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Report of the BCPR Project Appraisal Committee Meeting

BPAC Number:	October 2013 BPAC Meeting
Start Time:	11/1/2013 10:00 AM
Chairperson:	Marta Ruedas
Members Present:	Bruno Lemarquis; Sudha Srivastava; Sheelagh Stewart; Roma Bhattacharjea; Jo Scheuer; Jos De La Haye (OIC for CPT); Serdar Bayriyev (OIC for PPD)
Observers:	Kristoffer Tangri; Itziar Gonzalez
Secretariat:	<input type="checkbox"/> Nazim Khizar <input type="checkbox"/> Nato Gzobava <input type="checkbox"/> Asmaa Shalabi Taija Kontinen-Sharp
Presenters:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yasumitsu Doken Rossana Dudziak <input type="checkbox"/> Rajeev Issar Fatoumata Kane
General Comments	The BPAC noted increase in clearances based on 'no-objection' basis. BPAC Secretariat was requested to look into the statistics on how many proposals were presented to the BPAC on no-objection basis since introduction of the practice in the business process.

Project Title:	Police Support Project for Libya
Project Duration:	36month(s)
Country:	Libya
Project Budget:	\$6,145,094.00
Total Requested BCPR:	\$600,000.00
Gender Component:	\$90,000.00
Description:	The BPAC was informed that proposal was developed following the RoL Global Focal Point mission to Libya earlier this year. It would be a joint UNDP UNSMIL project aimed at supporting the Ministry of Interior and Police to improve policing in Libya for increasing professionalism of the police to enable it to tackle modern challenges with effective law enforcement, criminal investigation and protection for the Libyan people.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

- It was noted that a gender component was not sufficiently articulated and there were no funds set aside for gender-related activities. The regional team noted that the UNODC and UN Women had been consulted while elaborating the proposal. It was planned to conduct a separate survey once the project was launched. With regards to funding, it was noted that the Libyan authorities would be interested in contributing some funds for the gender-related activities at a later stage of implementation. As BCPR's mandatory requirement for gender-related activities is 15%, the regional team was requested to ensure that the final prodoc allocates at least 15% for the gender-specific activities.
- It was noted that the proposal would require clearance from the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP) board before it could be implemented. The regional team noted that at this point the proposal hadn't been assessed by the HRDDP yet.

Based on thorough discussions the BPAC recommended to provisionally endorse the proposal in the total amount of \$600,000, subject to clearance from the HRDDP. The funds should be allocated from global ROL contributions from the Netherlands and Norway.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00187-GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY	26920-CPR TTF Conflict Prevention - Open	\$200,000.00
00182-GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS	26920-CPR TTF Conflict Prevention - Open	\$400,000.00
Grand Total		\$600,000

Project Title:	Kenya Integrated Climate Risk Management Project (KICRMP)
Project Duration:	36month(s)
Country:	Kenya
Project Budget:	\$500,000.00
Total Requested BCPR:	\$500,000.00
Gender Component:	\$75,000.00

The BPAC was informed that the project was designed to promote climate resilience in Kenya over the next 3 years and focused on the following 3 outputs: (1) convergence and mainstreaming of CRM promoted, (2) evidence-base for CRM at national and country level, (3) community-based DRR and climate change adaptive capacities strengthened.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

Description:

- The BPAC commended the proposal for a strong analytical approach towards gender.
- PPD noted that while some of their comments had been accommodated, the observation on partnership had remained unaddressed. The partnership segment of the proposal focused on UNDP only without acknowledging the activities of other major actors and donors on the ground. It was also noted that the proposal lacked linkages with larger regional initiatives such as Global Alliance on the Horn of Africa.
- The regional team and DRT noted that the CO had responded to some of the observations raised by the technical teams and acknowledging the BPAC comments on partnerships, they agreed to work with the CO on the partnership segment to address all concerns.

