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

**National Component:
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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: Development and Implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Strategies in Tajikistan



Tajikistan is very rich in water resources. Around 6% of the country's territory is covered with glaciers which retain around 845 km³ of water. The mountainous areas of Tajikistan are a principal source of water for the Aral Sea basin. The main water flow comes from Pyanj, Vakhsh, Kafirni-gan, Bartang and Zarafshan river basins.

Tajikistan fully supports the implementation of the main integrated water resources management principles. Currently, the country transits to the basin principle of water management in irrigation sector. In addition, the programme on improving clean drinking water supply for population for the period up to 2020 has been adopted. Also, the strategy for development of the small and large hydro power engineering is available.



The component “Development and Implementation of IWRM Strategies in Tajikistan” is called upon to facilitate the implementation of the outlined strategic priorities and to strengthen transboundary dialogue on water management issues in the region.

Development and Implementation of IWRM Strategies in Tajikistan: Aims and Objectives of the Component

The project aims to address such important issues as:

- Development of a unified legal, organizational, technical, financial and economic approach to the IWRM, development and implementation of national IWRM plans and strategies for improving irrigation systems, rural water supply and sanitation; maintenance of small hydropower plants; implementation of institutional reform to improve coordination at the national and regional levels for transition to the IWRM;
- Capacity building on the IWRM;
- Improving access to the information and exchange among the stakeholders.

Expected Results:

- Contribution to elaboration and implementation of IWRM strategies;
- Strengthening transboundary dialogue and cooperation in the sub basin Isfara;
- Establishment of Water User Associations;
- Feasibility study on development of small water power engineering in irrigation sector;
- Development of the agreement on information exchange between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan;
- Rehabilitation of the gauging station Tangivoruh on the Isfara river;
- Development of the optimal schemes for transboundary drinking water supply between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan;
- Increasing the capacity of basin organizations;
- Contribution to improving drinking water supply on the national and local level;
- Pilot projects in irrigation and rural water supply sectors.