

V. Enhancing the contribution of local authorities and their partners towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals through building the capacity of local government training institutes

United Nations Human Settlements Programme in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme and the International Labour Organization (\$687,200)

Background

113. Achieving the Millennium Development Goals is possible only if subnational actors, close to the target groups, are empowered to work towards poverty eradication and sustainable development. Given that decentralization and the devolution of power to local governments is a reality in most countries, it is this sphere of government which needs to redouble its efforts.
114. However, many local governments lack the resources to govern as effectively as would be required to achieve the Millennium Development Goals locally. United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) has identified national local government training institutes as potential key players in providing needs-based training for locally elected leaders and municipal managers in order to capacitate them to respond to the many challenges they face. Unfortunately, in most countries such training institutes are underfunded and their staff lack capacities to address the changing realities of local governments.
115. This proposal aims at strengthening local government training institutes in two interrelated ways: strengthening their institutional capacities and building the training skills of their faculty. An expert group meeting would be called to assess the needs of the training institutes. Subregional training of trainers workshops would thematically focus on leadership skills for councillors, transparency, financial management, participatory budgeting, local economic development as well as gender and local governance. In all these areas, UN-Habitat methodologies and tools exist. Tools for institutional strengthening would also be introduced in the subregional workshops (development of business plans, training needs and impact assessment) and would be followed up through regional partnering between institutions, newsletters, a website and selected advisory services.
116. The ongoing partnership with UNDP on governance, transparency and e-Learning in local governance will be utilized for the respective training modules. The ILO will continue to partner with UN-Habitat on local economic development. It is further planned to strengthen the established contacts with UNIFEM with regard to gender in urban government training, in particular, gender-responsive budget initiatives.

<p>Objective of the Organization: To enhance the contribution and role of local authorities and their partners in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, in particular in addressing poverty, gender inequity and equality and in the realization of improved local governance and sustainable development by strengthening the capacities of local government training institutes.</p>	<p>Summary budget (Thousands of United States dollars)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>General temporary assistance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">72.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consultants</td> <td style="text-align: right;">108.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel</td> <td style="text-align: right;">48.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expert groups</td> <td style="text-align: right;">54.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contractual services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">24.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operating expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workshops</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>375.0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">687.2</td> </tr> </table>	General temporary assistance	72.0	Consultants	108.0	Travel	48.0	Expert groups	54.0	Contractual services	24.2	Operating expenses	6.0	Workshops	<u>375.0</u>	Total	687.2
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<p>Relationship to the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 and the Millennium Development Goals: UN-Habitat subprogramme 1 (Shelter and sustainable human settlements development) and Millennium Development Goals 1, 3 and 7.</p>																	

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
<p>(a) Strengthened national local government training institutions and international local government training networks to effectively respond to the training needs of local authorities</p> <p>(b) Increased training skills and expanded training curricula of local government trainers</p>	<p>(a) (i) Increased number of local government training institutes that have developed strategies and action plans (business plans) to ensure sustainable organizational development</p> <p>(ii) Increased number of local government training institutes that can effectively respond to the changing training needs of local authorities</p> <p>(b) Increased number of local government trainers that can deliver training programmes on local economic development, gender, financial management and transparency</p>

Main activities

117. The main activities of the project will include:

- (a) Organizing a global expert group meeting on capacity-building for local government training institutes, including preparing background documents, and convening of an expert group meeting to assess capacity-building needs of local government training institutes and to select appropriate capacity-building tools;
- (b) Developing networking and knowledge management products, including newsletter, website and e-Learning tools in support of training institutes;
- (c) Organizing subregional training of trainers and institutional capacity-building workshops, to include training in the development of business plans, training needs and impact assessment to enhance the institutional capacities of local government training institutes. Training in the use of UN-Habitat training tools on leadership, governance, financial management and participatory budgeting, local economic development and gender and local governance will also be provided;
- (d) Providing advisory services to local government training institutes in support of capacity-building programmes for local governments and in follow-up to the subregional training events.

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Implementing entities: UN-HABITAT with UNDP and ILO		Duration: 2010 – 2013	
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Summary budget <i>thousands of US dollars</i>	Detailed budget (US dollars)		
General temporary assistance	72.0	General Temporary Assistance Temporary assistance to develop and disseminate project information and capacity building and networking resources to local government training institutions, strengthening eLearning, website development and institutional strengthening of training institutes (in support of activities (a) and (b)). (12 work months x \$6,000 per month)	72 000
Consultants	108.0	Consultants (a) <u>International consultants</u> International consultants for selected course module and distance learning tool delivery and follow up (in support of activities (a), (b), (c) and (d)). (20 work weeks x \$3,000 per week) and (\$24,000 for consultant(s) travel) (\$84,000)	108 000
Expert Groups	54.0	(b) <u>National / Regional consultants</u> National consultants in support of the sub-regional training events, (in support of activities (c)) (6 work months x \$4,000 per month) (\$24,000)	
Travel	48.0	Expert Groups 1 Expert Group for strengthening capacities of local government training institutes (in support of activity (a)). (\$3,000 per participant x 18 participants)	54 000
Contractual Services	24.2	Travel of staff 12 missions by international UN staff for the purpose of conducting training of trainers events and in support of the expert group and training events (in support of activities (a), (c) and (d)). (\$4,000 per mission x 12 missions)	48 000
Operating expenses	6.0	Contractual Services Contractual Services in support of all activities (\$24,200)	24 200
Workshops	<u>375.0</u>	Operating Expenses Communications (in support of activities (a) – (d)) (\$6,000)	6 000
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	<p>Seminars and Workshops Training of Trainers and capacity building workshops in the country(s) of (Anglophone Africa, Francophone Africa, South Asia, Southeast Asia & Pacific, Latin America, Arab Speaking World) (in support of activities (c) and (d)). (\$2,500 per participant x 25 participants x 6 workshops).</p>	375 000
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