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Evaluation schedule, May 2003

Date	Place	Interlocutors
Tuesday 6 May	UNDP	Paul Randolph, Peter Simkin
	World Bank	Rory O'Sullivan, Telephone call with Steve Holzman
	SIDA	Adam Amberg, Svatlana Bascarevic
	EAR	Wout Soer, Danka Bogetic
Wednesday 7 May	UNDP	Juliette Hage, Paul Randolph, Peter Simkin
	UNDP Vranje, General meeting	Michael Scott, Javier Alvarez, Jelena Dinov,
Thursday 8 May	Meeting on IASO	Lirije Selmani, Maxim, Bozidar Radivojevic, Ivan Mladenovic, Predrag, Muzefa Avdic, Fred Fripiat, Dobrica Milic, Dobrivoje Stancic, Vladimir Stamenov, Saif Khan,
	SSMIRP meeting	
Friday 9 May	Presentation of the MDF in Leskovac	Vladimir Kostic
	Presentation of NGO 'Educational Centre', Leskovac + regional strategy	Igor Stajic
	Project visits: - Hospital (childcare department) - Reconstruction of elderly people center - River walk cleaning and reconstruction - Asphaltting and reconstruction of Roma quarter road - School yard reconstruction	Hospital doctor and nurses Staff of old people's home Roma representatives in Roma quarter
	Meeting with CHF, Leskovac	Bratislav Stamenkovic
Sat 10 May	MZ leader, Sijarinska Banja	Dragan Denic Dr. Dragisa popovic
	Mayor of Medvedja	Slobodan Draskovic, Mayor Goran Rajkovic, MTU
	Project visits: Popova Chesma, public tap Music classroom in Primary school IT course in Technical school Water wells and river cleaning Cokotance sewage system Negosavje school playground Cleaning of the river and rehabilitated bridge Thermo-mineral well	Workers finishing public tap Music teachers and pupils IT teachers and pupils Public Utility wtare engineer and assistant
Sunday 11 May	Mayor of Lebane	Zoran Ivkovic, Mayor Milosav Nedeljko, Executive Board cairman
	MDC Lebane	Marian Arsic, NGO CDA - Centre for Democratic Action Vlasta Durmisevic, Cairman of the board, NGO Roma Centre Lebane Norica Mirkovic, MZ leader, Central Lebane (1 of 39 MZs) Dragana Stankovic, MTU staff member
	Roma NGO	Vlasta Durmisevic, NGO leader Sasa Pesic, treasurer Bojan Jumerovic (parent, project for Roma children & parents)
	Children's and adults theatre group	Sladjana Stojilkovic Bora Tasic

