REPORTING ON RECENT INITIATIVES ON SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Title of Initiative: Confidence Building Measures Programme, UNDP Moldova

Provide a summary of the initiative, including a brief overview, proposed/actual outcomes and an assessment of any lessons learned and the way forward.

Please provide more details on the initiative below:

Programme Background

A long spell of unresolved conflict has widened the divide between societies and elites on the two banks of the Nistru River. The dearth of official and unofficial channels for cooperation and policy formulation on salient issues prevents key stakeholders from engaging in realistic examination of policy options and solutions, which reduces the space for an informed discussion on what could be done to address burning social and economic needs, but also to explore significant potential for sectorial collaboration which exists in different areas.

Recently, some progress has occurred as cooperation between Chisinau and Tiraspol has improved. Reset in relations has allowed them to start a dialogue on pressing concerns that have long been on the agenda. In this new environment, the divide between the sides could be further bridged in several sectors, which would pave the way towards a more robust engagement. Achieving this task requires a systematic effort to promote a consistent expert dialogue and engagement, which can help to design development projects in respective areas of expertise.

As a response to this need, UNDP, within the programme "Support to Confidence Building Measures", set up five thematic collaboration platforms – environment, health, culture, education and **sports**, in order to support, through dialogue and expertise, the initiation of mutually beneficial sectorial dialogue and projects, as well as capacity building and transfer of experience from one bank to another. The ideas generated through thematic collaboration platforms are translated into specific confidence-building projects and blueprints for further development interventions.

Sports Platform

The **Sports Platform** was created in 2017 as part of the UNDP programme "Support for Confidence Building Measures" (SCBM). The platform was created to facilitate the development of partnerships in the field of sports, using the potential of previously implemented infrastructure projects under the SCBM programme, as well as strengthen cooperation between the communities on both sides of the Nistru River that previously benefitted from SCBM projects.

Objective(s):	Please indicate which, if any, of the following fell among the main objectives of the initiative:		
	Ensuring that no one is left behind	 Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world 	
	 Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies 	 Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality 	
	 Research development, data collection and/or data dissemination 	Preventing and fighting corruption in sport	

	Conflict prevention/peace building	Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace	
	 Policy development for mainstreaming and integrating sport for development and peace in development programmes and policies 	Resource mobilization, programming and implementation	
	Research, monitoring and evaluation	Other (please specify)	
Implementation mechanisms:	What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?		
	 Promoting a healthy lifestyle among young people through the organization of sports camps, training for everyone and participation in the largest sporting events in the country, especially across the conflict-divide Trainings and seminars for NGOs on the organization of sport events and sports management Ongoing education of sport trainers of educational institutions Integration of vulnerable groups into society through sports 		
	What are the main deliverables/activities involved?		
	 Strengthen the cooperation of education and sports organizations between the two banks of the Nistru River 2 trainings for NGOs on organizing sports events management Advanced training of trainers of educational institutions Organization of amateur sports events - Chisinau International Marathon 2019; Christmas Marathon 2019; Velo Hora 2020; Chisinau International Marathon 2020. 2 Sports and Recognition Camps organized with the support of sports federations and members of the Sports Platform 		
	What is the time frame of implementation?		
	September 2019 - February 2021		
Target Audience(s):	Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?		
	Members of the Sports Platform, sport federations and NGOs, as well as amateur athletes on both banks of the Nistru River.		
Partners/Funding:	Who are the main organizations/entities involved in the initimplementation?	itiative and what are their roles in development and/or	
	The main partner, the Sport Club "SPORTER" , is responsible for carrying out the administrative, logistics and financial management of the Sports Platform, organizing activities on the right bank, and monitoring and reporting according to the grant agreement.		

	The second partner, the Information Center "Healthy Future" ("Здоровое будущее"), is responsible for the interaction with left bank authorities on the coordination of events, interaction with potential partners, implementation of logistics activities, selection and coordination of the volunteer group, and promotion of events in the Transnistrian segment of the social networks. What are the main sources of funding of the initiative? The project is funded by European Union and implemented by UNDP.
SDG Alignment:	To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?
	SDG 16 SDG 10 Please indicate any other national or internationally agreed goals/commitments to which this initiative is aligned.
Alignment with global frameworks:	How does this initiative align with/contribute to the objectives of the Kazan Action Plan *, WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity or other related internationally agreed frameworks on sport and/or physical activity?
Alignment with United Nations Action Plan on SDP:	Which of the four thematic areas of the UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace is this initiative designed to align? Global framework for sport for development and peace
	To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?
	Need for consistent information and best practice sharing in the field of sport for development and peace
Outcomes:	What are the expected/actual outcomes of the initiative?
	 Increased number of new platform members – it is expected that minimum 30 sports organizations will join the Sports Platform Involvement of sports federations in the Sports Platform – it is expected that minimum 15 sports federations will actively participate in the project

	- Involvement of children and adolescents in activities related to a healthy lifestyle	
Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation:	What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?	
.	 Detection of problems and operative decision-making on the implementation of a project Current management of the project 	
	- Facilitate coordination across the activities implemented under different components	
	- Monitoring and timely reporting on project achievements and results	
	What are the specific monitoring and evaluation tools involved?	
	Monitoring provides the systematic collection and structuring of data on the activities carried out. The monitoring of each project will be done through:	
	- Monitoring field visits	
	- Photos, videos of the events	
	- Lists of participants	
	- Agenda of the events	
Challenges/Lessons learned	What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?	
	 It is important to have commitment to the project by both the Republic of Moldova and the de-facto authorities on the left bank in order to enhance confidence building through sport 	
	- Involvement of big sport federations in the project	
	What lessons learned have been/can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?	
	- The main partner has to be a well-known association or NGO, which is able to mobilize other associations, and	
	which has its own resources to invest or is able to attract other donors to implement large evets and activities	

^{*}Please in replying use the <u>definition of sport of the Kazan Action Plan of 2017</u>: "[...] Noting that, for present purposes and unless specified otherwise, the term "sport" is used as a generic term, comprising sport for all, physical play, recreation, dance, organized, casual, competitive, traditional and indigenous sports and games in their diverse forms; 2. Highlighting that sport for all, including traditional sport and games, is a fundamental field of intervention for governments to achieve the full potential of physical activity for personal and social development; 3. Recognizingthat the United Nations' 2030 Agenda / Sustainable Development Goals form the overarching policy consensus on development priorities, goals and targets that guide international and national policy design, implementation and monitoring; 4. Stressing that the preamble of the 2030 Agenda acknowledges sport as an important enabler of sustainable development and peace; [...]"