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**Name of the Evaluation:**  **SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE PRIZREN – INITIATING URBAN NATIONALLY APPROPRIATE MITIGATION ACTIONS (URBAN NAMA-s)**

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| **Evaluation recommendation 1. UNDP to work closely with Austrian Development Agency (ADA) to design a follow up second phase of the project for at least three year project with much bigger investment fund for supporting the Prizren Municipality by including the villages and not only the Prizren municipality.** |
| **Management response: UNDP and ADA have signed the 3 year Strengthening Local Climate Action project in the value of 1,150,000 in follow up to URBAN NAMA, targeting urban and rural Prizren, and expanding to municipality of Suhareka/Suva Reka.**  **The project supports Kosovo municipalities in their transition towards zero emission development pathways** - **reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and contribute to carbon neutral development through an integrated and gender-sensitive approach of supporting informed decision-making through data, with increased focus on rural areas, the dynamics between rural and urban areas, social innovation and stakeholder platforms, food systems and financing to enable a green recovery from COVID-19.**  |
| **Key action(s)** | **Completion date** | **Responsible unit(s)** | **Tracking\*** |
| **Comments** | **Status****(initiated, completed or no due date)** |
| 1.1 Project designed and approved/signed | 15 October 2021 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience |  | Completed  |
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| **Evaluation recommendation 2. UNDP to work closely with ADA, other donors and the relevant Kosovo central institutions for spreading the adopted approach for addressing the climate change through the cross-sector coordination in all Kosovo municipalities** |
| Management response: UNDP is proactively sharing results of URBAN NAMA with all partners. Following the development finance assessment, UNDP is also proactively working with partners of Kosovo institutions, donors and IFIs and advocating for sustainably focused green innovation, finance to decarbonisation, energy, clean mobility, circular economy and fighting air, water, and soil pollution, and waste-to-energy (including food waste).  |
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| 2.1 Development finance assessment  | January, 2021 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience | UNDP supported Kosovo institutions to carry out the development finance assessment in meeting development objectives and COVID-19 socio-economic recovery plans by mobilizing additional financing for its sustainable development priorities. The next step will be to help the government develop an Integrated National Financing Framework as a tool for governments and their partners to strengthen planning processes and better finance the SDGs that will in turn ensure that existing financing is directed towards green recovery. | Completed |
| 2.2 Development of the Circular Economy Roadmap  | January 2023 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience |  | Initiated |

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| **Evaluation recommendation 3. UNDP and Prizren Municipality to analyse the achievements of the project and the gaps in flow of data information’s that the project has identified, such was the case for non-existent database for transport and industry when the GHG Inventory was created.** |
| **Management response**: The GHG emissions from the energy, agriculture and waste management sectors were assessed, while the sectors for transport, land use, land use change and forestry, industrial processes and product use were not estimated (due to lack of complete data and specific information). Thus, in line with this recommendation, UNDP will further develop the inventory for Prizren to include tertiary sources. Whereas the inventories must be newly established for Suharekë/Suva Reka as there is no existing data. |
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| 3.1 Upgrade the GHG inventory in Prizren  | December 2022 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience |  | Initiated |
| 3.2 Initiate a pilot for food waste data collection  | September 2022 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience |  | Initiated |

