Young Football Volunteers: Sport and Volunteering for MDG
Half Year Project Progress Report 2013
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1. Brief summary of the overall project:

Background
Ukraine continues to have highest rates of new cases of HIV infection in Europe, with the majority of HIV positive people under 30 years of age; and with 25% of those affected still in their teens. European Social Survey in 2008 stated that Ukraine is undergoing a problem of youth social exclusion, which impacts civic engagement of young people. This is revealed in low levels of youth involvement in volunteerism within formal organizations, civil society and local community development initiatives. The project responds to these needs by facilitating educational and social activities among young people to foster youth empowerment and active role in improving their communities.

The project is implemented in the larger framework of the Social programme “Youth of Ukraine” and the State Social project “Let’s Do it Together”, actively contributing to the achievement of the MDGs, with a particular effort in achieving Goal 6 (combat HIV, Malaria and other diseases). It aims to harness the social and educational potential of football and volunteerism as a tool to engage young people aged 12 to 20 living in rural areas of oblasts of Kherson, Mykolaiv and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea in active and affective participation in the life of their community.

Objective and Expected Outputs
Contributing to MDG achievement by leveraging sports as an enabler to promote social cohesion, strengthen civil society and improve youth physical and social health.
1. A comprehensive and age appropriate set of guidelines (manuals for instructors and coaches) using football as a tool to promote youth development adapted into the Ukrainian context and aligned with the national MDGs targets.

2. Capacity of schools, local institutions and other youth involving organizations is enhanced to effectively deliver non-formal education programs aiming to improve young people’s health and foster their civic engagement.

3. An enabling environment for youth to promote and implement community based, MDG-related projects through volunteerism.

Participants and beneficiaries
Young people, broader communities of the three regions and the local administration: 300 coaches selected among teachers, community-based organizations and youth leaders, 6000 young people aged 12-20 years (minimum 40% girls).

Volunteers involved
1 international UN Volunteer Coordinator, 3 national UN Volunteers.

Activities
The project educates school teachers and football coaches (300 total) to utilize “Youth Development through Football” (YDF)/“Fair Play” methodology; provides trainer’s kits and organizes local football tournaments; raises awareness of 6000 young people aged 12-20 (minimum 40% girls) on HIV/AIDS prevention and MDGs through development and distribution of relevant information materials and awareness campaigns; implements MDG-related youth initiatives (75 projects); and encourages local institutions and leaders to promote young people’s involvement in planning and implementation of local development policy, through creation of common action plans (50 plans).

2. Brief summary of the UNV component of the project (in case of joint programmes with other UN agencies):
UNV promotes, strengthens and engages the volunteer movement as a tool to support community mobilization in region, especially youth at the grass root level, to address social and health service requirements, and engage national authorities in developing and implementing policies for social inclusion. UNV uses its knowledge base to: 1) improve young people’s health through establishment of pool of volunteer teachers/football coaches on YDF methodology; 2) encourage youth activism through MDG-related volunteer
initiatives; 3) and enable youth social inclusion and participation in decision making through building youth-adult partnership.

3. **Relevant UNDAF/One UN outcome**
   Outcome 3 (Area 3. Governance): Government enables the active contribution of civil society in national and local decision-making processes and improved service delivery.

**Expected CP Outcome(s):**
1. Community mobilization supported in all regions to address social and health service requirements. National authorities supported in developing and implementing policies for social inclusion.
2. Capacity of national and local authorities and CSOs to increase transparency and accountability developed.

4. **Project progress during 2013 (January 1st - May 31st):** *Please focus on the project results achieved in which UNV and volunteerism plays an active role; you may report according to the project results framework.*

**Intended Output 1:**
A comprehensive and age appropriate set of guidelines (manuals for instructors and coaches) using football as a tool to promote youth development adapted into the Ukrainian context and aligned with the national MDGs targets.

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<td>1. Project Mobilization</td>
<td>On Track/Target completed</td>
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<td>- Administrative activities to support project</td>
<td>Fair Play materials adapted, approved and developed in 2011. YFV project received 500 Fair Play Manuals from GIZ in 2012 for full project period. In 2013 GIZ updated Fair Play materials and shared new manuals First and Higher Leagues (200 items of each).</td>
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<td>2. Adaptation of the materials on Youth Development through Football to Ukrainian context</td>
<td>Administrative activities to support project and development of supporting additional information, education and communication materials, such as project brochure, HIV prevention booklets and comic booklet on MDG and football in progress.</td>
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<td>- Further promote integration of the manual</td>
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*Fair Play Football Tournament, Djankoy, AR Crimea May 23, 2013*
Intended Output 2:
Capacity of schools, local institutions and other youth involving organizations is enhanced to effectively deliver non-formal education programs aiming to improve young people's health and foster their civic engagement.

