clean drinking water for local communities;
- Reduce irrigation water loss;
- Higher quality of agricultural production through rehabilitation of irrigation systems;
- Increased number of livestock and yield of agricultural crops of low income families;
- Enhanced capacity of 4 vocational schools and new courses demanded at labor market;
- Rehabilitation of social and agricultural infrastructure through small grants;



### What has been accomplished in 2014-2015:

- ✓ 43 projects received financing;
- ✓ 15,000,000 meters of water pipelines and 17,500,000 meters of irrigation networks repaired and constructed;
- ✓ Improved irrigation of 3121 hectares of arable lands;
- ✓ 10 km of rural roads rehabilitated;
- ✓ Assistance to launch 32 small enterprises; the business generated 164 full-day jobs including 51 for women;
- ✓ More than 2000 residents gained access to clean potable water;
- ✓ Over 600 families have access to reliable electricity as a result of installation of 10 new transformer stations and construction of 8 km transmission lines;
- ✓ 227 people, including 118 women united in 54 self-support groups and assisted to launch their own business;
- ✓ New courses introduced in 4 targeted vocational schools. The school laboratories equipped. Teachers trained in the best vocational schools in Bishkek;
- ✓ 6 veterinary services and stations of artificial livestock insemination established and provided with all required equipment. Veterinary service specialists trained;
- ✓ 748 residents of target communities participated in training courses on starting and developing businesses, production of agricultural products.



New transformer station

# Assisting the Government of the Republic of Belarus in Accession to the World Trade Organization through Strengthening National Institutional Capacity and Expertise



*Seminar on practical use of International Trade Centre databases, Minsk, March 2016*



The Republic  
of Belarus



2014-2017



The Government  
of the Republic  
of Belarus



\$589,680

The project supports the Government of the Republic of Belarus in the process of negotiations on WTO accession. The Government of the Republic of Belarus designated UNDP as a key partner in providing **international technical assistance in the area of integration of the national economy into the world trade system**. UNDP in Belarus has successful experience of cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in supporting Belarus' accession to WTO since 1994. The Republic of Belarus entered the final stage of the negotiations – formulation of final commitments before WTO.

### **Some expected results and outputs:**

- Studies to assess potential impacts from Belarus' WTO accession are conducted;
- Set of recommendations on the use of best regulation practices in trade policy developed;
- National capacity on various aspects of the country's preparation for WTO accession is strengthened;
- Training activities for national organizations, institutions and government agencies on various aspects of WTO accession implemented;
- Direct administrative support to Belarus' negotiating team provided;
- Awareness of business community, academia and the media on various aspects of WTO raised.

### **What has been accomplished so far:**

- ✓ 6 analytical reviews prepared on the coherence of Belarusian legislation with WTO rules and world's related best practices;
- ✓ Handbook for negotiators and practitioners on negotiating market access for goods as well as on drafting schedule of commitments under the GATS;
- ✓ Analysis of contract arrangements of the Republic of Kazakhstan with respect to compliance with EEU norms on internal policy related to trade in goods excluding sanitary and phytosanitary measures and technical regulation;
- ✓ Analysis of contract arrangements of the Republic of Kazakhstan with respect to compliance with EEU norms on access to services market;
- ✓ Analysis of contract arrangements of the Republic of Kazakhstan with respect to compliance with EEU norms on sanitary and phytosanitary measures in trade;
- ✓ Analysis of contract arrangements of the Republic of Kazakhstan with respect to compliance with EEU norms on technical regulation;
- ✓ Analysis of trade relationships of Belarus and other EAEU member states with member countries of the Working Party on Accession to the WTO of the Republic of Belarus;
- ✓ 12 national experts are trained in the area of Belarus' integration into the world trade system;
- ✓ Workshops and awareness raising events about benefits and impact of WTO accession held.

# Livelihood Improvement of Rural Population in Nine Districts of Tajikistan



Davlatova Sitoramo opened her own shop with support of a soft loan



Sughd and Khatlon regions and  
Districts of Republican  
Subordination, Tajikistan



2014-2017



9 districts



\$6,700,000

The overall goal of the Project is **to improve the livelihood of one million rural population** in Sughd and Khatlon regions as well as Districts of Republican Subordination of Tajikistan. Project aims to support local authorities in planning and monitoring of socio-economic territory development, contribute to attractive investment climate in the regions, entrepreneurship development.

