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## MULTI-PARTNER HUMAN SECURITY TRUST FUND FOR THE ARAL SEA REGION

# OUR PROGRAMMES



**The Sea is Gone, People are Not**

# 1 CALL FOR PROPOSALS: ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY



Ministry of Economic Development and  
Poverty Reduction of Uzbekistan



## *Addressing the urgent human insecurities in the Aral Sea region through promoting sustainable rural development*

**LIFE CYCLE:** September 2019 – August 2021

**BUDGET:** USD 1,463,900

**WE AIM TO:**



Provide access to  
basic services



Improve living  
standards



Develop  
comprehensive  
solutions to address  
environmental issues



Develop sustainable  
tourism

## WE CREATE ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY IMPACT THROUGH

### UNDP

#### **Access to clean drinking water.**

**5** infrastructure projects on water purification and supply of drinking water in Takhtakupir.

Beneficiaries: **3,491** people in **5** rural communities.

*Capacity building.* Training module on WASH and brochures for the population “Water, sanitation and hygiene” were developed. 150 people were trained in WASH, sanitation and hygiene rules.

#### **Income generation and employment opportunities.**

**6** business projects (milk processing, soap production, forage processing, production of reed slabs, dental services, production of halva). Over **30** rural people employed.

*Capacity building:* Over **60** women and youth improved entrepreneurship skills through series of trainings.

### **Climate change adaptation.**

**2** scientific expeditions to the drained bed of the Aral Sea have been conducted. As a result: more than **30** plant species from **1,500** different points were identified, their planting on the dried seabed was recommended; Book “Monitoring of dried bed of Aral Sea” developed in Russian and English.

**17** types of machinery & equipment purchased and transferred to Takhtakupir Forestry Department. These will enable the Forestry Department to plant saxaul on 500 ha on the seabed and build a nursery on 49 ha for growing seedlings of drought-resistant plants.

### UNESCO

**Development of sustainable tourism.** *Capacity building.* **2** trainings on development of heritage-based sustainable tourism and development of hospitality industry in Karakalpakstan. **62** tourisms, nature and culture professionals, local communities, including women and youth, have been trained.

Two researches/assessments on development of sustainable tourism, including eco-tourism, and hospitality industry in Karakalpakstan have been carried out, including elaboration of new tourism destinations and products and formulation of set of recommendations in the respective fields.



## Improvement the quality of perinatal care service to most vulnerable mothers and newborns

**LIFE CYCLE:** August 2019 – April 2021

**BUDGET:** USD 1,619,666

**WE AIM TO:**



Ensure the population's access to perinatal services through infrastructure improvement



Increase the quality of mother and newborn healthcare services



Increase families' awareness on health and nutrition

## WE CREATE PERINATAL HEALTHCARE IMPACT THROUGH

- **Infrastructure improvement.** 3 perinatal facilities renovated (including electrical wires mounting, installation of air conditioners, water heaters, stabilizers, generators). As a result, more than **8,900** mothers and **9,000** newborns have directly benefited from the upgraded infrastructure and improved quality of care at the target perinatal centers.
- Training room at the Regional Perinatal Center in Nukus has been renovated, furniture for training rooms in the Regional Perinatal Center and Karakalpak Medical Institute has been provided, the Regional Perinatal Center, Karakalpak Medical Institute, Beruniy, Kungrad, Nukus perinatal centers have been equipped with sets of web-conferencing equipment and PC for face-to-face trainings, online learning, and coordination meetings.

### Capacity-Building:

- **150** neonatologists improved their knowledge and skills on evidence-based modern newborn practices developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- **45** healthcare workers were trained on Quality Improvement methodology.
- **40** healthcare providers gained new knowledge on Perinatal Audit.
- **175** midwives and obstetrician-gynecologists improved their knowledge and skills to deliver high-quality Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC).
- **30** health professionals (23 anesthesiologists-resuscitation doctors and 7 gynecologists) improved their knowledge and skills on EmOC and resuscitation
- **60** health care specialists improved their skills in Near-miss case methodology
- **38** specialists improved their knowledge and skills in supportive supervision. The guidelines on supportive supervision were prepared.

