# REQUEST FOR COUNTRY ALLOCATION OF UNDP COVID-19 2.0

# **RAPID FINANCING FACILITY**

**Clearance**

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| **Criteria** | **Yes/No** |
| Funding is provided to support the implementation of the UNDP Covid 2.0 offer in alignment with national priorities and needs, and in partnership with the UNCT and other partners. | YES |
| Proposal is aligned with priorities identified in national socio-economic impact assessments and/or national Covid recovery plans. | YES |
| Proposal is complemented by other funds | YES |
| CO has expended at least 50 per cent of its RRF funding. | YES |
| Gender marker ratings (GEN2 or 3) validated. | YES GEN2 |

**Technical Recommendation – Summary:**

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| The proposal went through a deep revision to focus the intervention on green recovery and make the causal links between activities, outputs and the intervention's objective more evident. The intervention builds on existing structures (local extension offices, CRDE) and partnerships to implement activities with a range of short-term (Cash for work) and long-term recovery activities. The interventions prioritize vulnerable groups, such as women and youth, and uses digital tools as cross-cutting solutions to achieve greater impacts. The project includes considerations to ensure the sustainability of the interventions and Result 2 focuses on governance support that contribute to strengthening the sustainability of Result 1. The proposal is considered cleared technically. |

## Substantive area of RFF REQUEST

*(Please choose the most relevant area)*

* Continued Health Crisis Support
* Governance
* Social protection
* Green economy
* Digital disruption and innovation

## Proposal details (maximum APPROXIMATELY 3 pages)

**Country: COMOROS**

**Requestor: Fenella Frost, Resident Representative**

**Project Title: Promotion of Green Economy and Recovery from the impact of COVID-19 in Comoros**

**Requested amount: 1 500 000 USD**

**Gender Marker: GEN 2**

**Date of submission: 10/26/2020**

**Implementation Start Date: 11/15/2020**

**Implementation Complete Date: 05/14/2021**

1. **Situation analysis** *(maximum 3,000 characters)*

*Within the analysis, please include the gender differentiated impacts of COVID-19.*

The COVID-19 pandemic and its impact at the international level is exacerbating key structural issues and creating new challenges and for a SIDS already extremely vulnerable to external shocks, very exposed to climate change, and excessively dependent on external resources.

Even though the COVID19 health situation in Comoros seems relatively under control in comparison to neighboring States (496 cases including 7 deaths as of mid-October 2020), the forecasted socioeconomic impact is concerning, especially for the most vulnerable groups, and particularly for women and youth.

Comoros is currently facing a global slowdown of its internal offer and demand and a yet unknown impact on its exports (mainly cash crops). The Sub-Committee on Economy of the National COVID19 Coordination Committee indicates that national growth for 2020 could be inferior to 1% instead of the 4.6% initially planned.

Some sectors of the economy are more impacted by others. Current analysis observes that there are:

* An increase in primary sector offer 1.8% compared to -0.8% in 2019
* A contraction of secondary supply -1.8% against 3.4%
* A decrease in the growth rate of the tertiary sector 1.3% against 3.9% in 2019 (supported by public investments in the health sector)

Even though the primary sector has not been as affected as other sectors by the crisis so far, it is strategic to support the agriculture sector given that:

1. It represents more than 40% of its GPD, 70 to 90 % to the export earnings, employs 80% of its labor force.
2. The informal sector (77% of national economic activity) is highly represented in the agricultural sector. Investing in agriculture therefore targets people living in precarious conditions, with limited access to basic services and no social protection system.
3. There is an increased risk of food insecurity due to external dependence (1 out of 5 person suffers from food insecurity) in a context of strong demographic growth and high exposure to climate change.
4. As investments are considered risk, more resilient and green agriculture is at the heart of a sustainable recovery and resilience of vulnerable communities and groups, since, it has the potential to create added value, gainful employments for youth and new economic niches

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Disaggregated data on how women are impacted by the COVID 19 crisis is not yet available, but trends indicate that: 1) women are overly represented in the informal sector ; 2) access to employment will be more difficult for women; 3) power inequalities are deeply ingrained and women tend to exclude themselves from decision-making structures, including at the community level.

