**Recommendations**

Community based approach applied by the four UNDP Projects has proved that community members and local authorities can be effectively mobilised for participatory governance and local sustainable development. Support structures such as COs, LDFs/MSDCs, community resource centres, co-ordination councils are valuable assets to build on and, therefore, following opportunities should be capitalized to further promote the approach:

**Recommendations for UNDP**:

* Methodology of community based development approach has introduced efficient working mechanisms. It should be promoted widely through media outlets, lobby and advocacy. ; however they have to be further ensured through appropriate intervention and their effective placement.
* Capacity of the created community organizations should be further developed so that they can make independent decisions and maintain their status of an equal partner of local authorities.
* Created rayon community resource centres possess great potential for becoming powerful structures for supporting, informing, implementation of community based development initiatives and dissemination of experience. Capacity of these RCRCs and the involved personnel should be further built through appropriate technical and capacity building supports so as to and personnel boost their potential.
* Support is needed for creation of a functional network of resource centres to enable sharing of experience and best practices.
* It is necessary to consolidate and disseminate among communities and RCRCs the information about innovative technologies, especially on new energy saving technologies and alternative energy sources.
* The role of private sector in local development processes is yet underestimated. Cooperation with local businesses ought to be strengthened in order to exploit their potentials towards self-help initiatives of local communities.
* Incorporating the knowledge and experience on community based development into teaching curriculum of academic institutions is recommended as a step towards sustained capacity building in the area of community based development.

**Recommendations for national, regional and local authorities:**

* The community based development methodology proved to be efficient for all partners and possesses a significant value in the long term. Therefore it should be further promoted by local authorities through existing community resource centres and regional media. COs can also be encouraged to share their experience in form of success stories, bulletins and hosting study/exchange visits.
* Pilot territories (rayons, local councils) practicing participatory governance through COs-participation enjoy more efficient decision-making, micro-project implementation, and more dynamic local development. Settlements with mobilized communities demonstrate initial increase in economic development, improvements in service delivery, high quality of strategic planning, and corruption-free use of funds in implementation of local projects. These phenomena and their factors should be explored, assessed and generalized by local authorities; the process should be standardized and prepared for adoption in non-pilot areas.
* Local development forums (municipal sustainable development councils in cities) as well as community resource centres possess great potential to sustain the practice of community based local development. However, these are semi-formal, ad-hoc structures with rather normative than legal value. In order to fully exploit their efficiency and build on the opportunities they provide, local authorities should formalize these structures with appropriate logistic provisions and human resources.A national level upscaling of this practice can be considered and supported by national government.
* In the longer term, local resources are to be generated for funding of community initiatives and sustainability of such initiatives. Such resources are to be mobilised by community organisations in the form of community development fund, maintenance fund etc. through is gradual collection to enable effective participation of low income groups. However, creation and activities of such funds require legal provision**.**
* Registered COs offer local businesses a legal and transparent means of channelling their funds for support of community initiatives. They also bear potential to receive local budget to carry out community initiatives jointly. However, current legal provision causes difficulties in full fledge utilisation of this opportunity and therefore appropriate legal provision and budget code must be brought into force.
* Strategic planning in participation of mobilised community is found to be efficientand therefore should be continued and promoted further.
* More than 4000 people across Ukraine have acquired know-how to implement CBA methodology at local level. Local development processes initiated under this methodology created favourable conditions for the natural leaders to unleash their potential. Their potential can be further utilized in local governance.
* Several demonstration sites have emerged at the local level for dissemination of CBA methodology in practice. These can be used as learning ground by authorities willing to introduce community based development.