

Battelle Monthly Report to IRG and USAID
MUNICIPAL HEATING REFORM JOINT DONOR-GOU TASK FORCE
August 2008

Work Accomplished

- ARENA-ECO prepared and provided to the Ministry of Residential and Communal Services the Ukrainian version of "Recommendations for Task Force on Stakeholders".
- ARENA-ECO is also preparing the translation of the Concept of Strategy and Charter for Task Force.
- Meredydd Evans started the final deliverable (Discussion Paper on Task Force Members/Status Update on Government Approach).
- The project team provided suggestions for the agenda and materials for the September Task Force meeting.
- A draft of the Secretariat document was submitted to USAID and the Ministry of Residential and Communal Services.

Highlights of Results in the Reform Process

- The Ministry of Residential and Communal Services made significant progress in the organization of the Task Force meetings by informing Task Force members of the meeting in advance and asking them for input regarding the agenda and materials to be reviewed.
- The next Task Force meeting is set for September 26, 2008. The next meeting of the Energy Efficiency Sub-Group is set for September 5, 2008.

Work Planned for September 2008

- Finalize, translate, and submit the Secretariat document
- Finalize and submit the Concept of Strategy document.
- Finalize and submit the Discussion Paper on Task Force Members/Status Update on Government Approach
- Continue reform strategy discussions with the GOU.
- Respond to specific GOU requests on information regarding similar reforms elsewhere.
- Translate and submit the deliverable 'Recommendations on Secretariat Support.'
- Both Tom Secrest and Meredydd Evans will travel to Ukraine in September and will staff the Task Force meeting.

Deliverables Completed to Date

- Assessment of New Government Interest (ARENA-ECO)
- Draft Recommendations for Secretariat Support (Battelle)

- Recommendations on methods to be used by the Task Force for obtaining input from non-GOU stakeholders (ARENA-ECO).
- Task Force Charter (Battelle).
- Draft Concept Strategy document (Battelle).
- Monthly Reports

Additional Not Included in Contracted SOW

- Talking Points on Validity of DH for Meeting between Minister Kucherenko and PM Tymoshenko (Battelle)
- Comments on 7 Draft Laws and Decrees (Battelle)
- Talking Points for USAID Mission for First Task Force Meeting (Battelle)
- Talking Points for Meeting between Ambassador Taylor and Minister of Labor
- Resume of Reforms (ARENA-ECO) (Battelle)

Difficulties Encountered and Remedial Actions

- A continuing issue is the delay in funding, which slows work and requires the diversion of time to track and deal with the delay.