People living with disabilities (PLDs) are also considered as an extremely vulnerable group: they lack access to primary health services and specific health services. They are excluded from the educational system (more than 60 percent of PLDs have never been to school) and face difficulty to access employment (lack of incentives). The COVID19 is likely to have worsened their access to basic needs and livelihoods.

COVID19 has exacerbated Comoros’s vulnerabilities. To address them, the country must solve the equation between promoting a recovery targeting the most vulnerable and boosting its economic growth. To do so, it is key to facilitate mechanisms that accelerate Comoros’ transition towards a more inclusive and modern economy, using the potential of digital tools, public-private partnerships and nature-based solutions.

1. **Proposal overview and expected outputs** *(maximum 3,000 characters)*

*Please elaborate on the proposal approach and how it is expected to lead to change at the output level. All Rapid Financing Facility proposals must be GEN2 or GEN3; therefore, please indicate how the country office proposes to address gender inequalities through concrete interventions.*

This forward-looking proposal aims at supporting a greener and more inclusive recovery in Comoros centered on the most vulnerable groups and communities to increase their resilience to external shocks by capitalizing on the economic strengths and opportunities of the country.

If the livelihoods of most vulnerable rural communities and groups are strengthened and their voices are heard,

If the agricultural sector becomes more attractive to youth and entrepreneurs thanks to innovative approaches,

If the private sector is supported to respond to the crisis induced by the COVID 19 pandemic,

If these partnerships are included in inclusive and resilient recovery actions,

Then Comoros will be more resilient to external shocks,

Because a) COVID recovery will be built on an inclusive and resilient *build back better* approach, based on the economic potential of the country supported by innovative public and private partnerships ;b) the dependence of Comoros towards external markets will have been reduced; and c) all sectors of the population will be involved in the recovery

*Expected Outputs*

In order to achieve the expected change, two main results working at three levels (community, intermediate and policy levels) are expected:

1. The resilience of rural communities and groups to the economic and social impacts of the COVID19 pandemic is increased through:
   1. Innovative programmes including capacity and agriculture skills development programmes targetting the youth that boost a greener, more productive and resilient, more attractive to youth agriculture to fight food insecurity and promote sustainable investment.
   2. Develop initiatives that strengthen and protect livelihoods for the most vulnerable groups and especially rural women using the 3\*6 approach which will build on the capacities and services available at the Rural Economic Development Centers (CRDE in French).
2. Multisectoral dialogue mechanisms using digital tools are set up to support recovery actions that promote green economy and growth while putting the most vulnerable at the core of the interventions .To facilitate the contribution of all sectors to the national recovery, the project will:
   1. Analyze the impact of the crisis on the private sector, including the informal sector as well as youth and women and identify key measures to include the private sector and vulnerable groups in the recovery of the country.
   2. Facilitate the organization and adaptation of the private sector thanks to an interactive platform hosted by the Union of the Chambers of Commerce.
   3. Ensure the participation of all citizens, including women and the youth, to the recovery efforts thanks to a direct democracy tool.

*Gender marker for this project is 2.*

In all socioeconomic activities, women will represent minimally 50% of direct beneficiaries and for some of them, they will be the sole targeted beneficiaries.

For the 3\*6 approach, the community initiatives will be agreed upon by the community through a gender-sensitive participatory mechanism where women will be fully included. The CfW programme will also be gender-sensitive in terms of schedule, workplace facilities accommodations, and types of activities.

The digital tools developed in this project (please see below for further information) are gender sensitive: gender issues raised by citizens will be addressed by the National Commission for Gender Promotion and Solidarity (Gender Commission), the private sector platform and the CRDE platform will include women’s businesses and address their needs.

The total budget linked to gender equality and women’s empowerment is USD 335 000.

1. **Management arrangements** *(maximum 2,000 characters)*

*Describe how the initiative will be managed within UNDP.*

The project will be implemented through the Direct Implementation Modality (DIM), i.e. the requested funding will be fully managed by UNDP Comoros. The Disaster Management Programme Officer will serve as a focal point under the general supervision of the Resident Representative and direct supervision of the Assistant Resident Representative, ARR, who will be responsible for the qualitative management and results of the project in accordance with UNDP project management rules and procedures.

