NSCE PROJECTS HIGHLIGHT

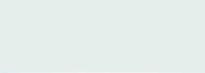
Governance and Environmental Management Projects

Country: Uzbekistan Duration: From 2010 to 2013

Donor: Asian Development Bank (ADB) Client: Rural Restructuring Agency, Uzbeki Ministry of Agriculture and

Water Resources

Proiect Name: Uzbekistan Land Improvement Proiect





Description

Objective: To support efforts of halting land degradation and improving the ameliorative condition of land, ensuring sustainable development of agriculture on irrigated lands, and improving the effective use of water and land resources and restoring the normal ecological functioning of land in nine districts of the Bukhara, Navoi and Kashkadarya regions in Uzbekistan.

- Strengthening the policy of implementing sustainable development principles,
- Effective mobilization of agencies responsible for management of land resources,
- Establishment of an interaction between government agencies and land users,
- Replication of best practices in joint sustainable management of land resources,
- Restoration of the engineering infrastructure for water and land resources,
- Capacity-building and effective project management.

Services Provided by NSCE:

- Managing the provision of international and national consultants,
- Developing, implementing and monitoring project management activities and the financial system within the framework of ADB's guidelines,
- Regular backstopping to the project team and assuring quality and timely submission of project reports and correspondences with the client.

> Research and Studies Projects

Country: Egypt

Duration: From 2011 to 2012 **Donor:** German International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) **Client:** Employment Promotion

Project Name: Green Labs Labor Study

Objective: To asses the technical market requirements of green labor. The analysis covered the following sectors: Green Construction, Energy Efficiency and Preservation, Green Transportation and Waste Management.

- Map key players and stakeholders in green economy in the concerned sub-sectors,
- Analyze the labour market with emphasis on green economy-related occupations,
- Identify broader and specialized skills required for green economy occupations,
- Identify the existing gap in skills and explore interventions to fill the gaps,
- Draft recommendations for the long term orientation of the GIZ in the field of youth employment and development/modification of MOE TE-curricula/programmes.

Services Provided by NSCE:

- Project Management
- Literature review of secondary data related to labour skills profile assessments and enhancement of green jobs in the selected sectors,
- Mapping and developing a clear database of green economy actors in Green Building and Transportation and Energy Conservation & Waste Management,
- Designing survey tools for use with companies and stakeholders,
- Selecting and training field surveyors and developing field research materials including presentations, field interviews and implementation work plan.
- Data Collection, data analysis and reporting

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> Research and Studies Projects

Country: Burkina Faso

Duration: From 2011 to 2013 **Donor:** The Millennium Challenge Account

Client: The Millennium Challenge

Country: Sudan

Donor: UNICEF

Client: UNICEF

Duration: From 2011 to 2012

Project Name: Evaluation of UNICEF

Sudan Water, Sanitation, and Hygien

(WASH) Programme Component.

Project Name: Survey on Primary Roads and Rural Roads

Description

Objective: To develop study to assess the socio-economic impact of the construction of primary and rural roads, addressing issues such as access to agricultural markets and social and economic infrastructure and volume and value of transported goods.

To assess whether the project has succeeded in achieving the following:

- Improved access to agricultural markets, especially during the rainy season, as well as access to basic social and economic infrastructure,
- Increased volume and value of goods transported, reduced travel time to market and reduced vehicle operating costs,
- Sustainability of the road network by ensuring maintenance of roads.

Services Provided by NSCE:

Project Management

• Develop project operational plan to implement four different types of survey during the dry and wet season and monitoring progress and quality.

<u>Implementation</u>

Develop the study conceptual framework, define research tools and methodology, sample selection, pre-test on the field, prepare the analytical framework for overall results integration and collect and review past data on traffic and economic impact

- Design and implement training programmes, conduct pilot visits and field research
- Data collection and analysis of the four different surveys and design database

Description

Objective: To examine the extent to which the objectives and results of the WASH Programme in Sudan have been achieved over an eight year period.

