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**DESPRO**

# DESPRO NEWS

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## The DESPRO Steering Committee in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea



**DESPRO** is the Swiss-Ukrainian project "Decentralization Support in Ukraine" funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by the Swiss Resource Centre and Consultancies for Development (Skat).

### Main project objectives:

\*Developing decentralized approaches in public services, and communal services (water supply), in particular through broader participation of the local communities and their public organizations.

\*Promoting the integration of a decentralized communal services model into the local administration system.

\*Taking into consideration best practices and experiences acquired in the course of project implementation in pilot regions, and devising a "national plan of action" aimed at strengthening decentralization

DESPRO operates at the national level, at regional levels in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and in Vinnytsya Oblast and at Rayon and Community levels.

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The last DESPRO (Decentralization Support Project) Steering Committee of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea was conducted in Simferopol on February 10, 2010.

The results of the first project phase (2007-2009) of DESPRO in ARC were summarized during the Steering Committee meeting. The participants of the meeting discussed the strategy for supporting decentralization of authority and local government reform in Ukraine, the application of successful experiences of DESPRO partners, as well as the introduction of decentralized models of water supply services provision in ARC. The management of the rayon and rural councils along with community activists presented the results of the implementation of local projects and their role in the introduction of the decentralized model of water supply services provision.

According to the First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of ARC, Aziz Abdullayev, people have learned a lot in the process of implementing rural community projects. These projects promote responsible and mature citizenship and enjoy the right to choose and participate in decision-making processes. Manuel Etter, the Country Director of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in Ukraine (SDC), emphasized: "It's good that the Crimean authorities actively cooperate with DESPRO. We are satisfied with the results of the work done at the local level. Services are getting closer to the consumers, people participate actively and cooperate with the authorities. However, it is important that these efforts receive support at the institutional level and that they become a part of large-scale reforms of the public authority system and the territorial-administrative structure in Ukraine."

After 3 years of cooperation between the government and communities of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea with DESPRO implemented 20 local projects and significant social and economic results have been achieved: today about 8.8 thousand rural residents of Bakhchysarayskiy, Leninskiy and Nyzhnyohirskiy rayons of ARC are able to enjoy high quality water supply services. The total project cost reached UAH 3.33 million, out of which about 62% was a contribution of DESPRO, 21% was collected by the local community members and the rest of about 17% came from local budgets funds.

## Monitoring visit of SDC and DESPRO to the Bakhchysarayskiy rayon of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea



Representatives of SDC and DESPRO carried out a monitoring visit to Bakhchysarai rayon of ARC on February 11, 2010.

In Bakhchysarai delegates met with the Head of Bakhchysarai Rayon State Administration Mr. Ilmi Umerov and the Head of Bakhchysarai Rayon Council Mr. Olexander Tarianyk. The monitoring visit took also place in the villages Samokhvalove (Sevastyanivka), where participants met with the village Head Igor Kazakov and the village community.

They also reviewed the progress of the project "Water supply reliability improvement in villages Sevastianivka and Samokhvalovo of the Bakhchysarai rayon". This project aims at creating an alternative, independent water supply system by involving the citizens into the construction of the second pumping station

and the rehabilitation of the borehole. The newly constructed pumping station allows delivering water to citizens around the clock. The new borehole ensures reliable supply in the summer months when there is no water provided by the Poshtove public. It is also expected that as a result of the project employment and income will rise in the villages due to small farms that are expected to emerge.

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Today 763 residents of the villages living in 193 households have access to water supply throughout the day. Moreover, the social impact of community participation and social mobilisation in solving their own problems at the local and regional levels should not be underestimated as community members are now confident of their own capacities.

The SDC Country Director Manuel Etter, the National Programme Officer Olena Lytvynenko, as well as DESPRO Senior Project Coordinator Oksana Garnets and the Decentralization Expert Vyacheslav Sorokovskiyi took part in the monitoring visit.

### The training of trainers



Between 27 and 29 January DESPRO organized and conducted the training of trainers course for regional and local development programs in Koncha-Zaspa, Kyiv rayon. Tutors of public servants/professional development centers of AR Crimea, Sevastopol, Lviv, Vinnytsya and Sumy Oblasts took part in the training. Some of the DESPRO local projects/activists also participated.

The aim of the training was to help the participants in obtaining basic skills and knowledge of conducting trainings for local and regional development programs. As a result 17 participants have been trained for work on the regional and local level. Also a unified training program for the professional development of public servants has been developed. Anatoly Chemerys, Deputy Managing Director of the Association of Ukrainian Cities, conducted the training. Since 1995 Mr. Chemerys works the professional development of public servants and has an extensive background in the design of training programs.

### DESPRO project information and monitoring system is developed

Starting from March 2010 DESPRO project management will be supported by its electronic management and monitoring system. This system will allow to plan, describe and track the results of any community projects and events within DESPRO framework. Authorized access to the system will ensure information protection, as well as online access for representatives of rayon working groups from different regions. They will have the opportunity to update the information in a complete and timely manner. It is expected that the introduction of the new system will considerably simplify reporting, provide an opportunity to reduce costs of logistics and ensure transparency of project management.

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### FAMILY BUSINESS. Step by step to the quality water supply

Some believe that work and family are incompatible, while others believe that family ties help improve business efficiency. In the community of the village Burevisnyk in ARC the Mustafayev family tested these theories in practice. This family played a significant role in the successful implementation of the project "Replacement of the water supply system in the village Burevisnyk", which was implemented in the framework of the Swiss-Ukrainian Decentralization Support to Ukraine Project DESPRO. The NGO "Clean water" led by Emshyre Mustafayeva fruitfully collaborated with the village and rayon authorities. Emshyre Enverivna and active members of the community invested many efforts into gaining positive results. Her husband, Seitumer Mustafayev, plumber by profession, with dedication and completely on voluntary basis installed manholes and individual meters. This contributed to a significant reduction of the costs and substantially accelerated construction and installation works. Thanks to that the village council of Mytروفaniv decided to transfer the water supply system including water tower to Seitumer Mustafayev for operation and maintenance.



**From left to right:** Seitumer Mustafayev, Emshyre Mustafayeva and Mytروفanivka village head Zinayida Shcherbak

The collaborative work of Mustafayev couple and their fellow village residents solved the problem of clean drinking water supply. Old steel pipes were replaced by new durable plastic ones. Now during 24 hours a day water supply is available to 140 households of 440 residents, as well as to such social infrastructure facilities such as the health centre, the village store, the library and the club.

Worldwide family business is regarded as a key to the reliability and quality of services. In Switzerland small private family enterprises service rural water supply systems, often covering several neighboring villages. This model is quite common in other European countries where it is proved that family businesses are effective.