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**List of abbreviations:**

ACOJURIS – Agency for International Legal Cooperation
ADB – Asian Development Bank
CCI – The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan
CSO – Civil Society Organization
EU – European Union
FORMAPER – Agency of the Milan Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Craft, & Agriculture
GIZ – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
GPO – the General Prosecutor's Office
IBPP – The Institutional Building and Partnership Programme
IPPF EN – International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network
IRZ-Stiftung – Die Deutsche Stiftung für Internationale Rechtliche Zusammenarbeit
KfW – Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau
LDCs – Local Development Centres
MFA – Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MFERIT – Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Investment and Trade
MLSP - Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
MoE – Ministry of Economy
MoH – Ministry of Health
MoI – Ministry of Interior
MoJ – Ministry of Justice
MoPE – Ministry of Public Education
NCU – National Coordinating Unit of the European Union's Technical Assistance Programme
NGO – Non Governmental Organisation
NI-CO – Northern Ireland Co-operation Overseas Ltd.
NPIA – The International Academy, Bramshill - National Policing Improvement Agency
SMEs – Small and Medium Enterprises
SRHR – Sexual and Reproductive Health
UNFPA – the United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF – The United Nations Children’s Fund
WB – World Bank
WHO – World Health Organization
**IMPROVEMENT OF MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES – PHASE II**

**Donors:** EU, UNICEF

**The EU contribution:** 6,700,000 EUR  
**Total:** 7,190,000 EUR

**Duration:** from 26/07/2012 to 25/01/2016

**Website:** [http://www.ona-bolasalomatligi.uz](http://www.ona-bolasalomatligi.uz)

**Status:** ongoing

**Implementing institution:** UNICEF

**Project partner:** Ministry of Health

**International partners:** ADB, GIZ, KfW, UNFPA, WB, WHO

**Location:** Republic of Karakalpakstan; Khorezm, Bukhara, Tashkent, Syrdarya, Fergana and Andijan viloyats; Tashkent city

**Objectives:**

- **Overall objective:** is to contribute to the human development in Uzbekistan with special emphasis on Mother and Child Health Care (MDGs 4 and 5).
- **Specific objective:** is to support the Ministry of Health to increase the quality of mother and child health services and to increase the capacity of families to make informed choices about health and nutrition.

**Expected results:**

1. **Institutional strengthening.** Skills and operational capacity of the Ministry of Health and its three tiers (primary, secondary, and tertiary) have been enhanced to effectively support the health reform process concerning the Mother and Child health services in accordance with international standards.

2. **Capacity development and empowerment.** A comprehensive education-training process dealing with mother and child health care has been developed and put in place, at medical-institutional and family level.
**SUPPORT TO CRIMINAL JUDICIAL REFORMS IN UZBEKISTAN**

**Donor:** EU  
**The EU contribution:** 9,720,297 EUR  
**Total:** 9,720,297.00 EUR  

**Duration:** from 09/2011 to 08/2014  
**Website:** [http://crimjust-uz.eu/?lang=en](http://crimjust-uz.eu/?lang=en)  
**Status:** ongoing

**Implementing institutions:**  
The EU Member States' consortium  
**IRZ**, Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI), GIZ, NI-CO

**Project Partners:** Ministry of Justice, the Research Center of the Supreme Court, the General Prosecutor's Office, the Ministry of Internal Affairs

**Location:** Uzbekistan

**Objectives:**

- Overall objective: is to support the on-going process of judiciary reforms in Uzbekistan.

  - Specific objectives are:
    - To build long-term capacity at strategic and operational level within the Uzbekistan Supreme Court Research Centre, the General Prosecutor's Office, the Ministry of Justice and the Minister of Interior regarding the implementation of new decrees on the rule of law especially in regard to Human Rights;
    - To increase the awareness of the Uzbek public regarding their rights as well as the role and responsibilities of the government agencies within the Criminal Justice System;
    - To create an e-Learning justice tool available throughout the country and accessible to all relevant stakeholders.

