

28 September 2011

Dear Ms. van der Vaeren,

I am pleased to inform you that we have approved USD75,000 to support emergency response to Sikkim earthquake in Bhutan. In accordance with the TRAC 1.1.3 guidelines, please note that these funds should be utilized to support coordination efforts, needs assessments and initiating early recovery frameworks. Funding will be made available from the Response to Sudden Crisis category (II) of the TRAC 1.1.3 (Atlas fund code: 04120; donor code: 00012).

We have established an authorized spending limit (ASL) in the Atlas to facilitate immediate response. Please ensure that electronic copies of the signed project document, as well as quarterly progress reports are uploaded into the Atlas.

Kindly note that the project must be completed within 12 months of its approval date. If the project cannot be closed within this period of time, a request for extension, together with a justification, should be submitted at least three months in advance of the expiration date.

Please do not hesitate to contact your BCPR regional team (<u>bcpr.asia@undp.org</u>), led by Mr. Devanand Ramiah, for any additional support you might require. We look forward to working with you and your team in supporting your office on crisis prevention and recovery.

Yours sincerely,

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