

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 welcomed the newcomers.		All participants	
2	Brief description of activities of VSO in Tajikistan	<p>Voluntary Service Overseas' (VSO) Million Hour Project seeks to collect a million hours of volunteer work around the world. In Tajikistan VSO focuses on youth, providing employment opportunities and mentorship. Volunteer placement focuses on vulnerable youth and women. VSO works together with local youth organizations and NGOs for volunteer placement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Literacy Programme has been started to provide IT skills to PWDs. • Financial Literacy Programme has been set up so that young people can learn about financial matters. • Business Women Tajikistan is organizing a business proposal competition, where out of ca 200 participants the best 10 to 15 proposals will be selected to further pursue. VSO together with the US Chamber of Commerce will work with the other participants further developing their business proposals to make them viable and sustainable. • Career development programme for career planning of young people to better match opportunities, selection of university subjects and market demands. <p>VSO is looking for collaboration with youth organizations and looking for national volunteers.</p>		VSO Tajikistan, Eugene Sosing	
3	International Day of	Joint event of several UN agencies and national organizations to	To conduct the joint	UNFPA,	11.10.

	the Girl Child	involve girls and inform the parents about access to education for girls, etc. Theme for 2013 was ‘Innovate to Educate’. There was also an online campaign conducted by participating agencies.	event in 2014 (by IYTG members).	UNICEF, UN AIDS, WHO	
4	Invitation to UN Day	On 24 October UN Day is celebrated by hosting a small film festival at Ismaili Center from 13.30 – 16.30. Agenda of the event and invitation will be sent out via e-mail. Four movies related to UN activities in Tajikistan will be shown with discussions afterwards with heads of agencies.	Invitation will be sent out to IYTG members.	UNCT	
5	Regional Training	UNFPA together with the MoH plans to conduct training for medical specialists from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan on provision of reproductive health services to most at risk groups of young people. In the future it would be possible to coordinate and collaborate on conduction of similar trainings. These trained medical personnel could be used as national trainers in the future.	Contact UNFPA for future collaboration.	UNFPA	
6	Scale up of Youth Friendly Health Services	Since 2006, UNICEF together with MoH has been scaling up youth friendly health services in Tajikistan. HIV/AIDS in Tajikistan is mainly found among risky groups, including IDUs, sex workers and MSM. WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF and partner organizations support countries to halt the AIDS epidemic (provision of information, diagnosis, psychological support, testing, legal support etc.). Youth is at the heart of this campaign, especially MARAs. Outreach work is a very important part of the scale up. Up until now over 300’000 MARAs have been reached. The demand for youth friendly health services is increasing, but demands differ from region to region. Data is published every 6 months and is an official governmental statistic.	Presentation held will be disseminated among IYTG members.	UNICEF	
7	UNDP District Development Planning	Before districts in Tajikistan had no plans that regulated development. In 2008 government decided to initiate planning process at local level. First the legal basis was developed for the planning process on district level. Working groups from different sectors were established to identify key priorities for the district.	Presentation will be disseminated	UNDP CP	

		<p>Transparency and publicity and a participatory approach were key principals for the development of the DDP.</p> <p>The DDP was trying to provide links between the most important priorities and district budgeting. Cross-cutting topics were integrated in the planning process and working groups on each of those topics were established.</p> <p>The DDP has been a success in the districts it has been implemented and is now being scaled up.</p> <p>Parviz Boboev suggested conducting a national roundtable with invitation of all district administrations that have DDP to share their experience and present achievements. IYTG members also could take part at the event and advocate for making youth involvement as a common standard for all district administrations participating in DDP programme. Mr. Jurabek Sattorov ensured that IYTG members will be involved if such event planned.</p>			
8	Other Events/Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 Days against Violence: possibility to collaborate • Volunteer Day (5.12.) plans: last year it was more an internal event with electing the most active volunteer, party, volunteer gathering. VSO will have directives from HQ and will inform IYTG as soon as they have information on activities. Possibility to organize something together. • New Law on volunteerism passed in September. Usually new laws are published at www.parlament.tj 			
9	Request	<p>For next year it would be good to have work plan/events to commemorate as IYTG beforehand so that it can be planned and budgeted.</p> <p>Need of short review, what IYTG has accomplished this year, what its niche is, where to concentrate our efforts etc. Main achievement of the group has been to be sustainable and operational after its creation and the coordination between different organizations is key achievement.</p> <p>Next IYTG is ready for concrete action.</p>			
5	Next meeting	<p>Date of next meeting: 14 November, 10.00-12.00 (preliminary).</p> <p>Location will be confirmed by Vadim from USAID, if possible at American Corner at the National Library.</p>		USAID	

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