**Expected results:**

- Judges, prosecutors, and police officers make use of computer-based working tools.
- Judges, prosecutors, police officers, public servants, and citizens have access to legal documents and information through web-based tools, an “Electronic Library”.
- Judges, prosecutors, police officers, and public servants access to training courses planned, delivered, and managed through a computer-based framework and facilities.
**FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE BI-CAMERAL PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE PARLIAMENT AND THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES IN UZBEKISTAN**

**Donor:** EU  
**The EU contribution:** 1,340,000 EUR  
**Total:** 1,340,000 EUR  
**Duration:** from 11/2011 to 11/2014  
**Status:** ongoing

**Implementing institution:** ICON Institute Public Sector GMBH

**Project Partners:** Senate, Legislative Chamber of Oliy Majlis, Regional Assemblies, Parliament of the rep. of Karakalpakstan

**Location:** Tashkent, Republic of Karakalpakstan; Khorezm, Navoi, Bukhara, Samarkand, Jizzakh, Kashkodaria, Surkhandaria, Syrdaria, Ferghana, Andijan and Namangham regions

**Objectives:**

The Overall objective is to ensure further support of democratic reforms in Uzbekistan by modernising the Uzbek Parliament, organising effective interaction with local Kengashes and reinforcing its relationship with society

The Specific objectives are: 1) Capacity Building, 2) Networking, 3) Public Awareness

**Expected results (extract):**

- An operational Centre for legal expertise and informational and analytical support to the Senators and the Deputies is established.
- Support is provided with the preparation of important draft laws, and other legal acts, as well as the analysis of acting laws and their compliance with international standards is conducted.
- Senators and Deputies as well as their staff, are acquainted with core aspects of bicameral Parliament and regional parliament functioning in the EU
- Karakalpakstan Parliamentary staff capacity in drafting laws is strengthened
- An electronic library for the use of both Chambers is established and operational; the current paper libraries are coherently reorganised, enlarged and provided with electronic book scanners
- A Parliamentary Thesaurus is developed and a pilot system for electronic discussion of the draft laws by the members of parliamentary committees using is created
- Set-up a parliamentary workflow system and a parliamentary web portal
- An electronic network for continuous and efficient interaction between the Senate and the Legislative Chamber, with the Jokargy Kenes and local Kengashes of the peoples’ deputies is established
- Enhanced knowledge by the public of the role and functioning of the Parliament in Uzbekistan
## MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME (MTP) – CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SME MANAGEMENT IN UZBEKISTAN

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### Implementing institution:
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### Local institutions involved:
The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan (CCI), other national stakeholders

### Location:
Uzbekistan

### Objectives:
The project aims to support entrepreneurship and improve performance of Uzbek SMEs in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI).

**Overall objective:** is to improve the performance of the Small and Medium Enterprises sector of the national economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in terms of contribution to GDP and job creation.

**Specific objective:** is to increase the stock of qualified and competent entrepreneurs and managers able to effectively manage local SMEs and ensure their sustainable development in a long term perspective.

### Expected results:
In the area of SME managers: a) stronger managerial knowledge and know-how (business planning; finance, accounting, marketing, human resource management, as well as managerial/organisational aspects of design, technology and production processes), leading to better business performance in terms of companies' growth and job creation; b) more diversified and sustainable business relations with larger and foreign companies (in particular EU-based prospective business partners), also sustained by a more compatible business language and culture among Uzbek and EU managers.

Concerning capacity building for the CCI, local BSOs, free-lance trainers and consultants, enhanced local capacity (knowledge, competences, attitude and institutional systems) in: a) the provision of high quality management training (by receipt of training of trainers and by participation in the internships programme and/or ‘learning by doing’ during the orientation and follow-up phases of the SME internships that they will help to facilitate during the Project); b) organisation of exchanges and
### INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN UZBEKISTAN

**Donor:** EU  
**The EU contribution:** 3,700,000 EUR  
**Duration:** from March 2014 until 2016  
**Status:** ongoing  

**Implementing institution:** Hulla & Co Human Dynamics KG, Vienna, Austria  

**Local institutions involved:** Ministry of Health, National Centre for Social Adaptation of Children, MoPE, MLSP, universities, schools  

**Expected locations:** Tashkent city, Tashkent region and Khorezm, Samarkand, Namangan and Surkhandar’ya regions.  

**Objectives:**  

**Overall objective:** is to contribute to the social inclusion in Uzbekistan  

**Specific objective:** is to improve the quality of education for children with special needs age 2–10 and promote their integration in mainstream kindergartens and primary schools.  

**Expected results:**  

1. Long term strategy, including legal and financial frameworks of the government is formulated to ensure equal and inclusive approaches for children with special needs;  
2. Pre-service and in-service teacher training and non-teacher staff training modules on inclusive education are updated and integrated in curricula and training programs;  
3. Public awareness is raised in the country to promote the integration of children and people
with special needs, both at social and education level.

