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## Abbreviations

<b>BOMCA</b>	Border Management Programme in Central Asia
<b>BG</b>	Border Guards
<b>BS</b>	Border Service
<b>CA</b>	Central Asia
<b>CADAP</b>	Central Asia Drug Action Programme
<b>EC</b>	European Commission
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>KG</b>	Kyrgyzstan
<b>KZ</b>	Kazakhstan
<b>PMO</b>	Programme Management Office
<b>TJ</b>	Tajikistan
<b>TOR</b>	Terms of Reference
<b>TM</b>	Turkmenistan
<b>ITB</b>	Invitation to Bid (UNDP formal procurement method which generally used for the procurement of goods locally and internationally. ITB's warrant public advertisement)
<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>ICMPD</b>	International Centre for Migration Policy Development

## 1. PROJECT SYNOPSIS

Project Title : Border Management in Central Asia, phase 5

Project Number : BOMCA 5 Contract No. 100-848

Country : Central Asian Republics

Project objective[s]: The overall objective of the project is to facilitate the licit flow of persons and goods over Central Asian borders and to increase security in Central Asia.

The specific goals of the programme are:

- to reinforce training capacities in Turkmenistan;
- to implement general training and introduction to IBM for border staff in Central Asian countries;
- to reinforce border management capabilities in three pilot zones (Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan, Uzbekistan-Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan-Kazakhstan);
- to strengthen regional cooperation and donor coordination;

Planned outputs:

- Training facilities reinforced in Turkmenistan;
- 200 border agency staff trained in each pilot region;
- 40 border staff trained in IBM;
- Border infrastructure renovated in each pilot region;
- Border security equipment delivered in each pilot region;
- Border dialogue enhanced in each pilot region;
- Enhanced and strengthened cooperation at regional level and coordinated efforts of different donors in each country.

Project activities:

Activity 1:

- To select and subcontract building company in Turkmenistan;
- To monitor work and organise delivery of equipment;
- To develop and implement a visibility/communication plan.

Activity 2:

- To design inter agency training work plan for each country;
- Curriculum developed for IBM at Almaty Training of Kazakh trainers;
- To implement inter agency training in at Almaty Training Centre to fulfil IBM work plan of each country.

Activity 3:

- To carry out in depth assessment of each pilot zone, involving local authorities;
- To start construction/renovation;
- To purchase equipment for border agencies;
- To implement training;
- To organise trans-border workshop for police/border/customs officers.

Activity 4:

- To organise regular steering committee meetings;
- To organise regular regional meeting of beneficiaries at the strategic level;
- To organise regular donor coordination meetings in each country

Project starting date: November 1, 2005

Project duration: 26 months

## **2. SUMMARY OF PROJECT PROGRESS SINCE THE START**

### **2.1 Enhanced training facilities in Turkmenistan**

The objective of the activity is the construction/renovation of training infrastructure in Turkmenistan, originally the Customs Training Centre and Border Guards Dog Training Veterinary Unit, and provision of equipment and furniture as required. However, the legal status of the Customs training centre proved unclear in regard to ownership, potentially affecting sustainability of the intervention. It was agreed that the Border Guard Training Centre would be supported instead.

#### **Activity 1: To select and subcontract building company in Turkmenistan**

Construction works to build Border Guards Dog Training Veterinary Unit started on November 01, 2006. The renovation works at State Border Service Training Centre which started on November 01, 2006 are completed.

#### **Activity 2: To monitor work and organize the delivery of equipment**

The furniture and computers have been delivered to State Border Service Training Centre and installed.

Also, the furniture has been delivered to Border Guards Dog Training Veterinary Unit and stored until the completion of construction. Computer equipment was delivered on November 15, 2006.

#### **Activity 3: To develop and implement a visibility/communication plan**

A global visibility/communication strategy has been developed by the BOMCA-CADAP Media & Events Specialist and was approved by EC Delegation in October 2006.

A press release for the Opening ceremony of a three-month Dog Handlers Training Course to be held in Tashkent on March 2, 2007 under BOMCA 5, Project 2, Training for Border Staff, was issued and distributed to the press, news articles were published subsequently in local and regional media.

BOMCA's standard publicity material (folders, notepads, pens, T-shirts, mouse-pads, diaries, and mugs) were produced.

English and Russian versions of a coloured 6 page visibility brochure have been printed.

Advice on EU visibility has been provided to country teams on a regular basis and adherence to EC visibility requirements and guidelines has been monitored.

### **2.2. Training for border staff in Central Asian Republics**

The objective of the project is to reinforce the border training capacity of beneficiary agencies in all Central Asian Republics.

