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Promoting Integrated Water Resources Management and Fostering Transboundary Dialogue in Central Asia

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“Promoting Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Fostering Transboundary Dialogue in Central Asia” is a regional project implemented in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

The key issue for the region is a more efficient water resources management, rather than water deficiency.

This Project is to provide further advancement of IWRM already initiated in the partner countries that have been created by previous projects and other initiatives, and will in particular build on successful experiences at both national and transboundary levels.

Expected Results of the Project:

- Contribution to the elaboration and implementation of the IWRM strategies in Kyrgyzstan;
- Contribution to the elaboration and implementation of IWRM strategies in Tajikistan;
- Strengthening the transboundary dialogue and cooperation in the Ili-Balkhash Basin;
- Improved capacities and IWRM dialogue on the regional level.

National Component: Transboundary Dialogue and Cooperation in the Ili-Balkhash Basin



The National Component for Kazakhstan is focused on the Ili-Balkhash Basin. The Component serves as the follow-up on implementation of IWRM practices in Kazakhstan and the development of an IWRM Plan for the Ili-Balkhash Basin.

The basin is located on the territories of Kazakhstan, China, and partly, Kyrgyzstan. The Ili river basin provides about 80% of the total inflow to the Balkhash Lake.

Agriculture, water-power engineering, growing population, and increased industrial pollution negatively affect the basin ecology and threaten the existence of the Balkhash Lake.

Therefore it is essential for the Kazakh and Chinese sides to take joint measures for establishing the institutional and political foundation for a sustainable management of the river basin.



Transboundary Dialogue and Cooperation in the Ili-Balkhash Basin: Aims and Objectives of the National Component

- Support operations of the bilateral Kazakh-Chinese Commission;
- Support bilateral cooperation and joint activities;
- Coordinate water management activities in the basin;
- Systematically collect information and create a database on the river basin;
- Identify and involve the stakeholders and interested organisations in the transboundary dialogue Processes.

Expected Results:

- Strengthened capacity of the bilateral commission and framework agreements;
- Joint cooperative activities in the basin;
- Improved IWRM Master Plan for the Ili-Balkhash basin;
- Increased involvement and participation of the public.