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL AREAS OF UZBEKISTAN**

**Donor:** EU

**EU contribution:** max. 10,000,000 EUR

**Co-financing:** min. 1,120,000 EUR

**Duration:** 48 months

**Status:** call for proposals on-going

**Implementing institution:** TBD

**Local institutions involved:** Ministry of Economy, MFERIT, CCI, Regional and District Khokimiyats, Mahallas, Farmers Associations, the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources

**International partners:** TBD

**Location:** rural areas of Uzbekistan (notably in the 6 selected regions: Namangan, Andijan, Fergana, Djizak, Syrdarya and Kashkadarya)

**Objectives:**

Overall objective: is the enhancement of Living Standards in Rural Areas in Uzbekistan.

Specific objective: is the Transfer of EU know-how and technologies in the agro-food value-chains in partnership with local authorities and economic players for further developing socio-economic potentials in rural areas of Uzbekistan.

**Expected results:**

1) **Income generation:** Further developed commodity value-chains mainly related to the agro-food
sector (livestock breeding, gardening, vegetable growing and services sector);

2) **Capacity development:** Further developed and upgraded skills and techniques of economic players, including Youth; implementation of modern technologies and training on their application; re-training of farmers and improvement of agro-product processing methods.

3) **Institutional strengthening:** Further strengthened and upgraded development planning capacities of regional and local authorities.

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**SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP AND CIVIL SOCIETY PROGRAMME**

**Donor:** EU

**The EU contribution:** 4,000,000 EUR  
**Total:** 4,433,333 EUR

**Status:** pipeline

**Implementing partnership:** TBD

**Location:** Uzbekistan

**Objectives:**

Social Partnership and Civil Society is proposed to support grass root initiatives and promote partnership and cooperation between Uzbek NGOs, local/regional authorities and their counterparts in the European Union.

Overall objective: To contribute to an enhanced social dialogue and the implementation of national socio-economic policies for improving living standards of the Uzbek population.

Specific objective: To strengthen the capacities of Uzbek civil society organisations in the implementation of national policies and in provision of social services to the population.

**Indicative thematic priorities for the call of proposals:**

- Support to the Youth
- Support to the local community development for sustainable livelihood and improvement of living standards in rural areas
• Promotion of sustainable health and social care for the population
• Development of regulatory and legal frameworks governing activities of civil society and community institutions
• Support to journalism and strengthening the role of mass-media in civil society systems

**CAPACITIES...PARTNERSHIPS...CHANGE! (IBPP)**

**Donor:** EU  
**The EU contribution:** 200,000 EUR  
**Total:** 250,000 EUR  
**Co-financing:** 50,000 EUR

**Duration:** from 11/6/2013 to 11/6/2015

**Website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid)

**Status:** ongoing

**Implementing Partnership:**

International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN)  
Uzbek Association for Reproductive Health (UAHR)  
Social Initiatives Support Fund (SISF)

**Local institutions involved:** Uzbek Association for Reproductive Health (UAHR), Social Initiatives Support Fund (SISF), local authorities, 25 community health clinics,

**Location:** Surkhandarya region – Termez city, Denau district; Samarkand region – Samarkand city, Urgut district; Navoi region – Navoi city, Khatirchi district; Khorezm region – Urgench city, Koshkupir district; Republic of Karakalpakstan – Kanlikuk district

**Objectives:**

**Overall objective:** Contribute to improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of labour migrants and their families and enable them to make SRH informed choices in 5 regions of Uzbekistan.

**Specific Objective:** Increased access of labour migrants and their families to sound and reliable information on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRHR) and available services in 5 regions of Uzbekistan with the proactive support of local authorities, health facilities, mass media and local CSOs.

**Expected results:**
• Increased capacity of Uzbek project partners to manage themselves efficiently and transparently, network and create partnerships with local authorities, health institutions, mass media and CSOs in order to address the SRHR's needs of labour migrants and their families from a human rights and gender perspective.

• Increased understanding and commitment of local authorities, community health clinics, CSOs and mass media in 5 regions of Uzbekistan to the SRHR’s needs of information and services of labour migrants and their families.

• Enhanced awareness and knowledge among labour migrants and their families on SRHR and services available at local levels in 5 regions of Uzbekistan.

