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MISSION REPORT SUMMARY

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1. Approved Mission Itinerary: Luanda-Huila-Cunene-Huila-Luanda	2. List of Annexes: 1. N/A		
3. (From) Inclusive Travel Dates (To) 01/10/2019 to 05/10/2019	4. Key Counterpart (s) in Each Location: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Huila provincial government (Vice Governor for Social Affairs and all Department Directors), CSOs, academia, as well as UN agencies, i.e. UNICEF, FAO, UNFPA, WHO, & RCO, for <u>the Huila-UN meeting on cooperation framework 2020-22.</u>- <u>Huila Provincial Civil Protection Commission (CPPC):</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Dra. Maria João Tchivalavela, Vice Governor for Social Affairs, Huila provincial government.✓ Dr. Otto, Adviser to VG for Social Affairs, Huila provincial government.✓ Dr. Virgilio Miguel Fonceca, Provincial Civil Protection Deputy Commander of Huila, along with Joao Lando Mbala and Antonio Olivier Manuel.- <u>Cunene Provincial Civil Protection Commission (CPPC):</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Dra. Suraya Teresa de Jesus Kalongela, Vice Governor for Social Affairs, Cunene provincial government.✓ Dr. Jose Pedro Catraio, Provincial Civil Protection Commander of Cunene.✓ Dr. Paulo Raimundo Kalunga, Provincial Civil Protection Deputy Commander of Cunene.		
5. Purpose/Objectives of Mission: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To attend the Huila-UN meeting on the cooperation framework for 2020-22.2) To officially present Sr. Joao Neves, UNDP regional representative for south / project manager of UNDP FRESAN project to the provincial government of Cunene and SPCB.3) To attend the allocation of an office space for the UNDP FRESAN project team at the SPCB office in Huila by the Vice Governor for Social Affairs, Huila provincial government.			

6. Brief Summary of Mission Outcomes:

1. **A half-day consultation on the cooperation framework 2020-22 took place in Lubango, Huila** between the representatives (i.e. vice governor for social affairs and sector directors) of the Huila provincial government and the UN agencies along with other stakeholders such as CSO, and academia. VG opened the forum by providing her reflection on the context for the renewed Huila-UN cooperation, covering some key factors i.e. south-west collaboration, new paradigm of local governance, access to education, concurrent happening, sustainability of development results, best practices / lessons learnt, vulnerability, agriculture and women. The UN RC complemented VG remark, noting importance of addressing youth and job creation. Sector directors provided their briefings on the past collaboration and results, and/or respective plans for 2020-22, explaining also alignment with PDN 2018-22 at the national level. UN RCO provided a briefing on the new UNSDCF 2020-22, highlighting four outcome results, and four accelerators for SDGs (Human rights, Youth, Resilience / Environmental sustainability and Gender).

Colleagues of UN agencies responded with their views on the collaboration between the Huila and UN for the upcoming three years. Other participants also contributed with their views. After briefing of UNDP's roles (an integrator for Agenda 2030 / SDGs, policy and program support at up and down streams), we reiterated importance of whole-of-government / society approaches to overcome development challenges of Huila province, and inter-sectorial coordination and collaboration based on the human-centered and human rights-based approaches. In employing human-centered approach, we noted importance of credible data for evidence-based geographical and people targeting, i.e. vulnerabilities. We also pointed out provincial government's responsibility to ensure sustainability of development results delivered with the support of international partners such as the UN in the changing context i.e. LDC graduation. We also referred to importance of watching out the Artaquia processes in the coming years, as it will have an impact on the decentralized governance and capacity building in providing basic public services to the local residents for inclusive sustainable human development. After deliberation together, a way forward was decided by the participants for the start of renewed Huila-UN collaboration from 2020, i.e. start with a prototyping of the new partnership and collaboration, considering joint targeting - human-centered, quick impact in 2020, innovation, people as agent of development, and Artaquia processes etc.

2. **In Cunene**, the UNDP FRESAN project team met VG for Social Affair (ex-head of Education Department) for the first time, along with SPCB deputy commander, introducing the project (coordination - planning, budgeting, monitoring, info management and early warning) and the project manager / team. VG was informed and endorsed that SPCB hqs had agreed a space be allocated for the UNDP team within the SPCB office in Ondjiva to facilitate close collaboration. We reiterated importance of VG's leadership and support for the application of whole-of-government and-society approaches under the project and DRM in general. In light of a recent visit by the Minister of Interior to Cunene as well, VG welcomed the team and initiative as part of the EU-financed FRESAN program, and requested smooth implementation, considering the delays caused under the FRESAN program and situation of vulnerable people on the ground. After briefed of the project's expected key results, VG requested the 2nd commander of SPBC to prepare and provide DRM budget needs for the next fiscal year by March 2020, in line with the one of the key results of the UNDP FRESAN project – sustainability of development results. Tentative date for project launching was informed for the subsequent consultation and decision between the Provincial Governor, MININT and UNDP. She agreed to taking both immediate and medium-to-long term measures in addressing effect of droughts and impact of other hazards. We also briefed on the processes undertaken for the 2012-16 Droughts PDNA and the current status of the QRS 2018-22. Being new, as she was not aware of the QRS 2018-22, we decided to provide her with the documents after the meeting.