### Some expected results and outputs:

- **180** civil servants trained in project finance management, investment analysis, agricultural economics, etc.;
- **12** districts have developed territory development plans;
- The system for socio-economic development monitoring is created;
- **500** farmers trained in agribusiness, efficient natural resource management, business management, etc.;
- **2000** microcredits provided to support creation of new employment opportunities;
- Consultation services in agricultural production and processing established;
- **50** small projects have received grant support.

### What has been accomplished so far:

- ✓ **412** civil servants and civil society representatives (including **66** women) trained in economic development analysis and statistics;
- ✓ **9** district public private partnership platforms supported to foster investment climate;
- ✓ **6** vocational training schools renovated and provided with equipment;
- ✓ **13** infrastructure projects are being implemented;
- ✓ **1408** people (including **575** women) received microcredits to support local development;
- ✓ **2384** people covered by awareness raising activities on public-private partnership and microfinance.



*New equipment to produce oil in Gusar village*

Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation took part in the project Steering Committee and visited project implementation sites in March 2016 to monitor the progress. Participants evaluated the project as being on track and delivering expected results.

# Integrated Support to Rural Development: Building Resilient Communities



*Discussion with community members and village major on planting fruit orchards in Baghanis village*



Tavush  
Region,  
Armenia



45 communities,  
62000 people



2015-2020



\$5,024,988

The project launched in 2015, will help raise the quality of life and income level of the local population in Tavush region of Armenia (a border region with particularly difficult socio-economic conditions).

Residents of all **45 bordering communities of Tavush region**, with an overall population of 62,000 are expected to benefit from project implementation in the form of: access to quality infrastructures (including potable water, irrigation system, social-cultural centers, etc.), collection centers of agricultural products and parks of agricultural machinery, as well as employment in agricultural and agro-processing sectors. Integrated Community Development plans will be elaborated using participatory planning methodology and approved by the communities. The beneficiaries will be required to provide at least 20% own contribution to the sub-projects, which will increase ownership and sustainability of interventions.

#### **Some expected results and outputs:**

- **45** Integrated community development plans elaborated;
- **4** agricultural machinery pools established;
- **90** greenhouses constructed;
- **120** ha orchards/ vineyards established/improved;
- **30** agro-processing units established;
- **3** collection centers established;
- **6** training courses and **7** study tours organized;
- Recommendations on best practices on energy efficiency and water saving technologies prepared;
- **10** community infrastructures rehabilitated;
- Water saving technologies introduced on **50** ha land;
- **6** communities benefitted from access to safe drinking water;
- **60** local trainers trained.



*Initial assessment of current irrigation pipes in Chinari village, Tavush region*

#### **What has been accomplished in 2015:**

- ✓ Data collected and analyzed for development planning in **8** communities;
- ✓ **8** community development plans prepared and approved by Village Councils;
- ✓ LED street lights are being installed in Koghb;
- ✓ Culture house is being renovated in Voskevan.

## Socio-economic development of communities around radioactive sites in Kyrgyzstan



*Bakery supported by a grant in Kadji-Sai village of Issyk-Kul region*



Naryn, Issyk-Kul and Chui regions



2015-2016



4 municipalities near radioactive tailing sites



\$1,476,000

The project is helping create an **enabling environment for sustainable human development** in 4 municipalities, located near radioactive tailing sites. Target areas of the project are Min-Kush village of Naryn oblast, Kadji-Sai village of Issyk-Kul oblast, Ak-Tyuz village and Orlovka town of Chui oblast.

### Some expected results and outputs:

- increasing awareness and improved skills of local community members and authorities in preventing and responding to disasters, as well as establishing a system for regular monitoring of disaster risks;
- rehabilitation of key economic and social infrastructure of the communities;
- development of income-generating activities in the area of production and processing of agricultural products, as well as service sector;
- increasing capacity of local government authorities and improving municipal services.

### What has been accomplished in 2015:

- ✓ 5 educational and 1 public health facilities repaired;
- ✓ Lighting system installed and municipal street maintenance and cleaning vehicle provided;
- ✓ Rehabilitation of water supply systems is underway in Min-Kush and Kadji-Sai villages, as well as Orlovka town;
- ✓ Grants provided for the projects on establishing of the processing and services delivery enterprises and initiatives for development of the agricultural production. Examples include: bakery, service station, sewing shops and shop for producing and renovating furniture, fruit and berries orchard, refrigeration chamber for fruits and vegetables, and shop for production of juice;
- ✓ Feasibility study of the comprehensive system of assessment and monitoring of disaster risks is under way.