NEW SOCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEMES TO PROMOTE INCOME GENERATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOST VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS (IBPP)

Donor: EU
The EU contribution: 199,976 EUR
Total: 249,919.90 EUR
Co-financing: 49,984 EUR

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid
Duration: from 8/2013 to 11/12/2015
Status: ongoing

Implementing partnership:

Agency of the Milan Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Craft, & Agriculture (FORMAPER, Italy)
Women’s Committee of Uzbekistan
The Social Innovation Fund (Lithuania)
Mujeres Para El Diálogo y La Educación (Spain)

Location: Tashkent, Chirchik, Kibray (Tashkent Region); Syrdariya district (Syrdariya Region)

Objectives:

Overall objective: to strengthen and develop the capacities of target Uzbek CSOs and selected mahallas as alternative service providers assisting women, youth and low income households to create their own businesses, and reinforcing the social partnership civil network at local level to better respond to the needs of the vulnerable groups through entrepreneurial expertise and service development.

Expected results:
Capacity building and strengthening of the Women’s Committee of Uzbekistan (local partner), 5 target mahallas & involved regional NGOs, and representatives of local stakeholders. Delivery of pilot services by trained staff of 5 Information Desks in Tashkent, Chirchik, Kibray, Syrdariya region. Information and orientation of target beneficiary population towards self-employment and needed steps and means for it. Training of 520 representatives of the vulnerable groups (women, youth,
unemployed, low-income families), - 100 people trained by WCU, 100 in Mahalla Kukcha-Uchtepa, 80 in Mahalla Zebuniso, 80 in Mahalla Gulzor, 80 in Mahalla Furkat, 80 in Mahalla Borukhov. Professional assistance and business counselling for 120 beneficiaries out of the 520 trained above in evaluating their business ideas and drafting a feasible Business Plan of the future start up. Assistance to 120 beneficiaries (20 by WCU, 20 in Mahalla Kukcha-Uchtepa, 20 in Mahalla Zebuniso, 20 in Mahalla Gulzor, 20 in Mahalla Furkat, 20 in Mahalla Borukhov) to apply and receive low rate financial credits from participating credit institutions so that to start their businesses.

### BUILDING STRONG SOCIAL NETWORKS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED (IBPP)

| **Donor:** | EU |
| **Th EU contribution:** | 199,976 EUR |
| **Total:** | 249,970 EUR |
| **Duration:** | from 06/08/2013 to 06/08/2015 |
| **Website:** | [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid) |
| **Status:** | ongoing |

**Implementing institution:** Association SOS Children’s Villages of Uzbekistan

**Local institutions involved:** Local NGOs such as: Women’s committee, Makhalla foundation, Istiqbol Avlos and Rivoj; State social service providers: departments of MPE, MoH, MLSP; and local communities

**Location:** Urgench, Khorezm province

**Objectives:**

Overall objective: to increase and improve social services delivered to the most vulnerable groups of children and adolescents and contribute in fulfilment of their rights to quality services in Khorezm region.

Specific objective: to build capacity of the state and non-state actors (NSA) in Khorezm region in advocating for rights of and promoting innovative community-based social support services to children and adolescents in need.

**Expected results:**

- Capacity of child protection organizations (state and non-state) in delivering quality social services and child care services for vulnerable children and adolescents is improved.
- Model of community-based, integrated social services for counselling and supporting families at risk, aiming to prevent separation of children from their families is developed.
- Social partnership between state and non-state actors for promotion of better access of
vulnerable groups of children and their families to quality social services is established.

- Community-based Family Counselling Centre in Urgench city for provision a spectrum of support to vulnerable families at risk of breakdown is organized.

SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD AND IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING STANDARDS IN RURAL AREA (IBPP)

Donor: EU

The EU contribution: 199,986 EUR
Total: 249,986 EUR

Duration: from 20/08/2013 to 19/08/2015

Web: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid
Status: ongoing

Implementing partnership: The Haven Wolverhampton Limited, SABR Socio-Economic Development Centre

Location: rural areas of Samarkand region, notably Akdarya, Payarik and Urgut

Objectives:

To strengthen the capacities of SABR so that it increases and improves social and economic services delivered to most vulnerable population, including women and children in rural area of Samarkand oblast (by means of trainings, informational meetings, counselling).

To contribute to the improvement of living standards of vulnerable groups in Uzbekistan by supporting grass root initiatives, and development of local communities.

To support and lobby the sustainable partnership and collaboration between SABR and local, regional authorities and their British partners. (Round table talks and international conference delivery, study tours)

Expected results:

Vocational training of rural youth and women in Local Development Centres (LDCs) will give opportunity to obtain professional skills and the ability to earn for the families.