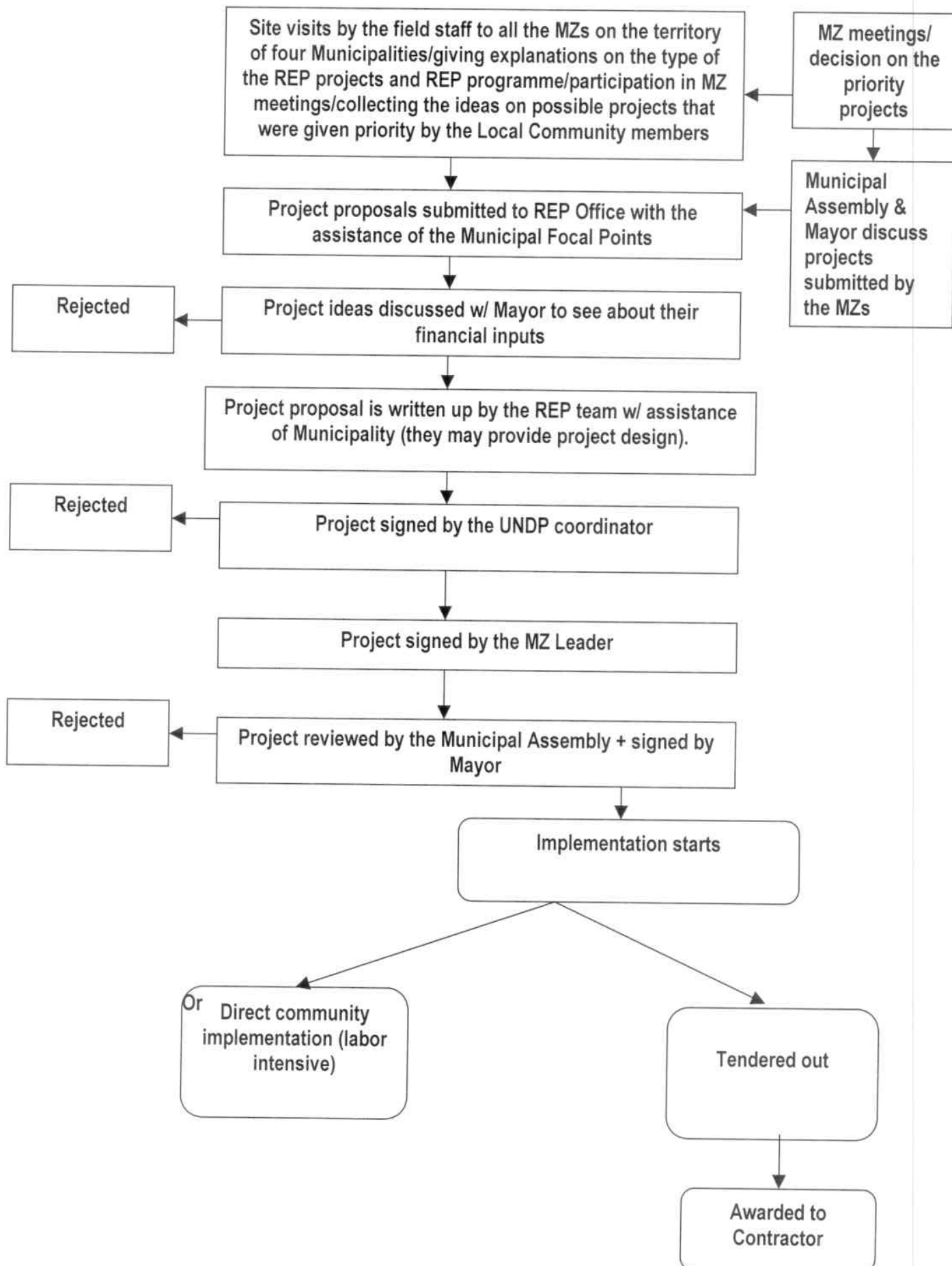
	CDA - Center for Democratic Action, NGO: IT course Business planning course	Marian Arsic Biljana Nikolic (women's projects leader) Nadira Cvetkovic, IT course participant Ivana Aleksic, IT course participant Sonja Mladenovic, IT course participant Dragan Ljubic, Business plan course participant
	River banks cleaning Children's park Agricultural cooperatives project	
Tuesday 13 May	REP staff meeting	Entire REP team
	Goal Ireland FAO	Tom Millane Tom Thorogood
	Staffing meeting, IASO	Peter Simkin Javier Alvarez Michael Scott Fred Fripiat Janis Mazais Tom thorogood
	Coordination Body, Bujanovac	Milislav Markovic Milan Subotic
	Meeting with EUMM in Bujanovac	Massimilio Caprari Jorun Lunestad
	Meeting with OSCE Area Coordinator	Martin Brooks
Wednesday 14 May	Mayor of Bujanovac	Nagip Arifi, Mayor
	MDC Bujanovac	Rasiti Agim (chairman) Ahmed Zeciri Tatjana Jovic Mosa Cvetkovic Agran Avdin (MTU member) Kenan Rasitovic (MTU member)
	Site visits: Cultural Centre, IT course Children's centre - treatment for handicapped children Roma pre-school language training Sewing centre, Veliki Trnovac Kindergarten roof repair Stadium repairs Cleaning of riverbanks Agricultural education Main sewer at Klinike Road and retaining wall, Klinovac School playground, Krsevisa	Nenad Tasic, IT teacher IT students Biljana (?), Head of Cultural Centre Miljka Milanovic, Children's Centre coordinator Aslani Ljuljeta, nurse, Children's centre Asip Idrizovic, Roma project coordinator Snezana Mitic, Roma Serbian teacher Ilijaz Kasane, teacher Roma children Sabani Djevahire, NGO coordinator, sewing course Sanije Ademi, sewing teacher Ramize Asani, participant Elvise Osmani, participant Abdulah Abdul, Kindergarten teacher Stojan Stevanovic, Farmer, agricultural teacher
Thursday 15 May	Mayor of Presevo	Riza Halimi, Mayor Ruzdi Junuzi, MDF, Social affairs Pranvera Nasufi, MTU
	MDC Presevo	Vaxhid Jusufi Qenan Dolin Ridvan Billali, chairman, municipal assembly rep. Bardhyl Vesni Tomislav Mihajlovic Xhejlane Ferati, also municipal assy. Member

