

Tailor made support: process and first outcomes

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BACKGROUND

1. “Assistance in translating policies into investment” was defined as one of the key objectives of WECOOP2;
2. We have identified a need for bringing together
 - a) the priorities as understood by the national stakeholders, and
 - b) priorities as seen by the financial institutions;
3. Project activity: “Tailor made support for investment project identification and preparation for consideration by IFIs”



PROCESS

- Countries were asked to identify their priority areas and provide potential project ideas
- Country visits: 16 April 2018 – 25 May 2018
- Countries visited:
 - ✓ Kazakhstan
 - ✓ Uzbekistan
 - ✓ Tajikistan
 - ✓ Kyrgyzstan
- In total 5 experts were involved
- In total we had 18 meetings with representatives of the national authorities; local governments; NGOs; municipal and private enterprises.



OUTCOMES: PRIORITIES

- Priority areas as defined by the countries in advance:
 - Waste management
 - Air quality
 - Climate change
 - Biodiversity / nature protection

WASTE MANAGEMENT (I)

Common observations during the visits:

- Large number of non-compliant landfills/dumpsites creating considerable negative impact on environment;
- Hazardous waste often disposed together with solid waste;
- Limited or non-existing separate waste collection system;
- Very low recycling rate;
- Tariff on electricity does not cover operational costs of landfill gas utilisation facility thus slowing down commercialisation.

WASTE MANAGEMENT (II)

Common observations during the visits:

- All countries have experience with IFIs in waste sector, however their involvement has been on *ad-hoc* basis addressing already bankable projects at local or regional level
- **National Waste management strategies** are being developed in all visited countries – very important step towards creation of modern waste management system, justification of the investments and improving environmental quality

WASTE MANAGEMENT (III)

Support priorities:

- Technical assistance for elaboration of feasibility studies and EIA for development of waste management investment projects
- Technical assistance for institutional capacity building (of public entities involved in project identification, planning and implementation);
- Implementation of infrastructure projects

AIR QUALITY (I)

Common observations during the visits:

- Major cities suffering from significant air pollution
- Lack of strategic approach to air quality management
- Transport is one of the major sources of pollution, municipal heating is the other
- Lack of effective mechanisms for control of industrial emissions
- Outdated air quality monitoring network
- Transboundary pollution

AIR QUALITY (II)

Support priorities:

- Improved system of air quality governance through application of strategic and systemic approach
- Improvement of air quality in major cities through air quality management and planning at the municipal level

NATURE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

Observations during the visits:

- Lack of capacity
- Knowledge gaps

Support priorities:

- Capacity building, training, experience sharing
- Assessments and action planning

CLIMATE CHANGE

- None of the countries had specific project ideas directly aimed at mitigation of or adaptation to climate change
- Project ideas in other fields are interrelated to climate change issues



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