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INTRODUCTION

Highlights for the Quarter:

- A total of 106 technical articles have appeared in the period from September 2006 to August 2007 written by the A/CIPA team in various publications across Central Asia.
- A Contract with The Association of Teachers in Business Discipline to conduct Training of Trainers (TOT) of the Certified Accounting Practitioners (CAP) course in four countries of Central Asia was negotiated and signed.
- A new Project Manager for Turkmenistan was appointed as a first step to implement the new strategy.
- The examination system and process of CIPAEN was scrutinized by the project's STTA.
- With the project COP serving in the role of CIPAEN Testing Director and Grading Centre Director, the July 2007 exams, with just under 7,000 registrations, were developed, administered, graded and reported. We also conducted examination room audits in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.
- Dushanbe was chosen as a pilot site for an automated payments system using credit cards for CIPAEN with Sodirobank.
- Cooperation with The Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) was started with a first visit to IMA by CIPAEN's Testing Director planned for September 2007.

KAZAKHSTAN

Implementation Issues

The training of University lecturers will commence in September (TOT CAP), through a contract with ATBD (The Association of Business Discipline, Tashkent); Financial Accounting I (FA I), Management Accounting I (MA I) and Tax and Law (T&L). All subjects will be taught for 60 hours plus a 20 hour methodology course. ATBD will conduct all training in Central Asia to establish consistency in the training materials, books and methodology as well as establishing a network of advice after the training has been completed. The final course will end in December 2007. Our STTA for Education and Examinations will commence the training (TOT exams) for exam item writing and examination writing terminology and style in December 2007 and this will be followed by the piloting of the Russian language instruction materials for potential exam writers.

In Astana during 19-20 June 2007, the project met with the following specialists in the RK Ministry of Education and Sciences:

- Farkhad Kuanganov – Vice-Minister.
- Serik Irsaliev – Director of the Department for Strategy and International Cooperation.
- Tursunkhan Kusainova – Chief of Department for Higher Professional and Post University Education.

We discussed an upcoming conference in October and participation of Vice-Minister as a guest from the RK Ministry of Education. The Vice-Minister emphasized that Projects like the USAID accounting reform project are an effective tool for further developing of the post university professional education. He supported the AEA idea as well.

Tursunkhan Kusainova confirmed her participation, if necessary, and focused on more specific issues, such as further development and providing HEI's with information on the CIPA program. She recommended including the program into HEI curriculum, and for this purpose, the department needs technical characteristics of the project, strategy and visions to implement. We updated her that the CIPA program has already been incorporated into the universities' curriculum and needs support for development.

The representative responsible for international cooperation within the Ministry stressed our mutual agreement, however, he added, that this agreement may need to be put in writing and signed between Ministry and Project.

The project continues to support CIPAEN's examination development team by creating and reviewing CAP and CIPA examination papers. The project also continues to drive efficiency and effectiveness improvements in the development process to ensure security and quality in the product. Many of these initiatives are confidential and cannot be explained outside the team responsible for the improvements. In June 2007 a proposed change in the senior management in CIPAEN Kz was implemented and later legally challenged. We await the outcome of the legal process. Following an MOU signed between CIPAEN and IMA (Institute of Management Accountants) the project through the position of Testing Director has opened the first level of cooperation by agreeing to visit IMA in September 2007.

A final proposed PED was submitted to the Ministry of Finance via USAID regarding cooperation between the Project and the Ministry. Almost 50% of the Ministry requested activities were agreed to, but at today's date no confirmation has been received.

Progress towards Benchmarks

Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
A minimum of 10 universities substantially upgrade their Accounting Curriculum	Number of universities	0	4	COMPLETED - 12
A minimum of an additional 150 CAP courses, taught by qualified professors, are introduced in the HEIs throughout Central Asia	Monitored Courses	107 courses in KZ	45	62 courses total in the first year and TOT contract signed with a start date of September 3, 2007
During the second year of A/CIPA, 1000 CAP exams are taken by students in Central Asia	Number of registered students	10 exams in KZ	N/A	N/A
A minimum of an additional 3000 CAPs, 50 CIPAs are certified; Certifications should be tracked by gender and capital city vs. regions	CAP+CIPA candidates meaning that participant has passed the 3 exams for CAP level or 7 exams for CIPA level.	2779 CAP level; 24 CIPA level cumulative in KZ; 804 CAP level; 16 CIPA level in year 4 of EDP	1050 CAP level; 15 CIPA level	See table in the Appendix

Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
CIPAEN Country Offices are independent and financially sustainable for Central Asia related costs	Country Offices located in different building and do not require any deficit funding from A/CIPA.	Co-located with Pragma but not subsidized	KZ office sustainable and independently located	Physically separated, payroll separated, legally separate.
Online registration for CIPA exams in each country office is developed, implemented, marketed, and tracked for performance	Percentage of registrations done online	0	10%	Pilot started in Dushanbe with the intention, if successful, to roll out across Central Asia
CIPAEN is ISO 9001-2000 certified	On hold until future strategy is determined.	Procedures written for most activities.	N/A	Suspended
ECCAA's Department on Training Materials is established and functioning	Manager hired, library of materials present, and procedure written and approved for renewal of documents	No department exists	DTM manager on ECCAA payroll, materials review procedure approved by ECCAA and A/CIPA, library list published on website	Discussions with ICAS have started and it is expected that the Scottish Institute have agreed to provide a template for the planning process. We expect ICAS to be in Kazakhstan in late 2007

Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
ECCAA has adopted and adapted the version of the complete IFAC International Education Standards (IES)	IES adopted formally by board of directors	Nothing adopted	First 6 standards adopted and implemented	Discussions with ICAS have started and it is expected that the Scottish Institute have agreed to provide a template for the planning process. We expect ICAS to be in Kazakhstan in late 2007
All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have the CAP designation as requirement for full membership of individuals	Requirement listed in every charter; Members have taken and passed at least all 3 CAP level exams	Some organizations have CAP requirement in charter	ECCAA charter audited	ECCAA charter review shows that ECCAA members must be at least CAP level or be full IFAC member. Association Coordinator and ECCAA will establish a work plan and timetable for all members.
All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have IFAC compliant CPE programs in place	Course list created and published on ECCAA website; Requirement listed in every charter; Members of member associations start taking courses	No CPE program exists	ECCAA charter audited; Member charters audited; Course list published on website	ICAS will lead the initiative based upon their own experience with CPE and the importance of the income stream We expect ICAS to be in Kazakhstan in late 2007for sustainability.

Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
By the second year, the Accounting Education Alliance (AEA) is providing focused material support to 25 progressive LEPs in Central Asia	Needs assessment matched with University commitment letter	40 organizations have expressed interest in the idea	N/A	N/A
IFRS training to be made available to Government officials, Regulators and any other financial sector Overseers.	At least one course in each year for a minimum of 10 officials in each country	0 courses	1 course in KZ	An offer was made through the PED to The Ministry of Finance and the Project has made available IFRS materials. COMPLETED
Design and hold workshops for LTP's to address sustainability	At least one workshop in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.	0 workshops held	1 in KZ	Due to the subject review being conducted of CAP/CIPA we will await the outcome before proceeding.
Host IFRS roundtable discussions	At least one roundtable in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.	0 roundtables held	1 in KZ	The first IFRS roundtable was held December 2006 in Almaty. COMPLETED

Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
IFRS/ISA Technical articles are written for the accounting press	At least 12 articles per annum in Kazakhstan.	0 articles	12	13 publications in the current quarter; 67 total in the first year.
Study tour to ICAS for at least 4 members of the accounting and auditing profession in Central Asia.	A five day trip to Scotland	No tour held	1	COMPLETED

Obstacles encountered, possible delays in achieving the established benchmarks

1. The future of CIPAEN is being examined by the CIPAEN Board of Directors and a number of strategic options are being actively considered. Once the strategic direction of CIPAEN has been agreed, the project will re-align its deliverables.
2. CIPAEN Kz legal issues regarding management require resolution.
3. The MOF has issued new regulations on Accreditation of Accounting qualifications for Public Interest Entities.
4. ECCAA has a staff of three; the ED, an Accountant and an Assistant and until its human resources are added to, the progress on capacity building is limited.