	Site visits: Rehabilitation of primary school "15 November" Health Centre X-ray department Cultural Centre music classes School playground, Mamince Water supply, Mamince Water channel cleaning, Oraovica	Isuf Memeti, contractor, school renovation Fezulah Agusi, contractor, school renovation Dr. Nazim Arifi, radiologist Laboratory staff Nasufi Behlul, Director, music school Mustafa Hasani, piano teacher Seida Osmanovic, Singing teacher music pupils Ivica Aleksandrovic, Mamince MZ leader
	IOM	Dusica Zivkovic, training organiser
Friday 16 May	Mayor of Vranje	Miroljub Stojcic, Mayor Dajan Stanojevic, Development Directorate, vranje
	MDC / MDF	Boban Stankovic (municipal finance dept.) Ljubisa Petkovic (municipal finance dept.) Tomislav Stefanovic (NGO Red Cross) Ratko Silistarevic (Public Utility co., Roma rep.) Dejana Bogdanovic (Media, Vranje TV)
	Site visits: Marketplace renovation, Vlase village Life-Aid, NGO	Caslav Norkovic, village postmaster Miomir Nastic, villager Traders, Vlase Ljubinka Milovanovic, Life-Aid coordinator Doctors and nurses of Life-Aid's outreach team
Monday 19 May	Stakeholders' feedback meeting	Bardhyl Veseli, Preševo, IT course supervisor Danka Bogetić, EAR Dinov Jelena, UNDP Dragan Stanković, UNDP Fred Fripiat, UNDP Gojko Asanović, Mayor of Leskovac Janis Mazais, UNDP Jasmina Anđelić, Coordinator MZs and NGOs, Medveđa municipality Javier Alvarez, UNDP Joseph Baaklini, CHF International Martin Brooks, OSCE Michael Scott, UNDP Mihajlo Milovanović, KT Milan Subotić, Coordinating Body Milić Dobrica, UNDP REP Miličević Milorad, President, Jablanički District Mirković Novica, Mayor of Lebane Nagip Arifi, Mayor of Bujanovac Paul Miller, UN OHCHR Peter Simkin, UNDP Ramadin Daliju, GOAL Saif Khan, Programme Manager UNDP Slobodan Drašković, Mayor of Medveđa Stajić Igor, NGO Educational Centre, Leskovac Stamenov Vladimir, UNDP Stamenović Ivica, OSCE Stanković Biljana, UNDP Stanković Dragana, TV Lebane Stevanović Stojan, MZ leader Klinovac Stojčić Miroljub Mayor of Vranje Tom Millane, GOAL Vladimir Jovanović, GOAL
Tuesday 20 May	Chamber of Commerce, Leskovac	Sava Markovic, chamber President Lazar Rakic, chamber Secretary

