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## United Nations Development Programme Bureau for Crisis Prevention & Recovery

### Report of the BCPR Project Appraisal Committee Meeting

**BPAC****Number:** April 2013 BPAC Meeting**Start Time:** 4/5/2013 10:00 AM**Chairperson:**  Sudha Srivastava**Members Present:** George Khoury (OIC for CSMT) Ozonnia Ojielo, Jose Maglanque (OIC fro PPD), Rajeev Issar (OIC for DRRT), Sheelagh Stuart**Observers:** Minako Manome, Awa Dabo, Kristoffer Tangri.**Secretariat:**  Nazim Khizar  
 Nato GzobavaZubair Murshed  
Ian Holland**Presenters:**  Taija Kontinen-Sharp  
Mohamed Yahya  
Eugenia Piza-Lopez**General****Comments**

**Project Title:** Support Capacity Development of National DRR Institutions and Resilience Building of Local Communities in Madagascar

**Project Duration:** 36month(s)

**Country:** Madagascar

**Project Budget:** \$3,520,600.00

**Total Requested BCPR:** \$1,500,000.00

**Gender Component:** \$611,000.00

**Description:** Based on clarifications provided by the regional team, the proposal was virtually endorsed by Marta Ruedas on 3 April 2013 in the total amount of \$200,000 (attached).

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	4170-TRAC 3 DISASTER RISK REDUCTION	\$200,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$200,000</b>

**Project Title:** Developing Disaster Risk Management Capacities in Iraq

**Project Duration:** 48month(s)

**Country:** Iraq

**Project Budget:** \$6,519,638.00

**Total Requested BCPR:** \$704,080.00

**Gender Component:** \$112,653.00

**Description:**

The BPAC was informed that the project aims to assist the Iraqi government to lay the foundations of a new system by setting up institutional mechanisms for disaster risk management. Being part of the MYSS, the project would focus on 4 key outputs: (1) national institutional and technical capacities established for gender-sensitive DRM; (2) disaster risk reduction integrated into selected sectors to reduce risks from recurring disasters in a gender-sensitive manner; (3) institutional and legislative capacities of high priority governorates strengthened for gender-sensitive disaster risk reduction and preparedness; (4) local and community level capacities improved in selected municipalities for gender-responsive disaster risk reduction.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

1. Noting that this is a \$6,5 mln project, the BPAC members raised concern about CO's ability to mobilize resources and inquired what other funding sources would be explored by the CO. The regional team responded that the project required seed funds from BCPR for the start up. The CO was working on various tracks to mobilize funds. It had allocated 300,000 from the core. It is negotiating with the Government of Iraq for cost-sharing. It will also share the proposal with Iraq-based donors and explore possibilities of financing different outputs.
2. It was felt that there was a need to monitor closely the gender indicators and achievement of gender targets.
3. While some BPAC members had doubts about achievability of some outputs, it was suggested to endorse the proposal with a recommendation to review the implementation progress after 6 months of the launch.

BPAC endorsed the project in the total amount of \$704,080 and suggested to incorporate the observations made by the BPAC in the allocation letter.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	4170-TRAC 3 DISASTER RISK REDUCTION	\$704,080.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$704,080</b>

<b>Project Title:</b>	Disaster Risk Livelihood Recovery in Gaza Province
<b>Project Duration:</b>	24month(s)
<b>Country:</b>	Mozambique
<b>Project Budget:</b>	\$2,477,600.00
<b>Total Requested BCPR:</b>	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Gender Component:</b>	\$620,000.00

The BPAC was informed that the proposal was developed in response to the floods in Mozambique in early 2013. This 2-year proposal would aim to support disaster risk resilient livelihoods recovery of flood-affected communities in Gaza province, focusing on 3 interlinked outputs: (1) disaster resilient livelihoods and economic opportunities for the flood-affected people in Gaza Province restored and improved; (2) capacity of local authorities and communities livelihoods recovery strengthened; (3) coordination of livelihoods recovery by Early Recovery cluster strengthened. Overall budget for the project is \$2,477,600 for 2 years. The CO will be putting its core funds; it has also secured some funds from the UNCDF. The amount requested from BCPR is \$1 mln.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

