

TWO DISTRICTS OF KIEV REGION WILL JOIN THE PILOT REGIONS FOR APPROBATION OF MODEL OF EMPLOYMENT AND PLACEMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Kyiv, 4 February 2010: There was a Project Board meeting to discuss results of Project activity in 2009 and the plans for 2010. "Social Inclusion of People with Disabilities through Access to Employment" is a joint project by UNDP, ILO and the Public Employment Service of Ukraine aimed at promoting the active integration of people with disabilities on the open labor market to ensure equality of rights and opportunities.

The process of preparation for approbation of Model of employment and placement for people with disabilities, which is going to be realized in the pilot regions of Kyiv (Darnitsky, Obolonsky and Svyatoshinsky districts) and Chernigivsky oblast (Chernigiv, Nizhin and Nizhin districts) was also discussed.

The Kyiv Region Employment Service has come forward with an initiative to join in the process of Model approbation. The Project Board is supporting this idea and has included two additional Kyiv Region districts: Kievo-Svyatoshinskiy and Boryspil to the list of pilot regions.

The approbation of Model of employment and placement for people with disabilities will start at the beginning of March. The new model aims at increasing the social roles of persons with disabilities as active participants in social and economic life, enjoying their full rights. Moreover, the new model strengthens the institutional capacity of foundations operating within the social safety net, as well as other social partners regarding their employment and job placement of people with disabilities.

Based on the results of the Project activity in 2009 the Project Board decided to extend the term of Project realization for one more year (till 2011).

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