



3 April 2020

Dear Mr Manraj

Subject: UNDP CONTRIBUTION TO COVID 19 SOLIDARITY FUND

I write in reference to the Letter of Agreement signed on 30 March 2020 between the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development and the UNDP for support to the COVID Solidarity Fund. The Letter of Agreement provides for the sum of Rs. 9,625,000 (USD 250,000) to be contributed to the Fund for implementation of activities under Output 1 outlined at Attachment 2, including an amount of Rs. 7,700,000 (USD 200,000) to support Activity 1.1 on the supply of food pack of essential commodities to SRM beneficiaries and other support for the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

We are pleased to inform you that following further requests for funding made to UNDP Headquarters, a further USD \$250,000 have been approved on 1 April 2020 as part of another proposal for support on the same subject. Within that sum, an **amount of Rs 2,887,500 (USD 75,000)** has been provided to further contribute to the COVID 19 Solidarity Fund, under Activity 1.1. Therefore, the total amount of support for Activity 1.1 will now be Rs. 10,587,500 (USD 275,000).

In accordance with **clause 16** of the Letter of Agreement, the modification thereof may be effected by exchange of letters between the parties. We therefore propose to amend the Letter of Agreement and increase the sum allocated to **Output 1.1 by Rs 2,887,500 (USD 75,000)**. After the amendments, the total amount to be transferred to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund will therefore be **Rs. 12,512,500 (USD 325,000)** and the total support under this Programme will be to the tune of **Rs. 16,362,500 (USD 425,000)**. The amended Attachment 2 is enclosed at Annex 1 to this letter, for your consideration.

We would appreciate your response on your agreement to bring the above modifications to the Letter of Agreement at the earliest so that the transfer of funds may be effected.

We are also pleased to enclose herewith, at Annex 2, a summary of the UNDP support to the Government of Mauritius COVID-19 response.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1 – Amended Attachment 2 to the Letter of Agreement



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Schedule of Activities, Facilities and Payments

EXPECTED CP OUTPUTS and indicators including annual targets	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List all activities to be undertaken during the year towards stated outputs</i>	PLANNED BUDGET				SCHEDULE OF PAYMENT BY UNDP
		DETAILS	AMOUNT (MUR)	AMOUNT (USD) ¹		
Output 1: Coordination of the rapid assessment of the Basic needs requirements of the poor and the vulnerable groups on the Social Register of Mauritius	Activity 1.1: To coordinate and operate a public service delivery to the vulnerable groups in terms of supply of food pack of essential commodities during the period 26 March 2020 up to 31 March 2020 (<i>Same could be replicated/extended, depending on the status of the COVID-19</i>)	Number of Targeted households	7058	-	-	Upon immediate disbursement to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund
		Average price per food pack (MUR)	1500	-	-	
		Total required	10,587,500	10,587,500	275,000	
	Activity 1.2: To contribute towards equipping shelters for children and women in distress as vulnerable groups with basic necessities during the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak period	-	-	1,925,000	50,000	
Output 2: Enhanced health infrastructure and capacity for responding to the COVID-19 cases	To supply equipment and medical devices ² through UNDP Direct Procurement to cater for the specific needs of the health care system for diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19 cases	-	-	3,850,000	100,000	Direct Procurement by UNDP
TOTAL				16,362,500	425,000	-

¹Equivalent USD amount at prevailing rate of USD 1 = MUR 38.50 as at 30 March 2020. Given that UNDP is directly procuring equipment and medicines to the tune of USD 100,000, the remaining USD 250,000 will be transferred to the Government of Mauritius at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of transfer

²A list of equipment and medical devices to be procured by UNDP is at Attachment 3.

Annex 2: Summary of UNDP support to Government of Mauritius on COVID 19



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UNDP assistance falls under three main headings: 1. Resilient health systems to respond to COVID-19, including health procurement support; 2. Inclusive and multi-sectoral crisis management and response to COVID-19, and; 3. Addressing the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19.
Current Framework of Assistance as at 3 April 2020:
1) Letter of Agreement signed between UNDP and MOFEDP for USD 350,000
a. 200 USD to the COVID 19 Solidarity Fund
b. 50k USD to Women Shelters
c. 100k USD to Ministry of Health and Wellness equipment
Subtotal: USD 350 k
2) Assistance to Ministry of Health and Wellness - Resilient health systems to respond to COVID-19, including health procurement support
a. USD 100k worth of equipment and supplies
Subtotal : USD 100k
3) Further Assistance to Government including Addressing the Socio Economic Impacts of COVID
a. Additional support to vulnerable groups (USD 75k more to COVID 19 Solidarity Fund)
b. Socio economic impact assessment and planning for early recovery
c. Software development for epidemic control
d. Business continuity planning using digital governance and work from home
Subtotal: USD 350 k
Total UNDP funds in support of the response to COVID 19– USD \$800k.

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