Based on thorough discussions, the BPAC decided not to recommend the proposal for endorsement as it would need to be reworked to accommodate the observations raised by the BPAC. It could be resubmitted for approval once all comments had been addressed.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00231-GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN	26930-CPR TTF Disaster Risk Reduction - Open	\$0.00
Grand Total		\$0

Project Title:	Transition to Transformation through the New Deal
Project Duration:	12month(s)
Country:	Afghanistan
Project Budget:	\$350,000.00
Total Requested BCPR:	\$300,000.00
Gender Component:	\$60,000.00
Description:	The BPAC was informed that the proposal represented a project implementation plan (PIP) with three main objectives: (1) support the Government of Afghanistan in conducting the New Deal study, socialization process and peer review, (2) use the study's findings to inform the next phase of UNDP support to the upcoming national development plan for the Transformation Decade, and (3) develop a full scale project document in support of the New Deal implementation in Afghanistan.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

- In response to an inquiry on timelines, the regional team confirmed that the activities should be conducted prior to the elections and that is why the PIP was very specific with regards to the timelines.
- Some BPAC members felt that the prodoc would need to elaborate on the next phase country's peace and state building goals. The regional team was asked to assist the CO while finalizing the prodoc.

The BPAC recommended endorsement of the project in the total amount of \$300,000.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	26921-CPR TTF Conflict Prevention	\$300,000.00
Grand Total		\$300,000

Project Title:	Catalytic support to the Reconciliation and Development Agenda in Sri Lanka
Project Duration:	24month(s)
Country:	Sri Lanka
Project Budget:	\$310,000.00
Total Requested BCPR:	\$200,000.00
Gender Component:	\$30,000.00

The BPAC was informed that the project aimed to achieve 3 main outputs: (1) new emerging conflict triggers validated and a strategic conflict assessment developed for the country to inform development policy and programs, (2) confidence and trust built amongst key government, civil society, and provincial stakeholders leading to sustained dialogue processes and collaboration on peace and development, (3) strategic conflict prevention responses support the wider reconciliation agenda in Sri Lanka.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

- Some BPAC members felt that the proposal was too personalized towards the Reconciliation and Development Advisor.
- The proposal seemed to be more UN oriented rather than focused on UNDP. The management arrangements referred to the RC Unit which does not have a role in UNDP project management project implementation. In response the regional team noted that the CO intentionally made the project more UN oriented based on sensitivities activities to be undertaken.
- The proposal was vague on how the money would be spent.
- It lacked clarity on where the anticipated activities would lead to.
- While recognizing that the CO might have weak capacity, it was felt that the gender component lacked analytical intelligence data and was rather generic, lacking situational analysis.
- While noting the sensitivities of the country context and UNDP's role, the initiative was not fully addressing the gender issues and did not scope the serious gender and crisis aspects of the Sri Lankan crisis. The RDA would have to address gender aspects of peace building in Sri Lanka and accordingly a percentage of financial allocation should be shown as well.
- Acknowledging the sensitivity of the project, it was suggested to further elaborate a risk matrix and incorporate it in the final prodoc. It was also noted that the proposal would require going through the HRDDP clearance prior to the commencement of activities.

Description:

Based on thorough discussions, it was decided to provisionally approve the proposal. It would need to be reworked as per BPAC recommendations and re-circulated virtually to the BPAC members before the allocation letter is released.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	26921-CPR TTF Conflict Prevention	\$200,000.00
Grand Total		\$200,000

Project Title:	Rule of Law
Project Duration:	36month(s)
Country:	Haiti

Project Budget: \$9,000,000.00
Total Requested BCPR: \$500,000.00
Gender Component: \$75,000.00

The BPAC was informed that the project aimed to achieve the following outcomes: (1) capacity of national institutions for the development and implementation of public policies in the field of justice strengthened, (2) access to justice and the provision of justice service delivery improved in targeted areas through establishment of an access to justice strategy, (3) violence reduced and the safety and security of citizens enhanced by the introduction of community policing and local consultation mechanisms for the prevention of violence, and (4) capacity of the state and non-state actors strengthened for a comprehensive and coordinated response to address violence against women. It was noted that the BCPR funds would be used for a P5 position and some key activities related to baseline assessments, including support to set up M&E mechanisms and the judicial monitoring.

