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Report of the BCPR Project Appraisal Committee Meeting

- BPAC Number:** February 2014 BPAC Meeting
- Start Time:** 2/26/2014 9:30 AM
- Chairperson:** Sudha Srivastava
- Members Present:** Ozonnia Ojielo; Sheelagh Stewart; Jocelyn Mason; Bruno Lemarquis; Serdar Bayirliyev (OIC for PPD).
- Observers:** Alejandro Alvarez; Chiara Mellucci; Isabelle Tschan; Harald Thorud; Jos De La Haye; Iman Elhussein; Eveline DeBruijn
- Secretariat:** Nato Gzobava
 Yasumitsu Doken
Maria Tarp
Rossana Dudziak
- Presenters:** Awa Dabo
Daniel LUZ
Mohamed Yahya
Krishna Vatsa
Asmaa Shalabi

General Comments

- Project Title:** Reducing Armed Violence and Establishing Community Security in Kenya's Arid Borderlands
- Project Duration:** 6month(s)
- Country:** Kenya
- Project Budget:** \$486,000.00
- Total Requested BCPR:** \$300,000.00
- Gender Component:** \$74,760.00

The BPAC was informed that the proposal was developed based on gains and progress of the earlier armed violence and comprehensive peace projects in the northern border areas of Kenya. It aimed to strengthen the capacity of the national and county governments to reduce armed violence and improve community safety in the arid borderlands.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

- Description:**
 - The initial phase of the project was supported by the Norwegian Government;
 - This phase would introduce community policing component that was not included in the earlier phase.

Based on a thorough discussion, the BPAC recommended to endorse the project in the total amount of \$300,000. The funds should be allocated from the Norwegian contribution to the global ROL programme.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00187-GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY	26920-CPR TTF Conflict Prevention - Open	\$300,000.00

Grand Total **\$300,000**

Project Title: Extractive Industries for Sustainable Development in Liberia
Project Duration: 24month(s)
Country: Liberia
Project Budget: \$1,815,318.00
Total Requested BCPR: \$1,000,000.00
Gender Component: \$300,000.00

The BPAC was informed that the proposal was developed in collaboration with BDP and World Bank, following the joint mission in November 2013. It focused on the following 4 outputs (1) Liberia's legal framework, policies and institutional capacities to govern its mineral and oil sector are strengthened, (2) the voice and participation of the civil society, women's organizations and communities in dialogues and decisions related to extractive industries is strengthened and institutionalized, (3) transparency in the management of revenues from minerals and oil is improved, (4) linkages between SMEs and multinational companies in the extractive sector strengthened, increasing employment opportunities, particularly for youth.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

- Proposal was part of the MYSS that was endorsed by BCPR earlier;
- While commending the regional team on the quality of the prodoc, it was noted that the conflict dimension of the proposal was somewhat weak. The regional team noted that rather than separating it as a stand-alone component, the CO had opted for incorporating this dimension across all outputs.
- CPT felt that not all of its comments were fully addressed and the language would need to be further strengthened. It was therefore agreed that the regional team would work with the CPT to ensure that all their observations would be accommodated in the final prodoc;
- As the proposal focused on provision of technical assistance, the BPAC members underlined importance of providing a right caliber person. In response the regional team noted that the RBA had already been providing such technical assistance on the ground through another project and therefore already had a qualified person on board;
- As the prodoc lacked a clear resource mobilization strategy, the BPAC questioned how the funding gap would be addressed. It was noted that the CO was working on a resource mobilization strategy to address any potential funding gaps; the regional team confirmed that the CO would not require more than the requested amount from BCPR.

Description:

Based on a thorough discussion, the BPAC recommended to endorse the proposal for the total amount of \$1,000,000, with the understanding that the final prodoc will be adjusted as per above.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	4160-TRAC 3 CONF PREV AND RECOVERY	\$1,000,000.00
Grand Total		\$1,000,000

Project Title: Citizen Security and Social Cohesion in Jamaica – Support to the Commission of Inquiry
Project Duration: 11month(s)
Country: Jamaica
Project Budget: \$257,000.00
Total Requested BCPR: \$200,000.00
Gender Component: \$29,000.00

Description: The BPAC was informed that the proposal was developed at the request of the Government of Jamaica aiming to provide immediate support in the rollout of the work of a National Commission of Inquiry. It would concentrate on three main activities: (1) supporting establishment and operationalization of the Commission of Inquiry contributing to its effectiveness and credibility, (2) providing platform for civil society organizations to engage in a dialogue around key issues of the Commission of Inquiry, (3) developing 3-year programme to enhance community safety and social cohesion.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

- It was noted that Jamaica was not on the list of priority countries in the ABP. In response the regional team noted that the ABP had not prioritized Output

3.5 on citizen security, but Jamaica was prioritized under Conflict Prevention;

- It was noted that this entry point in Jamaica could yield benefits from the regional dimension as well;
- Considering that the given proposal would feed into a 3-year programme, the BPAC members questioned the probability of being requested additional funds after completion of this preparatory phase. In response the regional team noted that there was a high expectation that other donors would contribute at a later stage. As the current phase anticipates deployment of a consultant, it was hoped that the consultant would help the CO to develop a solid proposal ensuring effective resource mobilization.