The implementation of the COVID-19 response and recovery plan and the multi-sectoral contingency plan is informed by the partnership, support and collaboration with the National Direction on Agricultural and Livestock strategies (DNSAE) , and other development partners and with stakeholders including the Gender Commission, the Ministry of Youth and Employment, FAO, the World Bank, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs), Organizations of Women Entrepreneurs, and Rural Economic Development Centers to support in the implementation of the project.

1. **Partnerships** *(maximum 2,000 characters)*

*Describe how the country office will work with partners to achieve results.*

UNDP will facilitate, coordinate and directly manage all partnerships that will be necessary to implement the 2 results.

*MAIN NATIONAL PARTNERS*

*Rural Economic Development Centers (CRDE):* the 3 UNDP-supported centers based at the community level will coordinate the activities related to the strengthening of the agricultural value chain and community-based resilience using the 3\*6 approach. The CRDE knowledge platform will facilitate access to knowledge, practices and technologies to train and coach farmers on how to boost their productivity while protecting the environment. The Market Place functionality will help farmers access local markets.

*Union of Chambers of Commerce:* will play a key role in supporting the private sector and in instilling a business approach in the agricultural sector (thanks to an existing partnership between the CRDE and the UCCIA). It will directly support the conception and development of the private sector platform and will be responsible for maintaining it and for encouraging all relevant actors to register and use the platform.

*The Gender Commission:* will be consulted with respect to all activities including women and PLDs to adopt a share vision on how to carry out specific activities. It will also be part of the direct democracy platform and will have access to the requests and concerns related to gender or PLDs and the management of the response to the COVID19 crisis*.*

*The Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Committees:* will support the decision-making process at community-level to select the CfW projects aimed at strengthening the resilience of the targeted communities

*The Parliament:* will be involved in the design and use of the direct democracy platform. Members of Parliament will promote its use by their constituents*.*

*INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS AND EXPERTISE*

*ILO:* UNDP and ILO are currently developing a partnership in Comoros to maximize synergies on the aspects of informal economy. Within this initiative, the institutions will work together on two main activities:

* Analysis of the impact of the COVID19 crisis on the private sector, including informal sector, and support to the formulation of key gender sensitive recommendations.
* COOP programme to support cooperatives, boost their productivity and find opportunities to improve and sell their products.

1. **Complementarity with other funds available for COVID-19**

*If the country office already has resources available for COVID-19 (e.g. core resources, Rapid Response Facility, government C/S, third-party C/S, vertical funds, etc.), please indicate how the requested funds will complement other funds or help mobilise additional resources toward programmatic ambitions and sustainability.*

TheCountry Office has benefited from core and non-core funds to address the COVID crisis. The CO has also reviewed existing funds to identify how they can contribute (where possible) to the fight against COVID – please see table below. This proposal builds on the UN and UNDP COVID response plans and complements the gains from the activities and projects funded by the other complementary funds. The integration and inclusiveness with the joint projects and activities of the other UN Agencies and development partners create connections among the pillars to maximize the impact, especially on the most vulnerable including the youth, women and PLDs, not only as beneficiaries, but also as decision-makers.

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| Funding source | Amount in USD | Purpose of / period covered by Funding |
| COVID19- related funds | | |
| TRAC 2  (funded – fully spent) | 750 000 | In addition to supporting the response to the COVID19 crisis, the TRAC 2 funding is also contributing to the strengthening of the CRDE which play a major role in supporting the agricultural value chain and the transition towards a climate-intelligent and resilient agriculture  (until Dec. 2020) |
| TRAC 2 COVID | 134 000 | Strengthen national capacities to coordinate and respond to the COVID19 crisis |
| TRAC 1 | 462 000 | Support the operational capacities of national and local structures involved in responding to the health crisis and its socioeconomic impact |
| CANADA | 64 000 | This funding is aimed at engaging youth and women at grassroots level to respond to the COVID19 crisis and its socioeconomic impact in the most vulnerable communities |
| Funds related to GREEN ECONOMY (catalytic) | | |
| AfDB | 1 000 000 | Support the economic empowerment of women through the set-up of rural economic units. |
| Funds related to GREEN ECONOMY to be mobilized using RFF as catalytic funding | | |
| GEF/UNDP | 10 000 000 | Strengthening the resilience of climate-smart agricultural systems and value chains in Union of Comoros (PIF) |
| GEF/UNDP | 1 269 863 | National child project under the GEF Africa Minigrids Program (PPG) |
| GEF/UNDP  ILO | 4 500 000  40 000 | Biodiversity protection through the Effective Management of the National Network of Protected Areas (PPG)  Creation of decent , sustainable, and inclusif employement opportunities in Comoros in the context of post COVID response and recovery management |

