**UNDP Management Response**

**Project # 00087557 PIMS 4462** **Removing Barriers to Wind Power Development in Belarus**

**Terminal Evaluation**

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**Overall comments:** A Terminal Evaluation of the GEF funded project Removing Barriers to Wind Power Development in Belarus, PIMS 4462, was conducted in mid-2021 by a team of experts comprising of one international and one national consultant in accordance with GEF requirements and the respective UNDP evaluation guidelines, rules and procedures. The evaluation team managed to capture the key project related aspects. Actions proposed to address the TE recommendations are presented and described below in more detail.

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| **Evaluation Recommendation 1:** Promotion of de-risking approach applied and replication in other countries | | | | |
| **Management Response:** Accepted | | | | |
| **Key Action(s)** | **Time Frame** | **Responsible Unit(s)** | **Tracking\*** | |
| **Status** | **Comments** |
| 1.1. Inform other UNDP Belarus portfolios of the de-risking approach used by the Wind project. | Jun-Aug 2021 | UNDP | Completed | Other two portfolios were informed on the de-risking approach used by the Wind project during one of the CO management meetings |
| 1.2. Explore opportunities to distribute information on the de-risking work by UNDP Belarus to other countries in the region. | Jun 2021-Dec 2022 | UNDP CO, IRH | Ongoing | South - South bilateral cooperation and assistance of the UNDP IRH will be sought to share the de-risking related experience. The de-risking approach can also be applied to other types of investments not only RE related ones. |
| **Evaluation Recommendation 2:** Support Ministry of Energy in implementation of auctioning | | | | |
| **Management Response:** Partially accepted. Being a UN agency, UNDP can not support the Government in auctioning. What can be done is assisting the country in further developing its legal and regulatory framework pertinent to RE projects preparation and auctioning. | | | | |
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| 2.1. Explore options to assist the country in further development the country’s legal and regulatory framework related to preparation and auctioning renewable energy pre-investment assets. | Jun 2021- Dec 2022 | UNDP, MoEnv, MoEnergy, MoEconomy | Ongoing | UNDP will assist the country in further developing a national legal and regulatory framework for RE projects preparation and auctioning to find reliable investors based on the international best practice. |
| **Evaluation Recommendation 3:** Further development of methodology for the daily projection of wind energy generation | | | | |
| **Management Response:** Accepted | | | | |
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| 3.1. To explore options of including the development of methodology for the daily projection of wind energy generation into one of the future renewable energy projects. | Jul 2021 – Dec 2022 | UNDP, MoEnv, Ministry of Energy, Belhydromet | Ongoing | UNDP provided support to the country in developing its capacity in development of a methodology for daily projection of wind energy generation in the country. UNDP will explore options of including such an activity into future renewable energy projects following consultations with the key national partners and potential donors. |
| **Evaluation Recommendation 4:** Further support of work of WPFI | | | | |
| **Management Response:**  Partially accepted. WPFI is a commercial entity created with the Wind project support to promote market related mechanisms for wind energy development in the country. The WPFI is expected to function independently of the project after its creation developing and selling RE pre-investment assets and providing expert advice/support to RE related projects. | | | | |
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| 4.1. To indirectly support the work of Wind Private Finance Initiative (WPFI) through relevant capacity building activities as well as supporting the country in creating favorable environment for renewable energy in Belarus. | Jul 2021 – Dec 2022 | UNDP, MoEnv, Ministry of Energy other governmental interested institutions | Ongoing | WPFI is a commercial entity established with project support. UNDP will further support commercial entities indirectly through relevant capacity building activities along with actions aiming to create a favorable environment for renewable energy, including wind energy, development in Belarus. |
| **Evaluation Recommendation 5:** Improve work on environmental impacts of wind power | | | | |
| **Management Response:** Accepted | | | | |
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| 5.1. To support the MoEnv in further national capacity with respect to identifying adverse impact of wind energy installations on the environment. | Jun 2021 – Dec 2022 | MoEnv, UNDP | Ongoing | UNDP will further build national capacity to conduct environmental impact assessment (including assessment at the strategic level) of wind energy developments. Such support can be included as a component into future wind energy related projects or into broader environment related projects, as well. Respective discussion should be held with national counterparts and potential donors at the earliest project development stage. |
| **Evaluation Recommendation 6:** Finalize guidelines and publish them on project website | | | | |
| **Management Response:** Accepted | | | | |
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| 6.1. To finalize all the guidelines and standards on topics related to wind power the project is working on. | By 1 July 2021 | MoEnv, PIU | Completed | All project’s work on guidelines and standards was finalized. The respective documents were handed over to the Ministry of Environment for approval/further processing. |
| **Evaluation Recommendation 7:** Investigate procurement support by UNDP in NIM implemented projects | | | | |
| **Management Response:** Accepted | | | | |
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| 7.1. To explore options available to UNDP to provide procurement support to full-NIM projects. | Jul 2021-Dec 2022 | UNDP, MoEnv, MoEconomy | Ongoing | Taking into account that UNDP involvement in implementing NIM projects will be very limited, options available to UNDP to provide procurement support to NIM projects funded by the GEF will be closely and carefully explored and discussed with national partners and UNDP IRH and HQ. |
| **Evaluation Recommendation 8:** Agree on future of project website | | | | |
| **Management Response:** Accepted | | | | |
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| 8.1. Transfer of selected information to the Ministry of Environment, the Hydromet and the Wind Private Finance Initiative (created with project support). | Jul-Sep 2021 | PIU, MoEnv, Hydromet, WPFI | Ongoing | Project Website is owned by the MNREP. It was agreed that the information from the project web-site will be transferred to key stakeholders, namely the MoEnv, Hydromet and WPFI. |

\* The implementation status is tracked in the ERC.