

During the first two quarters of 2009, 46 proposals were reviewed for final appraisal by PARDEV, representing a combined total budget of US\$83 million. The appraisal system has enjoyed rapid success and is considered valuable by ILO officials. In a recent survey some 44% of users said it had greatly enhanced the quality of their proposals, 56% reported it had done so “to a certain extent”, and none considered that the appraisal system had failed to improve the proposal.

Enhanced resource mobilization

In line with the Declaration on Social Justice, resource mobilization efforts seek to ensure that funding is channelled to DWCPs and Programme and Budget (P&B) outcomes in order to reach established targets. Results-based implementation allows for better alignment of all resources with the priorities in the Programme and Budget for 2010-11 and for the identification of resource gaps affecting decent work outcomes. Donors are increasingly moving towards un-earmarked, predictable and inclusive multi-annual partnership agreements and contributions to the Regular Budget Supplementary Account (RBSA), which allows the Office to reduce the gaps between available resources and those needed to implement the Decent Work Agenda. The ILO is grateful to the Governments of Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, and the United Kingdom for their strategic and generous contributions to the RBSA in 2008-09, which allowed this innovative new mechanism to become integrated into the efforts of the Office and enabled our constituents to promote decent work for more women and men.

At the end of the 2008-09 biennium, it is expected that the combined contributions from the ILO’s extra-budgetary donors will exceed half a billion US dollars. This represents a significant increase over past biennia and reflects the trust placed in the Office and clear recognition of the ILO’s important role in a reformed United Nations system. While the global jobs crisis has underscored the importance of the ILO’s mandate and agenda, it is also forcing some donors to decrease development aid budgets. In response, the ILO has increased its dialogue with key donors and development partners. A strategy for the active promotion of public-private partnerships as well as South-South collaboration is currently being implemented, and intense engagement with the World Bank and other development partners is being actively promoted. Funds from development partners and the UN are increasingly being accessed at the local level, where the ILO is contributing to the more than 90 UNDAFs that are expected to be rolled out between 2009 and 2011.

Donor dashboard

By the end of 2009 the PARDEV public website will provide a specialized service for individual donors, who will be able to consult current data on the projects and programmes they finance. This extranet, known as the Dashboard, has two components: a general overview of TC projects and country-specific donor information.

Under the donor-specific pages, individual donors will be able to see the top 10 donors to the ILO in terms of budget, a map of projects financed by the individual donor, financial reports, and a compendium of all project documents belonging to a project’s life cycle.

The Dashboard will be phased in as new functions are developed in IRIS - the ILO’s integrated resource information system.

ILO technical cooperation and the global economic crisis

Enhanced ILO technical cooperation is playing a key role in the international response to the economic crisis. With a view to assisting Member States in developing urgent responses to address the crisis, ILO Regional Offices have developed a set of time-bound priority proposals that have been presented to members of the G20 and other donor countries with a request for rapid financing. In early 2010 the Office will focus resource mobilization efforts on filling identified resource gaps in the new outcome-based workplans, and will present results-based approaches and innovative initiatives to addressing the crisis to existing and new development partners and donors.

Technical cooperation remains a key ILO priority, achieving lasting and effective results and striving for decent work for all.

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