1. **Risk mitigation** *(maximum 2,000 characters)*

*Identify the key risks that may threaten the achievement of results and describe how project risks will be mitigated.*

| RISKS | PROBABILITY | IMPACT | MANAGEMENT / MITIGATION STRATEGY | RESPONSIBLE |
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| R1 The health context and the resurgence of COVID19 limit the effective capacities of UNDP and partners to implement the project. | Medium | High | UNDP and its partners will systematically take all relevant measures to prevent the coronavirus to spread. Social distancing will be enforced and EPI (including masks) will be provided | UNDP and implementing partners |
| R2 The difficulty in identifying of the most vulnerable groups in the COVID-specific context. | Medium | High | From the very onset of the crisis, UNDP Comoros has undergone a large reflection with national and international partners to agree on the most relevant criteria of personal and household vulnerability in this context. These criteria will be used to target the beneficiaries and the analysis provided by the HH survey will help prioritize them.  It will also be important for the project to target the communities that are most in need and where the project will have a catalytic impact, especially where vertical funds are implemented | UNDP |
| R3 the 3\*6 approach has never been tested in Comoros and requires the coordinated interventions of several actors to accompany the communities | Medium | High | UNDP Comoros has experience in cash for work programme since the Kenneth Cyclone. The Agency has also been involved in livelihoods recovery, business support in the informal sector and financial support at community-level. The mobilization and coordination of key actors will be easier and connections with other activities such as the marketplace will make the impact more sustainable | UNDP  CRDE |
| R4 Tensions among groups and communities emerge for the selection of cash for work projects and beneficiaries. | Medium | High | A clear and transparent communication on the objective criteria followed to select both projects and beneficiaries is established with local actors from the very  These criteria will be agreed upon by all relevant partners.  In case of tensions, UNDP and its partners will work closely with local authorities to explain the process followed. | UNDP and relevant communities |
| R5 Few women are interested in participating in the rural entrepreneurship programme | Medium | Medium | Awareness-raising activities will be organized. A targeted communication strategy will be developed, and role models of women entrepreneurs could play an interesting role in showing that women can become entrepreneurs in this sector. Targeted CfW and training programmes for women will be developed in parallel | UNDP  Gender Commission  CRDE |
| R5 The 3 digital platforms (CRDE Platform, private sector platform and Parliamentary platform are not used by intended users and maintained by hosts | Medium | High | The 3 digital tools will be designed with the host and intended users of the platforms and training as well as material and technologies will be provided. | UNDP and contractors in charge of developing the tools and platforms |