Proposed Changes to the Work Plan

A year 2 work plan is being designed along with a contract modification to reflect the on-going changes within CIPAEN and the Project's commitment to the examination process.

Forecast of Activities for the Quarter September to November 2007

1. TOT (CAP) in September, October and November.
2. At least three articles published in the accounting and auditing press.
3. Visit to IMA by Testing Director
4. AEA promoted with Businesses and HEI's giving tangible commitments.
5. STTA on Information Systems Strategy for CIPAEN completed and presented to the Board of CIPAEN.
6. STTA for Examinations and Education Expert for CIPAEN progressed.
7. Accounting week beginning w/c October 8 with ECCAA, IFAC, Ministry of Finance and the World Bank.

KYRGYZSTAN

Implementation Issues

The work of the working group to develop pilot educational standard in accounting is on-going with the A/CIPA KG Director monitoring the work of the group. Currently the group is conducting a survey involving the participation of two universities from Osh (Osh State University and Osh Technological University), KPMG, and Deloitte & Touche. The deadline for submission of the pilot standard was extended to October 13th 2007, along with all of the other Soros Foundation teams, because the group needs more time to conduct the survey. We also participated in the Soros Foundation's working group meeting on educational standards and discussed the group's progress.

The Education Standard in Accounting was officially signed and incorporated as an addendum to the original Education Standard Memorandum of Cooperation between the MoE and the Soros Foundation by the Minister of Education of the Kyrgyz Republic. Copies have been distributed among the parties involved.

We tried to broker a deal for University of Central Asia to use ATBD's copyright for their training materials and monitored the correspondence between ATBD and UCA. Unfortunately, the copyright fee requested by ATBD is too high for UCA.

Progress towards Benchmarks

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
1	A minimum of 10 universities substantially upgrade their Accounting Curriculum	Number of universities	0	1	COMPLETED - 8
2	A minimum of an additional 150 CAP courses, taught by qualified professors, are introduced in the HEIs throughout Central Asia	Monitored Courses	37 courses in KG	20	16 courses total in year 1 and TOT contract signed with a start date of October 1, 2007
3	During the second year of A/CIPA, 1000 CAP exams are taken by students in Central Asia	Number of exams registered by students	155 exams in KG	N/A	N/A
4	A minimum of an additional 3000 CAPs, 50 CIPAs are certified; Certifications should be tracked by gender and capital city vs. regions	CAP+CIPA candidates meaning that participant has passed the 3 exams for CAP level or 7 exams for CIPA level.	830 CAP level; 12 CIPA level cumulative in KG; 133 CAP level; 1 CIPA level in year 4 of EDP	175 CAP level; 2 CIPA level	See table in the Appendix

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
5	CIPAEN Country Offices are independent and financially sustainable for Central Asia related costs	Country Offices located in different building and do not require any deficit funding from A/CIPA.	Co-located with Pragma and subsidized	KG office sustainable and independently located	Fully separated by December 2006 COMPLETED
6	Online registration for CIPA exams in each country office is developed, implemented, marketed, and tracked for performance	Percentage of registrations done online	0	10%	Pilot started in Dushanbe with the intention, if successful, to roll out across Central Asia
7	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have the CAP designation as requirement for full membership of individuals	Requirement listed in every charter; Members have taken and passed at least all 3 CAP level exams	Some organizations have CAP requirement in charter	1 Member charter audited	OBA charter requires CAP designation COMPLETE

	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress	Deliverable
8	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have IFAC compliant CPE programs in place	Course list created and published on ECCAA website; Requirement listed in every charter; Members of member associations start taking courses	No CPE program exists	All member charters audited;	To follow ECCAA/ICAS progress
9	By the second year, the Accounting Education Alliance (AEA) is providing focused material support to 25 progressive LEPs in Central Asia	Needs assessment matched with University commitment letter	40 organizations have expressed interest in the idea	N/A	N/A

