

Bosnia & Herzegovina

Mainstreaming environmental governance: linking local and national action in Bosnia and Herzegovina (MDGF-1684)

Environment and Climate Change



Total Budget:	USD 5,500,000		
Budget by Agency:	UNDP:	4,282,893	
	FAO:	311,969	
	UNEP:	905,001	
Participating Gov. Entities:	MoFTER, Entity Env. Ministries and Inter-Entity Env. Committee		
Start Date:	16 December 2009		
End Date:	16 December 2012		
Extension	Not yet requested		
Disbursements:	First Disbursement:	16 December 2009	USD 1,337,775
	Second Disbursement:	14 February 2011	USD 2,576,291
	Third Disbursement:		
In Brief:	<p>The proposed programme to be jointly implemented by FAO, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO and UNV will address and overcome barriers to delivering environmental services and management at the local level in BiH. Interventions centre around providing capacity for developing Local Environmental Action Plans for 40 municipalities, providing seed funding for local service delivery priorities, raising the awareness and national level support for environmental action through an environmental innovation fund, and systems for capturing environmental data. The programme will strengthen management of environmental resources and service delivery through improving local environmental governance and developing replicable models for local environmental planning. The knowledge generated will inform and support national planning and policy. This will help achieve MDGs 1, 6, 7 and 8 in BiH. Implementation will involve the participation of central and local government that have committed to provide co-financing.</p>		

Outcomes:

- Improved local level environmental planning
- Enhanced Management of environmental resources and delivery of environmental services
- Increased national environmental awareness and action, localizing and achieving the MDGs



Regions of Intervention:	30 municipalities:
MDGs	MDG7 T7.A

Beneficiaries	Direct	Indirect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. Institutions • No. Women • No. Men • No. ethnic groups 		
Project coordinator: Sinisa Rodic RCO Focal Point: Lidia Hernandez		
Status		
Estimated financial execution status as of the June 30th, 2011 semi-biannual report:		
Main Achievements:	<p>The JP has supported the development of the State of Environment Reporting (SoER) process, Review of Legal and Institutional Framework of Environmental protection in BiH. The Program supported the establishment of a Designated National Authority (DNA) in Bosnia and Herzegovina and will support National capacity building for the implementation of DNA and CDM implementation.</p> <p>Approximately 60% of the LEAP development process has been completed; with 5 LEAP grants under implementation. The programme mobilized large number of stakeholders at local level in 23 municipalities. Municipal coordinators for LEAP development have been appointed, working groups have been established and the planning process is more than half way through its completion. The other 7 municipalities will be completed by the end of 2011.</p> <p>Also, the programme has agreed on the approach for implementation of Innovative grants that will focus on Energy Efficiency in Public sector buildings.</p> <p>As contribution to LEAP development, the JP has created comprehensive report "Addressing Natural Resource Management in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) Through the Local Environmental Action Planning (LEAP) Process" and Manual "LEAP methodology manual".</p> <p>A total of 12 Experts from Bosnia and Herzegovina attended the International Conference on Energy Efficiency in Cultural heritage, Dubrovnik 4 – 6 April 2011. Furthermore, 4 experts (from the institute for protection of cultural heritage of Federation BiH and Republic Srpska) attended specialized trainings in Zagreb on energy efficiency topics. Within the general framework of creation adequate management mechanisms of Popovo Polje , focused activities on improving protection and management of Vjetrenica Cave are being undertaken.</p> <p>Also, the JP has completed the Review of the Legal and Institutional Framework of Environmental Protection in BiH.</p>	
Does the JP incorporate gender considerations in the activities/outputs/outcomes ?		
Observations		
Paris Declaration	<p>Leadership of national and local governmental institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government at State and Entity level is fully involved in the MDG-F programme. Besides their role in the PMC and NSC, the government has been involved in many programme activities such as: creation of criteria for selection of 30 LEAP municipalities, evaluation and will be involved in selection of municipalities. The government will be involved in defining criteria for small grants and innovative grants, DNA establishment and etc. <p>Involvement of CSOs and citizens:</p> <p>CSO has been Actively engaged in design and development of LEAP, implementation of small grants for LEAP priority projects.</p> <p>Alignment and Harmonization:</p> <p>Innovative elements in mutual accountability:</p>	

Delivering as One	<p>Innovative elements in harmonization of procedures and managerial practices: Selection of municipalities, selection of LEAP grants</p> <hr/> <p>Role of the RCO and synergies with other MDG-F JPs: RCO provides support to all four MDG-f JPs. Including C&A and M&E support.</p> <hr/> <p>Inter-agency coordination: Coordination among UN agencies has been challenging, particularly with a non-resident agency, lack of presence in the country at the beginning of the programme, and lengthy decision making.</p>	
Sustainability (concrete actions and strategic partnerships)	<p>Sustainability Plan in place? The JP uses a participatory approach in the implementation of activities with respect to needs and capacities of the communities and institutions, which the JP hopes fosters sustainability of the interventions.</p>	
Innovation and Scale-up		
External Factors and mitigation	.	
Communication and Advocacy	<p>C&A plan in place? To ensure that governments, partners, beneficiaries and other stakeholders are adequately informed about progress on Program activities, but also bearing in mind that a general awareness needs to be raised with regard to environmental development (to build partnerships/networks, improve the capacity of media providers to deliver environmental messages - with full respect to gender sensitivity, increase the engagement of citizens and local communities in media message delivery - to stimulate community-based behavioural change, to produce and distribute awareness materials).</p> <p>The key elements focus on ensuring effective and efficient communication: 1. Internal (conducted between all the UN agencies and domestic institutions which are represented within the PMC, as well as with local counterparts involved in LEAP process); 2. External communication (conducted by all UN agencies implementing the program, responsible domestic bodies and implementing partners towards the general population and (external) interested groups/parties); and 3. Advocating for change (focus on using communication to influence the shaping of decisions towards the achievement of MDGs).</p>	
M&E		
Missions from MDG-F Secretariat:	Date: February 2010	Members: Paula Pelaez
Mid Term Evaluation:	<p>Evaluator:</p> <p>Period:</p> <p><i>[Link to final report and improvement plan]</i></p>	