Activities: To highlight lessons learned, identify success stories and areas of improvement for the programme's efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability and adherence to a human-rights based approach.

Services Provided by NSCE:

Project Management

• Develop project operational plan and monitor progress and quality

• Collect and review all project files and design research tools and report outline

- Design and implement training programme,
- Conduct field visits to households, schools, and health centers in rural, communities and IDP camps and manage field data collection in six states.

- Analyzing quantitative data and tabulating and interpreting qualitative data,
- Reporting on and presenting the evaluation outcomes.



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Economic Development Projects

Country: Jordan

Duration: From 2011 to 2014 **Donor:** Islamic Development Bank **Client:** The Development and **Employment Fund**

Project Name: Training and Technical Assistance for Micro Finance Support Project for the Development and Employment Fund of Jordan



Country: Egypt

Duration: From 2008 to 2011 **Donor:** Royal Netherlands Embassy Client: Agriculture Directorate in

Fayoum **Project Name:** Fayoum Farmer Field School.

Objective: To enhance Islamic finance through capacity-building of DEF, national microfinance institutions, selected cooperative charitable voluntary organizations as well as institutions working in the Zakat and Waqf.

Activities: Providing consulting services for the preparation of needs assessment studies for beneficiaries, definition of the micro finance best practices in terms of services, technologies and systems, training on Islamic micro finance practices along with the Capacity building to the Development Employment Fund and preparation of complete manuals of procedures in addition to, upgrading the MIS and accounting system to absorb all various methods of Islamic

Specific Services Provided by NSCE: Preparation of the project action plan to support the mplementation of an Islamic Finance program, development of a strategic plan for DEF to ensure its performance is according to Islamic Microfinance best practices, enhancement of DEF operations to operate an integrated information management system to track and monitor its inancial and organizational performance, capacity building of DEF employees, and overall project management.

Objective: To improve the livelihood of the rural population in Fayoum and achieve independent, effective and coherent village based Farmers Field School (FFS) groups as the focal point for community based follow-up activities through facilitating access to information about social, economic and agricultural issues, ensuring an informed strategy for promotion of gender equality in the activities of the project.

- Development and implementation of governorate-level FFS and an informed strategy for mainstreaming gender in the institutional set-up
- Advocacy for the adoption of the participatory FFS approach and development of an adequate information flow system at the farmers' level
- Networking with directorates and NGOs and FFS training

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> Economic Development Projects



Country: Guinea

Duration: From 2011 to 2013

Donor: African Development Bank

Client: Projet de Développement

Project Name: Technical Assistance

for Establishment of the Social and

Economic Development Fund

Social Durable II (PDSD2)

Specific Services Provided by NSCE:

- Design, development and implementation of a Gender Strategy and a program for raising gender awareness among concerned entities
- Marketing and communication services through the design of information flow and dissemination strategies and promotional tools
- Capacity building of Fayoum Agricultural Directorate Information Centers
- Administrative support to project team and supervision of logistical process

Objective: To alleviate poverty and mitigate the social impact of economic transition on disadvantaged groups through the creation of economic and social opportunities.

- (I) To promote entrepreneurship and job creation as well as non-financial support to improve the viability and sustainability of submitted projects,
- (ii) To increase access of disadvantaged groups to socio-economic services,
- (iii) To develop the productive capacities of disadvantaged groups, particularly women and youth through Income Generating Activities (IGA)

Activities: The ESFD establishment is being implemented over three phases.

- Phase 1: Development of a feasibility study with funding and training plans
- Phase 2: Revision and analysis of the legal, institutional and organizational settings, and preparation of business plans and financing mechanisms
- Phase 3: Support the ESFD in implementing a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system, introduce Project Cycle Management, and coach the ESFD staff

Specific Services Provided by NSCE:

- Developed a feasibility study and business plan on the establishment of ESFD,
- Introduced Project Cycle Management and M&E system.
- Designed and implemented capacity development plans and training programs for ESFD staff and stakeholders and coached and monitored the implementation and functioning of ESFD staff and mechanisms.