	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress	Deliverable
10	IFRS training to be made available to Government officials, Regulators and any other financial sector Overseers.	At least one course in each year for a minimum of 10 officials in each country	0 courses	1 course in KG	Technical Assistance offered to the National Bank. COMPLETED
11	Design and hold workshops for LTP's to address sustainability	At least one workshop in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.	0 workshops held	1 workshop in KG	Due to the subject review being conducted of CAP/CIPA we will await the outcome before proceeding.
12	Host IFRS roundtable discussions	At least one roundtable in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.	0 roundtables held	1 roundtable in KG	Held in February 2007 along with IFAC representative. COMPLETED
13	IFRS/ISA Technical articles are written for the accounting press	At least one article per annum in Kyrgyzstan.	0 articles	1 article in KG	A total of 19 articles were published in the first year

Obstacles encountered, possible delays in achieving the established benchmarks

The future of CIPAEN is being examined by the CIPAEN Board of Directors and a number of strategic options are being actively considered. Once the strategic direction of CIPAEN has been agreed, the project will re-align its deliverables.

Political uncertainty with Government Agencies has made progress in all areas slower than we would have expected.

Proposed Changes to the Work Plan

A new work plan is being designed along with a contract modification to reflect the on-going changes within CIPAEN and the Project's commitment to the examination process.

Forecast of Activities for the Quarter September to November 2007

1. TOT (CAP) in October.
2. Curriculum reform group to be progressed.
3. STTA on Information Systems Strategy for CIPAEN will be completed.
4. STTA for Examinations and Education Expert for CIPAEN progressed.
5. Articles to be published in accounting press.

TAJKISTAN

Implementation Issues

The November 2007 CAP/CIPA exams will be run in Tajikistan with exam fees being paid directly to CIPAEN Inc. rather than to CIPAEN Tajikistan and it is hoped that if this direct payment system is seen to be of benefit to CIPAEN by reducing the costs of having a legally registered company, then this pilot may be extended to other countries in Central Asia.

The next step will be on-line registration. This we hope to pilot in Tajikistan in early 2008.

We continue to progress relations with the Ministry of Finance for audit certification and Ministry of Education on the curriculum reform group.

Progress towards Benchmarks

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
1	A minimum of 10 universities substantially upgrade their Accounting Curriculum	Number of universities	0	0	COMPLETED - 7
2	A minimum of an additional 150 CAP courses, taught by qualified professors, are introduced in the HEIs throughout Central Asia	Monitored Courses	20 courses in TJ	15	25 courses total in the first year and TOT contract signed with a start date of October 5, 2007
3	During the second year of A/CIPA, 1000 CAP exams are taken by students in Central Asia	Number of exams registered by students	48 exams in TJ	N/A	N/A
4	A minimum of an additional 3000 CAPs, 50 CIPAs are certified; Certifications should be tracked by gender and capital city vs. regions	CAP+CIPA candidates meaning that participant has passed the 3 exams for CAP level or 7 exams for CIPA level.	200 CAP level; 7 CIPA level cumulative in TJ; 25 CAP level; 2 CIPA level in year 4 of EDP	40 CAP level; 2 CIPA level	See table in the Appendix
5	CIPAEN Country Offices are independent and financially sustainable for Central Asia related costs	Country Offices located in different building and do not require any deficit funding from A/CIPA.	Co-located with Pragma and subsidized	CIPAEN located independent of A/CIPA	Removed as a deliverable

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
6	Online registration for CIPA exams in each country office is developed, implemented, marketed, and tracked for performance	Percentage of registrations done online	0	10%	Pilot being run in September 2007 for payments system first.
7	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have the CAP designation as requirement for full membership of individuals	Requirement listed in every charter; Members have taken and passed at least all 3 CAP level exams	Some organizations have CAP requirement in charter	1 Member charter audited	PIPAART has CAP designation in charter COMPLETED
8	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have IFAC compliant CPE programs in place	Course list created and published on ECCAA website; Requirement listed in every charter; Members of member associations start taking courses	No CPE program exists	All member charters audited;	To follow ECCAA/ICAS progress
9	By the second year, the Accounting Education Alliance (AEA) is providing focused material support to 25 progressive LEPs in Central Asia	Needs assessment matched with University commitment letter	40 organizations have expressed interest in the idea	N/A	N/A
10	IFRS training to be made available to Government officials, Regulators and any other financial sector Overseers.	At least one course in each year for a minimum of 10 officials in each country	0 courses	1 course in TJ	IFRS course for Minfin started in August and completed in September 2007