*Street maintenance and cleaning vehicle in Orlovka*



*Hospital renovation in Kadji-Sai village*

# Building national capacities for establishing the animals' identification and tracking in Kyrgyzstan

The project on Building national capacities for establishing the animals' identification and tracking in Kyrgyzstan was approved in late 2015. The project's goal is to contribute to building national capacities to maintain the livestock identification and tracking system to meet the requirements of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) and provide an access of farmers to the Union's markets. Creating an effective, modern livestock identification system in the Kyrgyz Republic is also an important factor in improving food security, epizootic situation, strengthening control and prevention of the spread of animal diseases, and improvement the situation in the veterinary sector as a whole.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of the Kyrgyz Republic will serve as principal Project partner. The overall coordination of the Project implementation will be with the Prime Minister's Office of the Kyrgyz Republic. The detailed capacity-building programme will be designed by national experts taking into account the existing best practices and experience on maintenance of animals' identification systems in EEU member countries. UNDP will engage national and international expertise to make sure that IT specialists and veterinarians are fully equipped with practical knowledge on how to conduct tagging and upload data into the system. Training programs will also deliver in-depth knowledge on day-to-day managing of the system and tracking of animals' movement. To ensure better coherence with EEU requirements the Project includes study tour to Russian Federation and other EEU member countries for selected officials and experts to learn existing practices of animals' identification and tracking system.

## Some expected results and outputs:

- Training of IT personnel to manage the system of identification and tracking of animals (**10** workshops for up to **33** persons);
- Training on registration of animals and business entities (**10** workshops for up to **2000** persons);
- Trainings on the uploading data into the system of animal identification and tracking (**20** workshops for up to **2000** persons);
- Trainings on tagging and chipping of animals (**10** workshops for up to **2000** persons).

## Humanitarian response



**BEFORE**

*Debris clearance after Typhoon  
Haiyan*



**100 DAYS AFTER**



Cuba,  
Syria (twice),  
Philippines,  
Vanuatu



\$6,5  
million

## CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNDP PART OF THE PHILIPPINES APPEAL

Typhoon Haiyan, the strongest tropical cyclone ever recorded, struck the Philippines on 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2013 and led to record-breaking deaths and damages. With the **\$1 mln.** funding from the Government of Russia UNDP implemented a large scale cash-for-work programme in collaboration with local government units, NGOs and local communities, to dispose of post-typhoon debris while providing income to affected families.

### What has been accomplished:

- ✓ **41,470** workers employed in cash-for-work activities in **66** municipalities;
- ✓ Post-typhoon debris, including hazardous medical waste, cleared in **15** hospitals, **741** schools, **617** daycare centers, **652** municipal government buildings and **157** other essential public infrastructure;
- ✓ Post-typhoon debris cleared in **1,739 km** roads, and **962 km** drainage canals;
- ✓ Material, technical and management assistance to the City Government of Tacloban provided, **65** chainsaws and **10** mobile sawmills delivered in four locations;
- ✓ Innovative Mobile Phone Money Transfer Programme launched to release the payments for cash-for-work participants.

## CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNDP PART OF SYRIA SHARP APPEAL

The Syrian crisis has forced over half of the population to leave their homes looking for safer places to live or better living conditions. The Russian funding of **\$2 mln.** in 2014 helped improving the living conditions of **808,215 affected persons** and creating an enabling environment for humanitarian assistance, reducing the demand for humanitarian relief, and enhancing the resilience of affected communities.

### What has been accomplished:

- ✓ **2,523** emergency employment opportunities created;
- ✓ **89** industrial businesses revived;
- ✓ **43** recovery, resilience and livelihoods projects implemented;
- ✓ **10,433 tons** of solid waste in Aleppo, Deir-Ez-Zor, Homs and Tartous disposed;
- ✓ **3,400** liter of pest control substances distributed;



*Female team that contributed to solid waste removal in schools and shelters in Deir-Ez-Zor*

Additional Russian funding of **\$2 mln.** for Syrian response has been secured in late 2015 to contribute to strengthening the resilience of the Syrian people and fostering the recovery of disrupted livelihoods.

## POST-HURRICANE RECOVERY IN CUBA

Hurricane Sandy hit Cuba in October 2012 and significantly damaged critical infrastructure such as roads, schools and hospitals. With **\$ 1mln.** funding from the Russian Federation UNDP focused its support on the housing sector where major damage was concentrated.

