

Minutes
Interagency Youth Theme Group Meeting
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Present:

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#	Agenda	Discussion	Tasks/recommendations	Resp. parties	Deadline
1	Introduction of participants	Participants introduced themselves and provided brief information on the programs/activities related to youth of their respective organizations.		All participants	
2	Brief update by group members on main activities (also planned ones) related to youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN agencies held 2 post MDG meetings in 2 Universities of Dushanbe, where more than 160 students participated, mainly to promote to vote on the Online Platforms, including www.UNTJ.org; www.MyWorld2015.org; Facebook page of the UN in Tajikistan. The Draft Report on the Post MDGs will be prepared for 15 May; the final report will be shared with everyone. • OSI has held several education fairs around the country to inform young people about the possibility of studying abroad. Another initiative is the start of a national Testing Institute, where everyone has to take the same exam to get into a Tajik university (developed together with World Bank). This Testing University will make the process more transparent and will combat corruption. The project pilot phase starts in a few months; the Testing Institute will officially open in 2014. • Ms. Nazrieva informed that OSI is organizing an 			

		<p>exhibition on Contemporary Art and Youth at the end of May in the National Museum. There will be lectures and movies accompanying the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNICEF informed the IYTG that after their mid-term review UNICEF will add Youth as a priority in UNICEF’s programming and that they will reduce their efforts to 3 target districts, to better focus on their development. UNICEF supports youth participation through a new project, where Youth will be informed about local budgeting of the local government. Furthermore, UNICEF will facilitate meetings between Youth and decision makers. A mechanism for dialogue will be introduced. UNICEF is also preparing a situation analysis on children’s rights in Tajikistan, where they want to strongly involve young people in the creation of this report. UNICEF wants to mainstream child’s rights into the socio-economic development plans, which are elaborated now. It’s a good opportunity to influence policy making.• UNDP CP informed about the involvement of youth and women representatives in the consultations for the elaboration of the District Development Strategies. CP covers all jamoats in Rasht valley.• ILO informed the IYTG that the project “Safety for Youth” has started, which involves the development of a list of jobs, where youth should not work. On 28 April ILO conducted the World OSH (Occupation Safety and Health) day. The topic for this year was Prevention of Professional Diseases. Next year all the IYTG are invited to participate in this event. ILO works towards the inclusion of Youth in the national Social Protection Programme.			
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3	New Name	The attendees agreed to rename the Youth Theme Group to “Interagency Youth Theme Group”.			
3	Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting between President and Youth on 23 May. The idea is to send one unified message to this social platform, where questions or suggestions can be raised to the president. 1 or 2 ideas should be elaborated. The group agreed to elaborate the idea to suggest the President to hold a national forum, high-level one-time event to gather Youth and talk about the Brain Drain and how it can be reversed. Young people who have left the country and succeeded in careers abroad could be invited to speak, migrant workers could speak, the topic of Afghan refugees could also be addressed. Youth Day on 23 May: IYTG agreed to produce a joint Press Release. The PR would give a brief overview on the national consultations for Post MDGs and the visions of young people of Tajikistan. And then short introduction of the IYTG. 	<p>All group members send 1 or 2 ideas to Parviz.</p> <p>Parviz? elaborates draft of event to submit then to the president.</p> <p>In the next 10 days draft the message, get feedback and then send it out.</p>	UNFPA CO	10 days
4	Organization of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IYTG is now ready to hold meetings on specific topics. 1 presentation of ca 30 min per meeting, at least 30 min to discuss. In June the topic will be “Local Development” and UNDP CP will present the District Development Programme and tell about local priorities. UNICEF will also participate in the presentation on this topic. CP will give one example of a local development plan, so that it is easier to see the gaps and decide how to proceed. The July meeting could be on the development of Trade Union of Youth workers, prepared by ILO. 	UNDP CP and UNICEF will present on Local Development		26 June
5	Annual Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWP is finished and will be sent out to be reviewed soon. 		UNFPA	ASAP
6	Mapping Document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ready to be filled out by all agencies. 	All agencies should fill the mapping document with their activities.	All	ASAP

7	Next meeting	26 June, 2 – 4 pm, at UNFPA office, VEFA centre		UNFPA	

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