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
11	Host IFRS roundtable discussions	At least one roundtable in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.	0 roundtables held	1 roundtable in TJ	Held in February 2007 in conjunction with the visit of the IFAC representative. COMPLETED
12	IFRS/ISA Technical articles are written for the accounting press	At least one article per annum in Tajikistan.	0 articles	1 article in TJ	1 this quarter for a total of 3 to date for the first year

Obstacles encountered, possible delays in achieving the established benchmarks

1. The future of CIPAEN is being examined by the CIPAEN Board of Directors and a number of strategic options are being actively considered. Once the strategic direction of CIPAEN has been agreed, the project will re-align its deliverables.
2. Management of Tajikistan activities from Almaty

Proposed Changes to the Work Plan

A new work plan is being designed along with a contract modification to reflect the on-going changes within CIPAEN and the Project's commitment to the examination process.

Forecast of Activities for the Quarter September to November 2007

1. Direct banking payment system
2. Articles to be produced for the accounting press
3. Establishment of a working group on curriculum reform.
4. TOT (CAP) in October/November

TURKMENISTAN

Implementation Issues

There were informal meetings between the representatives of the Ministry of Economics and Finance of Turkmenistan and the Central bank of Turkmenistan which showed common interest and improving relations on the issue of transferring Turkmenistan to IFRS. That conclusion has not been formally stated, but is based on the action that the Central Bank of Turkmenistan, through the UNDP Project, invited a specialist to analyze the current situation of the national banking system. Also there was a tender announced on the rights to administer the Project on all interested sites. The Ministry of the Economics and Finance of Turkmenistan has started cooperation with the TACIS Project.

We met with the head of the economics and business school, Mrs. Aina Bayramova, and the following issues were discussed:

- Strengthening quality of the provided courses based on CIPA Program;
- Possibility of wider cooperation with the A/CIPA project.

Mrs. Bayramova on her side expressed her positive interest in cooperation and informed us that her center is planning to arrange one course from the CIPA level – Finance. The candidates after finishing would be able to attend November exam session. Also, we met with a representative from the Central Bank, and discussed the following issue:

- The Central Bank of Turkmenistan expressed their interest to train their staff on the CIPA level courses beginning from the November exam session;

The head of the training organization “Hemayat”, Ms. Senem Nurnazarova, underlined that in cooperation with the A/CIPA they are ready to lobby to include CIPA courses among national curriculum through the Ministry of Education. A/CIPA in cooperation with “Hemayat” attended several meetings where several technical aspects of the possible cooperation with the Ministry were highlighted.

Progress towards Benchmarks

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
1	A minimum of an additional 3000 CAPs, 50 CIPAs are certified; Certifications should be tracked by gender and capital city vs. regions	CAP+CIPA candidates meaning that participant has passed the 3 exams for CAP level or 7 exams for CIPA level.	101 CAP level; 0 CIPA level cumulative in KZ; 44 CAP level; 0 CIPA level in year 4 of EDP	40 CAP level; 1 CIPA level	See table in the Appendix
2	CIPAEN Country Offices are independent and financially sustainable for Central Asia related costs	Country Offices located in different building and do not require any deficit funding from A/CIPA.	Not registered, co-located with Pragma and subsidized	CIPAEN registered and located in different building	Removed as a deliverable
3	Online registration for CIPA exams in each country office is developed, implemented, marketed, and tracked for performance	Percentage of registrations done online	0	10%	Pilot started in Dushanbe with the intention, if successful, to roll out across Central Asia

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
4	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have the CAP designation as requirement for full membership of individuals	Requirement listed in every charter; Members have taken and passed at least all 3 CAP level exams	Some organizations have CAP requirement in charter	1 Member charter audited	Association of Accountants and Auditors has CAP designation in charter COMPLETED
5	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have IFAC compliant CPE programs in place	Course list created and published on ECCAA website; Requirement listed in every charter; Members of member associations start taking courses	No CPE program exists	All member charters audited;	To follow ECCAA/ICAS progress
6	IFRS training to be made available to Government officials, Regulators and any other financial sector Overseers.	At least one course in each year for a minimum of 10 officials in each country	0 courses	1 course in TM	Meeting with MINFIN where offer of assistance was made. COMPLETED
7	IFRS/ISA Technical articles are written for the accounting press	At least one article per annum in Turkmenistan.	0 articles	1 article in TM	Nil

Obstacles encountered, possible delays in achieving the established benchmarks

1. Political changes making progress impossible.
2. Visa difficulties.

Proposed Changes to the Work Plan

A new work plan is being designed along with a contract modification to reflect the on-going changes within CIPAEN and the Project's commitment to the examination process.