### What has been accomplished:

- ✓ Over **42 000** persons are annually using renovated health, education and other facilities;
- ✓ **2,000** families benefitted from the **30%** increase in local capacity of construction materials production;
- ✓ Materials transportation improved with **3** new tractors and **4** trucks;
- ✓ **46** new equipment bought and in operation, including **6** machines for manufacturing blocks, **9** concrete mixers, **10** hydraulic press, **5** mixers for floors and a press for saddle tiles;
- ✓ Quality control introduced with strengthening laboratory for testing materials and impact on buildings' safety;
- ✓ **1,234** workers and technicians have been trained;
- ✓ Special software purchased for **35** computers and **49** technicians trained to use it. Project delivery time has been significantly decreased as previous manual designer work was replaced;
- ✓ **910** families benefitted from preparation of technical documentation for the reconstruction of their homes.



*Construction materials production, Santiago de Cuba*

Russia has also provided **\$0,5 mln.** assistance to UNDP for the **Vanuatu Cash for Work and Debris Clearance Initiative** following Tropical Cyclone Pam which struck 22 islands of Vanuatu in March 2015.

## Russia-UNDP Trust Fund for Development



*Trust Fund Agreement signing ceremony*



**Developing countries with a focus on CIS, low-income and lower-middle-income countries**



**2015-2019**



**Sustainable development, poverty reduction, rural development, water resources management, HIV/AIDS response, disaster risk reduction, post-disaster response, sustainable energy, etc.**

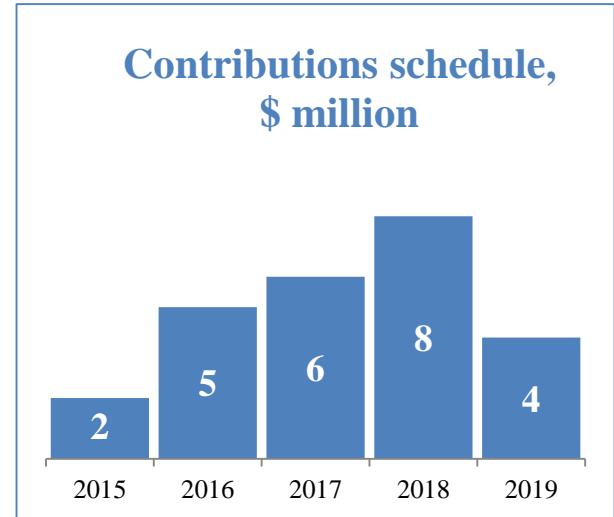


**\$25,000,000**

Agreement for the Establishment of the Russian Federation - UNDP Trust Fund for Development (TFD), with initial funding of **\$25 million to support development cooperation activities in developing countries around the world**, was signed by UNDP Administrator Helen Clark and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on 11 June 2015.

#### Priority areas:

- sustainable development;
- poverty reduction;
- rural development;
- sustainable management of water resources;
- the response to HIV/AIDS;
- disaster risk reduction and early preparedness to emergencies;
- post-disaster response and early recovery;
- sustainable energy.



**Geographic focus:** CIS region, also Low-Income and Lower-Middle-Income Countries.

TFD will support country-specific projects and regional programmes as well as knowledge management and capacity building projects.

Overall leadership of the Fund is provided by the **Steering Committee** that is comprised of representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, as well as UNDP representatives. The **Trust Fund Manager** is responsible for supporting the functions of the Steering Committee and day-to-day management, monitoring and evaluation of the Fund's activities.

Steering Committee meetings were held on 22 July 2015, 02 December 2015 and 31 March 2016. The first **Call for Proposals** for UNDP Country Offices projects for financing from the TFD was announced in August 2015. 6 UNDP country offices submitted 12 project proposals that were reviewed by UNDP and 8 shortlisted projects were submitted to Steering Committee. Funding for the following projects has been approved by the Steering Committee:

- Disaster Resilience for Pacific Small Island Developing States, \$7,5 mln.;
- Integrated Osh Area-based Development, Kyrgyzstan, \$3,5 mln.;
- Integrated Rural Tourism Development, Armenia, \$3 mln.;
- Aid for Trade: Support to Productive Capacities in Agroindustrial Sector in Serbia, \$1,5 mln.;
- Promotion of employment and self-employment of the population in small and medium-sized towns in the Republic of Belarus, \$1 mln.;
- Strengthening preparedness and response capacity, Tajikistan, \$1,5 mln.