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## ONE PAGE MISSION REPORT SUMMARY

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<b>1. Approved Mission Itinerary:</b> Luanda – Ondjiva – Luanda		<b>2. List of Annexes:</b> Contacts made on field	
<b>3. 10 to 18 October 2016</b>	<b>4. Key Counterpart (s) in Each Location:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kunene Province Governance (Vice-governor), Mr. Cristino Ndeitunga</li><li>• Environment Ministry</li><li>• Consultancy of Resilience to disasters, UNDP Federica Pilia</li><li>• Provincial Commandant of Civil Protection and Firemen, Mr. Paolo Calunga</li><li>• National Committee of Civil Protection, Mr. André Capombo e Mrs. Marquinha Mário</li><li>• Namibia consultant, Mr. John Mendelsohn</li><li>• INAMET, Kunene responsible: Mr. Antonio Ventena</li><li>• GABHIC, possible local responsible: Mr. Bonifácio Kaupu</li></ul>		
<b>5. Purpose/Objectives of Mission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inception Workshop of GEF Cuvelai project in Ondjiva, organized by MINAMB and the Province Governance (11-12/10/2016)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Meeting with Vice/Governor of Kunene Province</li><li>○ Explanation of “Cuvelai” Project, PRODOC and work plan were shared.</li></ul></li><li>• Participate in the collect of key and relevant information of learned lessons in the resilient recovery side with local actors involved in the Cahama Municipy, Kunene Province (13-16/Out/2016)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Meeting with Provincial Commandant of Civil Protection Services, who explained what had been done in the province (visit of Hidrometric stations (2) in Ondjiva).</li></ul></li><li>• Participation in the Provincial workshops about the preparation for a resilient recovery of disasters (both last events coordinated with consultancy Federica Pilia and the National and Provincial Civil Protection (17-18/Out/2016).</li></ul>			

## 6. Brief Summary of Mission Outcomes:

The mission was anticipated to Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> since the officials of the Ministry of the Environment prepared the GEF Cuvelai project launching event in Ondjiva with the help of the new Governor of Cunene nominated recently Dr. Kundi Paihama and his team for Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We had the participation of the UN Representing in Angola Sr. Pier Paolo Balladelli, and technical support was given to members of MINAMB who exposed the objectives and expected results of this project.

A soap women association was visited with the authorities that offered to continue this type of help. In the same place, is being build a pregnancy center health that will allow women to get medical attendance nearer to their homes.

During the day 12<sup>th</sup> was performed a meeting with Vice-Governor of Kunene Province, Mr. Cristino Ndeitunga who was informed about the official PRODOC document, as well as the work plan proposed for the first year of implementation. He asked to participate actively for the decision making in this project, as well as to have a chronological activities table who let them know about next steps in the implementation of this project. Same information was shared with Provincial Director of Territorial Planning, Mr. Cláudio Kondjasili who will be more involved in next technical meetings to be realized in the province.

The provincial office of GABHIC (Gabinet of Cuvelai Basin Administration) was visited together with GABHIC's director and general director, Mr. Carolino Mendes and Carlos Andrade. Later, Mr. Bonifácio Kaupu was presented as future Ondjiva GABHIC representant for Cuvelai Basin. The office space was empty, however GABHIC members explained in next days it will be move some tables, chairs and other furniture from Calueque dam station.

The day 13<sup>th</sup>, was reviewed with the consultor Federica Pilia: agenda, presentations, questionnaires, etc., for next day meetings with Provincial Civil Protection and Firemen. Federica explained relevant information about the work done in this province related with the creation of resilience that started two years ago.

After, the collection of learned lessons about resilient recovery started with Commandments of Civil Protection at Provincial and National levels. Mr. Paolo Calunga and André Capombo were questioned about this topic in both levels. Many of the tools and work plans designed are still note being implemented, mainly for high technical rotation in each Provincial Direction, or in the Municipalities which make hard to constantly remain the concepts already learned, or keep an ongoing work agreement with local governments.