Forecast of Activities for the Quarter September to November 2007

1. Roundtable with the Union and the interested parties.
2. Discussions with the Central Bank on CIPA training for the Bank employees.

UZBEKISTAN

Implementation Issues

During July the entrance commission worked in all HEIs in Uzbekistan, and therefore the HEIs were preparing to hold the entrance examinations on August 1st. Because of this preparation, the Vice Rector of Tashkent Financial Institute will be able to provide the translation of State Education Standards in accounting and audit sphere from Uzbek into Russian only after August 6th. In order to speed up the comparative analysis between State Education Standards and CIPA Program, a preliminary review was made. During the review the following themes, which are in CIPA program but absent in the state education standards, were found:

Financial Accounting 1 (CIPA) and Financial Accounting (State Education Standards)	Managerial Accounting 1 (CIPA) and Managerial Accounting (State Education Standards)	Taxes (CIPA) and Taxes (State Education Standards)	Financial Management (CIPA) and Financial Management (State Education Standards)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discounted cash flow, present and future value, annuity; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of capital investment budgets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibility of tax-payers for computation and payment of taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of Financial Reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correction of errors 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational tax planning as instrument for taxes optimization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return rate

According to the opinion of Audit Department Head of Tashkent Financial Institute, even if the above differences are not included into the state education standards, they can be included into the implemented programs as there is 15% divergence permitted between the working programs and state education standards.

Information on CAP/CIPA courses being taught at HEIs currently can be collected only from 2 HEIs because we have permission from Ministry of Education to work only with Tashkent State University of Economics and Tashkent Financial Institute.

Progress towards Benchmarks

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
1	A minimum of 10 universities substantially upgrade their Accounting Curriculum	Number of universities	0	1	COMPLETED - 2
2	A minimum of an additional 150 CAP courses, taught by qualified professors, are introduced in the HEIs throughout Central Asia	Monitored Courses	62 courses in UZ	30	12 courses total for year 1 and TOT contract signed with a start date of September 17, 2007
3	During the second year of A/CIPA, 1000 CAP exams are taken by students in Central Asia	Number of exams registered by students	106 exams in UZ	N/A	N/A
4	A minimum of an additional 3000 CAPs, 50 CIPAs are certified; Certifications should be tracked by gender and capital city vs. regions	CAP+CIPA candidates meaning that participant has passed the 3 exams for CAP level or 7 exams for CIPA level.	735 CAP level; 30 CIPA level cumulative in UZ; 175 CAP level; 10 CIPA level in year 4 of EDP	240 CAP level; 15 CIPA level	See table in the Appendix
5	CIPAEN Country Offices are independent and financially sustainable for Central Asia related costs	Country Offices located in different building and do not require any deficit funding from A/CIPA.	Co-located with Pragma and subsidized	UZ office sustainable and independently located	December 2006 COMPLETED

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
6	Online registration for CIPA exams in each country office is developed, implemented, marketed, and tracked for performance	Percentage of registrations done online	0	10%	Pilot started in Dushanbe with the intention, if successful, to roll out across Central Asia
7	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have the CAP designation as requirement for full membership of individuals	Requirement listed in every charter; Members have taken and passed at least all 3 CAP level exams	Some organizations have CAP requirement in charter	1 Member charter audited	Both ATBD and NAAA have CAP designation in charter as requirement COMPLETED
8	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have IFAC compliant CPE programs in place	Course list created and published on ECCAA website; Requirement listed in every charter; Members of member associations start taking courses	No CPE program exists	All member charters audited;	Both ATBD and NAAA have conducted CPD classes for their members.
9	By the second year, the Accounting Education Alliance (AEA) is providing focused material support to 25 progressive LEPs in Central Asia	Needs assessment matched with University commitment letter	40 organizations have expressed interest in the idea	N/A	N/A

