

The World Bank and the EU Program “Supporting Transparent Land Governance in Ukraine”



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“We are talking about very significant benefits from implementing land reform. But the reform is politically and technically very complicated. Therefore, jointly with the EU we launch a Program to support transparent land governance and to address technical side of this reform.”

Satu Kähkönen,

World Bank Country Director for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine

About the Program

The Program’s goal is to assist the Government of Ukraine with establishment of preconditions for transparent functioning of agricultural land market, enhancing efficiency of land use, and providing a basis for investments in agricultural sector and rural areas.

The Program will provide technical, analytical, methodology, and consultative assistance to agricultural land owners, farmers, territorial communities, local, regional, and central authorities in the following areas:

- Practical support for local communities to manage their land resources
- Legal support and protection of rights
- Open data and transparency
- Economic analysis
- Land governance infrastructure

The Program was launched in December 2017. The national level activities and pilot implementation in 3 village councils and 2 amalgamated communities in Kyiv, Lviv, and Mykolaiv oblasts are planned for 2018. Scaling up is planned for 2019-2020.



Program Presentation on May 16, 2018

Program initiation

Public presentation of the Program, its goals and activities in the framework of land reform in Ukraine took place on May 16, 2018 in Kyiv. The event was attended by representatives of the World Bank, the EU, the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine, the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, Members of Parliament, experts, and other stakeholders of the land reform process, including mass media.

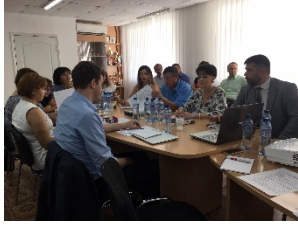


Signing the Memoranda of Understanding with 8 government institutions took place on July 19, 2018. Among the parties are the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, the Coordination Center for Legal Aid Provision and the state-owned enterprise “The National Information Systems”, the State Administrations of Kyiv, Lviv, and Mykolaiv oblasts. The memoranda with the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine and the State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography, and Cadastre had been signed earlier. The above parties constitute the recipients of technical assistance financed from the Trust Fund. This list will expand and include local governments and other counterparts as the implementation progress.

To discuss the Program implementation strategies, the inception meeting of the Program implementation working group took place in Kyiv on July 19. The next meeting of the Working Group is scheduled for November 2018. The above governance arrangement for the Trust Fund is stipulated by the Administration Agreement between the World Bank and EU.

In August 2018, **Regional Working Groups** were established to support and coordinate implementation of the Program in pilot oblasts. The follow-up meetings are scheduled for October 2018.

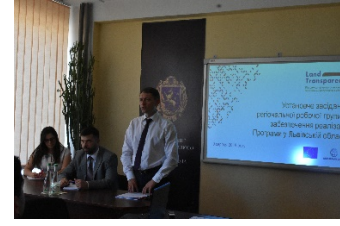
August 6. Mykolaiv oblast



August 7. Kyiv oblast



August 9. Lviv oblast



Selection of contractors and consultants for the main Program activities was complete in compliance with the Program implementation plan, and preparatory work for these activities has started.

Implementation activities

Activities of the “**Legal Aid**” component started at the end of August 2018 in cooperation with the Coordination Center for Legal Aid at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine. These activities were added to the scope of the Program on request of Ministry of Justice and contribute to better protection of legal rights of land owners and land users.

- August 27-29. 3-day “**Raising Land Awareness**” training for legal advisers of the Free Legal Aid (FLA) system. 21 participants obtained information and skills necessary to become trainers for about 400 local legal advisers and lawyers who practice land law in 3 pilot oblasts. 15 regional trainings are scheduled before the end of December 2018.
- August 28-29. 2-day workshop “**The Methodology for Legal Awareness Events**” was attended by 20 participants. The proposed approach will be applied in rural areas of the pilot oblasts during the following 6 months.
- September 10. Mobile consultations on land rights started in rural areas of the pilot regions. As of the end of September, consultations took place in 11 villages, and more than 30 are planned by the end of October.

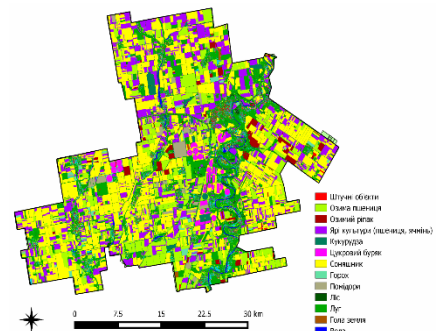


Activities for the “**Open Data and Transparency**” component:



Collection and processing data for “The Land Governance Monitoring: 2016-2017” were completed. It includes 65 indicators from 6 authorities. The results are presented in the Statistical Yearbook. The materials were approved on September 20 at a meeting of the Land Governance Monitoring Working group, which includes representatives of 10 ministries and departments (MAPF, StateGeoCadastrе, Ministry of Justice, NAIS, Ministry of Economy, State Water Agency, Fiscal services agency, Court administration, Statestat). Presentation of the Monitoring results is scheduled for October 8th. These activities contribute towards the goals of Component 1: Transparent Land Governance.

Collection and pre-processing of **remote sensing data on actual land use** in Kyiv, Mykolaiv, and Lviv oblasts were completed. The results will be discussed with the regional authorities and local self-governments in September 2018 and used to create a national GeoPortal for Land Governance. This activities contribute towards the goals of Component 3: Effective Land Management.



Public awareness of Program results: results are published in 6 blogs, 8 interviews, 11 references to the Monitoring of Land Governance in public media. References to the Program and its results is found in 270 media publications.

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