

Bi-communal Development Programme 1998-2004
Direct Assistance at the Request of the UN Good Offices and
Dissemination of the Annan Plan

At the request of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General for Cyprus, the Bi-communal Development Programme provided office and conference facilities and an additional US\$270,000 in direct support to the UN Good Offices, mainly for technical expertise on the various aspects of the Plan (US\$160,000), but also for the creation of the Annan Plan website and the public announcement of the website address (<<http://www.annanplan.org>>), translation of various versions of the Plan into Greek and Turkish, and one panel discussion on its key provisions.

The Programme also facilitated and supported the work of the Flag and Anthem Committee (US\$ 48,000), which led to the selection, by a bi-communal group of individuals appointed by the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders, of a flag and an anthem for the United Cyprus Republic.

Additional activities, totalling US\$188,000, related to the dissemination of information on the provisions of the Annan Plan. The sole purpose of these activities was to support the efforts of concerned Cypriots from both communities who sought to facilitate access by the public to information on the Annan Plan. Further details on these activities are given below.

Details On Direct Assistance For The Dissemination Of The Annan Plan

1. Creation and maintenance of the official Annan Plan website
<http://www.annanplan.org>

Cost: In-kind contribution by UNOPS staff
Implementing agency: UNOPS

2. Printing of citizen's guides to the Annan Plan and booklets on the property regime of the Annan Plan

Cost: US\$ 79,000

Implementing Agency: Peace Research Institute of Oslo (PRIO) for original design and UNOPS for printing

Results: 12,000 Greek-language and 5,150 Turkish-language copies of the citizen's guide and 5,100 Greek-language and 2,100 Turkish-language copies of the property regime booklets. These were disseminated in the following ways:

Greek Cypriot Community:

- Direct distribution (by hand) of the booklets within communities;
- Direct distribution to political parties, ministries, public employees, academic institutions, refugee organizations, NGOs, villages, individuals, seminars and conferences;
- Distribution via mass mailing targeting:
 - Advocates
 - Banks
 - Bishops
 - Bookshops

- Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- Charitable Organizations
- Courts and Offices
- Supreme Court, Law Office, Revision and Consolidation of Cyprus Legislation
- Office of the Negotiator of the Accession of Cyprus to the European Union
- Ombudsman
- Audit Office
- Public Service Commission
- Educational Service Commission
- Planning Bureau.
- Public Information Office
- Cultural Centres and Organizations
- Estate Agents
- Members Of Parliament
- Greek Government
- Hotel Managers
- Libraries
- Media
- Medical Practitioners
- Municipal Authorities
- Museums
- Organizations and Institutions of Social Service
- Political Parties
- Tourist and Travel Agents
- Universities and Colleges
- Embassies in Cyprus
- Embassies of Cyprus

Turkish Cypriot Community

The distribution targeted NGOs, political parties, "governmental" offices, academic institutions, and the public at large and was implemented directly by the members of the PRIO project team assisted by volunteers and also through:

- Organized local communities (mahalles in towns or villages);
- NGO networks, especially teachers' unions; and
- Political party networks.

3. Publication of summary versions of the Annan Plan in all major newspapers

Cost: US\$ 50,000

Implementing Agency: PRIO for overall design and UNOPS for printing

Results: Two inserts containing the content of the citizen guide and the property regime booklet published in the following newspapers:

- Cyprus Mail, Cyprus Weekly (Citizen's Guide)
- Politis (Citizen's Guide)
- Kibris, Yeniduzen, Ortam, Kibrisli, Afrika, and Cumhuriyet (Citizen's Guide)
- Machi, Politis, Phileleftheros, Simerini, Haravgi (Property Regime)
- Kibris, Yeniduzen, Ortam, Kibrisli, Afrika and Halkin Sesi (Property Regime)

4. Design of informational material in Greek on key aspects of the Annan Plan

Cost: US\$ 30,000

Implementing Agency: Ad Hoc Committee "All Cyprus Together"

Results: The design of the following informational material:

- The map of the settlement plan with time schedules for returns
- A summary of the basic provisions of the settlement plan; and
- An implementation calendar of the Annan Plan, including key milestones in the event it was approved.

5. Informational radio programmes in Turkish on the Annan Plan

Cost: US\$ 29,000

Implementing Agency: Radio May

Results: Radio programme entitled "Step-by-Step Annan Plan", begun on 2nd April and finished on 23rd April 2004. Broadcasted twice everyday in the morning and in the evening. The following aspects of the Plan were presented and discussed:

- Constitution
- Property
- Citizenship
- Defence
- Security
- Demilitarisation
- Guarantees
- Economic Aspects