## 2 CALL FOR PROPOSALS: YOUTH, INNOVATION, AND HEALTH SECURITY



Ministry of Economic Development and  
Poverty Reduction of Uzbekistan



*Unleashing young people's and vulnerable citizens' creativity and innovation by strengthening their adaptive capacity to address the economic and food insecurities in the exposed communities of the Aral Sea region*

**LIFE CYCLE:** January 2021 – June 2023

**BUDGET:** USD 2,100,000

**WE AIM TO:**



Reduce the vulnerabilities of unemployed, unskilled youth and women and returning migrants through the empowerment and promotion of essential entrepreneurial skills, and youth-led innovations in the region



Create an enabling environment for income generation for rural through promoting innovative agriculture practices



Enable the development of smart communities through digitalization, better access to social infrastructure and community engagement

### WE EXPECT THAT

- **3** Mono-vocational training centers will be supported, **90** youth and women on the jobs demanded most in the market will be trained; **360** women in home-based entrepreneurship facilitated, **10** family and individual entrepreneurs will be supported
- Evidence-based research on environmental protection of Aral Sea region fostering innovative solutions to rehabilitate and upgrade the existing irrigation system and agricultural land restoration will be conducted
- **795** farmers and young people in the application of new agricultural practices, creation and support of **9** demonstration plots (**3** fruit tree nurseries, **3** fishery farms and **3** veterinary points) will be trained
- **3** social infrastructure projects will be supported by ensuring access of the population to clean drinking water and electricity, repair schools / medical institutions, training of **18** specialists and **200** schoolchildren.





Youth Affairs Agency

## *Investing in a resilient future of Karakalpakstan by improving health, nutrition, water, sanitation, hygiene and wellbeing of adolescents and by harnessing the talents of youth during and after COVID- 19*

**LIFE CYCLE:** January 2021 – December 2022

**BUDGET:** USD 3,498,784

**WE AIM TO:**



Address the immediate needs of vulnerable populations, including adolescents, in terms of safe and clean schools and health care facilities, and other health and nutrition needs



Strengthen human capital and the resilience of youth by expanding opportunities for social innovation skills development in three districts (Muynak, Kungrad, and Bozatau).

## WE EXPECT THAT

- **WASH** infrastructure in selected **15** schools and in **20** medical facilities in three target districts (Muynak, Bozatau, and Kungrad) will be improved
- **700** health and education workers will be trained on WASH
- **26,000** children will be dewormed, **10 000** girls will be prevented from anemia;
- **1,500** families will be trained on healthy lifestyles
- **280** teachers and trainers will be trained on medical and entrepreneurial skills
- distance learning systems in **35** medical institutions will be installed,
- distance education for **1,300** medical workers be provided,
- **20** medical institutions labs for STI diagnostics will be equipped,
- **200** medical workers will be trained
- **400** young people will be trained in social innovation and social entrepreneurship,
- **40** social innovation projects will be implemented



## *Towards universal health coverage and security in Karakalpakstan (UHC+S)*

**LIFE CYCLE:** January 2021 – September 2023

**BUDGET:** USD 425, 379

**WE AIM TO:** Assess the health system of the Republic of Karakalpakstan for universal health coverage

### THROUGH:



Identification of priorities for future investment in the health sector, based on a mapping of population needs/means and sector capacities



Development of an evidence-based model of service delivery and financing model



Strengthening of Health workforce capacity to absorb future investments and implement the recommended service delivery and financing model



Resources mobilization for implementation of the recommended service delivery and financing model.

## WE EXPECT THAT

- The needs, financial capabilities of the population and the potential of the health sector will be studied
- The report on various service delivery models, including a proposal for a multidisciplinary hospital in Muynak will be developed, as well as recommendations on options for a public-private partnership model
- **150** health workers will be trained according to the recommended service delivery and financing model.



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