

**Minutes**  
**Interagency Youth Theme Group Meeting**  
**30 May, 2014**

**Present:**

Kiyomiddin Miraliev, Youth Committee (KM)  
 Nisso Kasymova, UNICEF(NK)  
 Dilrabo Inomova, Counterpart Int. (DI)  
 Amy Bernath, IREX (AB)  
 Firuza Umarova, VSO (FU)  
 Chris Wook, VSO (CW)  
 Zarnigor Radzhabova, OMOT (ZR)  
 Judith Zauner, UNHCR (JZ)

Simon Tiller, International Alert (ST)  
 Shahribonu Shonasimova (ShS)  
 Beate Schoreit, AKF (BSh)  
 Kishwar Abdulalishoev. MSDSP (KA)  
 Jalaluddin Shah, AKF (JSh)  
 Zamira Kurbonbekova, AKF Tjk (ZK)  
 Azizakhon Kataeva, AKF Tjk (AK)

#	Agenda	Discussion	Tasks/recommendations	Resp. parties	Deadline
1.	<b>Brief updates by group members</b>	<p>After introduction, participants briefly provided information on the programme activities related to youth in their respective organisations devoted to Youth Week.</p> <p>Mr. Kiyomiddin: Youth Committee organised number of youth related activities jointly with local authorities and in cooperation with UN agencies on culture, policy activation of youth, sport, health and ecology at central levels of Khujand, Kurgan-tyube, Kulyab and Dushanbe. Overall, 700 000 youth were covered by those interventions. Amongst other important events, about 400 000 youth took part in the National Running day.</p> <p>Ms. Firuza, VSO: During three months, VSO/ICS volunteers from Afghanistan, Tajikistan and the UK provided support to local entrepreneurs being engaged in various socio-economic activities in Khujand. VSO/ICS project has been implemented in partnership with National Association of Business Women of</p>		All participants	

		<p>Tajikistan.</p> <p>During the Youth Week, VSO along with university students organised the preparation of Model United Nations with active participation of students from different universities of Dushanbe. They were invited to take part in Model United Nations Dushanbe Conference where the topic was "importance of youth employment in social stability" discussed. Model United Nations is practiced among young people and schoolchildren and it supplies them new skills, such as teamwork, negotiation, research and debating. The initiative was supported by UNDP and UNICEF.</p>			
2.	<p><b>National Youth Forum preparation.</b></p> <p><b>Presentation by Mr. Kiyomiddin Miraliev, Committee of Youth Affairs, Sports and Tourism under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</b></p>	<p>Mr. Kiyomiddin made a brief presentation on National Youth Forum. It is held annually and participants are the members of Union of Youth Organisation in Tajikistan (currently there are 122 members of OMOT). The main goal of the Forum is to discuss the progress of last-year adopted resolution with key recommendations by participants-members. It is expected to develop mechanisms for sustainability of youth organisations in the forthcoming Forum.</p> <p>UNICEF is a major contributor to the Forum, however USD 6, 350.00 is yet to be financed.</p> <p>Due to administrative and logistic issues, dates of Forum are June 11-14, 2014 instead of planned June 21-24.</p> <p>Mr. Jalal, AKF pointed that despite many international organisations implement youth related activities, contribution from IOs to the Forum depends on donor requirements. Therefore, one of the recommendations for the next Forum is to address the issues of youth employability and engagement as certain outcomes to ensure prioritisation for resource development by many international organisations.</p> <p>AKF Tjk will provide financial support for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AKF Tjk will check financial and administrative issues to make a contract with National Association of Volunteers of Tajikistan and transfer money to their account.</li> <li>• International Alert will find out the possible way to provide financial assistance for National Youth Forum.</li> </ul>		<p>June 02-04, 2014</p>

		participants from GBAO and Rasht valley to participate in the Youth National Forum			
3.	<b>Presentation by Mr. Simon Tiller, International Alert</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Alert (IA) as a peace building and conflict resolution organisation, works since 2009 in Tajikistan. It implements projects in 3 areas in the country: policy dialogue, working with Government and civil society, youth radicalisation and religion and secular state. Currently, it is implementing 2 major projects on 1. mediation and non-violence method conflict resolution, and 2. civil society capacity building project that aims to build a bridge between civil society activists and state. it is a two years project funded by EU.</li> </ul>	IA will share training materials/modules on post conflict with UNICEF. Study on mediation was conducted in Sughd, and will be shared with AKF Tjk Counterpart Int. will share available modules on civil education		June 02-06, 2014
4.	<b>Review/finalization of the Concept note for Youth Ambassadors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final draft of Youth Representative Concept was reviewed and it was opined that representation of local NGOs and public organisations dealing with youth issues are necessary to have their opinion on it.</li> </ul>			
5.	<b>Organization of next meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next meeting to be hosted by UNICEF, date and place to be confirmed.</li> </ul>		UNICEF	

Prepared by: Azizakhon Kataeva