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| 1. To organise and deliver Advanced Training for Instructors on Youth Development through Football methodology (YDF) “Fair Play” | On track/In progress  
   1. 15 Fair Play instructors from AR Crimea, Kherson and Mykolayiv oblasts strengthened their knowledge on updated Fair Play methodology. Training held in Kherson, Crimea, Ukraine (21-22 March, 2013). |
| 2. To organise and deliver YDF workshops/master classes for coaches in 3 regions | 2. Volunteer instructors held 13 workshops for 194 coaches in 5 regions of each oblast (Mykolaiv – Berezanskiy, Ochakovskiy, Berezneguvatskiy, Novobuzkiy, Vravidvskiy; Kherson – Tsiryupinskiy, Skavodovskiy, Chaplinskiy, Ivanovskiy, Nijnistrokovskiy, Chernobaevka, Chornyanka; AR Crimea – Djankoy, Saks, Krasnoperekop, Krasnogvardeyskiy, Pervomayskiy). |
| 3. Develop relevant materials for dissemination as Trainers Kits | 3. Necessary printing materials for dissemination were developed (project information booklet, banners, HIV information booklets, comic book on MDG, and promo-materials). |
| 4. Hold a Volunteer Camp on MDG, volunteerism, civic engagement and awareness raising | 4. Volunteer Camp is planned to be held on June 19-23 in Evpatoria for 75 participants: young people and teachers/football coaches. The following topics will be covered during this event: volunteerism, leadership, MDGs, development and implementation of social projects for community development. |
| 5. Monitoring and reporting project activities | 5. Project team continuously monitored and documented delivery of activities. Reports were submitted to national partners on quarterly basis. |
**Intended Output 3.**

An enabling environment for youth to promote and implement community based, MDG-related projects through volunteerism.

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<td>1. Support and monitor delivery of Fair Play classes in secondary and specialised sport schools</td>
<td>On track/in progress 1. 627 young people trained with Fair Play methodology     2. Planning and implementation of Regional tournaments is in progress: Crimea will hold it on June 5 in Djankoyskiy region, Kherson on June 10 in Kahovskiy region, and in Mykolaiv tournaments are scheduled for fall 2013. Project also provided logistical and financial support to conduct local youth tournaments that would lead to regional tournaments: – Total of 3 local tournaments were held in Crimea in Djankoyskiy and Pervomayskiy regions. – Two rounds of the Mini-Football Championships for 9 girl’s teams of Snigirevskiy and Novoodeskiy districts. The tournaments were held on April 13 and May 11, respectively for the total of 92 girls of 9 schools in Mykolaiv oblast. – One Girls Tournament was held in Chaplinskiy region of Kherson oblast for 21 participants. 3. 1-day Inter-regional Football Tournament is scheduled to be held upon completion of all preceding qualifying tournaments in the fall 2013. 4. All football tournaments are accompanied by awareness campaigns, comprising of Fair Play games on HIV prevention, and distribution of information materials on MDGs and HIV/AIDS. 5. The call for Youth Initiatives Competition was announced on May 28th through the following websites: <a href="http://www.gurt.org.ua/news/grants/18237/">http://www.gurt.org.ua/news/grants/18237/</a> <a href="http://most.ks.ua/news/url/fsga_ogoloshuje_konkurs_proektiv_zapitrimki_prooon">http://most.ks.ua/news/url/fsga_ogoloshuje_konkurs_proektiv_zapitrimki_prooon</a> The competition is held in cooperation with the local NGO “Foundation to Promote Civil Activities”. It is planned to support 35 youth initiatives with funds up to USD 400 in 3 regions. The themes of initiatives reflect the MDGs and focused on healthy lifestyles for young people, HIV awareness, ecology, and volunteerism. 6. Project team held various educational activities to raise awareness on youth involvement in decision making and support development of Youth Action Plans: In Mykolaiv 2 Youth Forums were held for 140 participants (youth and teachers) of 30 schools of project regions. As a result 32 Youth Action Plans were developed. In Crimea 5 trainings were held in Sakskiy and Krasnoperekopskiy regions for 47 young people from the “School of Young Leader” and “Students Council”. The development of Action Plans is scheduled for fall 2013. In Kherson the trainings will be held in school camps in June.</td>
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5. **Youth**: *If the project has any youth component or works with youth, please describe briefly the activities and the results.*

The projects main beneficiaries are young people aged 12-20 years (minimum 40% girls). All activities aim to expand access of young people to information and skills on healthy lifestyles, including HIV prevention, awareness of MDGs and strengthening their skills to contribute to MDG achievement; as well as enhance their knowledge of their rights and opportunities to exercise civic engagement and participate in decision making in their communities.

