



United Nations
Office of the Resident Coordinator
Colombo, Sri Lanka

10 December, 2013

Dear Mr Ryan, *Dear Jordan,*

We would like to heartedly thank BCPR and yourself for having approved the allocation of a total amount of \$500,000 to support the project "Strategic Support to the Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management" (SS2CDMP) in Sri Lanka.

We very much welcome the continued and timely support from BCPR to the CO Sri Lanka. BCPR has indeed been a source of strength for us in Sri Lanka in many ways.

- a) As you know, the BCPR support through the Strategic Partnership Framework (SPF) made a significant difference to our potential to contribute in crisis prevention and recovery areas. We were able to provide valuable and niche support to post-conflict Sri Lanka development in the areas of Mine Action Coordination, Transition Recovery, Social Inclusion and Integration and Disaster Risk Management through the SPF. We would not have positioned UN/DP as well as now and earned respect of our partners (both Government and the development community) without such timely support. Our team has also benefitted from the highest level technical assistance offered by your BCPR teams covering a range of disciplines.
- b) In the area of Disaster Management BCPR assistance helped Sri Lanka to establish a world class legal and institutional framework, especially after the Indian Ocean Tsunami of 2004. The "Road Map towards Safer Sri Lanka" developed in 2005 in line with Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) with BCPR support was a high quality product that paved the way for improved disaster preparedness and planning. And we are pleased to report significant reduction of casualties and effectiveness in early warnings and response. Sri Lanka National Platform boasts a membership of more than 60 agencies and meets monthly since November 2007, which is another BCPR supported achievement. Sri Lanka also benefitted from BCPR TRAC 3 during a number of flooding events.

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- c) Also, through BCPR assistance, Sri Lanka developed a range of land mark products such as DisInventar Sri Lanka covering over 30 years of disaster events, disaster resilient building codes, environment and disaster assessment methods and hazard profiles for nine critical hazards at national level. With this improved hazard/risk knowledge Sri Lanka is embarking on the new generation "Sri Lanka Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme" starting 2014 - a multi-hazard, multi-agency and multi-sector approach. We will be pleased to support this initiative and also channel BCPR assistance to make it a success.

With the new Disaster Risk Management thrust, we expect Sri Lanka to become a model Disaster Risk Management with "risk based" planning combined with Climate Change Adaptation. We equally hope to highlight Sri Lankan success via South South Cooperation and other means.

We plan to have a formal launch of the Strategic Support to the Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management in the next three months and would very much welcome the opportunity to have you here with us in Sri Lanka and be part of the event. We sincerely hope you will consider this invitation positively, in line of the above.

Let me finally extend our sincere thanks to your team for their invaluable support throughout and with whom we look forward to continue working together with for their guidance and advice.

Many thanks to the whole BCPR Team.
Season's Greetings!

Yours sincerely



Subinay Nandy

UN Resident Coordinator and
UNDP Resident Representative



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4 December 2013

Dear Mr. Nandy,

Subinay

I am pleased to inform you that the BCPR Project Appraisal Committee (BPAC) has approved the allocation of a total amount of USD500,000 (five hundred thousand) to support the project "Strategic Support to Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme" (SS2CDMP)". Funding will be made available from the Disaster Risk Reduction Window of the TRAC 1.1.3 (atlas fund code: 04170; donor code: 00012).

In accordance with our resource management guidelines, you are kindly requested to submit a signed final project document, including the detailed Annual Work Plan (AWP), within the next 90 (ninety) days. Upon receipt of the signed final project document BCPR will then establish an authorized spending limit (ASL) in Atlas. If the signed project document and AWP are not received within 90 days, this approval will no longer be valid.

Please ensure that electronic copies of the signed project document, as well as quarterly progress reports, are uploaded in Atlas.

Please do not hesitate to contact your BCPR regional team (bcpr.asia@undp.org), led by Mr. Devanand Ramiah, for any additional support you might require. We look forward to working with you and your team in supporting your office on crisis prevention and recovery.

Yours sincerely,

Cheers!

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