## BUDGET / WORKPLAN

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| **EXPECTED OUTPUTS** | **PLANNED ACTIVITIES** | **TIMEFRAME** | | | | | | | | **RESPONSIBLE PARTY** | **PLANNED BUDGET\*** | | |
| List all activities including M&E to be undertaken during the year towards stated CP outputs |
| 2020 | | 2021 | | | | 2022 | | Source of Funds | Budget Description | Amount |
| Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| **RESULT 1: The resilience of rural communities and groups to face crises and shocks such as the COVID19 pandemic is increased** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **OUTPUT 1.1 The agricultural value chain is enhanced to strengthen the resilience of small farmers to shocks and crisis (such as COVID-19) and to save and create new green employment opportunities, especially in the informal sector, and vulnerable groups (youth, women, disabled), while reducing food insecurity through local and sustainable production** | **1.1.1 Support the provision of necessary inputs and skills training on appropriate faming systems to maintain or restart climate-smart agricultural production and livestock management:**  a) Procure agricultural inputs to quickly launche resilient and sustainable cultures in Ndzuani, Mwali and Ngazidja  b) Support the multiplication in plant nurseries (CRDE and private) of new or already tested and adapted short-cycled and more nutritive plant varieties  c) Procure adapted and non-invasive seeds (from the African region and climate similar agricultural areas) to test greenhouse farming, soil-less cultivation and open-field farming  d) Build-up feed/grain supplies in each targeted CRDE to maintain poultry and cattle breeding.  *Digital solution: Use the CRDE online platform for the supply of seeds, and knowledge sharing for the transfer of resilient technologies and techniques* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | UNDP  CRDE | RFF | PROCUREMENT OF GOODS  CONTRACTUAL SERVICES | 60 000 |
| UNDP  CRDE | TRAC | PROCUREMENT OF GOODS | 50 000 |
| **1.1.2 Promote productivity boosting and resilience strengthening through tailor-tuned training programmes on food value chain including** reducing post-harvest losses a) The CRDE train small producers on how to boost eco-responsible agricultural productivity  b) PLDs, Youth and Women targeted Programmes on food processing and preservation, GERME tools for small business and digital market solution are implemented in the three UNDP-supported CRDE to transform agricultural products and strengthen the agricultural value chain.  c) Build solar or hybrid energy powered storage facilities for agricultural and breeding products, with the implication of youth and PLDs for operation and maintenance.  *Digital Solutions: the online platform of the CRDE will facilitate access to information and techniques related to food conservation* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | CRDE  UCCIA | RFF  UCCIA  TRAC 2 | CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  NATIONAL CONSULTANT  WORKSHOP  TRAVEL  PRINTING COSTS | 130 000 |
| **1.1.3 Innovative Agri Cash for Training programme is launched in the three islands to support at least 50 young rural entrepreneurs in developing climate intelligent cultural activities and rural youth entrepreneurship**:  a) In coordination with local authorities and communities from vulnerable areas, select at least 50 youth from vulnerable communities.  b) 3 CRDE provide training and technical support on how to grow resilient cultures and produce ecological agricultural inputs.  c) The young rural entrepreneurs go through a 3-month paid internship with local farmers and practice on-site (within the CRDE infrastructures).  d) Adapted Business support by the UCCIA and CRDE (public-private partnership): training on financial education and savings, Business Plan, Small market studies, e-marketing and business (using the CRDE Digital Platform and B2C Market Place functionality). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | CRDE  UCCIA | RFF  UCCIA  TRAC 2 | CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  LOA | 1. 000 |
| **1.1.4 Develop sustainable income -generating activities for Women and boost their socioeconomic empowerment:**  a) 500 Ylang Ylang women and young women pickers were impacted by the COVID19 crisis in vulnerable areas, resulting from reduction of global demand on ylang-ylang, loss of employment for the whole sector, and loss of income for pickers particularly. They will benefit from CfW activities and are supported by CRDEs for alternative economic opportunities (i.e. ylang-ylang transformation and other alternative activitie)  b) 370 women in Anjouan are trained in poultry breeding and provided with the necessary inputs, training and coaching to launch their activities. Women and young women will also be trained in using the CRDE platform  c) Boost the economic empowerment of women through personal training, networking, specific actions targeted at women and youth on the private sector platform and CRDE platform (in addition to the Parliamentary platform) and awareness-raising activities with men to initiate discussions on new masculinities that promote gender equality. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | CRDE  EFOICOM  UCCIA | RFF | CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  PROCUREMENT OF GOODS | 150 000 |