BOMCA 5 concluded a Contract for Professional Consulting Services with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) based in Vienna, Austria in order to perform services to cover two related activities: to develop core curricula for IBM training in Central Asia as feasible, and to support Directors of Central Asian Border Guard Training Centres to meet training needs identified in national training workplans.

#### **Activity 1: To design inter-agency training workplan for each country**

IBM training workplans for each country are an output of BOMCA 4.2, specifically envisaged under the UNDP subcontract to ICMPD for project 3, Training of Border Staff. However, it was considered that each workplan should be further customised and implemented under the overall supervision of international Chief Technical Advisors (CTAs), to be recruited for each country under BOMCA 5. CTAs for Kazakhstan, Mr. Hardy Roehling, and Turkmenistan, Mr. Richard Martinez, have been identified and recruited. Following the retirement of Mr. Peter Isaacs a new CTA for Tajikistan is currently being recruited.

#### **Activity 2: Curriculum developed for IBM training in Almaty**

No activity has been implemented since the start of the project.

#### **Activity 3: Training of Kazakh trainers**

No activity has been implemented since the start of the project.

**Activity 4: To implement inter-agency training in Almaty Training Centre to fulfill IBM workplan of each country**

No activity has been implemented since the start of the project.

**2.3. Reinforcement of Border Crossing Points in the Pilot Regions**

The objective of the project is to reinforce selected Border Crossing Points (BCPs) located in the pilot border regions for opportunities to introduce EU best practices in border management. Areas of intervention include:

- Kyrgyz-Kazakh Pilot Region (Akjol-Kordai);
- Fergana Valley Pilot Region: Kokand (Uzbek-Tajik border) and Karasuu (Kyrgyz-Uzbek border);
- Turkmen-Uzbek Pilot Region (Kunia-Urgench).

As per the request of the Government of Turkmenistan, the decision has been taken to focus exclusively on Kunia-Urgench, rather than nearby Dashogyz. The Government of Turkmenistan approved a Note Verbale (NV) with specifications of the projected construction works in Kunia-Urgench pilot zone. The strategic importance of Kunia-Urgench BCP was confirmed during the last Steering Committee meeting which took place in Ashgabat on November 17, 2006. Turkmen officials reiterated that the main intervention of the EC in Turkmenistan should be the construction of this BCP, through which part of the traffic to Russia will pass in the future. Therefore, Turkmen officials requested to allocate more funds to this project. Mr. Philip Peirce answered positively to that request, proposing to allocate an additional 0,7 million Euro to Kunia-Urgench. At the end of November 2006, this figure has been confirmed and approved by the EC Delegation based in Almaty.

In August 2006, it was agreed with the EC Delegation to include in the list of activities, the Border Post (BP) on the Uzbek side of the Uzbek-Tajik border located in Tinchlik village 20 km from Kokand city, in the Ferghana region. The Terms of References (TORs) were prepared and approved by Uzbek beneficiaries for the BCP and BP in the area of Kokand city. The reallocation of funds to the area of Kokand city was approved by EC Delegation during the Management Meeting held in August 29, 2006.

**Activity 1: To carry out in depth assessment of each pilot region, involving local authorities**

Based on the EC TORs, in depth assessments of each pilot region have been conducted.

**Activity 2: To start construction/renovation**

The tender for construction works at the Akjol-Kordai BCP on the Kyrgyz side of the Kyrgyz-Kazakh border closed on February 13, 2007. Internal evaluation documents have been finalised and submitted to UNDP's Contract and Asset Procurement Committee (CAP).

Commercial proposals for renovation works on the Kazakh side of the Kyrgyz – Kazakh border at Merke train station BCP have been received and submitted to UNDP's local approval committee. Merke train station is the only train station on Kazakh territory linking Kyrgyzstan to Russia through Kazakhstan.

A tender for construction works at the Karasu BCP on the Kyrgyz side of the Kyrgyz-Uzbek border were conducted and approval to proceed with contract signing was received from UNDP HQ on February 22, 2007.

The Fergana Regional Branch of the Union of Architects of Uzbekistan was contracted in February 2007 to design a new BP building at Tinchlik, Kokand city area. Technical specifications have been provided by the Uzbek Border Guards, on the basis of the Terms of Reference prepared by BOMCA team and finally endorsed by the Uzbek Border Guards Committee.

A contract has been concluded with the selected company for construction design works for Kunia-Urgench BCP (Turkmenistan).