Based on a thorough discussion, the BPAC recommended to endorse the proposal in the total amount of \$200,000. The funds should be allocated from the Dutch and Norwegian contributions to the global RoL programme.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00187-GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY	26920-CPR TTF Conflict Prevention, - Open	\$100,000.00
00182-GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS	26920-CPR TTF Conflict Prevention - Open	\$100,000.00
Grand Total		\$200,000

Project Title:	Strengthening National Systems and Capacity for Early Recovery
Project Duration:	22month(s)
Country:	Bangladesh
Project Budget:	\$1,880,000.00
Total Requested BCPR:	\$790,700.00
Gender Component:	\$118,605.00

The BPAC was informed that the proposal built on the progress made and lessons learnt from advancing early recovery agenda in Bangladesh since inception of the ERF in 2011. It aimed to reinforce the capacities to ensure that the ERF would be able to provide the much needed technical support and guidance to national authorities, NGOs and other civil society organizations.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BPAC members noted the project did not represent a programmatic intervention, but rather a facility within the office itself for standing response arrangements; • While such efforts needed to be promoted at the country level, it was emphasized that they should not be dependent on BCPR resources, and therefore a clear exit strategy should be ensured.
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Based on a thorough discussion, BPAC recommended to endorse the proposal in the total amount of \$500,000 to be allocated over a 2-year period.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	4180-TRAC3 - EARLY RECOVERY	\$500,000.00
Grand Total		\$500,000

Project Title:	Capacity Building of the Special Investigation Unit of the Public Prosecution
Project Duration:	12month(s)
Country:	Bahrain
Project Budget:	\$250,300.00
Total Requested BCPR:	\$100,000.00
Gender Component:	\$0.00

Description:	The BPAC was informed that the proposal was developed in close consultation with the Rule of Law team and aimed to enhance capacity of the Special Investigation Unit to perform its role and assume its responsibilities in an efficient manner and in accordance with the international standards, focusing on 2 major outputs: (1) structure of the Public Prosecutor strengthened and capacity in place to comply with the BICI recommendations, (2) strengthened case management systems and communication plans.
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During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

- The proposal seemed to be too ambitious considering the amount and time to be invested;
- The BPAC members noted that deliverables were somewhat unclear. The risk log would need to be updated in order to reflect all potential risks associated with the implementation;
- It was noted that the gender component was missing. The regional team was requested to ensure that the component is duly incorporated at least within the TOR of the advisor to be recruited so that the gender lens receives due attention during implementation;
- In response to the question on OHCHR's and DPA's involvement, the RoL team confirmed that both agencies were aware and involved in the drafting of the proposal.

based on a thorough discussion, the BPAC recommended to endorse the proposal in the total amount of \$100,000. The funds would be allocated from the global RoL funds.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00182-GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS	26920-CPR TTF Conflict Prevention - Open	\$100,000.00
Grand Total		\$100,000

Project Title:	Armed Violence Reduction and Strengthening Community Security
Project Duration:	36month(s)
Country:	Nepal
Project Budget:	\$7,026,512.00
Total Requested BCPR:	\$500,000.00
Gender Component:	\$100,000.00

The BPAC was informed that the project was developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs and aimed to support the Government of Nepal to institutionalize prevention of crime and violence, and support gender-sensitive community security planning and implementation processes.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

Description:

- The project is part of the MYSS;
- BCPR's contribution would focus on activities at the community level;
- Some BPAC members felt skeptical that the funds to be invested in the project would be sufficient to implement the long list of activities planned by the project and suggested to look into a possibility of scaling down some activities;
- It was noted that the prodoc lacked a management structure that would need to be included in the final prodoc.

