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1. Approved Mission Itinerary: Luanda – Ondjiva – Luanda		2. List of Annexes: Contacts made on field	
3. 13 to 15 September 2016	4. Key Counterpart (s) in Each Location: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP consultant in Ondjiva, Lisa Angeli • UNICEF team in Ondjiva • FAO team in Ondjiva with their ADPP implementing partner • Municipal Administrator and Agriculture Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment in Cuvelai • Vice-governor of Cunene Province • Proteção Civil of Cunene Province, Ondjiva 		
5. Purpose/Objectives of Mission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploratory visit to Cunene Province and Cuvelai basin in expectation of the initiation of GEF Cuvelai project. • Making contact with key counterparts of GEF Cuvelai project. 			
6. Brief Summary of Mission Outcomes: <p>The mission was initially intended as first visit to Cunene together with officials from the Ministry of the Environment for launching the GEF Cuvelai project, following the planned inception workshop in Luanda on 12th of September and combined with an opening workshop on the project in Ondjiva to be held on the 15th of September. However, the planning of the inception workshop in Luanda was delayed by the agenda of the Minister who also did not want the technical workshop in Ondjiva to be held before the new Governor of Cunene has been nominated. Dr. Giza from MINAMB had wanted to participate in the visit but canceled on the morning of the 13th. He did not express any concerns to UNDP staff traveling alone. UNDP consultant Lisa Angeli had mentioned the visit to the Vice-Governor who wanted to meet with the visitors. This visit took place on the 15th and was very positive. While formally the visit at this particular time was explained with the upcoming end of Lisa Angeli's contract, the Cuvelai project was communicated and there is now an expectation for this project to be soon launched in the region. This is a positive and probably the most important outcome of the visit, given the long delay of the project start.</p> <p>On the afternoon of the 13th, right after arriving in Ondjiva, we visited the UNICEF office to make contact with the local staff after having discussed and agreed on close coordination of activities with the UNICEF office in Luanda. The discussion with UNICEF included a briefing especially on the water supply related activities and needs (wash & saneamento). UNICEF had recently considered investing own funds in an early warning system for flooding without knowing of the upcoming GEF Cuvelai project that has substantial funds for the same purpose, and therefore coordination between UNDP and UNICEF will be key for efficient use of UN funds. As a key need, the preparation of an investment plan in the water infrastructure of the province was identified in this meeting (note that the Vice-Governor later claimed that this investment plan already exists, a point to be followed up with the Directorate of Water and Energy of the province at the next visit). After checking into the hotel, a briefing of the situation in the province and the emergency related work was provided over dinner by Lisa.</p> <p>The 14th was used for a full-day field visit to the Municipality of Cuvelai together with FAO (Mr. Simba). It started in Cuvelai with a meeting with the Municipal Administrator in the presence of the Secretary for Agriculture of the Municipality. The Administrator talked about the problems in terms of water supply and the difficulties with government funded wells that run dry in the dry season. But the key message was that the Municipality of Cuvelai, being more fertile, higher and therefore not prone to flooding, and receiving more rainfall than the south of the Province, could become the place where food is produced for the Province and cattle take refuge at times of drought or flooding in the rest of the Province, thereby playing a key role in emergency strategies for the whole Province. This idea has apparently been developed together with FAO based on their experiences in the region and is worth being followed up on during the GEF Cuvelai project. The meeting was followed by field visits to projects of irrigated horticulture on the margin of the Cuvelai river and a solar powered well supplying one community with water (Was possible to see different energy water pumps: diesel, manual, etc.).</p> <p>On the 15th in the morning, a second field trip with FAO and ADPP was made to a horticulture project in Ombadja (Community Chipulo), meeting with members of the producer group (mostly women) and the Communal Administrator of Chipulo. After our return, we had a brief meeting with the Vice-Governor (as mentioned earlier) and then with the Head of Operations of Proteção Civil which had benefited from the USAID funded project with Development Workshop and is now hosting a non-functional early warning system for flooding. As identified already in earlier meetings in Luanda, agreement on the question what institutions should play what role in an early warning system for Cuvelai (and other basins) will be key to the success of the GEF Cuvelai project as well as the related GEF Coastal Adaptation project. After the meeting with Proteção Civil we went straight to the airport to board the plane to Luanda.</p>			
7. Key recommendations /Actions to be Taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with MINAMB at all levels to hold inception workshop of GEF Cuvelai. At the highest level (Minister) this should best be done by downplaying its potential as a public event and stressing its essentially technical nature that does not merit Ministerial presence. Public launching events could be held separately and organized specifically for public consumption, without the technical detail that inception workshops require. 			8. Distribution: UNDP CO

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • As soon as the inception workshop has been held, organize technical workshop in Ondjiva to open the discussion with key stakeholders. This could be followed by a series of smaller workshops on specific questions, such as the structure of the early warning system, and the project interventions in the fields of agriculture and water. • Coordinate closely with sister agencies UNICEF and FAO on project interventions and both Luanda and local levels. Be however careful that this is not perceived as excluding MINAMB and other government agencies from discussions. • Review what had been done in Kunene with other agencies as DW (Development Workshop) or OUSAID. 	
<p>9. Proposed Debriefing Date: n/a</p>	<p>Participation in Briefing: n/a</p>