After VG meeting, we were also welcomed by the Principal Commander of SPCB in Cunene who ensured close collaboration for the coming four years under the project based on the past joint initiatives, and were subsequently introduced to the Operations Room, where the project team will be based, while in Cunene for the implementation of the project activities.

3. **In Huila**, after the last meeting of 13 September, VG decided to allocate a space at the Huila SPCB office for the UNDP FRESAN project team, which is also in line with the proposal by CNPC/SPCB hqs at national level. Thus, VG personally accompanied the UNDP team to the SPCB office in Lubango to officially introduce us to the Civil Protection Deputy Commander (in the absence of the Chief Commander on mission) and his team and to allocate a space in the SPCB building. In the meeting, we also discussed project launching plan and activity initiation. Considering delays caused under the FRESAN program, namely by Camoes I.P., VG also requested smooth initiation and implementation of UNDP activities, and expected to possibly see some key results by end-2019, i.e. a bulletin on disaster risks, and an improved Operations Room in Lubango, following a good example of one in Ondjiva, Cunene. It was interesting to learn from SPCB deputy commander in the meeting that a contingency plan for rainy season had been pending for review and approval by the CPPC led by VG in Huila, highlighting delays in decision-making on the key disaster preparedness and response instrument. This will be looked at under our project as part of enhancement of the horizontal and vertical coordination in DRM.

After the VG meeting, SPCB deputy commander took us to a tour in the SPCB office in Lubango and introduced us to an Operations Room, which had no condition and equipment to operate as such; currently it is just used as a conference room. In discussion with the commander, we requested to allocate a small space in this room to start developing an Operations Room with the support of the UNDP FRESAN project. The proposal will be communicated to the Principal Commander of SPCB Huila for endorsement and subsequent action in the week of 7-11 October; there seems no objection on this, according to the deputy.

7. Key recommendations /Actions to be Taken:

Huila-UN cooperation framework:

- 1- A technical team of the UNs and Huila provincial government will prepare a report of the meeting of 2 October, and work plan / cooperation framework for 2020-22 and/or single year 2020 (suggested by RC) by 15 December 2019 with geographical / people targeting i.e. municipality, communa etc based on evidence / data.

UNDP FRESAN project:

1. For Cunene, establish a project office at SPCB (furniture, equipment, visibility etc), and prepare for the project launching (late Oct.) and activity implementation.
2. For Huila, establish a project office at SPCB (furniture, equipment, visibility etc), and prepare for the project launching (late Oct.) and activity implementation. Share ProDoc with SPCB.
3. For Namibe, following up on the meeting with the governor on 12 Sept, organize a meeting with the Vice Governor and the Commander of SPCB to introduce the UNDP team at technical level, establish a project office at SPCB (furniture, equipment, visibility etc), and prepare for the project launching (late Oct.) and activity implementation. Deliver ProDoc to SPCB.
4. Ensure the QRS 2018-22 (the most updated one from CNPC/SPCB) and the PDNA 2012-16 are with VG and SPCB at the three target provinces. Do provide the new VG of Cunene with the two strategic documents for her information, as she was not aware of those.
5. Coordinate with CNPC/SPCB hqs in Luanda and establish suitable dates for the project launching in each of the three target provinces in late October 2019. Prepare agenda, briefing (on project, budget per province, updated workplans etc), and invitations in close coordination with CNPC/SPCB hqs and three CPPCs/SPCBs.
6. Check with CNPC/SPCB hqs and ITC/ILO Turin, Italy on the feasibility to conduct 2-week training on DRR & Sustainable Local Development (SLD) in November 2019, which may be followed by the "creation of the DRR strategic planning / monitoring teams in the three target provinces" in Nov/Dec 2019, and a "DRR/SLD training at municipal level in January 2020." Noting the official start of the project implementation period being "August 2019," the delivery of initial results is very much expected of the UNDP FRESAN project by all stakeholders, i.e. EU, governments at central and provincial levels, and others.
7. Keep the EU, as well as Comoes I.P. and FAO posted on the progress made by the UNDP FRESAN project, i.e. launching, initiation, etc, while ensuring EU visibility.

8. Distribution:

9. Proposed Debriefing Date: N/A

Participation in Briefing: N/A



Huila-UN meeting on cooperation framework 2020-2022, Lubango, Huila (2 October 2019).



After meeting the Vice Governor and SPCB Chief Commander, the 2nd Commander introduces the UNDP FRESAN team to the SPCB Operations Room in Ondjiva, Cunene, where the project team will be based for work in Cunene (3 October 2019).



Huila Vice Governor officially introduces the UNDP FRESAN team to SPCB Huila and allocates an office space for the project team's hqs at SPCB office in Lubango (4 October 2019).