

Global Project
'Building Capacities for Resilient Recovery Phase 2'
PAC Minutes
16 March 2018

Background

There has been strong collaboration with regional hubs (Addis and Bangkok) on the implementation of the first phase of the project and/or the design of the second phase. With regard to country selection, priority countries were agreed with each regional centre, then were matched with the donor's list of priority countries. Each participating country office developed the results frameworks for their country component, and focal points in the respective regional hubs were kept informed.

On 5th March 2018, Douglas Keh, Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Director, a.i. of the BPPS invited the Regional Bureaus, BERA, CRU and BMS to participate in a virtual Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) to review and provide comments to the project document 'Building Capacities for Resilient Recovery Phase 2' by Friday, 16 March 2018.

Participants

Comments were received from the following:

RBEC - Ekaterina Paniklova, Senior Programme Coordinator, Istanbul Regional Hub for Europe and the CIS
CRU - Fabrizio Andreuzzi, Programme Specialist

No comments were received from RBAP, RBA, RBAS, RBLAC, BERA and BMS; however, they were informed that no response would indicate endorsement of the project document.

Project Overview

Effective and inclusive disaster recovery¹ can reduce vulnerabilities and inequities, strengthen resilience to future risks and restore progress towards the SDGs. Yet, while progress has been made in emergency preparedness and response, capacities of countries across the world to manage recovery processes still linger behind. Post-disaster interventions are often ad-hoc, short-term and uncoordinated, favoring reconstruction over socio-economic and human recovery needs.

Utilizing UNDP's in-depth knowledge and experience in recovery, this project aims to build the resilience of countries in the face of disasters by strengthening national capacities to plan and manage recovery processes in a sustainable and inclusive manner ("Build Back Better"). Focus countries during this phase are Burkina Faso, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Niger, as discussed with regional bureaus.

The project outputs include:

¹ Recovery is defined as "The medium and longer-term rebuilding and sustainable restoration of resilient critical infrastructures, services, housing, facilities and livelihoods required for full functioning of a community or a society affected by a disaster, aligning with the principles of sustainable development and Build Back Better, to avoid or reduce future disaster risk" Report of the Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction endorsed by the General Assembly, January 2017.

- Output 1.** Strengthened national policy, institutional and financial frameworks and mechanisms to plan and implement sustainable recovery processes.
- Output 2.** Enhanced technical capacities in recovery planning and implementation.
- Output 3.** Enhanced national capacities for implementing sustainable recovery at community-level.
- Output 4.** Improved knowledge products, technological applications and South-South exchange for recovery management.

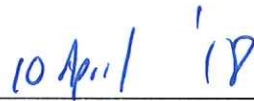
The total project budget is US\$ 1.8M of which approximately \$1.7M has been secured from the Government of Luxembourg.

Next Steps

The signed PAC Minutes and the final project document will be uploaded in the [Global Projects Document Repository](#).



Douglas Keh
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PAC Chair



Date

MATRIX OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Issue	Bureau	Comments	Response
<p>Knowledge Sharing</p>	<p>RBEC</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Regional PDNA experience should be shared at regional/global events related to this project; and Global experiences and “know-how” originated from this project should be shared with our DRR regional team for the adjustment/application at the regional scale in ECIS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We agree with the suggestion that the global and regional PDNA events and experiences should be shared with the regional DRR teams. The lessons from this project and a related project, the PDNA Roll out II whose objectives are more closely aligned with PDNAs training, learning and knowledge management will be platforms for cross learning. <p>The project board and project Manager for the PDNA rollout II and the Preparedness for Recovery project are the same, maximizing the use of resources, knowledge products, exchange of learning and experiences.</p> <p>Please refer to section II on the PRODOC to see the additional text introduced.</p>
<p>Gender</p>	<p>RBEC</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The project needs to reflect more in its integration of a gender analysis and statement of gender equality results. The (project) includes a description of the gender dimensions of disaster risk and recovery in the development challenge (beginning with disaggregation of losses and fatalities), and the gender gaps in national response processes and mechanisms. The current version does no more than say that gender equality is cross-cutting issue. <p><u>The project can draw on the practical information in the PDNA guide (developed by the UN, World Bank and GFDRR - https://www.gfdr.org/sites/gfdr/files/WB_UNDP_PDNA_Gender_SP_FINAL.pdf) to go beyond focusing on women (in the section below for example) in its approach to gender equality.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the comment of the PAC member. Efforts will be made to reflect a stronger focus on gender issues in implementation. The project has already listed indicators that will track the integration of gender dimensions in disaster recovery. The following indicators included in the project will ensure that gender dimensions are implemented and monitored. <p>Output 1, Indicator 1.2 # of countries that developed/revised policies that are gender-sensitive to support recovery processes and are aligned with the NWOW</p> <p>Output 2, indicator 2.3 # of PDNA sectoral guides that reflect gender issues and conflict sensitivity, developed per participating country.</p> <p>Output 3, indicators 3.1 # of countries with community level post disaster recovery plans that differentiates women’s needs</p> <p>Output 3, indicators 3.2</p>

		<p>% of women & youth construction workers, masons and other skilled worked out of total number of participants, trained in resilient construction technologies per training Output 4, indicator 4.1 # of knowledge products developed and disseminated including lessons learned, gender-sensitive case studies, best practices, guides to address specific hazards, particularly floods and droughts.</p>
<p>Synergies with on-going initiatives</p>	<p>CRU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The suggested guide, PDNA for the Gender Cross-Cutting Sector, is a document prepared under the PDNA rollout project phase 1 and is consistently a document referred to in assessments. Additionally, the draft Gender Guidance on Recovery developed by the gender team will also be used as a reference. Noted the suggestion and will ensure the maximum utilization of the Crisis Response Package on National Recovery Planning and Coordination in implementation of Outputs 2 and 4. All guidance and knowledge products developed under the project will build on the Crisis Response Package on National Recovery Planning and Coordination.
<p>Innovation</p>	<p>CRU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Niger and Laos are the two countries that will undertake work related to the use of digital technology for recovery assessment and implementation. The recommendations from the CRU are well taken and will be considered on case by case basis, at the time of developing specific AWP's with each country and once the scope and the available capacity to develop the proposed work is defined. The following indicator is the one associated to developing innovative solutions using digital technology: Output 4, Indicator 4.3 # of in country-tailored mobile applications to support post disaster needs assessments and recovery monitoring while keeping in mind women's specific needs
	<p>1. The project should integrate the work UNDP has been doing on the Crisis Response Package on national recovery planning and coordination in the prodoc, as it is relevant to output 2 and 4 of the project.</p> <p>1. The partnership with Microsoft will seek concrete options for digitalization of reconstruction and recovery. This is well noted and could be linked to the current initiative on the Building Damage Assessment toolkit where Microsoft is also involved.</p> <p>2. One more element of innovation is to strengthen capacity of national counterparts to use satellite imagery through partnership with UNOSAT and other partners that can support strategic use of satellite data for prevention, preparedness, post-disaster needs assessment, recovery planning and monitoring. In CRU we can share recent SOP for collaboration with UNOSAT.</p>	