**UNDP Management Response for the Environment Outcome Evaluation**

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The Management response is prepared for all recommendations which are directed to UNDP and (at least partially) under UNDP responsibility.

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| **Evaluation Recommendation 1:** Diversify engagement with other duty-bearers at national and sub-national levels in its regular operations as well as in a bid to enhance policy influence and raise awareness   |
| **Management Response:** Theincreasedacknowledgement by the Government of Moldova of the importance of sustainable development, including the environmental dimension, is the right momentum for UNDP to diversify its partners and types of engagement, and to move the environment, energy and resilient-related topics on top of the national policy agenda.  |
| **Key Action(s)** | **Time Frame** | **Responsible Unit(s)** | **Tracking\*** |
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| 1.1. Advocacy at the Ministry of Education for the approval of the renewable energy and energy efficiency curricula  | Q1, 2014 | UNDP, Ministry of Economy |  |  completed |
| 1.2 Advocacy at the Ministry of Education for the mainstreaming of PAS and BD into school curricula and others relevant |  2014-2015 | UNDP, Ministry of Environment  | This comes as part of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Actions Plan planned to be submitted for approval by the Government of Moldova in Q2 2014.  | To be initiated in Q2 2014 |
| 1.3. Provision of support in mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction into educational curricula  | 2014-2016 | UNDP, Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service  |  | initiated |
| 1.4. Provisions of support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry on planning and coordination for improved resilience at the sector level  |  2014 |  UNDP |  |  initiated |
| 1.5. Provision of support to the Civil Protection and Emergency Service in developing the Disaster Risk Management Strategy for concerted and coordinated interventions un the area of disaster risk reduction  |  2014-2015 | UNDP, Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service |  |  initiated |
| 1.6. Provision of support to the Government of Moldova in raising awareness and understanding of environmentally sustainable growth through organization of a high level conference  |  2014, Q2-Q3 |  UNDP, GoM | The timeline of the event is under discussion with the GoM |  To be initiated in Q2 2014 |
| **Evaluation Recommendation 2:**  Working with municipalities and districts and developing their capacities to fulfill their mandates  |
| **Management Response:** Working with municipalities and districts has always been the focus of the UNDP Environment and Energy Programme in order to increase the sustainability of the its programmes/projects interventions. The link between environment and energy and local and regional development is even stronger now with the ongoing organizational change and programme realignment.  |
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| 2.1. Provision of support to Local Public Authorities (LPAs) in integration of environmental fiscal instruments into local level development planning processes | 2014 - 2015 | UNDP |  | initiated |
| 2.2. In the frame of the new Moldova Energy and Biomass project phase, communities and medium-size towns with focus on Transnistria and Gagauzia will apply renewable-energy based solutions | Q3 2014-2017 | UNDP | The new phase of the Moldova Energy and Biomass project is under negotiation with the EU | To be initiated in Q 3 2014 |
| 2.3. Provision of support to LPAs from Orhei National Park in developing innovative pasture and community forest management systems  | 2013-2016 | UNDP |  | ongoing |
| 2.4. Provision of support to LPAs in adopting innovative climate change adaptive, disaster risk reduction and climate risk management measures  | Q3 2014-2016 | UNDP |  | to be initiated in Q3 2014 |
| 2.5 Provision of support to the Municipality of Chisinau in increased energy efficiency and resources, Green Urban Development Planning and Low Carbon Growth |  Q4 2014-2018 |  UNDP | The project to provide targeted support to the Municipality of Chisinau is under preparation and its initiation is expected end of 2014.  |  To be initiated in Q4 2014 |
| **Evaluation Recommendation 3:** UNDP plays a proactive role in documenting its successes (operational and promotional material) and disseminates it wisely. |
| **Management Response:** TheUNDP Moldova role in advocating for reforms and transformational changes as well as its innovative means of engaging the population at large and vulnerable groups into public policy are highly recognized in the country . Innovation is at the heart of the UNDP Environment and Energy Programme programming and results dissemination, and will continue to expand during the ongoing programming cycle.  |
