PROJECT
«SUPPORT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS»

Untapped socio-economic potential of Belarus' regions

Entrepreneurial capacity analysis in the districts

District plans for SMEs development
- selection of local economic development methodology;
- development of local plans for SMEs*.

Implementation of local plans for SMEs
- capacity building;
- education;
- financial support.

Regulatory framework improvement

Project Goal:
Support economic initiatives, competitiveness and innovation for inclusive development at the local level in the Republic of Belarus

National Implementing Partner:
Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus

Donors:
EU and UNDP

Implementing Agency:
UNDP

Total Budget:
USD 9,461,600

Direct Support:
USD 7,298,769 (77%)

Implementation Period:
36 months,
01 February 2019 – 31 January 2022

*DPD SME — District plans for SMEs development. They are action plans on SMEs development in the project districts and one of the key project outputs. They include a set of measures on SMEs development, a set of measures on capacity building, PR and other activities that are considered important for SMEs development at the project district level.
Project Implementation Geo:
12 districts of the country
- Braslaw and Orsha (Vitebsk region)
- Bykhaw and Khotsimsk (Mahilyow region)
- Brahin, Khoyniki and Zhlobin (Gomel region)
- Kobrin and Byaroza (Brest region)
- Lida (Hrodna region)
- Maladzyechna and Barysaw (Minsk region)

Total financial support
USD 6,205,000

61 startups

12 business incubators

45 social enterprises

12 local microfinance facilities

24 pilot cluster initiatives

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLANS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

MODERN SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGIONS

NEW JOBS AND INCOME GENERATION OPPORTUNITIES

At least 150 initiatives will receive financial support
At least 500 people benefiting from targeted trainings
At least 10 comprehensive proposals for improving legal, institutional and policy frameworks

1 MLN PEOPLE BENEFITING FROM LOCAL EMPLOYMENT-GENERATING ACTION PLANS