> Governance and Environmental Management Projects

Country: Egypt

Duration: From 2012 to 2014 **Donor:** European Union (EU) **Client:** Union of Producers and Exporters of Horticulture Crops (UPEHC).

Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation

Project Name: Technical Assistance to the Support of the Rural Development Programme (SRD)

Objectives: To re-direct government support from larger-scale, state and socially controlled production systems to the promotion of private agriculture and proactive support, empower local communities to play an active role in developing their futures and enhance the decentralisation process and encourage investment in rural areas.

Activities:

- Training and on-the-job counseling,
- Documenting RD experiences in other regions and organizing study visits,
- Studying and documenting results and effectiveness of interventions,
- Carrying out strategic Environment Assessments, Overall Programme Estimates (OPE) and detailed Annual Programme Estimates (APE).

- Planning and implementing a PMC strategic planning workshop with stakeholders and preparing an annual procurement plan for SRDP, coaching staff on SRDP procurement and developing TQM for implementation
- Preparation of public promotion, advocacy and training plans and tools
- Development of TNA and training for Participatory Rapid Appraisal (PRA)
- Establishment of a communication and reporting system for M&E, Needs Assessment for monitoring and quality control and conducting training.

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Country: Egypt

Duration: From 2007 to 2012 **Donor:** RKreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau (KfW) Client: Kafr El Sheikh Water and Sanitation Company (KWSC) **Project Name:** Kafr El Sheikh Sewerage Training Project – Accompanying Measure

Description

Objective: To enhance the Kafr El Sheikh Water and Sewerage Company (KWSC) organizational management and operational system and provide capacity building to enhance Human Resources managerial and technical capabilities.

- Presentation of a clear operation outlining KWSC's global wastewater disposal strategy and instructions for individual plant operations.
- Analysis of the KWSC organizational structure and assistance in the establishment of labor requirement plans and appointment of new staff,
- Identification of a target group of trainees, development of training plans and training schedules and establishment of a training monitoring system,
- Supporting KWSC day-to day procedures and providing operational coaching,

Specific Services Provided by NSCE:

- Ensuring effective communication with the Project Team and KWSC and formulating Organization and Management training programs,
- Contacting local training institutes and conducting training arrangements,
- Guiding training consultants, training processes, and skills training and development for the maintenance and operation of new wastewater stations,
- Organizing in-plant training at local institutions and abroad and study tours,
- Seminars, workshops, subject-matter refresher courses, and on-the-job coaching in routine operations, shortcomings, and critical situations at KWSC,
- Developing concept proposal on KWSC human resource development strategy

Country: Egypt

Duration: From 2011 to 2015 **Donor:** European Union (EU) Client: Egyptian Ministry of International Cooperation - PMU **Project Name:** Technical Assistance to the Protection of Human Rights and Civil Society and Support to Political Development and Good Governance **Programmes**

Objective: To ensure ongoing monitoring of the Human Rights and Political Support Programmes' activities and provide technical assistance to the Egyptian Ministry of International Cooperation in implementing programme action grant activities to CSOs.

- Provide technical support to the Programme's beneficiaries,
- Ensure continuous monitoring of grant contracts signed within the programmes,
- Provide ongoing technical assistance to the PMU management component related to the grants to the civil society to increase participation in the Human rights sector,
- Create a shared programme vision by defining and implementing a visibility strategy.

Specific Services Provided by NSCE:

- Assisting the Project Management Unit (PMU) in developing the following manuals: Operations, Procedures, Accounting and Financial for the PMU staff, Grants Management, Grants Monitoring, and Visibility,
- Advising PMU in preparing Annual Programme Estimates and progress reports,
- Supporting the PMU Director in staff selection and daily management,
- Supporting and advising grant beneficiaries in fulfilling their contractual obligations,
- Reporting on collected data and preparing monitoring reports according to key indicators,
- Preparing a visibility operational plan and educating PMU staff and CSOs on visibility.