<b>Description:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project was not included in the 2013 pipeline;</li> <li>2. The linkages with other ongoing projects were unclear; in response to this observation the regional team noticed that the given project had a very good linkage to the economic development programme implemented by the CO.</li> <li>3. It was felt that the document was vague regards to the existing capacities to implement the activities. It was suggested that the relevant section of the document is revised to include more specific information with regards to the existing capacity and how to build and/or further strengthen it. The regional team responded that the capacities in the office were adequate and this will be accordingly reflected in the submission.</li> <li>4. It was noted that the prodoc lacked an exit strategy which would need to be considered before finalization of the proposal.</li> </ol>
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The BPAC endorsed the project in the total amount of \$1mln for 2 years period. \$500,000 could be allocated in 2013.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	4180-TRAC3 - EARLY RECOVERY	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**Project Title:** Strengthening Rule of Law in Malakand (SRLM)  
**Project Duration:** 36month(s)  
**Country:** Pakistan  
**Project Budget:** \$15,010,099.00  
**Total Requested BCPR:** \$250,000.00  
**Gender Component:** \$0.00

The BPAC was informed that the programme aimed to support to the justice and security sectors in Malakand, Khyber Pakhtunkwa Province aiming to support enabling environment for the ongoing efforts to secure peace and stabilization. It would support institutional and capacity development to the RoL institutions to ensure effective and speedy provision of justice and security services. The overall budget of the project was \$15mln; the CO has secured funds from the Pakistan Government and the Netherlands. BCPR is requested to provide financial support of \$250,000.

**Description:** During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

1. It commended the regional team for a very solid prodoc that contained excellent analysis.
2. It was noted that the regional team needs to ensure that PPD comments are fully incorporated in the final prodoc.

The BPAC endorsed the project in the amount of \$250,000. Funds would be allocated from the Dutch contribution to the Global Rule of Law programme.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00182-GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS	26920-CPR TTF Conflict Prevention - Open	\$250,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$250,000</b>

**Project Title:** Emergency Assistance and Restoration / Stabilization of Livelihoods for People Affected by the Crisis in Syria  
**Project Duration:** 12month(s)  
**Country:** Syria  
**Project Budget:** \$42,201,686.00  
**Total Requested BCPR:** \$1,200,000.00  
**Gender Component:** \$1,700,000.00

**Description:** The BPAC was informed that the project was designed to respond to the basic needs for humanitarian assistance and livelihoods creation and/or stabilization in affected areas, for both IDP and hosting communities who had overstretched their resources. This is the only project UNDP is authorized to implement in the country. The implementation modality would be NGO implementation.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

1. The BPAC noted the absence of endorsements from technical teams. The proposal was presented to the BPAC on 'no objection' basis. It was highlighted that for certain critical projects an effort should be made to ensure proper review and endorsements.
2. The project might serve as a window of opportunity to create an entry point for more sustainable early recovery once the conflict is over.
3. While acknowledging that the project would be implemented by NGOs without direct involvement of the government, it might be strategic to engage with local authorities.
4. It was suggested to have to have a separate discussion within bureau on a detailed strategy for Syria. This would be an internal document focusing on potential risks and strategies for Syria.

Based on thorough discussions, the BPAC recommended endorsement of the proposal in the total amount of \$1,200,000. It also recommended withdrawal of funds approved in 2009 for the DRR project that had been discontinued.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	4180-TRAC3 - EARLY RECOVERY	\$1,200,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$1,200,000</b>

**Project Title:** Strengthening the Capacity of the Government of Somalia to Implement the New Deal and to Integrate Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Priorities into National Development Planning

**Project Duration:** 12month(s)

**Country:** Somalia

**Project Budget:** \$400,000.00

**Total Requested BCPR:** \$250,000.00

**Gender Component:** \$0.00

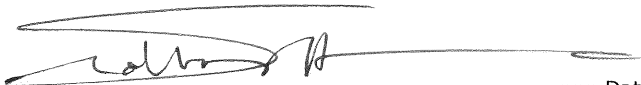
The BPAC was informed that the project was developed following the endorsement of the New Deal for Fragile States by the Government of Somalia and was part of the UNDP's Governance and Rule of Law Programme, aiming to strengthen the capacity of the new Federal Government of Somalia to launch and implement the New deal. It was also noted that the new UNDAF for Somalia would also focus on the implementation of the New Deal. The overall budget of the project would be \$400,000 and BCPR is requested to provide \$250,000.

