

LPAC Meeting Minutes

Project Title: Early Recovery and Social cash Transfer Programme

Date and Time: Monday, February 2, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Venue: UNDP Conference Room
Simpson Building
Mamba Point, Liberia

Chair: Cleophas Torori
Deputy Country Director/Program
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In Attendance:

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6.	Lee S. Mayson	MoFDPA	Assist. Minister		lmayson@mfdp.gov.lr
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8.	Cleophas Torori	UNDP	DCD/Programme		Cleophas.torori@undp.org

Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
 - UNDP
 - MoFDP
2. Self- Introduction
3. Discussion of 2015 ER programme
4. AOB

Welcome and Opening Remarks

The LPAC Meeting was organized to emphasize the need for implementation of the social cash transfer programme which is critical within UNDP. The forum was also intended for stock taking to understand how far the program is for implementation and what actions were needed to keep it on track and moving. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Cleophas Torori, Deputy Country Director for Programmes at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and co-chaired by Hon. Lee S. Mayson, Assistant Minister at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning.

The UNDP DCD/P said that within UNDP, the project was very critical for implementation and was leading towards social development policies which has direct link with the AfT. According to him, the idea is to partner with the government for a service delivery programme that responds to ebola. He stated that the full package is 12 million but the project is expected to begin in bits and pieces with 2M and will target survivors, affected families and others made vulnerable to help them get back on their feet and strengthen their abilities to respond to shock.

For the MoFDP, Minister Mayson welcome the program and said it will give a boost to GDP and assist those efforts that broke down as a result of the ebola.

Items	Issues	Decision/Action Point
1	Presentation on the SSN and CT programme by John Wiater	<p>Presentation was made on the programme and the presenter emphasized that the idea was to put in place social safety net in every county and reactivate loan associations and the national apex.</p> <p>The presentation also emphasized that county development committees will coordinate the programme. The programme will be implemented in Bong, Lofa and Rivercess. The criteria for entry into the programme will be based on households with documented ebola patients; those quarantined; those headed by single families and those vulnerable to malnutrition.</p>
2	Comments from participants	<p>Penny Anderson from Mercy Corps indicated that if the CT programme is done rightly, it will target the right beneficiaries and saw the need for the programme to be done right. She also wanted to know how the programme will coordinate with the MoH and whether the programme will target children suffering from Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) or whether it will target children in danger.</p> <p>It was clarified by GF of MoGCSP that the</p>

programme will not target GAM but will incorporate a few components to address this issue.

The representative from UNICEF suggested that community based targeting is good but there is a need to consider the risk associated with this approach especially where communities make the decisions as to who qualifies to benefit. He also suggested that the issue of the steering committee be clarified to have effective coordination.

Minister Mayson suggested that there was a need to maintain the steering committee to keep the programme moving and for checks and balance. He suggested that the document should incorporate roles of local county authorities to elevate decentralization issues.

Minister Mayson also suggested the need for an annual workplan for 2015 and the need for a board or the project should clarify whether the steering committee will play the role of the board. He stressed the need for the Ministry of Education and other stakeholders to be a part and suggested an M and E plan to measure deliverables and said the M and E unit at the MoFDP and LISGIS can assist. He finally stated that there is a need for clarification on whether or not this will be a NIM or DIM project and for how long.

Gabby from MoGCSP welcome the UNDP support for the program and said the programme is not new. He stated that the national steering committee is the national body for SSN especially for recovery. He stressed the need to avoid the happenings in Uganda and other areas where lack of response led to greater problems.

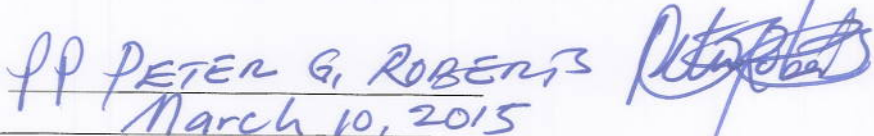
He indicated that the programme is about building resilience and said when the document is approved, a working session can be planned with all stakeholders. He went further to inform the meeting that there are structures in place in the counties for coordination and want everyone to see the programme as an emergency response and not the normal UNDP programme. He said the programme

		<p>is a NIM one with support from the UNDP.</p> <p>DF from UNDP spoke on the need for an exit strategy and sustainability plan in case of donor wind down of funding for the project.</p> <p>JW also spoke on the need for an exit strategy and said the government needed to show a robust viable system through which it can give money and target those people as a group and work with them on building capacity.</p> <p>The meeting also resolved that MoFDP must work with MoGCSP to resolve the issue of the board.</p>
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With no other business, the meeting closed at 4:30PM

Co-Chair (UNDP): 
 Date 10/3/15

Cleophas Torori
Deputy Country Director/Programmes
 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Chairperson: 
 Date March 10, 2015

Julia Duncan-Cassell
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