| **1.1.5 Through South-South Cooperation, promote local productions at the regional and international levels and search for good practices to promote the agricultural sector and make it more resilient and attractive:**  a) Based on *The Other Bar* experience in Ecuador and other experiences supported by UNDP, develop and test a blockchain-based traceability system, to develop transparency in the sector, reduce transaction costs and increase profit margins of sustainably produced Ylang -Ylan and new produc pices such as ginger and pepper  b) Develop partnerships with entities such as Songhai to develop a new form of Resilient and Climate Intelligent Agribusiness in Comoros.  *Digital solution: set the basis of using the blockchain technology of one cash crop in Comoros. This initiative will be scaled-up with additional funding from GEF funded projects in preparation on resilient agricultural value chains, rural electrification, and waste management.* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | UNDP | RFF | CONTRUACTUAL SERVICES  INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT | 100 000 |
| **1.1.6 CRDE Platform**: Support the development of a knowledge platform among the CRDE and with the farmers to promote, develop and share new technologies and techniques to support the development of a greener and more resilient agriculture and facilitate access by small farmers to local and national markets |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | UNDP | RFF | IT EQUIPMENT | 70 000 |
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| **OUTPUT 1.2 Using the 3\*6 approach, the livelihoods of the most vulnerable groups and especially women in the rural world are protected and more resilient** | **1.2.1 PHASE 1: Community-based Cash for Work (CfW) programmes are launched in vulnerable rural areas to strengthen community resilience and adapt to climate change**  a) With the help of the existing DRM Committees and experts, establish a gender-sensitive community-based decision-making process to select the CfW projects  b) Define a selection strategy and shared criteria to select beneficiaries (half of them will be women)  c) Design and Implement projects related to community resilience and adaptation to climate change  d) Provide life and business skills training as well as marketing support to develop a small business project |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | UNDP  CRDE  UCCIA | RFF | LOA  TRAVEL  CATERING | 200 000 |
| **1.2.2 PHASE II: accompany the beneficiaries in defining economic activities or small business along the agricultural value chain:**  a) saving to support small businesses: with the help of the UCCIA and in collaboration with MFIs, accompany the beneficiaries in developing a business model (individual or collective) and invest their savings accordingly  b) joint venturing: on the basis of feasible business plans, provide more start-up capital for economic activities and present the BP to IMFs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | UNDP  CRDE  UCCIA  EFOICOM  IMF | RFF | CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  LOA  TRAVEL | 56 000 |
| **1.2.3 PHASE III: SUSTAINABILITY**   1. Formalize a partnership with MFIs, especially Sanduk and Meck so they develop specific credit products for self-entrepreneurs in the agricultural sector 2. Accompany self-entrepreneurs in managing their credit 3. In collaboration with the CRDE and UCCIA, provide access to local markets and training on e-commerce 4. Provide specific training on self-confidence and coaching to women, youth and PLDs and organize a business network among them.   *Digital solutions: use the various platforms to create networks of women* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | UNDP   CRDE  UCCIA  IMF | RFF | CONTRACTUAL SERVCES  LOA | 40 000 |
| **TOTAL RESULT 1** | | | | | | | | | | | | | **946 000** |
| **TOTAL RESULT 1 - RFF FUNDING** | | | | | | | | | | | | | **856 000** |
| **RESULT 2: Multisectoral dialogue mechanisms using digital tools are set up to support recovery actions that promote green economy and growth while putting the most vulnerable at the core of the interventions** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **OUTPUT 2.1 Comoros' recovery is multisectoral, based on public and private partnerships and places resilience, environmental protection and adaptation to climate change at the heart of its strategy**  **OUTPUT 2.2: The participation of all citizens, including women, and youth in the recovery process is guaranteed through a direct democracy mechanism** | **2.1.1 Study the impact of the COVID19 crisis on the private sector, notably on MPMEs, and the informal sector, and mobilize partners to implement short-term and longer-term impact mitigation measures:**   1. Implement a socioeconomic impact survey (SEIA) using Kobo Toolbox and Power BI to understand the impact and trends of the crisis on Private Sector, MPMEs and the informal sector (data disaggregated by age and sex, adapted surveys for women). 2. Provide strategic advice and technical support to the Planning Ministry (CGP) to elaborate a strategic note on a greener, and more resilient, inclusive and gender sensitive development model. 3. Support the Union of Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, and private sector organizations to establish a key action plan to boost green and resilient recovery of the Private Sector and support resource mobilization around identified priorities. 4. Based on the results of the survey and available data on the informal sector, support the development of emergency gender-sensitive recovery mechanisms for the informal sector and mobilize national and international partners for their implementation. 5. Develop a targeted analysis on women’s economic empowerment and specific actions to be taken and implemented (in coordination with the Gender Commission) and mobilize additional funding  *Digital solution: use of online surveys by default to prepare the various assessments* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | UNDP - ILO  Ministry of Economy  Gender Commission | RFF | CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  NATIONAL CONSULTANT  WORKSHOP  PRINTING COSTS | 102 000 |