**Activity 3: To purchase equipment for border staff and for mobile units**

Radio stations for Akjol BCP (Kyrgyz-Kazakh border), Karasuu BCP (Kyrgyz-Uzbek border), Ferghana BCPs were delivered to the State Customs Committee and Border Service. IT equipment for Akjol BCP (Kyrgyz-Kazakh border), Karasuu BCP (Kyrgyz-Uzbek border), Ferghana BCPs is procured and under delivery. Part of specialized equipment related to documentation check-up at the amount of USD112,320 were delivered to the Border Service of the Kyrgyz Republic. The tender for the other part of specialized equipment for these BCPs was conducted and under contracting.

IT equipment for Karasuu BCP delivered and transferred to Border Guards and Customs Committees. UAZ vehicles delivered and transferred to Border Guards Committee in January 2007. The passport control cabins installed at the BCP and Acceptance Act signed on January 10, 2007. The generator also delivered and transferred to the Border Guards Committee at the beginning of February 2007.

Tender for purchasing phyto-sanitary equipment for Kazakh-Kyrgyz pilot regions (BCPs: Kordai, Kara Su, Sortobe, Jayu, Bes Agash, Taraz, Grodenovo, Sapatai Batyr) has been started based on the list of equipment received from the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan and Border Service of Kazakhstan. Commercial proposals for procurement of drug detectors received and submitted to UNDP CAP approval.

**Activity 4: To implement training of skills at the border**

No activity has been implemented within reporting period.

**Activity 5: To organize trans-border workshops for police/border/customs officers**

No activity has been implemented within reporting period.

## **2.4 Strengthening of regional cooperation and donor coordination**

The objective of the project is to facilitate coordination of European and international assistance in the fields of border management and security in Central Asia with a view to increase assistance and to gain in effectiveness and impact. After discussions with the EC Delegation, it was decided to have national bi-annual Steering Committee meetings in each country as a means of project supervision and discussion forum. Additionally, one regional annual Review Committee in the framework of the CABS mechanism and quarterly technical level donor co-ordination meetings in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan (already established as monthly in Tajikistan) will be organised.

**Activity 1: To organize regular steering committee meetings**

Steering committee meetings were held as follows:

- Kazakhstan April 11, and October 27, 2006;
- Turkmenistan on May 26, and November 17, 2006;
- Tajikistan on July 12, 2006 and February 21, 2007;
- Uzbekistan on April 26, 2006 and January 24, 2007;
- Kyrgyzstan on August 18, 2006.

**Activity 2: To organize regular donor coordination meetings in each country**

Coordinated by BOMCA/CADAP, technical level Donor Coordination Meetings are held at the EC Delegation in Tajikistan every month (January 18 and February 15, 2007) with a rotating Chairmanship. Regular attendees include representatives from the German, Russian, UK, & US Embassies, OSCE, EC, IOM, UNODC, UNHCR, UNDP, BOMBAF, & Russian Federal Border Service Advisory Mission.

### **3. SUMMARY OF PROJECT PLANNING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE PROJECT**

#### **3.1 Enhanced training facilities in Turkmenistan**

##### **Activity 1: To select and subcontract building company in Turkmenistan**

The construction works at State Border Guards Dog Training Veterinary Unit will be completed in March 2007.

##### **Activity 2: To monitor work and organize the delivery of equipment**

The furniture and equipment for Border Guards Dog Training Veterinary Unit will be installed upon completion of the construction works in March 2007.

##### **Activity 3: To develop and implement a visibility/communication plan**

The inauguration of both Border Guards Dog Training Veterinary Unit in Manysh settlement on March 13, 2007 and State Border Service Training Centre in Ashgabat on March 14, 2007 will be organized by BOMCA office in Turkmenistan.

Visibility stickers will be attached at phytosanitary equipment to be handed over to BCPs at Kyrgyz-Kazakh border (BCPs: Kordai, Kara Su, Sortobe, Jayu, Bes Agash, Taraz, Grodenovo, Sapatai Batyr) under Project 3 - Reinforcement of Border Crossing Points in the Pilot Regions.

A tender for production of a 15-minute documentary will be launched in April 2007.

#### **3.2 Training for border staff in Central Asian Republics**

##### **Activity 1: To design inter-agency training workplan for each country**

Under BOMCA 5, it is envisaged that agreement will be reached with national Governments to revise existing curricula for training Border Agencies by incorporation of IBM components. The planned period of starting the designing of inter-agency workplan is Spring 2007, following recruitment of new CTAs.

