PROJECT MONITORING QA: IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING STAGE

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PROJECT TITLE: Third National Communications / Biennial Update Report project

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At least four criteria are rated Exemplary, and all criteria are rated High or Exemplary.	All criteria are rated Satisfactory or higher, and at least four criteria are rated High or Exemplary	At least six criteria are rated Satisfactory or higher, and only one may be rated Needs Improvement. The Principled criterion must be rated Satisfactory or above.	At least three criteria are rated Satisfactory or higher, and only four criteria may be rated Needs Improvement.	One or more criteria are rated Inadequate, or five or more criteria are rated Needs Improvement.	
		RATING CRITERIA	A		
	Select the o	ption that best reflect	ts the project		
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1. Did the proje	ct identify changes to the e	external environment and	did it incorporate them	3 1	2
into the proje	ct strategy?		-	 Evidence	
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2.Was the project align	ed with the UNDP Strategi	c Plan?	-	3	2
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Plan (SP) and adopts at least one Signature Solution ² . and the project's RRF includes at all the relevant SP output indicators. <i>(all must be true)</i>	the three areas of development work and includes at least one SP output indicator.	
• <u>2</u> : The project responds to one of the three areas of development work ¹ as specified in the Strategic Plan. The project's RRF includes at least one SP output indicator, if relevant. (both must be true)		
• <u>1</u> : While the project may respond to a partner's identified need, this need falls outside the UNDP Strategic Plan. Also select this option if none of the relevant SP indicators are included in the RRF.		
*Note: Management Action must be taken for score of 1.		
Relevant		
3. Were the project's targeted groups being systematically engaged, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized, to ensure the project remains relevant for them?	<mark>3</mark> 1	2
• <u>3</u> : Systematic and structured feedback has been collected over the past two years from a representative sample of beneficiaries, with a priority focus on the discriminated and	Evidence	
marginalized, as part of the project's monitoring system. Representatives from the targeted groups are active members of the project's governance mechanism (i.e., the project board or equivalent) and there is credible evidence that their feedback informs project decision making. (all must be true)	The project's decision making committees (the National Steering Committee and the Project Technical Committee) consist of a wide representation of stakeholders, both within the government and external stakeholders (e.g. NGOs).Consultations have also involved a wide range of stakeholders and their feedback has helped to	
 <u>2:</u> Targeted groups have been engaged in implementation and monitoring, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized. Beneficiary feedback, which may be anecdotal, has been collected over the past year to ensure the project is addressing local priorities. This information has been used to inform project decision making. (all must be true) 		
 <u>1:</u> Some beneficiary feedback may have been collected over the past year, but this information has not been used to inform project decision making. This option is also selected if no beneficiary feedback has been collected. 		
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4. Did the project generating knowledge and lessons learned (i.e., what has worked and what has		
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¹ The three development settings in UNDP's 2018-2021 Strategic Plan are: a) Eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions; b) Accelerate structural transformations for sustainable development; and c) Build resilience to shocks and crises

² The six Signature Solutions of UNDP's 2018-2021 Strategic Plan are: a) Keeping people out of poverty; b) Strengthen effective, inclusive and accountable governance; c) Enhance national prevention and recovery capacities for resilient societies; d) Promote nature based solutions for a sustainable planet; e) Close the energy gap; and f) Strengthen gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

• 3: There is credible evidence that the project reached a sufficient number of beneficiaries (either
directly through significant coverage of target groups, or indirectly, through policy change) to
meaningfully contribute to development change.

- <u>2:</u> While the project is currently not at scale, there are explicit plans in place to scale up the project in the future (e.g. by extending its coverage or using project results to advocate for policy change).
- <u>1</u>: The project is not at scale, and there are no plans currently to scale up the project in the future.

