



**PROGRAMME ON RENEWAL AND ENHANCEMENT OF GOVERNANCE
ARCHITECTURE (PREGA)**

REVIEW OF PROGRAMME DOCUMENT (2019-2023)

Minutes of Local Programme Appraisal Committee (LPAC) meeting

Date: 4th April 2019

Venue: UNDP Boardroom, UN House, Lesotho

I. Opening and Introductions

Ms. Ahenkora, UNDP Resident Representative a.i welcomed all the stakeholders to the Local Programme Appraisal Committee (LPAC) meeting of **Programme on Renewal and Enhancement of Governance Architecture (PREGA)**. She indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to review and approve the Programme Document for the UN funded PREGA. She explained that the LPAC was a standard requirement in UNDP programme management processes, and it was is the culmination of the discussions initiated between UNDP and Partners in Mohale's Hoek in January 2019 during a weeklong retreat on detailing out UNDP's programme of support to Lesotho for the period 2019 to 2023.

II. Presentations by Ms. Mabulara Tsuene

Overview of UNDP Country Programme Document (CPD) 2019-2023

Ms. Tsuene presented a brief overview of the CPD and its linkages to the National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP II), United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and UNDP Strategic Plan to give context to the Programme; and the UNDP Programme Quality Assurance which ensures UNDP funded programmes conform to key corporate programme quality standards.

Quality Assurance – Adherence to uniform quality standards and process for which Country office will be accountable.

- Its objectives include; continuous improvement and results-based management
- Organisational learning and knowledge sharing
- Develop a more rigorous assessment base

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Quarterly reports to be submitted by Responsible Parties
- Bi-annual reports from implementing partners on the status of project implementation
- A Steering Committee will be set up to monitor progress on a quarterly and annual basis
- Project visits by implementing partners

I. Presentations by Ms. Christy Ahenkora

Harmonised Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT)

She indicated that **Harmonised Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT)** is a framework for transferring cash to the Implementing Partners (IPs) for the implementation of agreed projects and work plans used by UNDP/UNICEF and UNFPA.

A detailed training will be organised for all IP's

Micro Assessments – Partners were sensitised about the upcoming micro-assessment exercise which will inform the cash transfer modalities to be adopted.

The assessment would provide an overall assessment of Partner's financial management capacity and its accounting, procurement, reporting and internal control procedures and systems.

Role of Implementing Partners:

- The Implementing Partner is accountable for the delivery of overall results in a programme or project.
- The Implementing partners are expected to report back to UNDP on a quarterly basis
- To make sure that progress towards the outputs remains consistent

Role of Responsible Parties:

- Will each have a technical focal point to lead in the implementation of the Programme.
- Will report to UNDP on programme activities
- Responsible Party may manage the use of goods and services based on Annual Workplan to carry out project activities and produce outputs.

Role of Programme Boards/Steering Committees:

- Monitors progress against targets and quality criteria
- Ensure the expected outputs and related activities of the project are well defined
- Promote and maintain focus on the expected project outputs

II. Presentation and Discussions

Overview of the Programme on Renewal and Enhancement of Governance Architecture (PREGA) Presentation by Mr. Thabo Mosoeunyane

Background:

Presenting the new Governance programme Mr. Mosoeunyane indicated that the Programme on Renewal and Enhancement of Governance Architecture (**PREGA**) is a five (5) year Programme to support the National reforms process envisaged to build and strengthen Governance Institutions. The PREGA is based on the following Theory of Change: Strategic and systematic capacity enhancement lead to transformed governance and non-governmental institutions that deliver on their mandates and uphold good governance, rule of law and human rights with all people having improved access to justice and participating in social and political decision-making processes. In turn, economic growth and social well-being of the people is realized. A deeper crisis will be prevented, and a conducive environment created for the implementation of the proposed

constitutional, legislative, sectoral and institutional reforms to safeguard the long-term stability and development of Lesotho. **(Details of the presentation attached)**

Presentation of Results and Resources Framework by Ms. Cassy Harvey

Ms. Harvey presented an overarching results and resources framework that highlighted a multi-year workplan (5years). The multi-year workplan indicated two expected outputs with planned activities and planned budgets. (see section 7 on page 20)

The Programme intermediate Outcomes and Outputs are outlined in the attached – **(Details of key results attached)**

Comments/Feedback from Partners

Following presentation on the proposed Programme the following were comments from Partners:

Ministry of Development Planning

Comment: Why has there been an exclusion of the Ministry of the Public Service in the Programme in view of its mandate and the importance of its role especially in the Reforms process– All sectors must be represented.

Response/discussion: UNDP responded by saying follow up bilateral meetings on the Work Plan will take place. It was also suggested that there be a meeting with the Ministry of Public Service to discuss possible areas of inclusion and collaboration. In addition, similar meeting with the Judiciary will be considered.

Independent Electoral Commission:

Comment: the recommendation was that Youth and people living with disability be included in the proposed Portfolio

Response: It was agreed that a review would be made with this in mind.

Directorate on Corruption and Economic Offences:

Comment:

- Outcome on capacity development wasn't specific enough, needs to be outlined more clearly.
- Suggested the use of measures on anti-corruption indicator instead of using the number of reports.

Response: this would be reviewed, and necessarily follow up action taken.

Lesotho Council of NGOs:

Comment: Suggestion was that the word "CSOs" should be unpacked and LCN explicitly stated as the leading partner under CSOs throughout the proposed Programme document

Response: Programme will consider other civil society entities, most of which fall under the ambit of Lesotho council of Non-Governmental Organizations (LCN)

The participating responsible parties including the Implementing Partner (Ministry of Development Planning) unanimously approved the PROGRAMME ON RENEWAL AND ENHANCEMENT OF GOVERNANCE ARCHITECTURE (PREGA) Document and agreed that the 2019 Annual Workplan will be reviewed virtually and based on the incorporation of feedback and comments from partners, approved to enable implementation start.

III. Closing of the Meeting – Ms. Tseleng Mokhehle

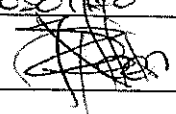
She concluded by saying that, 'As governance family, could we advise ourselves to have a bonding session to help facilitate and deepen the working relationship between implementing and responsible partners especially because there's a lot we can learn from each other's best practices. We should all look forward to implement the plan for the benefit of our Country'.

Meeting adjourned.

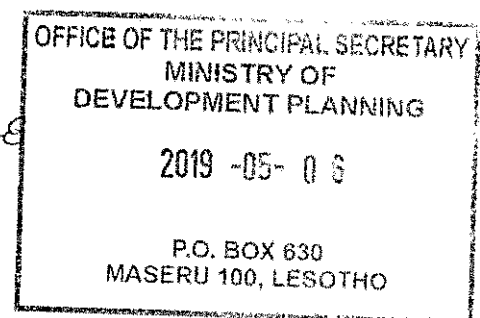
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