**Application Form for Oblast Participation in**

**RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT or URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT OF CBA-III**

**Part A: Explanatory Note**

1. **Background:**

CBA project has been supporting rural areas of Ukraine since 2008, basically for rehabilitation of social/communal infrastructures. Recently, growing need has been witnessed for raising economic wellbeing in rural areas and improving urban housing and municipal governance in cities. CBA-III has encompassed both these visions. However, due to specific nature of oblasts and under available budget with CBA-III, it has been decided to offer these opportunities in an exclusive manner i.e. an oblast can be supported with either of the two opportunities.

Allocated quota is 12 oblasts for rural economic component and 12 oblasts for urban component. In general in an oblast, 3 rural communities will receive economic support through cooperatives while 2 cities will receive urban support through housing associations. Implementation arrangement will be different for these two components. Besides, 2 cities will receive ‘innovation activities and technology’ support to improve governance for better service delivery. A separate launching seminar will be held later on to describe terms and conditions for participation in these components.

It is expected that the oblast should be willing to provide moral, coordination and programmatic support, under the framework of existing rules, to the beneficiary communities or the cities that fall under the matter of its choice or as agreed with the project.

1. **Competition Criteria:**

Natural endowment has its effect on socio-economic nature of each region of Ukraine. Some are more agro-based while others are more industrial/urban based. Besides, vision and commitment of oblast authorities will have a profound effect on the distribution of quota. There is, however, possibility that demand for one of the 2 options will be more than the other. In that case, CBA project will apply additional criteria to make decision e.g. first come first serve, special offers made by the oblast for its proposal, past performance of the oblast in implementing CBA project etc. Decision of CBA project will be the final.

1. **Deadline:**

Deadline for sending the form to the main office of CBA is one week from the date of launching seminar in the oblast.

1. **Application Mailing Address:**

Please send the completed form (Part B) at - *Community Based Approach to Local Development Project.* 20 Esplanadna str, 7th floor, office 707; Kyiv – 01601, Ukraine

You may also send scanned copy of the application at – anastasiya.oliynyk@undp.org

1. **For Further Information :**

Contact Ms. Elena Ruditch (050-417-9620; CBA/community development specialist

**Part B: Application Form**

Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of application receipt “\_\_\_”\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2014

(*To be filled by CBA staff*)

**1. Contact Person:** Official of OSA/OC delegated to deal with this application:

1. Name – ………….
2. Designation – …………….
3. Contact phone - …………. e-mail address: ………

**2. OBLAST’s PROFILE**

* 1. Provide general information about the oblast including:
1. Number of population – (i) rural - ……… (ii) urban - ……….
2. Number of village councils with less than 10,000 population - …..
3. No. of city councils with less than 10,000 population - ……..
4. No. of city council with population between 10,000 – 150,000 - ……..
5. Names of cities of oblast subjugation together with their population
	1. Provide brief description of existing social, economic, environmental problems and access to public services in rural areas as well as in cities with less than 150,000 population. Please provide most recent statistical data where applicable.

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| **Key Indicators** | **Rural Areas** | **Cities with < 150,000 population** |
| Poverty/employment |  |  |
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* 1. Provide in brief the development direction of the oblast as visualized by the oblast council through its most recent socio-economic programme. Please focus the description in terms of rural and urban context.

**3. CHOICE OF OPTION, MOTIVATION AND COMMITMENT**

3.1. Please indicate one of the two options as your choice:

(a) Rural Economic Development Component – [ ]

(b) Urban Development Component - [ ]

3.2. Give reasons of your interest to the above choice

(a) Discussed and decided by appropriate consultative body of the oblast authority on …….. (date)

(b) ……

(c) ……..

3.3 Describe about your offers to support the implementation of your choice

(a) ………….

(b) ……

(c) ……..

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| ………………………Deputy Head,……………. Oblast State Administration | Date: | ……………………..Deputy Head,……………. Oblast Council | Date: |