informing policy and leading to real policy change. For example, the project lead to the increased function of the Malaysian Green Technology Center to take on the role as a dedicated center on climate change, and the climate change reports are a key source of information for the development of a policy/legislative framework in Malaysia- the National Adaptation/ Mitigation Plans and the National Climate Change Act. **PRINCIPLED** 3 2 6. Were the project's measures (through outputs, activities, indicators) relevant to address gender 1 inequalities, empower women and produce the intended effect? If not, evidence-based Evidence adjustments and changes have been made. • 3: The project team has systematically gathered data and evidence through project monitoring The project has made on the relevance of the measures to address gender inequalities and empower women. Analysis attempts to address gender of data and evidence were used to inform adjustments and changes, as appropriate. (both must inequalities by providing a platform for women in be true) consultations. Conscious • 2: The project team has some data and evidence on the relevance of the measures to address effort has been made to gender inequalities and empower women. There is evidence that at least some adjustments gather disaggregated data were made, as appropriate. (both must be true) according to gender. 1: The project team has limited or no evidence on the relevance of measures to address gender inequalities and empowering women. No evidence of adjustments and/or changes made. This option should also be selected if the project has no measures to address gender inequalities and empower women relevant to the project results and activities. *Note: Management Action must be taken for a score of 1 2 3 7. Were social and environmental impacts and risks being successfully managed and monitored? 1 • 3: Social and environmental risks are tracked in the risk log. Appropriate assessments Evidence conducted where required (i.e., Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for High risk As this project is mainly a projects and some level of social and environmental assessment for Moderate risk projects as climate change reporting identified through SESP). Relevant management plan(s) developed for identified risks through project with deliverables in consultative process and implemented, resourced, and monitored. Risks effectively managed or the form of reports mitigated. If there has been a substantive change to the project or change in context that affects submitted to the UNFCCC, risk levels, the SESP is updated to reflect these changes. (all must be true) there have not been any • 2: Social and environmental risks are tracked in the risk log. Appropriate assessments maior social and environmental risks and no conducted where required (i.e., Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for High risk need for assessments. projects and some level of social and environmental assessment for Moderate risk projects as However, any risks have

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The project has managed to sufficiently reach out to

beneficiaries- government

agencies, private sector,

communities, the public as

the reports are accessible by all. Information about

GHG inventories and trends, and mitigation pathways and recommendations have played a key role in