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|  **Evaluation recommendation 4. The Prizren Municipality based in the results achieved in Prizren from the implementation of the project, such as:** **At Institutional level:** **• Establishing and functioning of the Prizren Green Growth Center (PGGC);** **At strategic level:** **• Development of the Climate Change Cross-Sector Development Plan (CSIP, 2020-2025)**  |
| **Management response**: Management response: Management response: With the new Strengthening of Local Climate Action project, UNDP will support the municipality of Suharekë/Suva Reka to establish the Municipal Green Growth Center (MGGC) and the CSIP. It will also develop the GHG Inventory, develop capacities on GHG relevant data collection, accounting, and computing |
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| 4.1 Establish the MGGC in Suhareke/Suva Reka  | March 2022 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience |  | Initiated  |
| 4.2 Develop the Climate Change Cross-Sector Development Plan (CSIP, 2020-2025) | December 2022 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience |  | Initiated |
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| **Evaluation recommendation 5. UNDP, ADA and Prizren Municipality to consider long term support for creation a sustainable example model which could serve as a learning hub for sharing the experiences firstly for Kosovo municipalities for addressing the Climate Change issues.** |
| **Management response:** The MGGC of Prizren has already become the central hub for Urban NAMAs actions, green growth in the municipality, the inclusion of private businesses and interaction with citizens in piloting urban GHG mitigation actions and as such will serve a hub for coordinating human professional resources to support municipal departments in developing projects beyond Prizren. Concretely, the MGGC will support the Municipality of Suharekë/Suva Reka in the establishment and functioning of the MGGC there. UNDP in partnership with the MGGCs will support developing the inter-municipal agreement between the two municipalities. By including a focus on climate change, the formation of joint working groups on climate action with regards to both urban and rural development will be created. An inter-municipal agreement will develop the joint municipal climate action spanning over the two municipalities and projects that trigger public-private partnership (PPP) investments. It could further enable the potential to co-finance and jointly develop climate projects in the future while ensuring sustainability on climate change work and rural development after the project finishes. |
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| 5.1 Develop the inter-municipal agreement between the Municipality of Prizren and the Municipality of Suharekë/Suva Reka | June 2022 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience |  | Initiated |
| 5.2. Based on Prizren’s MGGC, Establish the Municipal Green Growth Center of Suharekë/Suva Reka to support and identify climate-related priorities and mitigation actions | April 2022 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience |  | Initiated |
| 5.3 Replicate and adapt solutions from Urban NAMAs and pilot new green smart solutions in Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality | August 2024 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience |  | Initiated |

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| **Evaluation recommendation 6. Municipality of Prizren to continue to support and to continue keeping the Prizren MGGC as a core unit for cross-sector coordination and municipal development planning on environment and climate change issues.** |
| **Management response**: UNDP will continue its support to Prizren MGGC with capacity development including for performing environmental audits (environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment, integrating climate risks, inclusion of gender and other social perspectives in audits) regarding all projects that might have potential negative environmental impact, green and climate-related projects and initiatives, development of gender-sensitive projects, feasibility studies for piloting smart solutions, collecting gender-disaggregated data for encouraging sustainable development (e.g. renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, and green rural development). To increase the focus on greening rural development, officials from the rural development department and the environmental department will be invited as a permanent member and consultant for the MGGC.  |
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| 6.1 Develop green policies based on the Urban NAMAs project in coordination with MGGC of Prizren, and the Municipal Development Plans, and in line with the Municipal Zoning Map, the Climate Change Cross-Sectoral Intervention Plan (CSIP), and the Municipal Rural Development Plan in Prizren Municipality | October 2023 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience |  | Initiated |
| 6.2 Develop the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP)  | October 2023 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience |  | Initiated  |
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| **Evaluation recommendation 7. Municipality of Prizren to continue cooperation and partnership with the Kosovo Energy Efficiency Fund (KEEF) and EBRD on implementation the projects on energy and climate change. In this regard the Municipality should also seek the possibilities to extent the CSIP by involving the implementation of the NAMAs in private sector and especially to the building sector.** |
| **Management response**: UNDP will continue to strengthen conditions for further partnership by the municipality of Prizren with through the MGGC to support energy efficiency measures with KEEF as was the case under URBAN NAMA with 10 projects on Energy Efficiency (EE) measures in public buildings by the, and a project on establishing a Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Prizren. EBRD will provide a loan to municipality of Prizren, based on the URBAN NAMA supported CSIP. For EBRD to consider support through loan provision to Prizren or Suhareke/Suva Reka in the future, municipalities would need to develop their own feasibility assessments. UNDP will address the municipal capacity for developing feasible and bankable projects for environmental solution.  |
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| 7.1 Support capacity development of public institutions in the two target municipalities with skill development for identifying and developing feasible and bankable projects for environmental solutions.  | December 2023 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience |  | Initiated |
| 7.2 Develop a roadmap for municipalities to use to identify bankable projects will be developed, highlighting current limitations, as well as identifying and proposing solutions. | April 2024 | Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience | An example of this is UNDPs facilitated coordination meetings between mayor of Prizren and EBRD under URBAN NAMA. Triggered by the CSIP, with support of the project and MGGC, EBRD completed THE Feasibility Study the Energy Efficiency Refurbishment of 100 Public Building in Prizren in January 2021. The loan agreement has passed in the Prizren Municipal Assembly on 18th of March, 2021. The total estimated project cost is approximately EUR 7.5 million including Technical Assistance. Currently the approval process is with Ministry of Finance. | Initiated |
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\* Status of implementation is tracked electronically in the ERC database.