##### **Activity 2: Curriculum developed for IBM trainings in Almaty**

Based on the existing Contract for Professional Consulting Services between UNDP and ICMPD the planned period to identify and propose short-term experts to develop common IBM curriculum components, including teaching materials and pedagogical methods for IBM training in Central Asia, and a roster of qualified EU experts to undertake short-term assessment and training missions for BOMCA in Central Asia, is Spring 2007.

##### **Activity 3: Training of Kazakh trainers**

After the successful train-the-trainers seminar in Bishkek, similar training for Kazakh trainers will be organized during Summer/Autumn 2007. It is a one-shot event; one trainer from each agency with a responsibility for border management (10-12 persons) will be trained in effective teaching methods.

##### **Activity 4: To implement inter-agency training in Almaty Training Centre to fulfill IBM workplan of each country**

BOMCA 5 Training of Trainers in Almaty will be geared toward serving two related purposes:

- strengthening capacities for sustainable IBM training (to be undertaken at national training facilities being constructed/renovated by BOMCA);
- providing the skills and knowledge for operational commanders of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to be able to implement integrated border management projects in selected pilot regions.

Newly recruited resident CTAs will be responsible for rolling out the training at country level. Training is foreseen to take place from Summer 2007.

Within this activity will be two study tours: to a European Training Centre for Directors of Central Asian training centres and other decision-makers, to familiarise them with the organisation and

pedagogical methods necessary to implement IBM training in Summer 2007. Funds for this activity are available under BOMCA 5. It has been agreed with the EC Delegation that the first study tour will be to attend the XV International Border Police Conference, to be held in Siófok, Hungary between 22-24 May 2007. Afterwards, participants will undertake a similar tour of BCPs in Hungary during May 24 – June 01, 2007, to that successfully undertaken in 2006. The purpose is to see operational BCPs practicing the concepts of IBM.

An additional activity under this project is a Regional Dog Handlers Training Course to be held in Tashkent at the Customs Committee National Dog Training Centre. Commencing on March 01, this course (three-month) is designed to achieve the following key goals:

- upgrade practical and theoretical skills of dog handlers/instructors;
- train dogs on drugs and explosives search;
- reinforce regional cooperation among representatives of dog training centers and dog handlers of Central Asia.

Five practicing dog handlers from Border Guards (3 places) and Customs Services (2 places) of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan will be invited.

Participants will be divided into two groups: one group will be trained in explosives search, and the other trained in drugs search. Priority will be given to drugs search in that one participant from each agency will be trained in explosives search, the remainder on drugs search

Each participant will be provided with one German Shepherd dog, dog's outfit, dog handlers' outfit, and training materials. Upon completion of the course the students will take trained dogs and all provided equipment to their home countries for further use.

There will be no participants on this course from Tajikistan. The Donors' Drug Detecting Dog (DDD) Committee in Tajikistan with the understanding of the Government's Inter Ministerial DDD Committee, advised that adding five more DDDs to the existing capacity provided under earlier BOMCA/CADAP and US funded UNODC DDD schemes, would add to existing and as yet unresolved problems of long term DDD inter agency cooperation. Instead, it has been agreed in principle with the EC Delegation that two separate complimentary activities will be undertaken in Tajikistan as follows:

- Retraining existing DDDs and handlers already provided under BOMCA/CADAP and UNODC programmes;
- Assisting the Tajik law enforcement agencies which operate drug & explosive detecting dogs to develop a long term strategy for effective inter agency cooperation.

### **3.3 Reinforcement of Border Crossing Points in the Pilot Regions**

#### **Activity 1: To carry out in depth assessment of each pilot regions, involving local authorities**

This activity has been completed.

#### **Activity 2: To start construction/renovation**

It is anticipated that construction works at Akjol-Kordai, Karasuu, Kunia-Urgench and Kokand pilot regions as well as renovation works at Merke will be completed by the end of the project.

The designing works for Kunia-Urgench BCP will be finalized by March 25, 2007. As an additional €0.7 million in funding has been agreed in principle by the EC Delegation, the scale of the project will be more ambitious, and probably divided in two phases (the second phase being financed from BOMCA 6, subject to contract). The total projected cost for reconstruction works is USD1.5 million

### **Activity 3: To purchase equipment for border staff and for mobile units**

The IT equipment for Akjol BCP (Kyrgyz-Kazakh border), Karasuu BCP (Kyrgyz-Uzbek border), Ferghana BCPs will be delivered in April 2007. The pending specialized equipment along with furniture for Akjol-Kordai, Karasuu and Ferghana BCPs are expected to be contracted and delivered by the end of 2007. The remaining specialized equipment, together with furniture for Akjol, Karasuu and Ferghana will be procured by the end of the year. Equipment for Kunia-Urgench and Kokand pilot regions will also be procured by the end of the project.

