



**SUPPORTING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE  
MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGS)  
IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (PHASE II)**



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**OVERVIEW OF THE UNESCAP/UNDP PROJECT ON  
SUPPORTING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MDGS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC  
(PHASE II)**

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**I. Supporting the achievement of MDGs in Asia and the Pacific**

- This project is a follow-up of first phase of UNESCAP/UNDP project to broaden partnership with United Nations and other partner agencies
- Part of UN's regional cooperation framework of promoting regional policy dialogue on MDGs and poverty reduction underpinned by values and principles of the Millennium Declaration.

**II. What the project is all about?**

- Partnership at the regional level building upon the success of the first phase by broadening collaboration with UN and associated agencies and creating synergies with further MDG related initiatives.
- The project is conceived as having a catalytic role in the adoption of policies to support the achievement of the MDGs.
- Target beneficiaries: key change agents - national policy-making, planning and finance entities as well as partners in public sector, NGOs, civil societies, private sector and media.
- The project core activities are analytical in nature as well as having advocacy function.

**III. Innovative partnership**

- The project combines the country and field presence and experience of UN country teams and other partners in the region, including the Asian Development Bank, with UNESCAP's inter-disciplinary analytical capabilities and its regional perspective, advocacy role and convening authority.

- Aims to build innovative partnership among multi lateral, bilateral, government and civil society entities in support of the achievement of the MDGs

#### **IV. What outputs are expected?**

- The primary project deliverable will be the second regional MDG report to be issued in September 2005 and a third report by mid-2007.
- Technical Background Papers will be prepared on selected issues, which will serve as inputs into the second RMDGR and part of MDG knowledge management series that could be developed progressively.
- The project will provide a regional depository of experiences, lessons learned and recommendations, which can be replicated and adopted.
- Other core activities of the project relate to the development of a communication and capacity development strategy to disseminate project analytical outputs and related national experiences and good practices.

#### **V. Technical Background Papers – their Purpose**

- An in-depth analysis on selected thematic issues:
  1. inputs into the second MDG report
  2. stand-alone MDG Knowledge Management Series that could be built progressively
- TBPs:
  - 1) Synthesis of national and sub-regional MDG reports in Asia and the Pacific
  - 2) PRSPs - role of institutions and MDGs
  - 3) Institutional change for good governance in support of achieving the MDGs
  - 4) Enabling institutions for promoting and upscaling micro initiatives to achieve the MDGs
  - 5) Gender and institutional change
  - 6) Water, sanitation and health: institutional issues
  - 7) Implications of the Doha Development Agenda for the achievement of MDGs in Asia and the Pacific: institutional dimensions

#### **VI. Project Advisory Panel**

- The Advisory Panel, consisting of 12 eminent scholars, experts and civil society representatives with extensive expertise and knowledge in development issues, has been setup to guide the project on the design of the content of the second RMDGR and related TBPs.

## **VII. Project timetable (Annex 1)**

- The target is to launch the report during the first week of September 2005. However, the preliminary findings and draft synthesis are expected to be ready for submission to UNDESA as inputs to the SG's report on MDGs earlier in November 2004.
- It is also proposed to issue a summarized version of the report at the UNESCAP Commission Session in April 2005 as part of the communication and dissemination strategy of the report.
- Extensive advocacy and communication activities and preparations for MDG report 3 will follow immediately after the launching of the second RMDGR.
- The project will work in close synergy with the UNDP/UNSIAP component project on Building Data/Statistical Capability for the Promotion and Generation of Quality and Reliable Data to Monitor the Progress of MDGs and Contribute to Accurate MDGs.

## **VIII. Follow up action after the Advisory Panel meeting**

- Based on the comments raised at the Advisory Panel meeting, a revised concept note will be prepared and submitted not later than 15 October 2004 together with revised concept notes and outlines of the TBPs to the Advisory Panel members, UNDP, ADB and other UN agencies.
- Once the concept note is endorsed by the Advisory Panel, preparations for writing the report will commence immediately.
- Subject to approval and resource availability, work will also begin to develop a centralized database based on UNDESA database and Devinfo software and conduct training seminars for research partners. This will ensure the use of a common database of MDG indicators for the project.
- Preparations for developing the communication and capacity development strategy of the project will proceed in parallel with the writing of the report.
- Next Advisory Panel Meeting is scheduled in May/June 2005 to review the draft MDG report

## Annex 2: Project timetable

<b>Timetable</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Regional MDG Report</b>	
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Advisory Panel Meeting	28-29 Sept 2004
Submission of the revised Concept Notes/outlines for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> RMDGR and TBPs	15 October 2004
Submission of the draft Synthesis Note (GA and DESA)	First version by November 2004 (draft by mid October 2004), Second version by end February 2005 (draft by 1 <sup>st</sup> week of February 2005)
Submission of preliminary findings in TBPs for the RMDGR	16 January 2005
Submission of the synthesis note, and first drafts of TBPs	End February 2005
First draft of the chapter on Institutional change	End March 2005
ESCAP/ UNDP/ ADB Steering Committee Meeting for review of synthesis paper Theme chapter and other papers	End March 2005
Inter-agency working group meeting	End March 2005
Workshop on developing communication strategy of the project.	May 2005
2 <sup>nd</sup> Advisory Panel Meeting to review the Draft Report	Early May 2005
Finalization of the draft RMDG Report	7 June 2005
Submission of the Draft Report for External editing	15 June 2005
Completion of External Editing of the Report	15 July 2005
Submission of the Report to UN Editor/printer	21 July 2005
Completion of Final proof reading	25 August 2005
Final Draft ready	25 August 2005
Launch of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> MDG Report	1 <sup>st</sup> week of Sept 2005