



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Ms. Ruby Sandhu-Rojon
Officer-in-Charge **Date:** 25 August 2015

From: Dominique Kabeya
Country Programme Specialist
Country Support Team
RSCA Addis Ababa **Extension:**

Subject: **Request for authorization to use DIM for Peace Building Fund (PBF) Projects**

Please find attached for your consideration and approval, a request from the Côte d'Ivoire Country Office (CO) for Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) to support the "Programme to Strengthen Confidence, Coexistence and Security Stabilisation for Peaceful Elections in Côte d'Ivoire" covering the period from 25 August 2015 to 24 August 2016.

Background

The Programme to Strengthen Confidence, Coexistence and Security Stabilization for Peaceful Elections in Côte d'Ivoire was approved by the Joint Steering Committee co-chaired by the Ministry of State, Ministry of Planning and Development and the DSRSG/Resident Coordinator/Resident Representative on 13 May 2015, and UNDP Country office in Côte d'Ivoire was designated as custodian of the fund.

The programme comprises three projects funded by the Peace Building Support Office (PBSO) for a total amount of US\$5,000,000 for a period of two and half years starting from 15 June 2015 and ending on 31 December 2017. UNDP implements three Programme Components but the current DIM request is for two project components totalling \$3,000,000 as follows:

- CIV 10-00095928: "Project to strengthen confidence between defence and security forces and the populations in Côte d'Ivoire (PARC-FDSP)" for US\$1,700,000.
- CIV 10-00095929: "Project to strengthen social cohesion and confidence between post-electoral crisis victims and national institutions in Côte d'Ivoire" for US\$ 1,300,000.

The objective of these Projects are to consolidate peace in Cote d'Ivoire through various activities to strengthen capacities of prefectural and security authorities, social cohesion and



national reconciliation. Specifically, the Projects contribute to the consolidation of democracy, social cohesion, citizen participation and dialogue strengthening. Improved confidence between political actors, women, young people and the civil society will contribute to calm and non-violent elections through dialogue platforms, trainings, sensitization and exchanges with the different actors including government structures.

In addition to national partners, the Projects will be implemented in close cooperation with other UN Agencies: UNOCI, OHCHR, UNWOMEN, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO, OIM, FAO and the Strategic Unit of the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator.

Justification for DIM

Taking into account the specificity and complexity of this programme, in particular the fact that several activities of the programme must be implemented in collaboration with other agencies of the United Nations System (UNOCI, OHCHR, UNWOMEN, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO, OIM, FAO and UNDP), multiple Ministries, and other stakeholders, it was agreed with the Government during the Steering Committee that DIM modality would be the most adequate to implement this programme in order to ensure a better coordination and reporting.

Country office has the experience and the capacity for DIM as attested by a satisfactory audit implementation rate and a strong accounting and reporting system. On the latest Comptroller's Performance Index, the Country office received 'Acclaim' status for all quarters of 2014 attesting to good fiduciary management and internal control.

The Project Document was signed by the DSRSG/RC/RR on 13 May 2015 but the formal request for DIM approval is dated August 25 2015. Cote d'Ivoire Country Office will have to assume full responsibility for carrying out implementation under the DIM modality during the period 15 June 2015 to 24 August 2015 without due appropriate approval. In subsequent programmes, it is recommended that the CO ensures full compliance with the DIM and all UNDP policies.

Implementation Arrangements

The project will be implemented in close cooperation with UNOCI, OHCHR, UNWOMEN, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO, OIM, FAO and the Strategic Unit of the Office of the Resident Coordinator, Government and NGOs. The responsibility for program coordination, management, monitoring and evaluation lies with the management structures which are (i) the Joint Steering Committee of the Peace Consolidation Priority Plan in Côte d'Ivoire, (ii) the Joint Technical Committee of Experts for phase 2 of the Peace Consolidation Priority Plan (2015-



2017) and (iii) the Project Coordinating Committee (PCC) comprising experts in monitoring and evaluation and a national program coordinator.

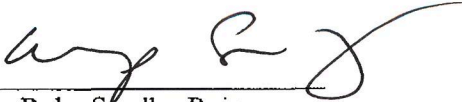
Each Fund Recipient Agency will ensure financial management of allocated resources and the technical coordination of activities contributing to the achievement of agreed outputs. The Fund Recipient Agency will be responsible for contributing to the preparation, implementation, and monitoring of the Annual Work Plan (AWP) and the development and consolidation of technical reports by the lead agency in close collaboration with participating agencies. Participating agencies to the implementation of the program will provide technical support to Fund Recipient Agencies in the execution of the program according to their comparative advantages.

The project team will produce and provide periodic narrative and financial reports, in the required Peace Building Fund format for approval by the Project Coordination Committee (PCC). The project team will prepare the final evaluation report (narrative and financial) at the end of the Project, for approval by the PCC and then validated by the Joint Priority Plan Steering Committee.

Country office will continue to ensure that all necessary measures are applied for quality control, to safeguard UNDP's financial responsibilities and also to ensure accountable use of resources from UNDP and partners. All financial resources of the project will be managed according to the rules, procedures and requirements as defined in the UNDP Programme and Operations Policies Procedures (POPP).

Recommendation

Based on the above justification, I would recommend that the request for the extension of the Direct Implementation Modality of this project be approved from 25 August 2015 to 24 August 2016.

Approved by: 
Ms. Ruby Sandhu-Rojon
Officer-in-Charge
Regional Bureau for Africa

Date: 28 August 2015

