



Uranium Legacy Sites Population will Soon Be Able to Independently Measure the Radiation Level

The Project has purchased dosimetry equipment and transferred to the Ministry of Emergency Situations to provide the local population with measurements of the radiation level and ensure safe residence near the uranium heritage sites.

Increasing the local community's awareness of the radiological risks and providing access to measurements of the radiation level is one of the ways to enhance public participation in ULS management. This enables policy makers to make more informed decisions, and carefully mapping out the needs, opinions and visions of local communities on issues that matter to them.

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Updates of the UNDP "Stakeholder engagement for uranium legacy remediation in Central Asia. Phase II" project



Green Entrepreneurship to Bring a Better Life for Local Communities

In Charkesar and Yangiabad project experts have conducted a series of interactive workshops for entrepreneurs, active community members and farmers.

A total of 37 participants, comprised of 15 women and 22 men, have gained an extensive knowledge on green entrepreneurship and learnt about opportunities for further development of green entrepreneurship in remote areas. Practical parts of the trainings helped participants improve their competencies in developing business proposals.

Elena Alexeeva, participant of the training in Yangiabad: "Before the training, I have been working as a freelance tour guide, organizing solo and group travels. I had never thought of starting a business. However, participation in the training has made me change my mind. I have realized that launching a business is not that scary, I just need to create a detailed business plan including threats and opportunities to overcome them.

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Every person of the ULS will be able to request a dosimeter and carry out independent measurements to monitor radiation exposure.

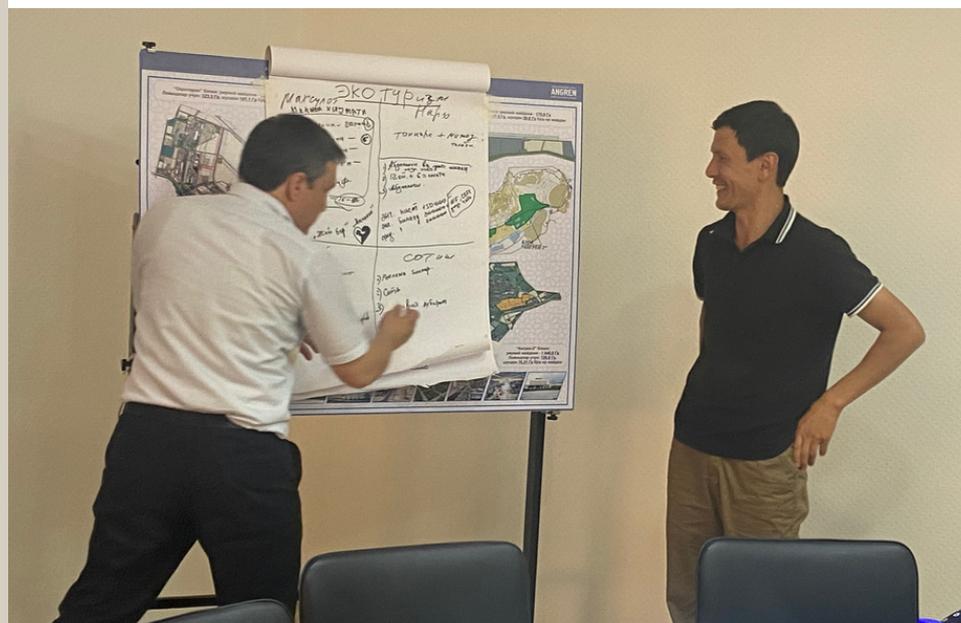


The equipment is planned to be handed over to the Departments of the Ministry of Emergency Situations in the pilot regions to ensure the safekeeping and proper exploitation of the dosimeters. In line with the agreement with the Ministry of Emergency Situations, it is planned to issue the Decree of the Minister of Emergency Situations on this initiative in Quarter 4.



Now I am ready to register as an individual entrepreneur and build up a team to organize tours and show fascinating views of Yangiabad. I was delighted to learn that the project provides grant opportunities for business development in the region. I have submitted my proposal and I hope my business project will receive grant funding.”

Mirkamil Urazmatov, participant of the training in Yangiabad: “The training has taught me how to prepare a good business plan. I was inspired to start my own business. I have developed a business plan and submitted it as a grant project.”



Promoting Green Economic Development for People at Uranium Heritage Territories

In Charkesar (Namangan region), a number of green business projects including greenhouse facilities in mountainous areas in a household environment, a sewing workshop in the countryside, a garden in mountain conditions have been identified to be co-financed as best practices of promoting green approach to business.