Based on a thorough discussion, the BPAC recommended to endorse the proposal in the total amount of \$500,000.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00182-GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS	26920-CPR TTF Conflict Prevention - Open	\$200,000.00
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	4160-TRAC 3 CONF PREV AND RECOVERY	\$300,000.00
Grand Total		\$500,000

Project Title:	Southern Thailand Empowerment and Participation II (STEP II)
Project Duration:	36month(s)
Country:	Thailand
Project Budget:	\$4,000,000.00
Total Requested BCPR:	\$1,000,000.00
Gender Component:	\$150,000.00
Description:	The BPAC was informed that the given proposal represented a 2nd phase of the programme and aimed to foster resilient society in the southern border provinces by expanding participatory planning and sustainable livelihood activities. The project would focus on the following outputs: (1) participation in peace processes are broadened through the strengthened capacity of local peace networks and through better access to information, (2) the vulnerable groups are empowered to access

justice with the support of key institutions and networks, (3) local communities become resilient with strong social cohesion through the improvement of livelihoods.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

- It was noted that Thailand would be elevated to Tier 2 countries (currently Tier 3) based on RBAP's decision;
- The given project could serve as a window of opportunity to have an impact at a community level;
- The gender aspect of the proposal was somewhat weak. The regional team was requested to work with the CO on strengthening this component in the final prodoc.
- The final prodoc should specify the management arrangements not included in the current version.

Based on a thorough discussion, the BPAC recommended to endorse the proposal in the total amount of \$500,000.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	4160-TRAC 3 CONF PREV AND RECOVERY	\$500,000.00
Grand Total		\$500,000

Project Title: Strengthening Enforcement of Law, Access to Justice and Social Integration (SELAJSI)

Project Duration: 36month(s)

Country: Sri Lanka

Project Budget: \$10,965,000.00

Total Requested BCPR: \$400,000.00

Gender Component: \$60,000.00

The BPAC was informed that this new proposal consolidated previous A2J interventions from previous phases under a broader framework of coordinated enforcement of law, access to justice and social integration to ensure sustainability, increased quality in capacity development and strategic planning at national as well as sub-national levels., to reach a multi-sectoral approach to justice and social integration.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

Description:

- The BPAC noted that while this could be a window of opportunity to deal with conflict drivers, yet it would be a risky investment given the political context;
- However, the BPAC felt that it was important for UNDP to continue to engage and leverage opportunities.

Based on a thorough discussion, the BPAC recommended to endorse the proposal in the total amount of \$400,000. Funds should be allocated from the Dutch contribution to the global ROL programme.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	4160-TRAC 3 CONF PREV AND RECOVERY	\$400,000.00
Grand Total		\$400,000

Project Title: Building Capacities for Peace and Development in the Solomon Islands

Project Duration: 36month(s)

Country: Solomon Islands

Project Budget: \$800,000.00

Total Requested BCPR: \$800,000.00

Gender Component: \$120,000.00

Description: The BPAC was informed that the project aimed to enhance the capacity of the Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace and other key stakeholders to effectively engage in peace building efforts. It would focus on enabling the MNURP implement its mandate to provide a high level leadership and coordination in the promotion of social cohesion amongst its beneficiaries so as to mitigate factors that could potentially lead to the escalation of another violent uprising.

During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

- Objectives of the project were somewhat unclear and not specific enough. it was suggested to inject problem analysis that would better justify project objectives and outcomes;
- While understanding that this was not a stand-alone project without linkages to other projects, it was suggested to strengthen the narrative to better reflect those linkages.

Based on a thorough discussion, the BPAC recommended to endorse the project in the total amount of \$500,000.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	4160-TRAC 3 CONF PREV AND RECOVERY	\$500,000.00
Grand Total		\$500,000

Project Title: Strengthening Early Recovery Coordination and Programming Capacity (2014-2016)
Project Duration: 36month(s)
Country: Myanmar
Project Budget: \$9,000,000.00
Total Requested BCPR: \$1,000,000.00
Gender Component:

The BPAC was informed that the project aimed to strengthen the ER sector coordination and positioning of UNDP as a lead in the overall recovery process by building governance capacities of both the government and local NGOs. UNDP programmatic interventions in Rakhine and Kachin would be ER oriented and would strengthen UNDP's field office to deliver a large recovery programme efficiently.

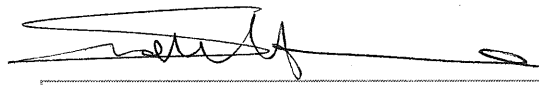
During its deliberations the BPAC made the following observations:

Description:

- It was noted that Myanmar was one of the pilot priority countries selected for ER;
- While acknowledging the CO's funding request, it was suggested to approve \$750,000.

Based on a thorough discussion, the BPAC recommended to endorse the proposal in the total amount of \$750,000.

Donor	Fund	Allocation Amount
00012-UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PRO	4180-TRAC3 - EARLY RECOVERY	\$750,000.00
Grand Total		\$750,000

Endorsed by Chairperson:  Date: _____

Comments from the Director: _____

Approved by Director:  Date: 19/3/2014
 Jordan Ryan, Assistant Administrator and Director