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of the Health Care reform**

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ACRONYMS

AP	Action Plan for the Health Sector Strategy 2010-2014
CTA	Chef Technical Adviser
CV	Curriculum Vita
FR	Final Report
HFA	Health Financing Agency
HIS	Health Information System
HIS-Strategy	Health Information System Strategy
HQ	Head Quarter
HSS	Health Sector Strategy
HSS2014	Health Sector Strategy 2010-2014
HSS2020	Health Sector Strategy 2014-2020
IDP	Institutional Development Plan
KHUCS	Kosovo Hospital University Clinic Service
KNIPH	Kosovo National Institute of Public Health
KSV/014	The Health Support Programme in Kosovo
LuxDev	Luxembourg Agency for Development Cooperation
MFA	Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MIR	Mission implementation report
MoH	Ministry of Health, Kosovo
MTEF	Mid Term Expenditure Framework
PMC	Professional Medical chambers
SIC	Strategy for Improving the Capacity of MoH
The project	The Health Support Programme in Kosovo
ToR	Terms of Reference

1. BACKGROUND

Project KSV/014 "Health Support Programme in Kosovo" (hereafter called: "the project") has the overall goal to contribute to the improvement of the health of the population in Kosovo in accordance with the Millennium Development Goals 4 & 5 and according to the vision of the Health Sector Strategy (HSS) of Kosovo.

The specific objective is to support the Kosovo Ministry of Health (MoH) in strengthening its capacity to implement the HSS with specific regard to strengthening the management capacity, the institutional framework as well as the legal framework and to improve the system for delivery of health care services.

The project is designed to achieve these objectives through the implementation of four results as follows:

Result 1: MoH's organisation, processes and tools to implement the HSS strengthened

Result 2: Selected key-actors' capacity to apply evidence based decision-making and strategic planning improved via further development of the health information system (HIS)

Result 3: Clinical protocols and guidelines for treatment/prevention/follow-up in primary and secondary care reviewed/ developed and capacity strengthened to support their implementation

Result 4: Infrastructure in primary and secondary health care improved and enhanced provision of the quality of services

The project is financed by the Governments of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg and the Republic of Kosovo. LuxDev has been mandated by the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to implement the project in partnership with MoH. MoH is the national project counterpart and is, on behalf of the Government of Kosovo, responsible for the overall project coordination. In addition MoH facilitates, monitors, and guarantees the efficient implementation of its obligation under the bilateral agreements related to the project

LuxDev has established a project office in Prishtina, responsible for the overall project management in close cooperation with the national counterpart, the executive agency, and other partners of the project. The project office is besides the Chef Technical Adviser (CTA), staffed with the Health Policy Adviser (HPA), health information expert, a procurement officer, a project assistant, and a driver.

The project started in April 2009 and is foreseen to last until December 2013. However, a request for extension until June 2014 has been submitted to the donor. Furthermore, the formulation of a phase II to project KSV/014 is expected to be done before the end of the year with the new project, KSV/017, expected to start early 2014.

With respect to result 1, the MoH has implemented the HSS2010-2014, its Action Plan, and is in the process of drafting the new HSS2014-2020. Further, MoH is pursuing a major reform of the health care sector, where so far the following major milestones have been achieved: adoption of the new health law in December 2012, signing of performance contracts with all hospitals in January 2013, adoptions of the legal provision for establishing the Professional Medical Chambers (PMC) and the independent health care provider organisation Kosovo Hospital University Clinical Service (KHUCS). Fully implemented the vision of the reform is to ensure the separation of providers, financiers and the executive level by establishing the KHUCS within which the more independent and accountable hospitals receive payment for service provision, based on a performance contract with the Health Financing Agency (HFA). Medical professional issues will be the remit of the independent PMC.

Part of the reform also encompasses increasing the capacity and professionalization of MoH in order to enable it to meet its new roles and responsibilities and to shape the MoH as a modern public citizens focused administration able to drive the changes in the health sector. To this end, the Ministry of Public Administration in February 2013 approved MoH's new organisation that will enter into force as soon as adopted by the Government. The project has supported the MoH in preparing the implementation of the new organogram. Under the ongoing contract with the Framework Provider the Institutional Development Plan were elaborated, ToRs for the new department structure, ToRs for the individual employees as well as the training needs assessment of all employees. Further, the Strategy for Improving the Capacity of MoH (SIC) has been developed.