| **2.1.2 PRIVATE SECTOR INTERACTIVE PLATFORM**: development of a Private Sector Platform as a tool for a renewed way of doing business in times of COVID19 and crisis, as a way to connect all relevant actors to boost the private sector. This interactive platform will a) list and connect all relevant actors by sectors, b) provide digital tools for discussion and multi-stakeholder decision-making processes, and c) inform in a timely manner all economic actors, thus providing the basis for a constructive social and economic dialogue among partners within and between islands.  a) Develop the platform collaboratively and inclusively with relevant actors.  b) Equip and train members of the UCCIA  c) Facilitate the use of the platform by the different economic actor and  d) Review of the platform after a 6-month use |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | UCCIA  ILO  UNDP | RFF | CONTRACTUAL SERVICES | 150 000 |
| **2.1.3 Strengthen the operational and technological capacities of the General Direction for Environment and Forestry to support the mainstreaming of ecological concerns into national programming and the implementation of key activities in the COVID19 context** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | UNDP | RFF | CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT | 85 000 |
| **2.2.1 PARLIAMENTARY PLATFORM:** UNDP provides the National Assembly with a digital platform, in accordance with the principle of parliamentarians’ accountability to their fellow citizens, including Women, youth and PLDs.  a) Develop a dashboard as a real decision support tool for the legislator.  b) Develop, implement and set up the digital platform *« Said/Saidati Al wakil »* to facilitate the inclusion of citizens’ needs facing COVID-19 and train relevant actors.  c) Setup a toll-free number to record citizens' questions according to the principle of congressman accountability on COVID-19 response actions implementation.  d) Develop a referral system so gender-based and PLDs concerns are addressed in coordination with the Gender Commission.  *Digital solution: the digital platform is a new way to strengthen territorial continuity, transparency, accountability and foster trust in the political organs. The tollfree number and call back service will guarantee that the service is accessible for all.* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | National Parliament | RFF | CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  IT EQUIPMENT  WORKSHOP | 120 000 |
|  | **2.2.2 Ensure access to internet at local level:** through local training and internet facilities, provide access to the platform to local communities using local committees as relays |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | local committees | TRAC1 | IT EQUIPMENT  WORKSHOP | 50 000 |
| **TOTAL RESULT 2** | | | | | | | | | | | | | **507 000** |
| **TOTAL RFF FUNDING FOR RESULT 2** | | | | | | | | | | | | | **457 000** |
| **OPERATIONAL COSTS (RFF related costs)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **MONITORING AND EVALUATION – COMMUNICATIION(approx. 5%)** | - The participatory-based methodology will include numerous consultations using online surveys as much as possible to verify the impact of the activity on the identified beneficiaries. It will be completed by:  - Field visits  - Interviews and consultations  - Discussions with partners and analysis of reports  - The communications strategy will include awareness-raising activities (including a specific strategy on how to guarantee the participation of women in the different programmes) and communication on the project: Publication of results and official communication 1 video on the results of the programme and capsules of beneficiaries and role models (especially women, youth and PLDs).   International expertise on Communication M&E Officer |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | UNDP | RFF | TRAVEL  CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  SERVICE CONTRACT  INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT | 62 000 |
| **STAFFING** | recruitment of an IUNV (18 mois) National UNV (18 mois)  additional international and national expertise |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | UNDP | RFF | IUNV  NUNV  INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT | 125 000 |
| **Total Opérationnal cost** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **187 000** |
| **TOTAL PROJECT** | | | | | | | | | | | | | **1 640 000** |
| **TOTAL RFF** | | | | | | | | | | | | | **1 500 000** |
| **TOTAL RRF** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **1 500 000** |

