

AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION PORT MORESBY

24 June 2020

Mr. Dirk Wagner Resident Representative, UNDP P.O Box 1041 Port Moresby National Capital District

Dear Dirk.

RE: Reprogramming of Disaster Risk Management Project (Agreement 71223) for COVID-19 response Activities in Sandaun Province

I write regarding the reprograming of the Disaster Risk Management Project (Agreement Number 71233 2017) as discussed in the Project Steering Committee Meeting of 17 June 2020.

Acknowledging that current circumstances have impacted agreed activities in the Annual Work Plan we are supportive of the decision to redirect available funding and for adjustments to the scope of the project in support of COVID-19 priorities.

We agree that these activities in Sandaun province will have a positive impact given the Province' geographical context, and high risk to COVID-19. We encourage close collaboration with national and provincial stakeholders in undertaking these activities.

We look forward to receiving timely updates on progress. Please do not hesitate to contact Bharath Mohan or myself should you wish to discuss any further.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Ross Counsellor

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Col Carl Wrakonei, Director, National Disaster Centre