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## PROJECT BOARD MEETING 13 February 2019

### Building Capacities for Resilient Recovery - Phase 2 (BCRRII)

#### Participants

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#### Agenda

1. Presentation of 2018 achievements
2. Lessons learnt
3. Approval of the 2019 workplan
4. Miscellaneous
5. Key points of endorsement BCRRII

#### *Presentation of 2018 Achievements for BCRR II*

The BCRR II aims to contribute to building 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 while building on the outcomes of Phase I. The Phase II of the project is financed by the Government of Luxembourg with a total contribution of EUR 2,500,000.00 (equivalent US \$ \$2,936,903.00).

The project is in its 8<sup>th</sup> month of implementation. The progress presented here is for a duration of six months, from June to December 2018. Overall, a total of \$ 315,837.39 has been utilized for the reporting period, which constitutes 41% of the total allocated budget for the 2018 period.

The presentation to the Board and the end-of-year report 2018 are attached separately.

## ***Comments from the Board for the BCRR II***

### **Abdullah Alkulaib, RBA**

- Due to the minimal amounts provided to countries from the Global Project, it is important to ensure that at the Country Office level the funding received be part of a larger Resilience project. The resources provided should be considered seed funding that will support the CO in catalysing more funding from donors. The sustainability and impact of the project may be limited at the country-level with projects amounting to 390 000 \$ over three years. For instance, in Burkina Faso, it could be linked to a broader programme for building resilience and resources combined for greater impact.
- It is also important to keep the regional bureau colleagues in copy when drafting new project documents to ensure that it is linked to larger initiatives for resilience.

***Response:*** *The start of project activities has been slowed down as UNDP Burkina Faso has embarked in the re-organization of its portfolio of programs and projects for its new 2018-2020 programming cycle. With the reorganizing of portfolios, this project will contribute to a unique program on resilience for the entire programming cycle. A single program document to consider and integrate the outputs and resources of the project (funded by Luxembourg) was initiated but was significantly delayed. The delay in the formulation of the resilience program has led to a delay in the kick-off of activities, especially since the new authorities require the official endorsement of any project document before its implementation. The broader DRR program in Burkina Faso will be shared with the RBA desk officer and discussion on country needs will be scheduled prior to the mission to the country.*

### **Lin Cao, RBAP**

- It would be interesting to know if the project has contributed or will contribute further ahead, to mobilization of financial resources that might contribute to broader resilience programs at the country level.

***Response:*** *The comments are very relevant and will be addressed during the implementation of the project. A skype call with the country-level team leaders is scheduled to discuss how monitoring of outputs and outcomes can be improved and put forward.*

### **Angelika Planitz, CB**

- The Programme Manager, together with the country team leaders, should review the project document mid-term and make sure that the sustainability and an exit strategy is defined for the project. It is recommended that national/local stakeholders participating at the trainings and capacity-building workshops get the opportunity to participate in post-disaster needs assessments or recovery planning.
- All target countries have planned to review their institutional and legal arrangements under Outcome 1. As such, it would be good to constantly make the link to broader DRR legal arrangements and to make use of the quality assurance standards and checklists made available by UNDP and through the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

***Response:*** *The comments are very relevant and will be addressed during the implementation of the project. A skype call with the country-level team leaders is scheduled to discuss Outcome 1.*

## I. KEY POINTS OF ENDORSEMENT

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	ISSUE	APPROVAL
1.	2019 Annual Workplan of Building Capacities for Resilient Recovery funded by Luxembourg for an amount of \$1,355,258.54	Endorsed
2.	Procurement process regarding the Regional Consultant <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The procurement for the Regional Consultant to be based in Dakar was advertised in 2018 and put on hold when the realignment started. At the time, it was not clear if staff might be relocated to Dakar and support the project from there. A decision if the position is still required in Dakar is pending. The Deputy Director Crisis Bureau and Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery team's view is that with the JPO in NY playing that role, the position is no longer required. Each country has its own staff from the project to support the implementation.</li><li>- The decision was taken to co-finance a 4th year JPO who would supervise the project, among other tasks. The co-financing of 75,000.00\$ was taken from the global component for 2019.</li></ul>	Endorsed  Endorsed
3.	Recruitment of a project assistant to support both the BCRR II and the PDNA Roll-Out II projects as current person has moved to Climate team (NDC)	Endorsed

### ANNEXES:

BCRR II Project Board Presentation  
BCRR II End-of-Year Report 2018