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1. PROJECT BRIEF

Project ID	: 00109047
Award ID	: 00109904
Project name	: Environment DRM and NRM
Project period	: 2017 to 2021
Implementing partner	: Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources (MECCNAR)
Total annual budget	: \$ 479,200 (\$ 969,200 initially requested)
Total expenditure	: \$ 355,875 (74% delivery against current budget)
Relevant CPD Output(s):	<p>Output 3.1: Preparedness systems to effectively address the consequences of and response to natural hazards.</p> <p>Output 3.2: Gender-responsive disaster and climate risk management integrated into the development planning and budgetary frameworks of key sectors.</p> <p>Output 3.3: Scaled-up actions on climate change adaptation and mitigation implemented.</p> <p>Output 3.4: Inclusive and sustainable solutions adopted to achieve increased renewable energy access and efficiency.</p> <p>Output 3.5: Capacities of national and subnational administrations enabled to enhance conservation, sustainable management, and use of natural resources, biodiversity and ecosystems.</p>

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IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES



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One of the challenge faced last year was in the 2nd quarter. It was the first time MECCNAR received a cash advance to manage funds for an entire quarter and cash distributions to the sub-implementing partners. Due to some capacity issue at moment, a number of payments were either not disbursed on time or not disbursed during the 2nd quarter. Equally during the 3rd quarter, there were delays in approval FACE&ICE and processing of RSS at UNDP level. As a result, the rest of the year a catch-up game which has caused a number of activities not to take place as planned. The Ministry has since taken swift action to build capacities and worked closely with UNDP to ensure that the Accounts department of the Ministry is robust enough to deal with implementation of UNDP activities. Although implementation posed a huge challenge in 2018, a lot of lessons were learnt and new practices has been taken forward to 2019 to ensure the same mistakes are not duplicated. The Ministry has also been very proactive in resolving issues that have arisen and they are working closely with UNDP to ensure smoother delivery of activities moving forward.

PROJECT PERFORMANCE

COMPONENT/OUTCOME 1 : Policy, legal and regulatory framework; financial and market mechanisms; and climate hazards and disaster preparedness systems for climate change response and disaster risk reduction are enhanced, adopted and promoted to effectively address the consequences of and response to natural and climate related hazards and disasters

- *All PMU staff at the MECCNAR and key staff from sub-implementing partners departments had an intense four day Training on HACT and Project Management Skills.*
- *First draft of State of the Environment Report (SOER) complete.*
- *A joint effort between NEA, DWR and NDMA has been initiated to develop an Environmental Education, Climate Information Communication Strategy and action plans, incorporating emerging CC and DRR issues*

COMPONENT/OUTCOME 2: Rural, peri-urban and urban vulnerable communities are fully capacitated and committed to address climate change resilience and disaster risk reduction.

- *A nationwide assessment of potential inland sand mining sites was carried out in the second quarter of 2018;*
- *With the involvement of the community and local leaders and guidance from the Geological Department and other government institutions, potential mining sites were recommended for further*

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geological survey to determine the quantity of sand available in those sites.

- *In addition, sand mining sites in locations not suitable as mining site were identified and recommended for closure.*
- *The final report recommends for the closure all illegal sand mining sites, develop suitable mining guidelines and EIA for the recommended sites.*
- *Potential mining sites identified in the West Coast Region can help minimize coastal sand mining and its associated impacts.*
- *Capacity Building of Government officials on MADRID in rural communities selected regions (LRR)*
- *National Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan drafted and to be finalized next week.*
- *30 local people in 5 Kiang communities (Jali, Dumbuto, Batteling, Bajana and Kuli kunda) trained and supported on establishing apiaries (Bee keeping hives). Over 50% of the participants were female.*



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COMPONENT/OUTCOME 3: Climate change resilience and disaster risk reduction capacities of vulnerable women, youths and physically disabled stakeholders are built, strengthened and sustained.

- *Mbolo Association has conducted the ground work for their project in Kartong by conducting all the required training. Mbolo's project will be using renewable energy to provide storage solutions for fisherwomen at the Kartong fish landing site. In preparation for the project, the Mbolo Association has used UNDP funding to conduct training for young women in, painting welding, renewable energy, basic electricity, environment, food processing and hygiene and business. All of these training will help the young women in installation and management of the solar equipment in Kartong. A baseline for the project has also been conducted.*

GENDER CONSIDERATIONS

It is recognised that women commonly face higher risks and greater burdens from the impacts of climate change and this has been considered in the implementation of project activities this year. The departments of Parks and Wildlife as well as the Department of Forestry have both conducted activities where they specifically targeted women. Namely, the training in agro-processing and bee keeping training.

The Mbolo Association's work is focused specifically on building the capacity of girls and young women in the area of renewable energy. Their current project activities will not only help to improve the value chain of women working at the Kartong fish landing site, it will also serve as an opportunity to build the capacity of women in solar power installation and management, as women have been trained to install and maintain all of the solar equipment for Kartong.

LESSONS LEARNT

- There is room for improvement when it come to the coordination of Request for Direct Payments (RDPs) between MECCNAR, sub-IPs and UNDP. The poor coordination has
- Partners need additional support when it comes to procurement regulations and contract management. There have been a number of training this year on this, but there needs to be better uptake of the information from the Ministry and sub-IPs.

RECOMMENDATIONS/SUGGESTIONS

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- To make sure that the 2019 AWP is approved by end of January to avoid delays in implementation.
- To ensure additional training for sub-implementing partners, focusing on and RSS' submissions, procurement and budget management.



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Project Coordinator's Signature.....

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