The list of necessary equipment for Kunia-Urgench pilot region has been obtained from the Government of Turkmenistan. The furniture and computers were delivered and stored until the completion of construction work at BCP.

### **Activity 4: To implement training of skills at the border**

During the August 2006 Management Meeting it was been agreed with the EC Delegation that one CTA will be appointed for each country, training budgets would be divided between countries and funds would be programmed in cooperation with relevant authorities according to IBM work plans established between national authorities and Programme staff under BOMCA 4. A detailed regional plan for training will be developed during Spring/Summer 2007 by newly appointed CTAs. Skills training will be organized in each pilot region on a multi-agency basis for at least 200 beneficiaries. Training will be conducted during Summer/Autumn 2007 and cover basics of border control, human rights, and asylum rights as well as principles of IBM working.

### **Activity 5: To organize trans-border workshops for police/border/customs officers**

One-day workshops will be organized for border and customs officials serving at the BCPs on both sides of the borders in pilot regions. Topics to be covered will include IBM theory and a short introduction to practice emphasizing the role of agencies at the border in facilitating trade and transit, and the movement of persons, goods and services in the border region. Such workshop will also provide an excellent opportunity for officials on the two sides of the border at the same BCP to get to know each other and to establish direct communications. Planning for these workshops to be held at BCPs in the Fergana valley and will be undertaken in Summer/Autumn 2007.

## **3.4 Strengthening of regional cooperation and donor coordination**

### **Activity 1: To organize regular steering committee meetings**

Steering committees will be conducted as per the following preliminary schedule:

- a) Kyrgyzstan - March 02, 2007 and September 2007, to be confirmed by the Kyrgyz Government;
- b) Turkmenistan - mid May 2007 and October 2007, to be confirmed by the Turkmen Government;
- c) Kazakhstan - April 19, 2007 and October 2007, to be confirmed by the Kazakh Government;
- d) Uzbekistan - October 2007, to be confirmed by the Uzbek Government;
- e) Tajikistan - September 2007, to be confirmed by the Tajik Government;

### **Activity 2: To organize regular donor coordination meetings in each country**

Donor Coordination meetings will be organized on a quarterly basis in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan and on a monthly basis in Tajikistan.

## **4. PROJECT PROGRESS IN REPORTING PERIOD**

### **4.1 Enhanced training facilities in Turkmenistan**

Because of lack of clarity in regard to the legal status of the Customs training centre in Ashgabat, it was decided for the time being, to work exclusively with the Border Guard Training Centre in Turkmenistan .

#### **Activity 1: To select and subcontract building company in Turkmenistan**

The renovation works at the State Border Service Training Center which started on November 1, 2006 were completed during the reporting period. Costs totalled € 43.835.

#### **Activity 2: To monitor work and organize the delivery of equipment**

The furniture and IT equipment for State Border Service Training Center have been delivered and installed. Costs totalled € 21.424

The furniture for Border Guards Dog Training Veterinary Unit have been delivered and are being stored until the completion of construction works.

#### **Activity 3: To develop and implement a visibility/communication plan**

A press release for the Opening ceremony of a three-month Dog Handlers Training Course to be held in Tashkent on March 2, 2007 under BOMCA 5, Project 2, Training for Border Staff, was issued and distributed to the press, news articles were published subsequently in local and regional media.

BOMCA folders, notepads, pens were re-printed, and T-shirts, mouse-pads, diaries, and mugs were produced..

English and Russian versions of a coloured 6 pages' visibility brochure have been printed.

Regular advice on EU visibility has been provided to country teams on a regular basis and adherence to EC visibility requirements and guidelines has been monitored.

### **4.2 Training for border staff in Central Asian Republics**

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#### **Activity 1: To design inter-agency training workplan for each country**

No activity has been implemented within reporting period.

#### **Activity 2: Curriculum developed for IBM trainings in Almaty**

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#### **Activity 3: Training of Kazakh trainers**

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#### **Activity 4: To implement inter-agency training in Almaty Training Centre to fulfill IBM workplan of each country**

No activity has been implemented within reporting period.

### **4.3 Reinforcement of Border Crossing Points in the Pilot Regions**

#### **Activity 1: To carry out in depth assessment of each pilot regions, involving local authorities**

This activity has been completed.