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
10	IFRS training to be made available to Government officials, Regulators and any other financial sector Overseers.	At least one course in each year for a minimum of 10 officials in each country	0 courses	1 course in UZ	Discussions with MINFIN have been opened and assistance is being considered COMPLETE
11	Design and hold workshops for LTP's to address sustainability	At least one workshop in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.	0 workshops held	1 workshop in UZ	Due to the subject review being conducted of CAP/CIPA we will await the outcome before proceeding.
12	IFRS/ISA Technical articles are written for the accounting press	At least one article per annum in Uzbekistan	0 articles	1 article in UZ	6 articles in the quarter for a total of 17 in the first 12 months.

Obstacles encountered, possible delays in achieving the established benchmarks

1. The future of CIPAEN is being examined by the CIPAEN Board of Directors and a number of strategic options are being actively considered. Once the strategic direction of CIPAEN has been agreed, the project will re-align its deliverables.
2. Grading Centre operations may be restricted or stopped by the Government.

Proposed Changes to the Work Plan

A new work plan is being designed along with a contract modification to reflect the on-going changes within CIPAEN and the Project's commitment to the examination process.

Forecast of Activities for the Quarter September to November 2007

1. TOT (CAP)
2. TOT (Exams)
3. Articles to be produced for the accounting press

APPENDICES

- A/CIPA Program Certification Candidates for Year I Sept. 1, 2006 through Aug. 31, 2007
- A/CIPA Organization Chart August 2007

**A/CIPA Program Certification Candidates for Year 1
Sept. 1, 2006 through Aug. 31, 2007**

Country	Level	Current Quarter Candidates for Certification	Current Quarter Number of Female	Percentage Female	Current Quarter Number from Regions	Percentage from Regions
Kyrgyzstan	CAP	30	26	86.67%	2	6.67%
	CIPA	2	2	100.00%	-	0.00%
	CAP+CIPA	32	28	87.50%	2	6.25%
Kazakhstan	CAP	312	298	95.51%	177	56.73%
	CIPA	6	5	83.33%	2	33.33%
	CAP+CIPA	318	303	95.28%	179	56.29%
Uzbekistan	CAP	112	72	64.29%	18	16.07%
	CIPA	6	4	66.67%	-	0.00%
	CAP+CIPA	118	76	64.41%	18	15.25%
Tajikistan	CAP	4	2	50.00%	2	50.00%
	CIPA	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
	CAP+CIPA	4	2	50.00%	2	50.00%
Turkmenistan	CAP	2	1	50.00%	-	0.00%
	CIPA	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
	CAP+CIPA	2	1	50.00%	-	0.00%
Totals Central Asia	CAP	460	399	86.74%	199	43.26%
	CIPA	14	11	78.57%	2	14.29%
	CAP+CIPA	474	410	86.50%	201	42.41%