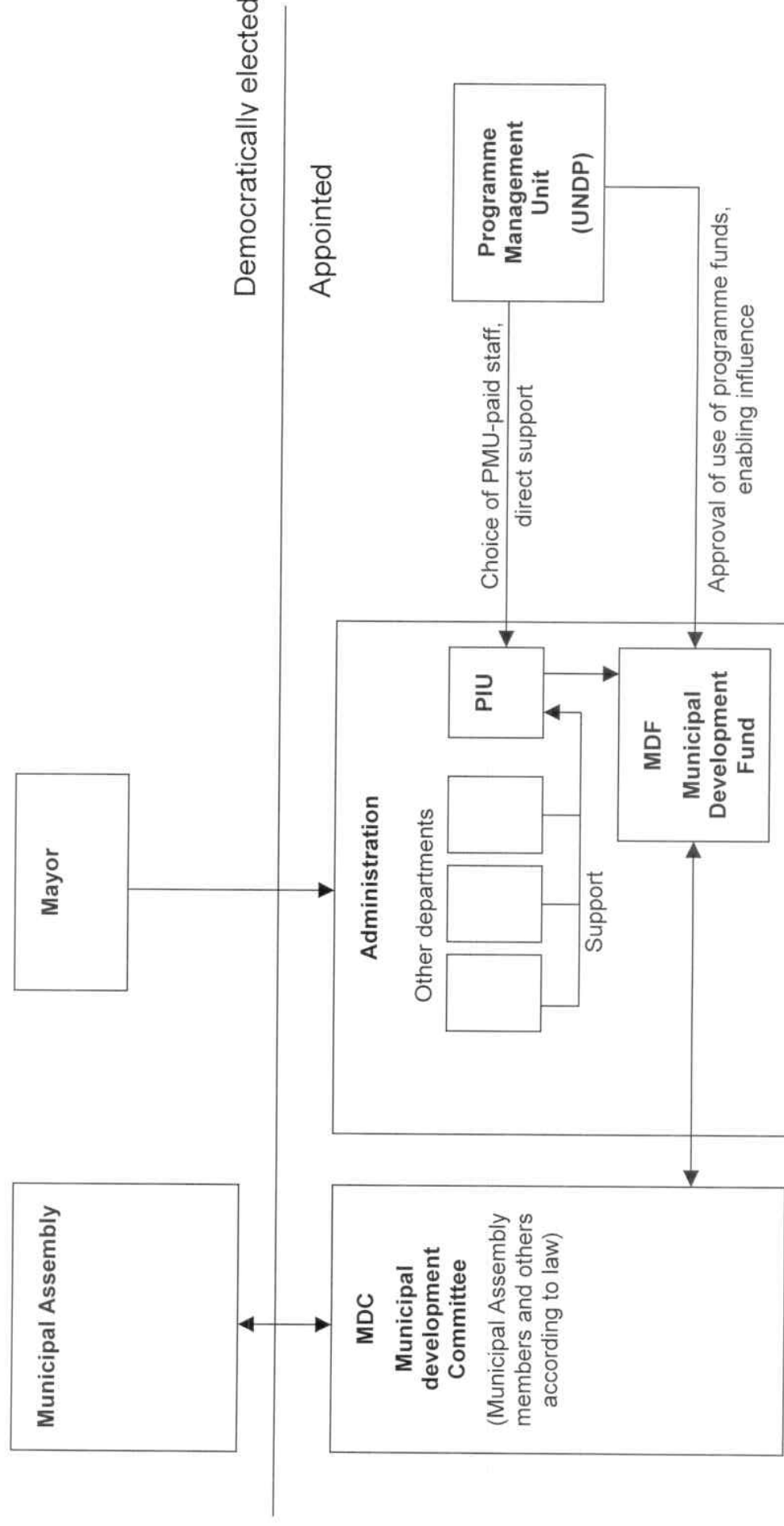
	Debriefing meeting, UNDP	Frank O'Donnel Peter Simkin Hachemi Bahloul Javier Alvarez Paola Pagliani
Wednesday 21 May	Debriefing meeting, donors	Svetlana Bascarevic, SIDA David Ashley, DfID Michael Enders, USAID Mark Pickett, USAID Eli Jonsvik, Norwegian Embassy
Friday, 23 May	USAID	Michael Enders, Director, Gen. Development Office

The mission also corresponded by e-mail with Mr. Steve Holzman of the World Bank, and met with them at a subsequent workshop in Leskovac on 15-17 June 2003

REP Sub-Project Approval - Implementation Process



Relations between programme and municipal bodies



Minutes of the sixth Regional Steering Committee for the Development of South Serbia

**11:00 Tuesday, 08th of April 2003
The Vlasina, Hotel "Vlasina"**

1. AGENDA:

1. Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting
2. Changes in meetings of Regional Steering Committee
3. Strategy for Economic Development of Pčinja and Jablanica District
 - Document
 - Suggestions and discussion
4. DAI – Programme presentation
5. Distribution of expenses and facilities of Municipality Development Fund (MDF)
6. Conclusions
7. AOB

