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1. Approved Mission Itinerary: Luanda – Ondjiva – Luanda	2. List of Annexes: SOP's Functional Simulation Plan for Feb 2017
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3. 10 to 14 January 2017	4. Key Counterpart (s) in Each Location: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCHA (Tinago Chikoto, Alois Ndambuki) • UNDP (Verónica) • Cunene Provincial Government (Dr. Contreiras Tchingungo) • Civil Protection (National and Local level) • Municipal Administrators, Communal Administrators, Communitarian leaders (Sobas), community people
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5. Purpose/Objectives of Mission

- To establish the initial foundations for the improvement of the response capacity to climate change effects of the local administrations and of the provincial civil protection services in the Cunene Province.
- Updating Vice-governor about this first exercise to develop SOP's with OCHA support and explain the next simulation stage.
- Get inputs listening to the leaders, representants and local authorities of communities based in the Cuvelai Basin regarding the Early Warning System (if exists) and how the communication flows from local to provincial/national and get back.

6. Brief Summary of Mission Outcomes:

The objective of the mission was to establish the initial foundations for the improvement of the response capacity to climate change effects of the local administrations and of the provincial civil protection services in the Cunene Province, developing:

- 1) The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for natural hazards are to improve Cunene's Province disaster preparedness and response readiness.
- 2) The Functional Simulation Plan agreed with the simulation team
- 3) Update local provincial authorities in the work done in the province.

On Day 10th: after arrival at 16:30, there was a meeting with Environment and Urbanism Provincial Director (Mr. Contreiras Tchingungo) explaining purpose of this mission. After meeting with Civil Protection and local and national level, IPROCAC (institution of MINARS that coordinates the cooperation in the province), explanation of this mission, CP explained what was done before with USAID project, maps, hydrometric stations, what are actual problems they are facing, etc.

On Day 11th: we went to the field (Mupa, Evale). There were performed meetings at two levels, first with Municipal Administrator of Cuvelai: Dra. Margarida Ulisavo and the Communal Administrator of Mupa: Mr. Gregório Dimis Senisiwa. Then another meeting was performed with local leaders, small farmers and more Mupa communitarian people, some questions were made to the local people, by OCHA (translation by UNDP). The main findings are related to lack of a good communication flow, for language barriers and lack of signal of normal communication services. Also the radio of Cunene, is not arriving for a lack of equipment in the Cuvelai Municipality. After same exercise was done in Evale (Commune of Cuanhama Municipality) were the problems of flooding seems to affect more the communities around the river, since there are communities in the two sides of Cuvelai River. When water comes, they stayed isolated until water get down. Not all the communities have access to UNITEL services, they requested to be an intermediary with UNITEL in order to allow their telephone services in these rural areas. Also they requested to have at least some boats, so when flooding came they can communicate with other areas where they have access to hospitals, schools, etc. (Fuel for GPC was provided by DSA).



On Day 12th: there was a meeting with the Vice-Governor Dr. Cristino Ndeitunga to explain the purpose of this OCHA and UNDP mission for develop the SOP's and plan for a future functional simulation to floodings in the province. At the beginning, the Vice-governor seemed to be not agree with this mission, since he thought the money of the Project Cuvelai had been used for this purpose. Then, I explained there are many partnerships for OCHA to be here (OCHA payed one member, UNDP Governance Dpt. Payed the other OCHA member). Cuvelai project just payed my companionship during this mission. The Vice-Governor asked to consider the simulation not only for flooding but for droughts too, since more people and animals are dying for this reason. OCHA explained the simulation will be based in flooding, but it will test the contingency plan of the Province for both, flooding and drought.

After this, there were performed a meeting with representants of all the sectors of the province (Health, education, agriculture, environment, urbanism, energy and water, public transportation, communications, etc.) OCHA asked questions regarding the EWS in the province, how are they using the Provincial Contingency Plan and if there are communication problems in the flow. Some of the answers, said they have the laws, they have the contingency plan, but if an emergency occurs they must wait for the CPPC (Provincial Civil Protection Committee) to meet, take decisions and only after the Governor mandates, they could act. It seems to exist a disconnection between what rural leaders said and what provincial directors explained.

On Day 13th: there were performed same questions to the Ombadja Municipality and the leaders and administrator of Commune Xangongo. Ombadja is one of the biggest municipalities in Cunene, that also is affected when the water of River Cuvelai grows (specifically the South). There are many places affected by the droughts, and the communication problem persists. They asked to have Unitel services in all the rural areas of the Province too.

After, a meeting with Civil Protection, IPROCAC, OCHA and UNDP was performed in order to create the Functional Simulation Team, then prepare a plan for February and discuss SOP's., main findings until now. OCHA gave several examples that are working in other countries with more Tsunami awareness like Indonesia that use sirens or bells as EWS.

On Day 14th: there was performed a final discussion, translation of documents to Portuguese, planning of simulation in February.

This mission gave a follow up what was discussed in past mission (December 2016) with the Civil Protection, about the type of support for communications with remote communities that the project could provide (PC to provide some specific information about net coverage within the next weeks) and for the expansion of the PC's system of community organization in case of alerts. Project support to PC will be coordinated with Keita's group.

<p>8. Key recommendations /Actions to be Taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update MINAMB and UNDP CO about the SOP's and plan for next simulation event in the province. • Follow up with the Simulation Plan Team in order to be ready for the agreed dates (February, 14-18, 2017). • Help with the logistics and coordination for the local functional simulation in the Cunene Province. 	<p>9. Distribution: UNDP CO MINAMB Luanda</p>
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