**Description:** During its deliberations, the BPAC made the following observations:

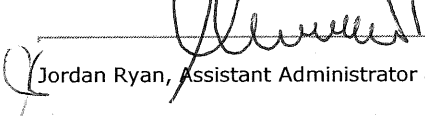
1. The overall high quality of the prodoc was acknowledged.
2. Noting that BCPR's contribution to the overall programme was relatively small, it would be important to have clear reporting strategy for BCPR's contribution.
3. Noting the extensive exchange with the DRT while preparing the project, the need to have an integrated CPR outlook was highlighted.
4. It was suggested to explore a possibility of deploying DRR Advisor to the country. The regional team was encouraged to discuss this option with technical teams.

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

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	4160-TRAC 3 CONF PREV AND RECOVERY	\$250,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$250,000</b>

Endorsed by Chairperson:  Date: 16 April 2013

Comments from the Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Director:  Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jordan Ryan, Assistant Administrator and Director

## Nato Gzobava

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**From:** Marta Ruedas  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2013 11:39 AM  
**To:** Sudha Srivastava  
**Cc:** Awa Dabo; George Khoury; Chiara Mellucci; Antoine Haarman; Nato Gzobava; Nazim Khizar  
**Subject:** Re: Madagacar proposal

I'm OK with that.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2013, at 11:34 AM, "Sudha Srivastava" <[sudha.srivastava@undp.org](mailto:sudha.srivastava@undp.org)> wrote:

Thanks, Awa.

I am ok to reflect this as endorsed by BPAC in the minutes, so long as Marta is in agreement since she chaired the meeting. Otherwise, we can finalize on Friday.

Regards,  
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**From:** Awa Dabo  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 5:13 PM  
**To:** Sudha Srivastava  
**Cc:** Marta Ruedas; George Khoury; Chiara Mellucci; Antoine Haarman; Nato Gzobava; Nazim Khizar  
**Subject:** Re: Madagacar proposal

Dear Sudha

I spoke to the CO on Friday. They confirm that the 200K is already budgeted for specific activities this year along with their contribution. They ask therefore that we please release the funds allocated to this year. Thanks Awa

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 26, 2013, at 12:29 PM, "Sudha Srivastava" <[sudha.srivastava@undp.org](mailto:sudha.srivastava@undp.org)> wrote:

Thanks, Awa. While the delivery issue looks ok, the other question on their requested amount for 2013, which if I recall correctly was \$200,000. So the question was since they are putting more than \$1.5m of their own funds into it, what was the value of our giving \$200,000, and will they actually use it ahead of their own funds? If their funds are available in 2013, then we can perhaps approve the full amount for next year, or whenever they really need it?

Once this aspect is clarified, we can see how to proceed.

Regards,  
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**From:** Awa Dabo  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2013 10:22 PM  
**To:** Marta Ruedas  
**Cc:** Sudha Srivastava; George Khoury; Chiara Mellucci; Antoine Haarman; Nato Gzobava  
**Subject:** Madagacar proposal  
**Importance:** High

Dear Marta, following the BPAC discussions on Friday on the Madagascar proposal, I wish to confirm that the CO has delivered on all BCPR funding. The annex uploaded was not updated and this was an oversight. The accurate information is broken down below for your information and corrected in the attachment.

In the period 2009-2012 Madagascar received only the following allocations:

2009: emergency response; Fund 04120: 100,000  
2009: DRR project Fund 04170: 1,934,000  
2011: emergency response; Fund 04120: 100,000  
**TOTAL: 2,134,000\$**

All that money has been allocated, ASLs issued, and all has been spent, with slight overspending: **Total expenditure: \$2,144,207.96**

**The finance table is also pasted below for your reference.**

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Based on this and our understanding that the BPAC deemed the proposal to be technically sound, I would appreciate it if we could proceed with the proposal as approved rather than a second submission at the April 5<sup>th</sup> BPAC. This is to prevent any further delay in the disbursement of funds to the CO.

I hope you are agreeable to this.

Best regards, Awa

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