2. PRESENT:

Tomislav Ljotić – Head of Pčinja District, Chairman
Milan Subotić – CB Representative and Regional Development Coordinator,
Co-chairman
Piter Simkin – UNDP Coordinator, Co-chairman
Mića Marković – Member of Coordination Body
Milorad Milićević – Head of Jablanica District
Gojko Veličković – Mayor of Leskovac
Vladimir Kostić – Municipality Development Fund Manager – municipality Leskovac
Slobodan Drašković – Mayor of Medveđa
Miroljub Stojičić – Mayor of Vranje
Nagip Arifi – Mayor of Bujanovac
Agron Avdiu – Municipality Technical Unit Bujanovac
Riza Halimi – Mayor of Preševo
Ruždi Junuzi – Municipal Assembly Member – Preševo Municipality
Zoran Ivković – Mayor of Lebane
Dragana Stanković – Municipality Technical Unit Lebane
Slobodan Popović – Mayor of Surdulica
Marko Stojanović – "Solar" Vinča
Aleksandar Đorđević – Agriculture Faculty Zemun
Javier Alvarez – SSMIRP Team Leader
Tom Thorogood – FAO Team Leader
Brian Holst – Country Director – CHF
Bratislav Stanković – CHF office Leskovac

Michael Pillsbury - DAI Programme Manager
Jovan Tatić – Senior Coordinator DAI Programme
Tatjana Strahinjić-Nikolić – SSMIRP Field Assistant
Dragan Stanković – Information Assistant

The meeting was chaired by Tomislav Ljotić, Head of Pčinja District and co-chair Milan Subotić, Regional Development Coordinator and CB Representative and Peter Simkin, UNDP Coordinator.

Welcome note and greeting from the Head of Pčinja District, Tomislav Ljotić.
Mr. Ljotić said he had a great honour to greet and present the representative of the Institute "Solar" Vinča, Marko Stojanović, and the representative of the Agriculture Faculty - Zemun, Aleksandar Đorđević.

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting

According to the first item of the agenda the minutes of the previous Regional Steering Committee meeting were approved without any changes and additions. Regarding the approval of the agenda, Mr. Peter Simkin UN Area Coordinator, suggested some changes to be introduced in agenda. He suggested that a new item should be introduced in the agenda: *Distribution expenses and facilities of Municipality Development Fund (MDF)*. This item of the agenda and the suggestion was approved.

2. Changes in meetings of Regional Steering Committee

According to the second item of agenda it was suggested that the future meetings of Regional Steering Committee should be chaired and managed by Mr. Milan Subotić. This suggestion was approved.

3. Strategy for Economic Development of Pčinja and Jablanica District

- ***Document***
- ***Suggestions and discussion***

Mr. Tomislav Ljotić, Head of Pčinja District, said that the Strategy for Economic Development of Pčinja and Jablanica District was in the state of preparation. He added that the Strategy was very useful and it was very important and that all of the Municipalities of Pčinja and Jablanica District were included in it. Mr. Ljotić gave a word to Mr. Marko Stojanović, the profesor from "Vinča" Institute.

Profesor Marko Stojanović greeted all the people present at the meeting and thanked for the invitation to attend this kind of meeting and he presented himself as the leader of the project. He noticed that the main participants of this project were "Vinča" Solar, Agriculture and Electrical Engineering Faculty (Belgrade), Pčinja and Jablanica District, and some experts from domestic and international agencies. He gave a short presentation of the principles of Strategy, objectives of Strategy, ways of solving economic and social problems, problems which rose and finding a mode to solve them.