#### **Activity 2: To start construction/renovation**

Tender for construction works at Kyrgyz-Kazakh border (Akjol-Kordai) was closed on February 13, 2007. Internal evaluation documents have been finalized and submitted to UNDP CAP for approval.

Commercial proposals for renovation works at Merke BCP (Kyrgyz-Kazakh border) have been received and submitted to UNDP CAP approval.

Tender for construction works at Kyrgyz-Uzbek border (Karasuu) was conducted and approval to proceed with contract signing was received from UNDP HQ on February 22, 2007.

The Fergana Regional Branch of the Union of Architects of Uzbekistan was contracted in February 2007 to design the new building of BP in Tinchlik, Kokand city area. Technical specifications have been provided by the Uzbek Border Guards. Based on this technical specifications the BOMCA team has prepared the Terms of Reference and finally endorsed it by the Uzbek Border Guards Committee.

The contract with the selected company for construction design works for Kunia-Urgench pilot zone has been concluded.

### **Activity 3: To purchase equipment for border staff and for mobile units**

Radio stations for Akjol BCP (Kyrgyz-Kazakh border), Karasuu BCP (Kyrgyz-Uzbek border), Ferghana BCPs were delivered to the State Customs Committee and Border Service. IT equipment for Akjol BCP (Kyrgyz-Kazakh border), Karasuu BCP (Kyrgyz-Uzbek border), Ferghana BCPs is procured. Part of specialized equipment related to documentation check-up at the amount of USD112,320 were delivered to the Border Service of the Kyrgyz Republic. The tender for the other part of specialized equipment for these BCPs was conducted and under contracting.

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During the Management Meeting in August 2006 it has been agreed with EC that one CTA will be appointed per each country, training budgets will be divided between countries and funds will be programmed in cooperation with relevant authorities according to IBM working plan established between national authorities and Programme under BOMCA 4. Two CTAs for Kazakhstan, Mr. Hardy Roehling, and Turkmenistan, Mr. Richard Martinez, have been identified and recruited.

### **Activity 5: To organize trans-border workshops for police/border/customs officers**

No activity has been implemented within reporting period.

## **4.4 Strengthening of regional cooperation and donor coordination**

### **Activity 1: To organize regular steering committee meetings**

Steering committees were held in Tajikistan on February 21, 2007 and in Uzbekistan on January 24, 2007 during the reporting period.

### **Activity 2: To organize regular donor coordination meetings in each country**

Donor Coordination Meetings were held in Tajikistan on January 18, 2007 with participation of representatives from US Embassy, OSCE, EC, IOM, UNODC, UNHCR, UNDP, BOMCA/CADAP, BOMBAF, Russian Embassy and Russian Border Force and on February 15, 2007 with participation of representatives from OSCE, EC, IOM, UNODC, UNHCR, UNDP, BOMCA/CADAP, BOMBAF, US Embassy, Russian Embassy and Russian Border Force.

## **5. PROJECT PLANNING FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:**

The next reporting period is March – May 2007.

### **5.1 Enhanced training facilities in Turkmenistan**

#### **Activity 1: To select and subcontract building company in Turkmenistan**

The construction works at State Border Guards Dog Training Veterinary Unit will be completed early March 2007.

#### **Activity 2: To monitor work and organize the delivery of equipment**

The furniture and specialised equipment for State Border Guards Dog Training Veterinary Unit will be installed upon completion of the construction works in March 2007.

#### **Activity 3: To develop and implement a visibility/communication plan**

To improve the EU visibility, the press coverage of the envisaged handover ceremonies in Turkmenistan (inauguration of the Veterinary Unit of the State Border Service of Turkmenistan in Manysh settlement on March 13, 2007, and opening of the Training Center of the State Border Service of Turkmenistan in Ashgabat on March 14, 2007 under Enhanced Training Facilities in Turkmenistan Project) in March 2007 will be arranged. Press releases will be issued and distributed to the local and regional mass media outlets, and TV, radio and print journalists will be invited to cover both ceremonies. The press release will be uploaded at the BOMCA website and published in the newsletter. Plaques, stickers, banners and other visibility items with clear indication that the EU financed construction and rehabilitation of these project sites will be arranged. A tender for production of a 15-minute documentary will be launched in April 2007.

### **5.2. Training for border staff in Central Asian Republics**

#### **Activity 1: To design inter-agency training workplan for each country**

The planned period of designing of inter-agency training workplan is Spring 2007.

#### **Activity 2: Curriculum developed for IBM trainings in Almaty**

During the next reporting period it is planned to identify and propose short-term experts to develop common IBM curriculum components, to include teaching materials and pedagogical methods for IBM training in Central Asia and a roster of qualified EU experts to undertake short-term assessment and training missions for BOMCA in Central Asia.