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| 3.1. Handing over by the Protected Areas System Project of all educational and awareness raising materials to the Ministry of Education for further mainstreaming of PAS-related issues into educational curricula  | Q2,2014 |  UNDP |   | To be initiated in Q2 2014  |
| 3.2. Provision of support to GoM in promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency at the highest level through organization of the Annual Award Ceremony in the Energy field | 2011-2014 | UNDP | The Award ceremony takes place every December  | Initiated  |
| 3.3. Provision of support to the Government of Moldova in setting up a communication platform in the area of DRR | 2013-2016 | UNDP |  | initiated |
| 3.4. Provision of support to Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service and National Hydro-meteorological Service in establishment of the Early Warning System at the national level and piloting the initiative to disseminate information alert via SMS to citizens | 2013 - 2016 | UNDP |  | initiated |
| 3.5. Provision of support to the GoM in preparing 5th National Report to Convention on Biological Diversity.  | 2013-2014 | UNDP |  | initiated |
| 3.6. Printing and handing over of the Study on protected area financing and financing mechanisms to the Ministry of Environment and other key stakeholders for further advocating on sustainable financing of protected areas system | 2013-2014 |  UNDP |  | initiated |
| 3.7. Provision of the printed version of the Study on economic values of ecosystems goods and services to the Ministry of Environment for further advocacy on biodiversity conservation mainstreaming into sectors  |  Q2, 2014 |  UNDP |   |  To be initiated in Q2 2014 |
| **Evaluation Recommendation 4:** It is necessary and strategic to have a Road Map with detailed tasks, a calendar, clear responsibilities, and source of funds to ensure that the Orhei National Park becomes operational and is successful. |
| **Management Response:** With the National Park Orhei now being approved by the Government of Moldova, UNDP Moldova is further committed to supporting its functionality, sustainable development and leveraging of funds from various sources of funding.  |
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| 4.1. Provision of support in implementation of the EC-financed Clima East Project aimed at securing improved forestry and pasture management systems in the Orhei National Park | 2013- 2016 | UNDP |  | ongoing |
| 4.2. Promotion and mobilization of resources for the developed UNDP Concept Note on Integrated Sustainable Development of the Orhei National Park region with a special go focus on organic farming.  | 2013-2017 | UNDP |  | ongoing |
| 4.3. Establishment of synergies with the EC-financed ENPI-FLEG II Programme on development of a monitoring system of wood flow including in the Orhei National Park | Q2 2014- 2015 | Government, UNDP |  |  To be initiated in Q2 2014 |
| 4.4. Provision of relevant equipment to the National Park Orhei administration  | Q2 2014 |  |  | To be initiated in Q2 2014 |
| **Evaluation Recommendation 5:** Projects and non-projects activities should include the human dimension- ensuring inclusion of categories of poor and increase focus on women by ensuring inclusion in all projects and works with UN WOMEN.Designs need specialization on environmental issues but persons with a development concept and a strategic vision is also needed. |
| **Management Response:** Thenewly initiated programmes and projects by the Environment and Energy team puts an increased emphasis on developing human-centered gender-sensitive policy documents at both design and implementation stages, these being appraised through the human development lens.  |
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| 5.1 Provision of support to the Government of Moldova and allocation of project resources for developing gender-sensitive national adaptation plans  |  2014-2016 |  UNDP |  |  ongoing |
| 5.2. Provision of support to the Government of Moldova and allocation of project resources for developing gender-sensitive DRR actions as part of Local Development Plans  | 2014-2015 | UNDP |  | ongoing |
| 5.3. The new Moldova Energy and Biomass project phase strengthens its focus on empowering the most vulnerable in the local decision-making processes, benefiting from created services as well as supporting women-led businesses  | 2014-2017 | UNDP |  | To be initiated in Q 3 2014 |
| 5.4. Increase capacity of the UNDP staff (programme and projects) to develop and implement gender-sensitive programme and projects after trainings offered by UN WOMEN | Q2, 2014 | UNDP | The UNDP Moldova Gender Mainstreaming Actions Plan envisages trainings offered by UN WOMEN to UNDP staff.  | To be initiated in Q2 2014 |
| **Evaluation recommendation 6:** There is room to interact and coordinate activities with other Focus Areas or cluster within the Country office.  |