The main principles of the Strategy are:

- Creation of an economic system with a stable level of economic growth and employment
- Community participation in development planning
- People and the democratic values and principles are the main focus of attention
- Short-dated and long-dated perception
- Poverty Reduction and social inclusiveness
- Introduction of the safe ecological technologies(which economize energy)
- Use of knowledge and international cooperation
- Punishment of pollutants
- Transparency

Profesor Stojanović said that these main principles of Strategy needed appreciation of the strategic objects: *achievement and maintenance of high and stable rate of economic growth and employment, social advancement, rehabilitation of rural areas, abolishment of emigrations, use of natural resources and protection of economic environment*. He added that they were facing problems in the process of resolving the economic and social questions and that this Strategy might help resolve those problems. He also said that a very important factor in the whole process of economic development was marketing.»*When we talk about important resources for Strategy financing we say that they depend on individual resources, financial aid from different organizations, resources of private companies, resources of Local-Self Government, resources from state funds and credits from banks, which are all very important for Strategy application*». He added that that program included short-dated, middle-dated and long-dated activities. The short-dated activities include:

- Creation of an Agency for Development Strategy in South Serbia
- Investment in opening 200 small enterprises (10.000US\$ per enterprise)
- Building and rehabilitation of South Serbia
- Supply 2000 computers for schools and local administration
- financing of document for the Development Strategy for South Serbia (finishing and printing) and commencement of the privatisation process mainly of huge enterprises.

A discussion was opened after this short presentation of the Strategy for Economic Development.

Mr. Brian Holst, Country Director CHF, at the beginning of the discussion posed a question to the professor about the number of enterprises being 200 and whether the focus was on new enterprises when the fact was that 70 % of the enterprises were closed and whether the investment was very big. Mr. Holst suggested that when setting up small enterprises the focus should be on the creation of trainings at schools and creation of business training.

Profesor Stojanović said that the number of small enterprises was more or less precise and that these small enterprises need to be set up so as to attract returnees (foreign and local) in rural areas to invest money and in that way help economic development. He added that 20% of these enterprises will be companies for marketing and training agencies.

Mr. Peter Simkin, UNDP Coordinator, said that there was a Regional Councillor for Economic Development who needed to be included and also the problems needed to be defined when the creation of small enterprises was in question.

Mr. Mića Marković, Member of Coordination Body, greeted all the people present at the meeting and thanked CHF and UNDP what they had done in the area. He said that the idea of strategy was very good and needed to involve people from this region because they know everything about this area. He said that we need to put accent on the Municipalities of Preševo, Bujanovac and Medveđa and involve Local Self Government (Mayor of Municipalities). He added that when small enterprises were in question the idea was good only if it was realistic and if all the aspects had been taken into consideration like available budget, money from international organizations, money from the Government, and in investment process we need to determine priorities.

Mr. Gojko Veličković, Mayor of Leskovac, said that they had been working on the document for one year and that they had six annexes prepared (for 6 Municipalities) and that the document would also involve seven more Municipalities. He added that Strategy document should be prepared as soon as possible so that we could go on with the work in the next period.

Vladimir Kostić, Manager of Municipality Development Fund – Leskovac, added that that Document included both Districts, and once when it was well elaborated, and with in technical order it would be sent to all Municipalities for detailed review.

Mr. Javier Alvarez, SSMIRP Team Leader, said that the Strategy for Economic Development needed a real base and the Mayors of Municipalities should not expect a lot of money from donors. He suggested that the Municipality of Leskovac should make copies of this document and send them to other Municipalities. He added that that document should be a basis for the application of Strategy. He noticed that on they would be discussions on the Economic Development at that meeting and he wanted to hear the opinions of Mayors about the priorities in their Municipalities.

Mr. Riza Halimi, Mayor of Preševo, expressed dissatisfaction for not being conversant with the whole document of the Strategy for Economic Development and because the Coordination body and the Government of Serbia had not, regardless of his insistence, provided experts and institutions for these three Municipalities. He added that due to the difficult situation in the Municipality of Preševo the Strategy needed to be adopted and its application should start as soon as possible.

Mr. Milan Subotić expressed regret because Mr. Halimi had not been present on the previous Regional Steering Committee meeting, during which all of the participants talked about that document, and added that the representatives from Municipality Preševo had been present and that they should have reported to the Mayor the major points of discussions during the meeting.

Mr. Miroljub Stojčić, Mayor of Vranje, said that the meeting was highly-productive because of the discussions on the Strategy for Economic Development for both Pčinja and Jablanica District. He noticed that the document should involve both Districts because

of the fact that they were economically, historically and culturally related. He added that at the last meeting in Vranje Municipality they agreed on the theses of how to save natural resources, how to solve economical revival and social problems and how to solve problems of migrations. He supported the idea of the creation of Strategy, and added that there should be an opportunity given to a team to work on the document and that a certain mode of its financing should be created.

