

DevTech Systems, Inc. (DevTech) is an international development consulting firm that has implemented activities in more than 50 countries around the world. The firm provides technical assistance to governments and civil society in the core practice areas of economic development, governance, the environment, education, and gender. DevTech's clients include government agencies in the United States and around the world, consulting firms, and multilateral development banks. The following highlights DevTech's accomplishments in **EUROPE AND EURASIA** in the last ten years.

DevTech delivered project management services to the USAID EcoLinks Trade and Investment program in USAID's Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture, and Trade for five years (1998–2003), and continues to provide short-term technical assistance to support the program. The USAID EcoLinks Trade and Investment Program facilitates the transfer of environmental technologies and services to businesses, municipalities, and associations throughout **EASTERN EUROPE** and **EURASIA**.

Since 2002, DevTech has provided technical support to USAID's **BUREAU FOR EUROPE AND EURASIA** (E&E) for Environmental Compliance Support Services (ECSS). ECSS collaborates with Washington, Missions, and partners to assist them to fulfill requirements of USAID environmental regulations (22 CFR 216, FAA 119, Title XIII, ADS 204). DevTech has developed customized online databases and associated web pages that comprise a knowledge management system for the E&E Bureau.

A DevTech team of in-country and US-based specialists conducted an assessment of environmental impacts of land privatization activities in 15 transition countries of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. The field study, commissioned by USAID's **E&E BUREAU**, identified environmental impacts, both positive and negative, of land privatization in the region, and outlined priority focal points for USAID during the ongoing land privatization process.

DevTech completed an Implementation Completion Report (ICR) for the **AZERBAIJAN** Pilot Reconstruction Project. The ICR involved a review of Bank project files, interviews with pertinent Bank staff, beneficiaries, Azerbaijan officials, other donors, and others with knowledge of the identification, implementation and impact of the projects.

DevTech assisted the three tax administrations in **BOSNIA** and **HERZEGOVINA** to develop a comprehensive design for modernization. USAID's Tax Administration Modernization Project (TAMP) – Phase I (2001-2002) and Phase II (2003-2006). The TAMP team applied business process analysis and business process reengineering techniques to document the tax administration processes and propose reengineered processes and their automation. DevTech also provided assistance to address the requirements for a new Value Added Tax (VAT) Refund system.

DevTech led a team of experts and local consultants in the completion of a Biodiversity Analysis of Cyprus for the USAID/**CYPRUS** Mission (2005). The analysis examined threats to biodiversity in both the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities, and made recommendations on what could be done to conserve biodiversity in these areas, contributing to USAID/Cyprus' first Mission Strategy.

DevTech staff coordinated **USAID's E&E BUREAU'S** Regional Workshop on Environmental Procedures and Lessons Learned from Mitigation and Monitoring of Environmental Compliance in 2004 in Ohrid, **MACEDONIA**. With DevTech's support, the Bureau has set the standard for knowledge management of environmental compliance for the Agency.

Under the **MACEDONIA** Competitiveness Activity (2003-2006), DevTech has provided gender training and has integrated gender concerns into project activities to build the competitiveness of Macedonian enterprises in domestic, regional and global markets.

DevTech advised the Government of **MONTENEGRO** on reform of legislation of the powers and functions of local governments and the development of a more efficient, equitable system of intergovernmental finance (2001). This U.S.-Montenegro Partnership for Municipal Development was a project of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). DevTech reviewed and analyzed existing property laws and drafted legislation to support advanced fiscal decentralization.

Under an Inter-Agency Agreement with USAID, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission, DevTech provided technical assistance to the **ROMANIAN** Competition Office and Competition Council (1997-1998).

DevTech conducted a Gender Assessment for USAID/**RUSSIA** to assist the Mission in preparing its Strategy Statement and incorporate gender into its programs. In 2005, DevTech provided follow-on technical assistance and individualized, practical training to the Mission in order to implement the recommendations for gender integration made in the previous year's gender assessment.

DevTech provided resident, long-term technical assistance in budget reform and institutional strengthening in **UKRAINE**. The USAID-funded Support for Economic Growth and Fiscal Reform: Economic Policy project (2001-2004) included two phases. During Phase I, DevTech assisted the Ministry of Finance to reform its budget process and establish a more effective structure of revenues and expenditures, consistent with the new functions of government in the market economy. In Phase II, the project shifted focus from federal ministries to the sub-national level. DevTech also provided critical technical input into the extension of the Budget Code to lower levels of local government, specifically to subraion levels.

DevTech provided support to the Federal Trade Commission in the areas of antitrust and consumer protection under a task order providing technical assistance to the Antimonopoly Committee of **UKRAINE** (1997-1998). In support of this effort, DevTech provided logistical and administrative assistance to U.S. government staff in Ukraine. DevTech established an office in Kiev to ensure that all requests for assistance were met satisfactorily.