#### **Activity 3: Training of Kazakh trainers**

No activity is envisaged during next reporting period.

#### **Activity 4: To implement inter-agency training in Almaty Training Centre to fulfill IBM workplan of each country**

It is planned to conduct the Regional Dog Handlers Training Course to be held in Tashkent at the National Dog Training Center under the Customs Committee during March 01-31 2007. Per five practicing dog handlers from Border Guards and Customs Services of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan will be invited to participate at the Training Course. Upon completion of this course the students will take trained dogs, dog's outfit, dog handlers' outfit to their home countries for further use.

During the next reporting period it is planned to organise the Study Tour to Hungary for the officers of the Border Service from all CA countries with the purpose to see the implementation of IBM concept on places and to participate at the XV International Border Police Conference, to be held in Siófok, Hungary. These two joint activities planned to be conducted during 22 May – June 01, 2007.

### **5.3. Reinforcement of Border Crossing Points in the Pilot Regions**

#### **Activity 1: To carry out in depth assessment of each pilot regions, involving local authorities**

This activity has been completed.

#### **Activity 2: To start construction/renovation**

To conclude contracts with construction companies in order to start construction works at Akjol-Kordai and Karasuu BCPs and renovation works at Merke BCP.

After the completion of the designing works at Kunia-Urgench BCP by March 25, 2007 the Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the construction works of the BCP will be announced.

#### **Activity 3: To purchase equipment for border staff and for mobile units**

During the next reporting period the procurement of the remained equipment will be tendered and procured partially.

The IT equipment for Akjol BCP (Kyrgyz-Kazakh border), Karasuu BCP (Kyrgyz-Uzbek border), Ferghana BCPs will be delivered in April 2007.

#### **Activity 4: To implement training of skills at the border**

A detailed regional plan for trainings will be developed during Spring/Summer 2007 by newly appointed CTAs.

#### **Activity 5: To organize trans-border workshops for police/border/customs officers**

No activity is envisaged during next reporting period.

### **5.4 Strengthening of regional cooperation and donor coordination**

#### **Activity 1: To organize regular steering committee meetings**

During the next reporting period Steering Committees will be conducted in Kyrgyzstan on March 02, 2007, in Kazakhstan April 19, 2007 and in Turkmenistan middle May 2007 (to be confirmed by the Turkmen Government).

#### **Activity 2: To organize regular donor coordination meetings in each country**

Donor Coordination meetings will be organized on a quarterly basis in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan and on a monthly basis in Tajikistan.

## FORM 2.2: PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Project title :Border Management in Central Asia Phase 5				Project number: BOMCA 5 contract No: 100-848				Country : 5 Central Asian Republics				Page:	
Planning period : December 2006 – February 2007				Prepared on : February 2007				EC Consultant: UNDP					
Project objectives:													
No	MAIN ACTIVITIES	Time frame 2006-2007				Personnel EC Consultants		Counterpart		EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL		Others	
		Dece	Janua	Febru		Planned	Utilised	Planned	Utilised	Planned	Utilised	Planned	Utilised
1.	<b>To reinforce training capacities in Turkmenistan</b>												
1.1	To select and subcontract building company	X	X	X		0.5 m/m int 2 m/m local	0.5 m/m int 2 m/m local			Vehicles, office equipment, Programme equipment 165.000 euro		Real Estate and works Turkmenistan; 600.000 euro for pilot region, with additional 0,7 MEuro from BOMCA 6	Funds utilised for construction and renovation works are 144.405 euro; for equipment 173.400 euro
1.2	To monitor work and organise delivery of equipment	X	X	X		1 m/m local	1 m/m local						
1.3	To develop and implement a visibility/communication plan	X	X	X		1 m/m int 2 m/m local	1 m/m int 2 m/m local						
2.	<b>To implement general training for border staff in CARs</b>												
2.1	To design inter agency training plan for each country												
2.2	Curriculum developed for IBM at Almaty											Training subcontract 500.000 euro	Contract between UNDP and ICMPD signed on amount USD 271.182,94
2.3	Training of Kazakh trainers												
2.4	To implement inter agency training at Almaty to fulfil IBM workplan of each country												