• <u>1</u> : The project's governance mechanism has not met in the frequency stated in the project		
document over the past year and/or the project board or equivalent is not functioning as a decision-making body for the project as intended.		
*Note: Management Action must be taken for a score of 1		
11. Were risks to the project adequately monitored and managed?	3	<mark>2</mark>
• <u>3:</u> The project has actively monitored risks every quarter including consulting with key	1 Evidence	
 stakeholders, including security advisors, to identify continuing and emerging risks and to assess if the main assumptions remain valid. There is clear evidence that relevant management plans and mitigating measures have been fully implemented to address each key project risk, and have been updated to reflect the latest risk assessment. <i>(all must be true)</i> <u>2</u>: The project has monitored risks every year, as evidenced by an updated risk log. Some updates have been made to management plans and mitigation measures. 	The project has monitored its risks in th risk log.	
 <u>1:</u> The risk log has not been updated as required. There may be some evidence that the project has monitored risks (including security risks or incidents) that may affect the project's achievement of results, but there is no explicit evidence that management actions have been taken to mitigate risks. In the case of a deteriorating security environment, no consultation has occurred with the UNDP Security Office on appropriate measures. *Note: Management Action must be taken for a score of 1 		
Efficient		
12. Adequate resources have been mobilized to achieve intended results. If not, management decisions were taken to adjust expected results in the project's results framework.	Yes <mark>(3)</mark>	No (1)
13. Were project inputs procured and delivered on time to efficiently contribute to results?	<mark>3</mark>	2
• <u>3:</u> The project had an updated procurement plan. Implementation of the plan was on or ahead	1 Evidence	
timely manner and addresses them through appropriate management actions. (all must be true)	Project procurement was implemented on a timely basis and project procurement plans were prepared beforehand with approvals from project board.	
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16. Have there been regular reviews of the work plan to ensure that the project was on track to achieve the desired results, and to inform course corrections if needed?	Evidence	
• <u>3</u> : Quarterly progress data has informed regular reviews of the project work plan to ensure that the activities implemented are most likely to achieve the desired results. There is evidence that data and lessons learned (including from evaluations and/or After Action Reviews) have been used to inform course corrections, as needed. Any necessary budget revisions have been made. (both must be true)	Work plans were regularly reviewed every quarterly with corrective actions taken to revise budget and activities.	
• <u>2</u> : There has been at least one review of the work plan per year to assess if project activities are on track to achieving the desired development results (i.e., outputs.) There may or may not be evidence that data or lessons learned has been used to inform the review(s). Any necessary budget revisions have been made.		
 <u>1</u>: While the project team may have reviewed the work plan at least once over the past year to ensure outputs are delivered on time, no link has been made to the delivery of desired development results. Select this option also if no review of the work plan by management has taken place over the past year. *Note: Management Action must be taken for a score of 1 		
17. Were targeted groups systematically identified and engaged, prioritizing the marginalized and excluded, to ensure results were achieved as expected?	3 2 1	
 3: The project targeted specific groups and/or geographic areas, identified by using credible data sources on their capacity needs, deprivation and/or exclusion from development opportunities relevant to the project's area of work. There is clear evidence that the targeted groups have been reached as intended. The project has regularly engaged with targeted groups over the past year to assess whether they are benefiting as expected and adjustments were made if necessary to refine targeting. (all must be true) 2: The project targeted specific groups and/or geographic areas, based on some evidence of their capacity needs, deprivation and/or exclusion from development opportunities relevant to the project's area of work. Some evidence is provided to confirm that project beneficiaries were members of the targeted groups. There has been some engagement with beneficiaries in the past year to assess whether they are benefiting as expected. (all must be true) 1: The project did not report on specific targeted groups. There is no evidence to confirm that project beneficiaries are deprived and/or excluded from development opportunities relevant to the project area of work. There may have been some engagement with beneficiaries to assess whether they are benefiting as expected. (all must be true) 	Evidence Vulnerability assessments were conducted for certain geographic areas with recommendations on climate change adaptation actions highlighted .	
SUSTAINABILITY & NATIONAL OWNERSHIP		
18. Were stakeholders and national partners fully engaged in the decision-making, implementation	<mark>3</mark> 2	
 and monitoring of the project? <u>3:</u> Only national systems (i.e., procurement, monitoring, evaluation, etc.) have been used to fully implement and monitor the project. All relevant stakeholders and partners have been fully and actively engaged in the process, playing a lead role in project decision-making, implementation and manifering. (both spurt to form) 	and partners have been fully and ecision-making, implementation etc.) were used to implement fice support or project systems) rtners were fully and actively m-making, implementation and support or project systems)	
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in the decision-making, implementation and/or monitoring of the project. *Note: Management Action must be taken for a score of 1		
19. There was regular monitoring of changes in capacities and performance of institutions and systems relevant to the project, as needed. The implementation arrangements ³ have been adjusted according to changes in partner capacities.	3 2 1 Evidence	

³ Responsible Parties, Direct Country Office Support (DCOS), MOUs/LOAs

 3: In the past two years, changes in capacities and performance of institutions and systems have been comprehensively assessed/monitored using clear indicators, rigorous methods of data collection and credible data sources including relevant HACT assurance activities. Implementation arrangements have been formally reviewed and adjusted, if needed, in agreement with partners according to changes in partner capacities. (both must be true) 2: In the past two years, aspects of changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems have been monitored by the project using indicators and reasonably credible data sources including relevant HACT assurance activities. Some adjustment has been made to implementation arrangements if needed to reflect changes in partner capacities. (both must be true) 1: Some aspects of changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems monitored by the project, however changes to implementation arrangements have been considered. Also select this option if changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems have not been considered. Also select this option if changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems have not been considered. Also select this option if changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems have not been considered. Also select this option if changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems have not been considered. Also select this option if changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems have not been monitored by the project. 	Capacities and performance of all partner institutions which were contracted to deliver outputs were monitored and quality assured to ensure that the best results were delivered.	
*Note: Management Action must be taken for a score of 1		
20. The transition and phase-out arrangements have been reviewed regularly and adjusted	<mark>3</mark> 2	
according to progress (including financial commitments and capacity).	1	
• <u>3:</u> The project's governance mechanism has reviewed the project's sustainability plan, including	Evidence	
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