Mr. Ivković, Mayor of Lebane, said that he supported the creation of Strategy for Economic Development for Pčinja and Jablanica Districts.

Mr. Milan Subotić asked all present in the meeting if they were ready to participate in Strategy financing.

Mr. Slobodan Drašković, The Mayor of Medveda, wanted to know how much money the Document cost and whether the international organisations were ready to finance it.

Profesor Stojanović said that, in the process of Strategy completion they would invest in Logistic Agencies and the base Strategy cost 900.000 dinar or 15.000 euros.

Mr. Brian Holst, Country Director CHF, said that they would assist some segments of Strategy implementation but that there would be no financing as far as the creation of the Strategy goes since it should be local authorities' concern.

Mr. Michael Pillsbury, DAI Programme Manager, said that they would finance implementation of certain segments of Strategy but not the creation of Strategy itself.

Mr. Simkin, UNDP Coordinator agreed with the idea of financing the implementation of segments of the Strategy and even engaging some experts, again excluding the creation of the Strategy itself.

Mr. Gojko Veličković, Mayor of Leskovac, said that the Mayors of Municipalities, should make a decision on the participation in financing Strategy for Economic Development Pčinja and Jablanica District by 15 th of April.

4. DAI – Programme Presentation

Mr. Michael Pillsbury, DAI Programme Manager, greeted all the people at the meeting and thanked for the invitation to attend this kind of meeting. He added that Jovan Tatić, DAI Senior Programme Coordinator, would give short presentation about DAI programme.

Mr. Jovan Tatić, DAI Senior Coordinator, said that DAI organization had offices in Belgrade, Kraljevo and Vranje (in the future they will open an office in Nis) adding that DAI and CHF organizations finance their programmes from the same budget. The programme covers 70 Municipalities and it would last for two and a half years. The most important thing in their work was Local-Self Government, which would be more open to citizens and they would be involved in its work. The programme has seven programme sections with each section working as a team: *informational technology, finansing, participation of people, municipal companies (work with Municipalities), legal form, development of associations and public supplies, morality and conflict of interests (work with justice).*

Mr. Michael Pillsbury added that teams started working (except one which starts next year) and cooperation among them is very close.

5. Distribution of expences and facilities of Municipality Development Fund (MDF)

Mr. Peter Simkin, UNDP Coordinator, talked about two problems in UNDP work. The first problem was related to the budget of 600.000 US\$, gained from World Bank, where each Municipality got 100.000 US\$. The programme of World Bank should finish until 30th of June of this year. If each Municipality didn't spend money, the money would be returned to the World Bank. However, Municipal Development Fund was founded on the system that when UNDP paid 100.000 US\$ each Municipality matched with the same sum, and the problem lied in the fact that some Municipalities didn't have enough money to match the whole sum of 100.000 US\$ and that caused a big problem. Mr. Simkin then suggested that if a Municipality wouldn't have enough projects to spend the money on then the money prepared for that municipality should be transfered to a Municipality which had projects but not enough funds to match UNDP funds.

Mr. Javier Alvarez, SSMIRP Programme Leader, agreed with Mr. Simkin and said that another problem was that some Municipalities could not put that sum of money in their budgets. These Municipalities should prepare a statement saying that they would committ money until the end of 2003 and suggested to visit all the mayors individually in the future so they could inform him on the future investments.

Conclusions

According to the second item of the agenda the changes in meetings of Regional Steering Committee were adopted.

Until 15th April Mayors of Municipalities should make decisions about their participation in financing the Strategy for Economic Development of Pčinja and Jablanica District.

Mr. Javier Alvarez should visit all Mayors of Municipalities with the aim of finalizing the lists of projects to be implemented and the allocation of money in the municipalities.

6. AOB

Mr. Simkin said that UNDP was implementing projects related to agriculture in three Municipalities.

At the end of the meeting Mr. Subotić said that the time and the date of the next meeting would be arranged at a later time.

