



# RUSSIAN FEDERATION

## Promoting Policy Dialogue and a New Recovery Strategy for Chernobyl Regions

### Disaster Context

The Chernobyl nuclear accident of 1986 severely affected the Russian regions of Bryansk, Orel, Kaluga, and Tula, as well as large portions of Belarus and Ukraine. Radioactive contamination continues to pose health risks to the rural population and constrains economic development.

The health situation is complicated by the combination of radiation-induced disease, endemic disease, poverty, poor living conditions, primitive medical services, poor diet, and psychological consequences. This project has provided a basis for policy dialogue with the Government of Russia and other stakeholders to promote the strategic transition from rehabilitation to development and the rationalization of resource utilization.

### Project Title

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### Sectors

- Promoting poverty eradication and sustainable livelihoods
- Establishing of progressive policy, strategy, and planning
- Promoting sound governance
- Enhancing of micro-economic management
- Developing leadership and management and managing change

### Funding

UNDP contributed \$50,000 from TRAC 1.1.1 funds.

### Partners

- The Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergencies of Russia

- The State Committee for Chernobyl (Belarus)
- The Ministry of Emergencies (Ukraine)
- The UN Resident Coordinators of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine
- The UNICEF Area Representative (based in Russia)
- Representatives from OCHA and WHO

### Programme Activities

- Conduct National Dialogue Workshops on Chernobyl with the purpose of helping to achieve consensus on the priorities to be adopted from a UN report and integrated into programmes and projects, both national and international
- Maintain regular consultations and dialogue with national authorities and regional governments aimed at promoting the transition to the developmental approach within the national and regional recovery programmes
- Ensure information exchange and coordination among regional efforts in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine, as well as with international-level processes
- Identify gaps in national capacity in terms of Chernobyl policy reform and provide assistance in the key priority areas
- Support development of priority projects in line with the Chernobyl recovery strategy and help in resource mobilization efforts