| **Management Response:**  Organizational change and programme realignment to deliver on the new Strategic Plan targeted outcomes initiated by UNDP Moldova is conducive to increased coherence and synergies between various clusters and practice areas.  |
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| 6.1. Reorganize the Environment and Energy Programme to become a “sustainable development practice area”  | 2014-2015  |  UNDP |  |  Initiated  |
| 6.2. Establish close collaboration between the projects in the cluster in order to focus on the same pilots with cross related interventions (climate change, biodiversity, disaster risk reduction) which will result in higher durability of results. | 2013-2017 | UNDP |  | initiated |
| 6.3. Liaise with the SGP National Coordinator and National Committee to raise awareness on the potential opportunities and synergies for the SGP by linking with the range of other initiatives connected with the establishment and implementation of the national park and activities in the park. | Q3/2014 | UNDP, Ministry of Environment | With possible extension during the GEF6 implementation period | Initiated |
| **Evaluation recommendation 7**: Involve the NGOs movement and civil society during the planning process |
| **Management Response:** NGOsparticipation in the planning process is crucial as these are the main allies in promoting the environmental topic on top of the government agenda and in advocating for various initiatives in the area for improved environmental governance. The same practice will be continued in the ongoing UNDP programming cycle where a great focus is placed in improving the capacities of the NGOs to involve in high-level debates and in partnering with private sector and LPAs towards this goal.  |
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| 7.1. Improve capacities of the NGOs for planning of disaster and climate risk management at local levels through dedicated training events  |  Q3 2014-2016 |  UNDP |  |  To be initiated in Q3 2014 |
| 7.2. Involve NGOs in planning for the best models of pasture and forest management systems in Moldova  |  2014-2016 |  UNDP |  |  Initiated  |
| 7.3. Involve actively NGOs in national adaptation planning processes  | 2014-2016 | UNDP |  | ongoing |
| 7.4. Strengthen the capacities of NGOs to design and implement environmentally sound projects through the small grants scheme  | 2013-2015 | UNDP |  | Initiated  |
| **Evaluation recommendation 8**: Replicability and up-scaling, particularly for pilot, one-time, demo-projects, should be emphasized and even elevated to the level of objectives in the designs. |
| **Management Response:** Promotion of replicable models, techniques and mechanisms for sustainable environmental protection and adaptation planning, improved energy efficiency and low emissions development is fully embedded into the design of the UNDP environment and energy programmes and projects, and will continue to expand during the whole programming cycle.  |
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| 8.1. Support NGOs in implementing demonstration projects in the area of biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, sustainable land management, international waters protection, and persistent organic pollutants for further replicability and up-scaling of local actions contributing to global environmental issues  |  2013-2014 |  UNDP and UNOPS |  |  initiated |
| 8.2. Support the Government of Moldova and LPAs in piloting and demonstrating efficient pasture and forest management systems for further replicability and up-scaling | 2013-2016 | UNDP |  | initiated |
| 8.3. Support the GoM and LPAs in upscaling the use of biomass technologies and services in the frame of the new Moldova Energy and Biomass project phase  | 2014-2017 | UNDP, Ministry of Economy  |  | To be initiated in Q 3 2014 |
| 8.4. Support the Government of Moldova in piloting and demonstrating innovative adaptation and disaster risk reduction technologies for further replicability and up-scaling with assistance from emerging adaptation funds |  2015-2016 |  UNDP |  |  To be initiated in 2015 |
| 8.5. Support the Municipality of Chisinau in piloting innovative energy efficiency financing schemes for further replicability in other municipalities of the country | 2015-2018 | UNDP |  | To be initiated in 2015 |
| 8.6. Support the Government of Moldova in promoting NAMAs for further replicability and upscaling of projects aimed at reducing GHG emissions  | 2015-2016 | UNDP  |  | To be initiated in 2015 |
| 8.7. Replicate the experience of establishment of the National Park Orhei in support to set up other national parks (e.g. Lower Nistru River)  |  2014-2016 | UNDP, Ministry of Environment | Support will also be provided in this regards as part of the GEF SGP |  initiated |
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