*\*In line with Outputs with gender marker GEN2 or GEN3, it is recommended to allocate at least 15% of the funding to activities in support of gender equality and the empowerment of women.*

## RESULTS FRAMEWORK

| **EXPECTED OUTPUTS** | **OUTPUT INDICATORS**[[1]](#footnote-2) | **BASELINE** | | **MILESTONES AND TARGETS** | | | | | | | |
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| **Value** | **Year** | **2020** | | **2021** | | | | **2022** | |
| **Q3** | **Q4** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | **Q1** | **Q2** |
| **RESULT 1: The resilience of rural communities and groups to face crises and shocks such as the COVID19 pandemic is increased**    **Indicator 1 : number of beneficiaries, disaggregated by age and sex, whose livelihoods have been developed, diversified or improved in the most vulnerable rural communities**    **Target : at least 1200 families** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **OUTPUT 1.1 The agricultural value chain is enhanced to strengthen the resilience of small farmers to shocks and crisis (such as COVID-19) and to save and create new green employment opportunities, especially in the informal sector, and vulnerable groups (youth, women, disabled), while reducing food insecurity through local and sustainable production** | I 1.1.A number of young rural entrepreneurs financially autonomous (disaggregated by age and sex) | 0 | 2020 |  | 50 Youths are selected, including at least 10 women |  | 50 youths receive their first income from their agricultural activities |  |  | 50 youths are financially autonomous and can increase and diversify their production |  |
| I 1.1.B number of women , young women and PLDs developing and maintaining  sustainable income generating activities including in food preservation and transformation |  | 2020 |  |  | 370 women and young women trained and supported to develop household poultry farming activities  in Anjouan including PLDs (  25 women and PLDs in transformation | 200 women , young women and PLDs trained in food preservation, transformation and GERME tools for small busness management (Ylang Ylang Pickers)  50 women , young women and PDLs in food preservation and in transformation |  |  | At least 500 women and young women have maintained their economic activity after 6 months |  |
| I 1.1.C number of users, disaggregated by type, age and sex, satisfied by the design and content of the platform design and content of the CRDE platform  I 1.1.D number of small businesses disaggregated by sex and consumers using the specific Market Place functionality | 0 | 2020 |  | The platform is designed | The platform is functional  The CRDE use and feed the platform |  |  |  |  |  |
| I 1.1.E number of international opportunities developed for the Comorian traditional and new Cash crops ( Ylang-Ylang, ginger and pepper | 0 | 2020 |  |  |  | 1 S/S agreement |  | Funding to launch The Other Spice is secured |  |  |
| **OUTPUT 1.2 Using the 3\*6 approach, the livelihoods of the most vulnerable groups and especially women in the rural world are protected and more resilient** | I 1.2.A number of beneficiaries, disaggregated by sex, benefiting from CfW programmes | 0 | 2020 | - |  | 325 beneficiaries received income during one month | 325 beneficiaries received income during one month |  |  |  |  |
| I 1.2 B number of CfW resilience projects benefiting vulnerable communities | 0 | 2020 |  |  | 10 projects | 10 projects |  |  |  |  |
| I 1.2.C number of small businesses created and alive after 6 months | 0 | 2020 |  |  |  |  |  | 100 |  |  |
| I.1.2.D total amount of loan/credit accessed by the entrepreneurs through local IMFs | 0 | 2020 |  |  |  |  |  | 120 000 |  | 300 000 |
| RESULT 2: Multisectoral dialogue mechanisms using digital tools are set up to support recovery actions that promote green economy and growth while putting the most vulnerable at the core of the interventions    Indicator 1: number of citizens, disaggregated by age and sex, included in the recovery process    Target: at least 500 000 persons (250 000 women, 10% PLDs) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **OUTPUT 2.1 Comoros' recovery is multisectoral, based on public and private partnerships and places resilience, environmental protection and adaptation to climate change at the heart of its strategy** | I.2.1.A number of actions taken by the government to support the private sector |  |  |  | Data on the response, needs and | Study on the private sector available | Recovery plan available and with budget |  |  |  |  |
| I 2.1.B a digital platform for the Private Sector is established and responds to the needs of its intended users | 0 | 2020 | The platform is designed and online |  |  | The platform is adjusted according to the initial feedback |  |  |  |  |
| I 2.1.C Number of users of the Private sector Platform | 0 | 2020 |  | 500 | 1000 | 2000 | 3000 | 5000 |  |  |
| **OUTPUT 2.2: the participation of all citizens, including women, in the recovery planning process is guaranteed through a direct democracy mechanism** | I.2.2.A A digital platform is established and responds to its intended users | 0 | 2020 | The platform is designed and online |  |  | The platform is adjusted according to the initial feedback |  |  |  |  |
| I.2.2.B Number of users of the platform | 0 | 2020 |  | 500 | 5 000 | 10 000 | 50 000 | 100 000 | 200 000 | 500 000 |
| I 2.2.C Number of decisions taken by the Parliament or MPs in response to the concerns voiced by the Comorian citizens | 0 | 2020 |  |  | 3 | 10 | 20 |  |  | 50 |
| I 2.2.D number of actions taken by the Gender Commission in response to gender-specific or PLD-specific concerns or requests submitted through the platform or Call Center | 0 | 2020 |  |  | 1 | 5 | 8 | 10 |  | 20 |

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