Later, I was asked to talk more the "Cuvelai" Project, and a summary was explained. Commandant Calunga showed the work done with USAID and Namibian consultors for mapping: vulnerabilities, risks, water wells, schools, etc. We were able to visit the hydrometric stations in Ondjiva and that are part of the Namibia Early Warning System (EWS). Unfortunately, for politic issues, internet is not being pay for six months what doesn't leave the Civil Protection team obtain current data (even it was not used for lack of rains during this time).

A visit to Cahama administration was done on day 14<sup>th</sup>, an expected meeting with the Administrator or his delegates was cancelled due to an improvised death at political level that brought all local politicians to Ondjiva for the funeral. Was possible to realize short visits to rural communities were observation was used.

Day 15<sup>th</sup>, was maintained a meeting with Mr. Matteo Tonini, in charge of FAO South Provinces Projects. The reality of Kunene, Hila and Namibe were explained, as well as how FAO is trying to give response to the drought emergency, through recovery projects with the "EDA" systems (Field schools), horti-culture farming and manual pumps to irrigate the crops. Due to transhumance, high migration rates, cultural practices of local people is very hard to keep them motivated for growing food, however they are having some good experiences that serve as example for other communities. They hope to start with fruit trees too, and honey production. Also with ADPP, they are trying to start a small micro-financing systems to promote sustainability.

Day 16<sup>th</sup>, was very useful to meet with Lisa Angeli, who explained the current situation of CERF and the emergency response to Drought season in Kunene, Huila e Namibe. The work done since March 2016 in these provinces, were understand and determine some specific lines were the Cuvelai Project could be start at.

During 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, the Workshop in the Preparation for a Resilient Recovery to Disasters was done in Ondjiva, in the Civil Protection installation. It was very important to remain the concepts, but more to get to know local people in charge of the directions and municipalities of Kunene, and here from them situations and problems that still people is facing and how difficult is to create resilience for them. It was an active group work participation, and some feedback for Civil Protection and consultor Federica Pilia.

A meeting with Namibian consultor John Mendelson, co-writer of the "Cuvelai" and "Vulnerabilities of Cuvelai" books was held taking advantage of their experience on the field and previous work done. He explained how difficult has been to really create resilience in Angolan side communities, not only for bad climate conditions, but for lack of government support and infrastructure. There is not a real system for water utilisation, as example. He is working right now, with some Universities in Lubango, where students are going to rural areas, taking data from community and face the reality of them, like walk for 2 or 3 hours in order to have access to water (that in most cases is not clean). I ask if they could participate in the next technical meeting plan to be in Ondjiva, and said no problem while announced some time in advance.

Meeting with local INAMET responsible, Mr. Antonio Ventena, who explained that already have 4 techniques prepared to work in the EWS, and the hydrometric stations implementation in Kunene.

## 7. Key recommendations /Actions to be Taken:

- Organize the technical workshop in Ondjiva to open the discussion with key stakeholders, including previous experiences with USAID, and collecting good Namibia examples, as well as, Provincial Civil Protection.
- With the Resilience response, it's good to see local governments empowered, however still rural communities people continue to suffer hunger, lack of water and starving. The number of death people and children are still going on due the strong drought season that daily, they are facing.
- Emphasize at all opportunities and levels the urgency for MINAMB to hire a sufficiently qualified national project coordinator (GEF funded) who must be fully dedicated to this project.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I strongly suggest a high level meeting with representants of UNICEF and FAO that are working in some areas that this project has funding, as well as with other areas of UNDP that are working in the South Provinces in order to give accurate response to rural communities and local governments.</li> <li>• Have a Namibia field visit in order to compare what has been done there in order to be successful not only with their EWS, but creating resilience in their people, who are suffering same climate conditions (high temperatures, lack of rains and desert weather) but seems to have more resilience than Angolan side communities.</li> <li>• Start as soon as possible and in agreement with MINAMB, faster points as the water and agriculture themes.</li> <li>• Share the summaries or other relevant documents of the workshops and learned lessons about resilience to drought in Kunene collected during this week activities.</li> </ul>	
<b>9. Proposed Debriefing Date: 21/10/2016</b>	<b>Participation in Briefing:</b>