

UNDP's Projects conduct joint activities on poverty reduction in Khatlon Province.

Kulyab and Shaartuz, 21-22 July, 2011 – The joint project of UNDP and UNEP “The Poverty-Environment Initiative” and project of UNDP “Tajik-Afghan Initiative on Poverty Reduction” will jointly conduct a workshop on integration of environmental issues into development plans of districts and djamoats. Training will be conducted by experts of PEI, based on experience acquired during integration of such issues into development plans of 14 pilot districts of Soghd province under PEI project, and methodology to be officially approved by Ministry of Economical Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan in the current year. As of poverty reduction aspect, experience acquired in pilot districts had shown the importance of consideration of environmental issues, different sectors of management, notably in economy, particularly in agriculture, social and infrastructure.

Followings are included into training agenda: general notion on design process of District Development Program (DDP), analysis of current environmental situation, analysis of ecological situation of district, basic concept of indicators and defining sources of their collection, prioritization and screening of environmental projects, basic concept of environmental expertise (assessment) and other aspects based on theory and experience transferred by Global Initiative of the PEI and practice being applied in Soghd province. Trainees will be: local officials of district, public and non-public bodies, representatives of economical, environmental, agricultural, financial and housing-communal departments under local administration. Appropriate recommendations will be provided based on results of trainings.

UNDP-UNEP initiative the “Poverty-Environment Initiative” in the Republic of Tajikistan, by improving environmental situation, is to contribute in increasing welfare level of general population, development of economy for the interest of poor population and achievement of Millennium Development Goals. The Intended outcome of UNDP-UNEP initiative the “Poverty-Environment Initiative” in the Republic of Tajikistan is the enhanced capacity of government and other national and sub-national stakeholders to integrate environment into sustainable pro-poor development planning and budgeting.

TAIPR project is functioning in 6 districts of Khatlon Province. Project pays special attention to districts bordering to the Islamic State of Afghanistan, due to the reason that those regions has the lowest investment potential, highest unemployment rate, lacking in service industries and gaps in basic infrastructure. Project is focused on economical development via improvement of social and housing-communal infrastructure and improving opportunities for community, public official and civil societies on both sides of the border, as well as establishment of effective planning of rural development, poverty reduction and border dialogue and cooperation.