This initiative came to life as a result of established cooperation with the “RFF Towards Green Recovery in Uzbekistan” project.



These three projects in Charkesar were selected during a joint field mission in June 2021.

The delegation – comprised of representatives of Environment and climate actions cluster, UNDP’s “Towards Green Recovery” project and the project team – identified potential for green interventions, explored

the local needs and visited the community sites, where green solutions/technologies could be promoted and piloted with additional funding from UNDP Green projects.

Along with the promotion of green solutions among population, the project also cooperates with local authorities who can significantly contribute to
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green economic development.

In this regard, 21 representatives of Pap district khokimiyat, including 11 women, have been trained on how to establish cooperative (co-op) and integrate green community development concept.

Participants learnt how communities can benefit from introducing of green solutions based on experience of EU on smart villages.

A similar meeting has been organized in Angren (Yangiabad) for 14 employees of the khokimiyat and



representatives of local communities responsible for various development issues.

Participants noted, that the training programs have been very useful and helped them

to learn new approaches to community development which could be implemented in their regions.



UNDP Cooperates with the Center to Improve Population's Well-being

Capacity building of the ULS communities and local authorities is one of the main objectives of the project. In this regard, the project has engaged the Center for assistance on economic development of regions to implement capacity building initiatives.

The Centre is expected to introduce green entrepreneurship, assist with selection of best "green business projects", facilitate and support the process of development of Decrees/Decision of the local

authorities aimed at developing green entrepreneurship and local transition to green economy promoting the principles of "green village".

During the 4th quarter, it is planned to initiate both personal and explanatory meetings with local decision makers, which will lead to the adoption of documents by the authorities of ULS.

Studying Best Practices of Radiation Safety in Kyrgyzstan

The delegation of Uzbekistan – represented by the Ministry of Emergency Situations, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the State Committee of industrial safety, the State Committee of ecology and environment and the project team – has participated in the Regional Technical study tour to uranium legacy sites in Kyrgyzstan.

Participants had an opportunity to learn about recultivation progress of uranium legacy sites of Kaji-Sai and "Min-Kush" and study experience of neighboring countries in ensuring radiation protection of the public and the environment. During the study tour, the delegation has attended the school awarding ceremony in



Min-Kush on environmental and radiation safety, organized by the "Stakeholder Engagement for Uranium Legacy Remediation in Central Asia. Phase II" project (Kyrgyzstan).

Participants of the study tour also have attended Multilateral meetings held in Bishkek with the stakeholders to learn experience of Kyrgyzstan in managing uranium legacy.

Newly Formed Working Groups are Engaging Communities in Radiation Safety Activities

In June, the project initiated an establishment of special working groups in Yangiabad and Charkesar. These groups have been formed to increase local population's knowledge on radiation safety and the impact of uranium legacy sites on human health and the environment.

Currently most of the families living near the uranium heritage sites are unaware of the radioactive risk hazards and the risks stemming from grazing livestock on contaminated pasture. Expanding awareness of local communities and decision makers about the uranium waste risks and negative impact on people, as well as on the environment, is extremely important to ensure people's well-being at these territories.



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The newly formed working groups will serve as an effective mechanism to increase public participation in radiation safety activities, ensure radiation protection of the public and the environment through implementation of Project's initiatives at the local level. The working groups have brought together

representatives of the ministries and governmental agencies in pilot regions, namely the Ministry of Emergency Situations, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Public Education, the State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection, the State Committee for Veterinary, the Union of Youth, Makhalla



Committees of Charkesar and Yangiabad.

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The "Stakeholder Engagement for Uranium Legacy Remediation in Central Asia. Phase II" project has announced a competition for the selection of business projects for financing/co-financing and implementation at the pilot areas of Yangiabad (Tashkent region) and Charkesar (Namangan region). The competition is aimed at developing business

competencies of the entrepreneurs and providing jobs in the target areas of the project.

The call of business proposal is now closed and received applications are shared with the Selection Committee (from representatives of government agencies, expert communities and UNDP projects). Currently, the

Selection Committee is reviewing submitted proposals to select the best business projects. The projects are being selected based on the following criteria: financial and economic efficiency, solution to the urgent needs of the ULS population, novelty and innovativeness of the project, number of women involved in the project and etc.

The increased number of submitted proposals this year is the result of the project's work in the ULS. The business skills building workshops and the showcase of success stories of the project-supported entrepreneurs in Yangiabad, helped raise interest of the ULS population to start a business.

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