**Minutes of the fifth Regional Steering Committee for the Development of South
Serbia**

**12:00 Wednesday, 29th of January, 2003
The Municipality of Medvedja- Sijarinska Banja**

1. AGENDA

1. Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting
2. Questions rising from the conclusions of the previous meeting
3. Presentation and Round Table
 - Discussion on Poverty Reduction Strategy, Representatives of Economic Institute
 - MIR Programme(UNDP, Mayors, Ministry of Local Self government)
4. Programme Presentation-Brian Holtt-Country Director-CHF
5. Implementation of UNDP projects in municipalities-problems and lessons learnt
6. Agricultural Fair-FAO
7. Suggestions and initiative
 - Formation of mobile teams for the Municipalities of Bujanovac, Presevo and Medvedja –(after UNHCR office closed)
 - Distribution of money received from the Norwegian Government in the amount of 560.000 US \$
8. AOB.
9. Conclusions.

2. PRESENT:

Dragoljub Zivkovic-Ex Mayor of Leskovac Municipality, Chairman
Peter Simkin-UNDP Area Coordinator, Co-chairman
Milan Subotic-CB Representative and Regional Development Coordinator, Co-chairman
Tomislav Ljotic-Head of Pcinjski District
Milorad Milicevic-Head of Jablanica District
Gojko Velickovic-Newly-elected Mayor of Leskovac Municipality
Vladimir Kostic- Municipal Development Fund Manager –Leskovac Municipality
Zoran Ivkovic-Mayor of Lebane
Miroljub Stoicic-Mayor of Vranje
Nagip Arifi-Mayor of Bujanovac
Musa Sulejmani-Manager of the fund for social, construction and residential issues-
Presevo Municipality
Ruzdi Junuzi-Municipal Assembly Member-Presevo Municipality
Slobodan Brkic- Ministry of social affairs –Government of the Republic of Serbia
Jurij Bajec-Ministry of social affairs-Government of the Republic of Serbia
Ivica Ezdenci-Ministry of Local self government-Government of the Republic of Serbia
Javier Alvarez-SSMIRP Team leader
Ann Foley-SSMIRP Programme Officer
Michael Scott-REP Programme Officer
Saif Khan-REP Programme Manager
Brian Holtt-Country Director-CHF

Josef Baaklini-Engineer-CHF
Tom Milan-GOAL
Jorun Lunestad –OPS Officer of the Regional Office-Vraje-EUMM
Tom Thorogood-FAO Team Leader
Janis Mazais-UNDP Operations Manager
Paul Randolph-Crisis Prevention and Recovery Team Leader
Tatjana Strahinjac-Nikolic-SSMIRP Field Assistant
Biljana Stankovic-SSMIRP Field Assistant
Jelena Dinov-REP Interpreter/Secretary
Dragan Stankovic-Information Assistant
Brian Holtt-Country Director-CHF
Josef Baaklini-Engineer-CHF
Tom Milan-GOAL
Jorun Lunestad –OPS Officer of the Regional Office-Vraje-EUMM
Tom Thorogood-FAO Team Leader

The meeting was chaired by Slobodan Draskovic, President of Medvedja Municipality and co-chair Milan Subotic, Regional Development Coordinator and CB Representative and Piter Simkin.

Welcome note and greeting from the Mayor of Medvedja, Mr. Draskovic
Mr. Draskovic said he had a great honour to greet and present the representatives of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Mr. Slobodan Brkic and Mr. Jurij Bajec, as well as Mr. Ivica Edzenci from the Ministry of Local self government.

1.Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting

According to the first item of the agenda the minutes of the previous Regional Steering Committee meeting were approved without any changes and additions. Mr. Draskovic apologized for not having a translation of the agenda in English.

2. Questions rising from the conclusions of the previous meeting

There was no discussion regarding the second item of the agenda.

3. Presentation and Round Table

- i. -Discussion on Poverty Reduction Strategy, Representatives of Ministry of Social Affairs
- ii. -MIR Programme(UNDP, Mayors, Ministry of Local Self government-

Mr. Ivica Edzenci from the Ministry of Local and State government greeted all the people present at the meeting and thanked for the invitation to attend this kind of meeting adding that the Minister could not come to the meeting because he had too many obligations and duties. Moreover, he said he needed to express content for the good cooperation and the achieved success in the past two years adding that the cooperation had been