Description:

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

- The proposal was weak in linkages and complementarities to the results. It would be good to see concrete indicators and deliverables rather than generic strategic statements.
- The regional team noted that PPD's comment on M&E component had been accommodated by incorporating an additional result 5 on setting up monitoring systems.
- The proposal lacked lessons learnt from previous programs and projects of similar nature.

Based on a thorough discussion BPAC endorsed the proposal for approval based on understanding that the results-based implementation would be reinforced.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	26921-CPR TTF Conflict Prevention	\$250,000.00
00182-GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS	26920-CPR TTF Conflict Prevention - Open	\$250,000.00
Grand Total		\$500,000

Project Title: Mainstreaming climate risk into climate-sensitive sector policies in Honduras
Project Duration: 18month(s)
Country: Honduras
Project Budget: \$1,493,000.00
Total Requested BCPR: \$500,000.00
Gender Component: \$78,936.00

The BPAC was informed that the project was developed in close cooperation with the Panama Regional Service Centre and DRRT. It aimed to support the Government of Honduras to address climate risk management in their existing policies in climate sensitive sectors, focusing on achieving 3 main outputs: (1) DRR-CCA frameworks for convergence formulated and mainstreaming of CRM in relevant policies, mechanisms and institutions promoted, (2) systems and capacities to monitor, analyze and disseminate CRM-related information from building evidence-based and sex disaggregated data at national and sub-national levels developed and expanded, (3) CRM interventions at community level piloted to develop risk reduction and adaptive capacities of identified communities.

Description:

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

- It was noted that the comments from PPD had been incorporated;
- It was noted that the prodoc contained some typos referring to another project and would need to be corrected while finalizing the prodoc.

The BPAC recommended endorsement of the project in the total amount of \$500,000.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	26931-CPR TTF Disaster Risk Reduction	\$500,000.00
Grand Total		\$500,000

Advocating for a Risk-sensitive Development Agenda: UNDP contribution to the global assessment report on disaster risk reduction 2015

Project Duration: 18month(s)
Country: Global New York
Project Budget: \$250,000.00
Total Requested BCPR: \$250,000.00
Gender Component: \$37,500.00

The BPAC was informed that the proposal would fall under the Global Disaster Reduction Mainstreaming Initiative (GMI), DEX project implemented by BCPR. It was aimed to leverage the Global Assessment Report 2015 (GAR 2015) as a key advocacy instrument in shaping the global disaster risk reduction agenda and to confirm UNDP's lead role in the process.


During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

Description:

- GAR is produced by the ISDR in partnership with other agencies. UNDP, among other partners, had been asked to support the production of the report financially which was agreed by the UNDP Administrator.
- The proposal would support 3 outputs: (1) analysis paper prepared, consolidating results of the thematic reviews of disaster risk governance, including UNDP's experience and achievements and analyzing progress and gaps in HFA implementation activities, (2) joint stakeholders' position on existing policy challenges and priorities for future DRR initiatives developed and articulated, and (3) public advocacy campaigns to advocate disaster risk sensitive development agenda (post-2015) through GAR 2015 conducted.
- It was noted that the funds would not be transferred to ISDR and would be managed under the GMI project.

The BPAC recommended endorsement of the project in the total amount of \$250,000.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	26931-CPR TTF Disaster Risk Reduction	\$250,000.00
Grand Total		\$250,000

Endorsed by Chairperson:  Date: 18-XI-2013

Comments from the Director: _____

Approved by Director:  Date: 14 Nov. 2013
 Jordan Ryan, Assistant Administrator and Director