3.	<b>To reinforce border management capabilities in three pilot regions</b>												Karasuu: Initially 800.000 Euro planned	In reality, 400.000 Euro for Kyrgyzstan. For Uzbekistan, 400.000 Euro redirected to other region (Kokand city area, Ferghana region)
3.1	To carry out in depth assessment of both pilot regions, involving local authorities													
3.2	To start construction /renovation.	X	X	X		1 m/m int 3 m/m local	1 m/m int 3 m/m local							
3.3	To purchase equipment for border agencies	X	X	X										
3.4	To implement training													
3.5	To organise trans-border workshop for police/border/customs officers													
4.	<b>To strengthen regional cooperation and donor coordination</b>													
4.1	To organise regular steering committee meetings		X	X		0.5m/m int 0.5 m/m local	0.5 m/m int 0,5 m/m local						Steering committee and donors meetings 30.000 euro	
4.2	To organise regular donor coordination meetings in each country			X		0.5 m/m int 0.5 m/m local	0.5 m/m int 0.5 m/m local							
						<b>TOTAL</b>	4 m/m int 9 m/m local	4 m/m int 9 m/m local						

## FORM 2.3: RESOURCE UTILISATION REPORT

Project title : Border Management in Central Asia 5		Project number : 100-848		Country : Central Asian Republics		Page :	
Planning period : 01.12.2005 -28.02.2007		Prepared on : 28.02.2007		EC Consultant : UNDP			
Project objectives : facilitate the licit flow of persons and goods over Central Asian Borders and increase security in Central Asia							
RESOURCES/INPUTS	TOTAL PLANNED	PERIOD PLANNED	PERIOD REALISED	TOTAL REALISED	AVAILABLE REMAINDER	FOR	
PERSONNEL International experts Local experts	38 m/m 75 m/m	4 m/m 9 m/m	4 m/m 9 m/m	19 m/m 39.5 m/m	19 m/m 35.5 m/m		
Sub-total							
Sub-total							
OTHER INPUTS	Renovation/reconstruction works: Turkmenistan: Training center: 350.000 Euro Kunia Urgensh: 250.000 Euro  Karasuu: 800.000 Euro  Akjol: 100.000 euro Merke: 50.000 euro  Equipment: Kara-Suu equipment (KYR): 200.000 euro Akjol equipment: 225.000 euro Merke: 75.000 euro Turkmenistan Training Center: 165.000 euro Kunia-Urgench: 150.000 euro Kara-Suu equipment (UZB): 147.575 euro Vuadil & Madaniyat equipment: 52.425 euro		Turkmenistan: Training center: 125.013 Euro Kunia Urgensh: 19.292 Euro  Karasuu: 382.585 for Kyrgyzstan, amount for Uzbekistan redirected to Kokand city area, Ferghana region.  Equipment: Kara-Suu equipment (KYR): 101.378 euro Akjol equipment: 101.378 euro Merke: 528 euro Turkmenistan Training Center: 130.102 euro Kunia-Urgench: 43.378 euro Kara-Suu equipment (UZB): 130.000 euro		Turkmenistan: Training center: 224.887 Euro Kunia Urgensh: 230.708 Euro  Karasuu: 17.415 Euro for works in KYR  Equipment: Kara-Suu equipment (KYR): 98.623 euro Akjol equipment: 123.623 euro Merke: 74.472 euro Turkmenistan Training Center: 34.898 euro Kunia-Urgench: 106.612 euro Kara-Suu equipment (UZB): 17.575 euro Vuadil & Madaniyat equipment: 52.425 euro		
Sub-total							
TOTAL							

**FORM 2.4. OUTPUT PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Project Title : Border Management in Central Asia 5		Project number : 100-848	Country : Central Asian Republics	Page :
Prepared on : February 2007			EC Consultant : UNDP	
Output results	Deviation original plan + or - %	Reason for deviation	Comment on constraints & assumptions	
To reinforce training capacities in Turkmenistan	-15 %	Because of unclarity of the legal status of the Customs training centre in Ashgabat, it has been decided to work exclusively with the Border Guard Training Centre, and with the Border Guard Dog Training Center	<p>The following C/A remain valid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional and country political stability.</li> <li>• Support of border reforms by local authorities</li> </ul>	
To reinforce border management capabilities in three pilot regions	-25 %	Karasuu: Uzbek Government has decided to finance itself the construction of a new BCP and to re-build the bridge. The only need is equipment related. Budget planned for works on the Uzbek side will be re-directed to another BCP in the Fergana. Works on Kyrgyz side to start in January 07		
	-15%	Kunia-Urgensh: Due to the new strategic importance of Kunia Urgensh, which is becoming an important transit place, no activities will be undertaken in Dashoguz. Turkmen Government confirmed importance of KU. EC confirmed also in approving additional financing from BOMCA 6		