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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Scaling up the National Capacity for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Maldives

Date: 17 February 2016

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Venue: UNDP Maldives

Introduction

The Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) Meeting was chaired UNDP Assistant Resident Representative, Mr. Aishath Azza and Deputy Minister of Defence and National Security, Ms. Fathimath Thasneem. In her introductory remarks, Ms. Thasneem welcomed all participants to the meeting and thanked them for making time from their busy schedules. Ms. Azza also welcomed all the participants and thanked NDMC for their close collaboration and commitment with UNDP in delivering the project that has come to an end in December 2015. She also informed the participants that this was the very first project under the new UNDAF cycle.

The Agenda was then presented by Thasneem which was to

- a) Presentation of the Project
- b) Discussions and comments
- c) closing remarks

Before presenting the outcomes of the project in hand, Ms. Thasneem reflected on the key achievements from the recent DRR project with the committee. She highlighted the project's contribution to the ratification of the disaster bill, UNDP's flexibility in procuring items required under the project, timely delivery of the project and design flexibility of the project to accommodate additional resources and ideas that were brought into the project.

Presentation and Discussion of the Project

A presentation was done by the Senior Programme Officer Mr. Umar Fikry, NDMC on the project, with details on the specific outputs the project will be focusing on.

The discussion was opened with the invitation to participating agencies for feedback and comments on project outcomes and output/activities.

- Mr. Hassan Zameel, Deputy Director General from Ministry of Tourism (MoT) highlighted the delay in receiving the weather alerts, specifically at night from the MMS.
- Mr. Mohamed Nadheem Ibrahim, Captain from MNDF also pointed out that the establishment of a main focal point for these alert messages should ensure receipt of the message. Speaking further, he explained that it was not a practical idea to establish fire stations in every island, and

suggested NDMC to establish ways in which resorts who are fully equipped with firefighting measure could play a role in the communities.

- On this point, Mr. Zameel from MoT said that this is already the practice from some resorts however, feels that these arrangements should be written down and agreed upon.
- Ahmed Shabin, Head of Operations from Maldivian Red Crescent informed that they are also in the new programme cycle from 2016- 2019 and feel that the efforts should be complemented rather than duplication of same work. He specifically mentioned that MRC can play a role on training CERT and extend support in areas such as first aid training and psychosocial support training. He highlighted to follow the same protocol from agencies who conduct these trainings so that we give the same set of instructions to the communities.
- Ms. Thasneem said ensured that all the TOR for CERT will be shared with the stakeholders for inputs.
- Ibrahim Nishan Ahmed, Head of Surveillance from Health Protection Agency informed that they already have people trained at atoll hospitals and to include these focal points in CERT trainings.

After the presentation by Mr. Fikry, Ms. Azza requested that the Result Framework be also discussed with the committee, hence the activities under three outcomes presented were explained by Mr. Fikry. The following comments were received

Outcome1

- Mr. Mohamed Imad, Director General from Ministry of Finance and Treasury requested that the islands selected for the project should be based on a criteria that includes inputs from stakeholders

Outcome2

- Under this outcome Imad informed that LGA and others are already using networks and have established video conferencing facilities and therefore, we should join them rather than investing in a new system.
- To this Thasneem responded that her experience to access other offices and facilities during an emergency crisis was difficult and therefore to respond fast they need this facility established under the NDMC/NDMA

Azza, also requested and encouraged committee members to comment on activity level if it was required.

Outcome3

- Mr. Imad, requested that NBS's role be identified and included on statistic collection as this role has already been decentralized to the islands.

- Thasneem agreed to note this point and to discuss separately with the NBS

As general comment, Imad questioned on the result of these projects on capacity saying that we are doing number of projects and questioned on the capacity these projects are building or not?

Ms. Thasneem responded that this area is multi facet area and NDMC is currently only doing on response, however she felt that NDMC should also focus on the reduction of disasters as much as response and informed the gaps identified in the project document.

Aminath Shooza, Programme Associate from UNDP also proposed the idea of setting up meetings beyond the scope of projects as when projects are set up the whole focus is on delivery of the project itself. She also highlighted the importance of resource pooling and resource mobilization in this area which should be thought about parallel along with project implementation and hence requested to set up a coordination mechanism for this area.

The idea was well received by Ms. Thasneem and others in the committee agreed to.


Closing Remarks

Ms. Azza thanked all the participants for the their valuable time and input and the following action points were agreed:

- UNDP to circulate the minutes and incorporate the comments in the prodoc
- Continue the previous project board for this project

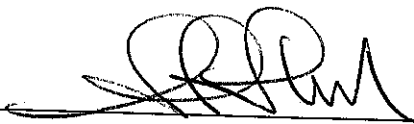
Since there were no further comments and general agreement on the project and items discussed were confirmed as endorsed by the Chair and the members of the LPAC.

Approved by (Government – NDMC)


Ms. Fathmath Thasneem, Deputy Minister



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