UNDP PROJECT
«Towards Green Recovery in Uzbekistan»

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The Project contributes to deepening of the strategic engagement of UNDP on COVID-19 Green Recovery and facilitates operationalization of Uzbekistan’s National Strategy for transition of the country to a Green Economy in the period of 2019-2030. The Project seeks collaboration with the National Interagency Green Economy Council to initiate the process of development of a roadmap and investment strategy for transition towards a green economy in order to facilitate operationalization, financing and implementation of the National Green Economy Strategy. The Project leads the process of a policy dialogue with several Government institutions, IFIs, and other key stakeholders; supports and enhances cross-sectoral, holistic and integrated policy work of the Government of Uzbekistan, while co-designing pathways for a green recovery and transition to a green economy at scale.

The Project works to demonstrate the benefits of mainstreaming gender-sensitive green growth in the COVID-19 recovery efforts. The overall objective of the Project is to provide catalytic investments promoting low-carbon business models and green solutions for a job-rich economic post-pandemic recovery through support for an enabling environment and policy and regulatory framework stimulating green recovery measures at national and sub-national levels, that are also long-term, and go beyond the specific recovery programmes announced; and by capitalizing on this, UNDP also works to pilot a model of integrated green and inclusive local economic development at the sub-national level, in two regions (Karakalpakstan / Aral Sea region and Ferghana Valley) with very different development settings.

1. **Component 1: Enabling environment is created for advancing a gender-responsive policy and regulatory framework for inclusive and green recovery at the national, regional and local levels**;
   - Activity 1.1: Review policy and regulatory framework pertaining to COVID-19 recovery and introduce the ‘green’ and ‘gender’ lens to the Government’s recovery at the national, subnational and local levels.
   - Activity 1.2: Raise Awareness and strengthen the relevant institutional capacities (at national, regional and local levels) to promote and implement green recovery plans and strategies with attention to a gender equality.

2. **Component 2: Piloting models of a smart and green integrated local development in the selected areas of Fergana Valley and Karakalpakstan**;
   - Activity 2.1: Update the territorial development plans for the pilot regions and communities, ensuring a full integration of an inclusive green growth and gender-sensitive approach. Identify accelerated pathways for integrated local development in selected areas.
   - Activity 2.2: Support local authorities and communities to introduce innovative technologies and green practices and pilot the pathways identified for accelerated development.
   - Activity 2.3: Support women’s empowerment through women’s participation in decision-making in green economic initiatives and creating green job opportunities.