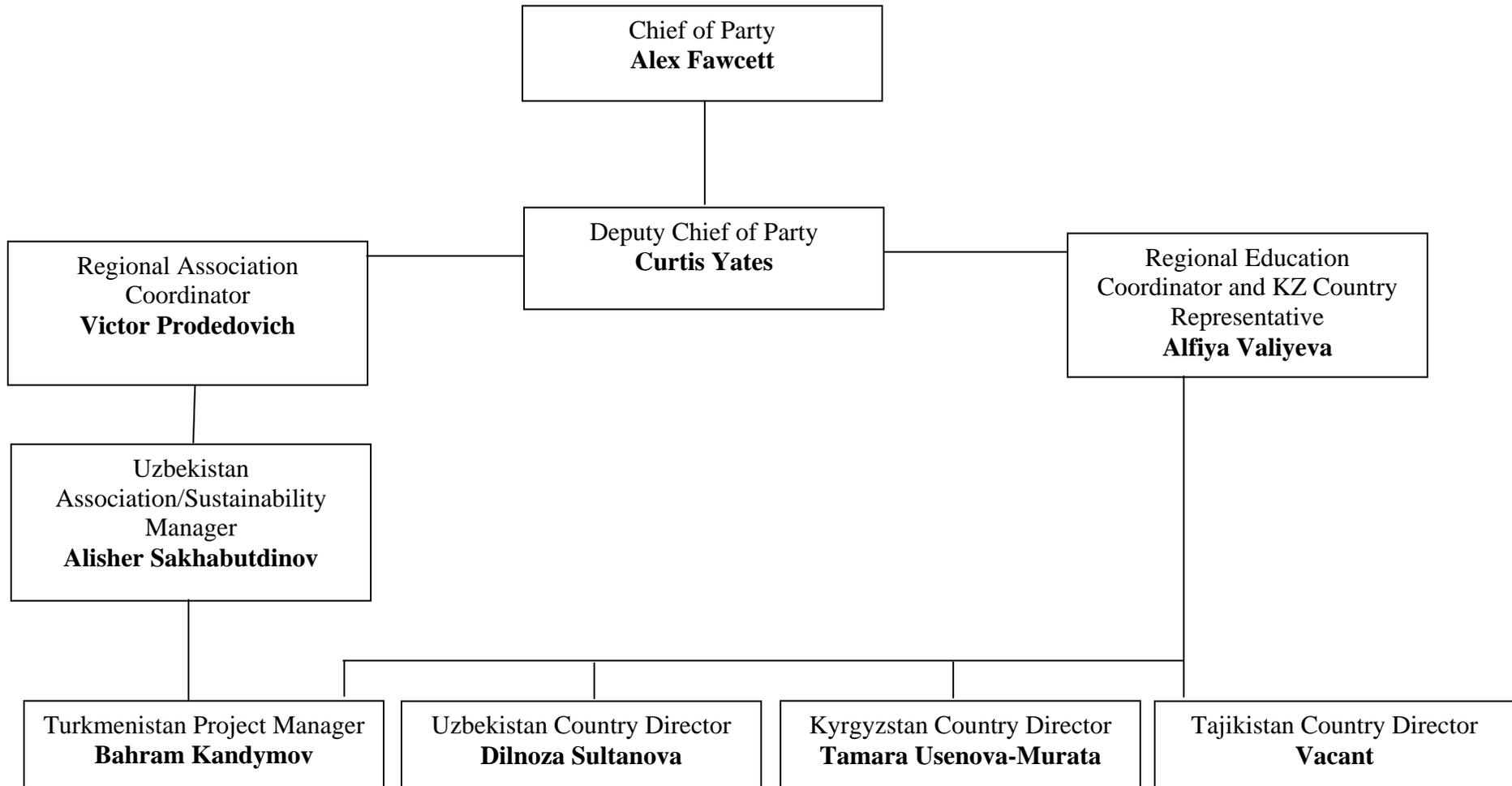
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**A/CIPA Program Certification Candidates for Year 1
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Country	Level	Cumulative Candidates for Certification	A/CIPA Year -One Targets	Year 1 Candidates for Certification	Over/Under Deliverable	Percentage of Deliverables
Kyrgyzstan	CAP	927	175	126	(49)	72.00%
	CIPA	16	2	6	4	300.00%
	CAP+CIPA	943	177	132	(45)	74.58%
Kazakhstan	CAP	3454	1,050	983	(67)	93.62%
	CIPA	26	15	8	(7)	53.33%
	CAP+CIPA	3480	1,065	991	(74)	93.05%
Uzbekistan	CAP	912	240	287	47	119.58%
	CIPA	34	15	8	(7)	53.33%
	CAP+CIPA	946	255	295	40	115.69%
Tajikistan	CAP	208	40	13	(27)	32.50%
	CIPA	9	2	2	0	100.00%
	CAP+CIPA	217	42	15	(27)	35.71%
Turkmenistan	CAP	128	40	29	(11)	72.50%
	CIPA	0	1	-	(1)	0.00%
	CAP+CIPA	128	41	29	(12)	70.73%
Totals Central Asia	CAP	5629	1,545	1438	(107)	93.07%
	CIPA	85	35	24	(11)	68.57%
	CAP+CIPA	5714	1,580	1462	(118)	92.53%

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