6. **Policy-level Interventions**: *Please list (if any) significant policy advocacy or policy level initiatives/gains undertaken during this period (e.g: new legislation on volunteerism, inputs to the National Human Development report etc.)*

Project does not envisage significant policy interventions. However, on a regional level the project aims to sensitize local officials on youth involvement in decision making, and support local youth NGOs and youth leaders to participate in community development.

7. **Approximately how many volunteers were mobilized during January-May 2013 through this project**
   *(international, national, community)*

194 community level volunteers were mobilized among teachers and football coaches.

8. **Major achievements and milestones**:  
   1. Awareness and skills to promote healthy lifestyle, volunteerism etc. are strengthened - 194 coaches/volunteers deliver methodology of the youth development through football in rural schools in targeted regions of Ukraine.
2. Over 627 young people undergone Fair Play classes
3. Knowledge and skills of 304 young people to involve into development actions and decision-making are increased through number of educational events on volunteerism, civic engagement, and MDGs, including HIV prevention.
4. 12 Partnerships were established to implement and co-sponsor the project activities.

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<th>Breakdown of Major Milestones and Results</th>
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<td>Number of partnerships established</td>
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Partnerships were established with the following organizations:

**In AR Crimea** partnerships to hold trainings and seminars on Fair Play, MDGs, youth leadership, youth involvement in decision making, project cycle management and development of Youth Action Plans were established with:
1. Youth Leadership School – regional state administration of Saksian region
2. Students Council – regional state administration of Krasnoperekopskiy region
3. NGO Top Kaya – Bakhchisaray region,
4. NGO Temelli – Simferopol region

Project negotiated to receive 500 football balls for Republican Football Federation through collaboration with:
5. International Relief & Development: IRD

**In Kherson** cooperation to hold joint trainings on Fair Play and contest of best innovative lesson with the use of Fair Play methodology was established with:
6. South Ukrainian regional Institute for postdiploma education of pedagogical cadres.

Partnership to hold Youth Initiatives Competition was established with:
7. Foundation to Promote Civil Activities.

**In Mykolaiv** project partnered with the following organizations to hold educational events on MDGs, youth leadership, youth involvement in decision making, project cycle management and development of Youth Action Plans:
8. NGO Alter-Sport
9. NGO Iskra
10. NGO Street Workout Mykolaiv
11. NGO Foundation for Regional Initiatives
12. NGO Art optimists
13. Petro Mogila Black Sea State University
9. **Media coverage:**

For the period of implementation, the project activities were covered in local printed and online media, as well as published in partner’s media reports.

One article was published in Ivanivska regional newspaper “Nove Jitty”, №36 on 11 April, 2013; and 17 articles published by online local media resources:

- [http://www.sport-for-all.crimea.ua/user-files/29_marta_2013_goda_v_pgt.pdf](http://www.sport-for-all.crimea.ua/user-files/29_marta_2013_goda_v_pgt.pdf)
- [http://news-vk.mnau.edu.ua/2013/05/blog-post_20.html](http://news-vk.mnau.edu.ua/2013/05/blog-post_20.html)
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2 articles published on local UNDP website:

10. **Project challenges:** *(list 2 key challenges)*
The delay in transfer of funds to the project by the Donor (UNOSDP) put at risk the smooth implementation of the project activities. As of May 2013, the project has not received the second installment of the funds scheduled for January 2013.

11. **Lessons learnt:** *(list 2 key lessons learnt)*
1. Establishment of partnerships with local government, NGOs and private sector stakeholders enhances project effectiveness and coverage. Project worked with stakeholders to mobilize resources for project activities and expand the outreach to beneficiaries.
2. The project finds it useful to facilitate youth-adult partnership within the project schools for development and support of real youth initiatives. Building on the lessons learnt in 2012, the project strived to involve greater amount of young people in trainings on MDG, civic engagement and project management to raise their capacity in development and implementation of youth initiatives and action plans. And special educational sessions were held for adults/teachers to explain the goal of the meaningful youth involvement and ensure the greater support of the youth initiatives through establishment of youth-adult partnership.

12. **Budget and delivery:**

Project Title: Young Football Volunteers: Sport and Volunteering for MDG
Project Number: 00064285

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At the moment of the report submission the total delivery rate is 44%.

13. **Future work plan** *(if applicable, please provide a very brief summary of what the project aims to achieve in the following year)*

The project will continue implementation of activities according to the Annual Work plan 2013 to fulfill the following set targets:

- 75 coaches and young people trained on project cycle management;
- 4000 young people trained on YDF methodology (at least 40% female);
- 35 community-based projects co-financed;
- Conducting an Inter-regional Football Tournament;
- Development and implementation of Youth Action Plans in all three regions.