



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 17 March 2014

SUBJECT: Request for extension of DIM authorization for Projects:
00082056: Mise en échelle dans la lutte contre le paludisme

Please find attached for your consideration a request from the Country Office (CO) in Chad to approve the extension of the Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) for the above-mentioned project covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014.

Background

Malaria is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in Chad. The entire population of Chad, except in the far north, is exposed to malaria. Malaria mortality accounts for 15 % of all recorded at health facilities. These official statistics seem to underestimate damage caused by malaria in Chad. The National Program Fight against Malaria (PNLP), created by the Government Chad in 1982 under the Ministry of Health, aims to combat malaria, and completely reduce the loss of human life imposed by this disease in Chad.

UNDP, as Principal Recipient of the Global Fund on Tuberculosis, Aids and Malaria (GFTAM), is supporting the PNLN by providing support aimed at strengthening national technical and financial capacity to fight malaria since 2009. The project aims to achieve the following objectives

- Contribute to fighting against malaria in Chad;
- Ensure that all health units (health centres and hospitals, public and private and non-profit) have drugs and trained staff
- Make routine distribution and mass distribution of the treated nets to pregnant women and children under 5 years.



As of today, the project has distributed more than 4.8 million nets in 28 districts in 9 regions. In 2013, UNDP supported the PNLP in the training of 750 managers' in the health center on both methods of diagnosis, treatment of malaria, well in the improvement of the collection epidemiological data. In addition, the project supplied the Health Centres with 417,721 CTA doses for the treatment of malaria for all ages and 576,455 Rapid Diagnostic Tests.

Justification for DIM

Given the specificity and complexity of these projects, in particular context of Chad because of security concerns, the weak capacity of national institutions at the regional and local level, the multi-sectoral nature of the programme, no agency is able to bring together the necessary expertise for the implementation of the programme. Additionally, there is a need for neutrality in project implementation and management. Given UNDP's role and mandate as Principal Recipient of the Global Fund, DIM is the most appropriate modality for the implementation of the programme and the rapid achievement of results.

Implementation Arrangements

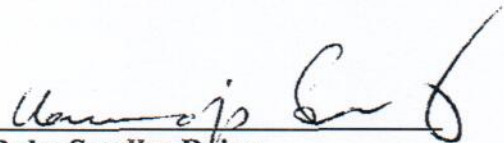
The programme will be implemented under the direct responsibility of the UNDP Country Director. The monitoring activities will be carried out by the Poverty Unit under the daily supervision of the Deputy Country Director in charge of programme. For the implementation of the project activities, a programme unit is established and is liaising with the National Program Fight against Malaria, national institutions (central and local), development partners, NGOs, communities involving in the fight against malaria.

The Country Office has the experience and the capacity for DIM execution (as indicated in the attached checklist) and it will continue to ensure that all necessary measures are applied for quality control, to safeguard UNDP financial responsibilities and accountable use of UNDP and partners' resources. All financial resources of the project will be managed according to the rules, procedures and requirements as defined in the UNDP's programme and Operations Policies Procedures (POPP), and according to UNDP guidelines on Direct Implementation Modality of the Associate Administrator's memo of the 27 November 2000.

The project documents and relevant documents are attached.

Based on the above justification, I would recommend that the request for extension of the Direct Implementation Modality of the above projects be approved from 1 January to 31 December 2014. The Country office is also requested to comply with DIM rules and policies.



Approved by: 
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Date: 19/3/14