- 255 young women from low income families will become economically independent.
- More than 300 families will improve their financial situation, make savings for education of
their children, will gain professional skills.

- 420 women from local rural regions can actively advocate public interests, will be empowered through trainings.

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**ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE & LIVING CONDITIONS OF WOMEN DEHKANS AND FARMERS THROUGH THE CREATION OF WOMEN FARMERS SOCIAL ENTERPRISES (IBPP)**

**Donor:** EU  
**The EU contribution:** 197,282.40 EUR  
**Total:** 246,603.00 EUR

**Website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid)  
**Duration:** from 11/2011 to 11/2014  
**Status:** ongoing

**Implementing partnership:**

- Athens Network of Collaborating Experts (ANCE, Greece)  
- Centre for Support of Business and Farming

**Location:** regions of Khorezm, Andijan and Syrdarya

**Objectives:**
Furthering the economic independence of women through equal opportunities to (self)-employment and entrepreneurship in the rural areas;  
Increasing women's qualifications and skills, including business skills to enable them to become effective and efficient farmers and/or businesswomen;  
Promoting women farmer’s access to legal and financial information and enhancing their participation in the decision making process;  
Promoting the use of RES in agriculture;  
Strengthening the capacities of NGOs to support the empowerment of women.

**Expected results (extract):**

- Creation of “Women Farmers Social Enterprises” to support new (self)-employment/income generation and entrepreneurship opportunities that will promote the economic independence of women dekhkans and farmers (and their families’).
- Women dekhkans and farmers will have improved qualifications and skills, including business
skills. Women will gain access to rural non-farm job opportunities by enhancing their knowledge on agribusiness ventures and other non-farm livelihood activities.

- Access to renewable energy on a least-cost basis will enhance the sustainability of new income generation activities; use of renewable clean energy will contribute to environmental protection and conservation.
- The capacity of the local partner to provide support and capacity building to the women and the Social Enterprises (thus contributing to their sustainability) will be enhanced.

### FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (FEP) FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN UZBEKISTAN (PART II)

**Donor:** EU

**The EU contribution:** 191,979 EUR  
**Total:** 239,974 EUR

**Website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid)  
**Duration:** from 12/2011 to 12/2014  
**Status:** ongoing

**Implementing partnership:**

- Fundacja Microfinance Centre (MFC)
- National Association of Microfinance Organizations and Credit Unions (NAMOCU)

**Location:** Tashkent, Andijan, Bukhara and Termez regions of Uzbekistan

**Objectives:**

**Overall objective:**

To improve financial capability of low-income households in Uzbekistan through continuing the process of institution building and development of relevant infrastructure at local, regional and national level, building on success of the previous EU-funded FEP project in the country.

**Specific objectives:**

- Continuing raising awareness in financial education among stakeholders at the national, regional and local level and increasing their involvement in financial education.
- Establishing second pool of local advisory points (LAPs) with help of partnerships of local consultants and financial institutions serving vulnerable households (credit unions, microfinance banks, microfinance institutions)
- Further developing capacities of local consultants.
- Adapting the second set of existing tools (individual financial counselling) of financial education for adults (in debt management) to Uzbekistan context.
- Delivery of an integrated debt management financial literacy program by local advisory points, including counselling and social campaign, to low-income clientele of participating financial institutions.
- Preparing necessary conditions to include financial literacy themes into existing tertiary curriculum and other educational programs for students.

### STRENGTHENING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN NEED

**Donor:** EU

**The EU contribution:** 199,972 EUR  
**Total:** 249,965 EUR

**Duration:** 15/11/2011 to 31/03/2014  
**Website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid)

**Status:** ended

**Implementing institution:** Association SOS Children's Villages of Uzbekistan

**Local institutions involved:** Mahalla authorities; governmental bodies at the district level (especially the district department of Ministry of Labour and Social Protection)

**Location:** Tashkent

**Objectives:**

**Overall objective:** Improvement of living standards of socially vulnerable groups in Tashkent

**Specific objective:** Improved social service delivery and increased economic sustainability of socially vulnerable families
Expected results:

The project works with 108 Tashkent families that include 283 children and 175 caregivers/parents. These families come from rather disadvantaged and socially vulnerable groups of population. The Action has been empowering them with the capacity to lead a sustainable live and to take adequate care of their children. In order for the target group to become self-reliant and to improve their living standards, their capacity to find suitable employment and cope with social and economic constraints have been strengthened by delivering alternative social services, including professional counselling, employment and income generation assistance.