

Project Board Meeting
UNDP TA Project—Strategic Positioning of DPMM

Date : 19 March 2014
Venue : National Operations Room, Tower 15, 16th Floor, Central Bank Building
Chairperson : Ms. Dharshana Senanayake, Director General (DG), Department of Project Management and Monitoring (DPMM)
Co-Chair : Ms. Lovita Ramguttee, Deputy Country Director (DCD), UNDP
Participants :

Ministry of Finance and Planning

Ms. Anoja Munasinghe, Additional Director General, DPMM
Ms. Ayanthi De Silva, Additional Director General, DPMM
Mr. Ranjith Nanayakkara, Director, DPMM
Mr. H. P. Somathilaka, Director, DPMM
Ms. Sagarika Bogahawaththe, Director, DPMM
Mr. Ajantha Galhena, Director, DPMM
Mr. T.M.J. Bandara, Director, Department of National Planning
Ms. Vaidehi Anushyanthan, Assistant Director, DPMM
Ms. Chandrika Senanayake, Assistant Director, DPMM
Mr. Nalaka Wimalarathna, System Administrator, DPMM

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Mr. Rajendrakumar Ganesarajah, Assistant Country Director, UNDP
Mr. Ashan Abeywardena, Programme Analyst, UNDP
Ms. Doyen Yun, Programme Analyst, UNDP
Ms. Thurangani Dahanayaka, Programme Associate, UNDP

Summary

Director-General (DG), on behalf of the Department of Project Management and Monitoring (DPMM), welcomed the members to the first Project Board Meeting for 2014. While acknowledging drawbacks that have occurred in the first year, DG looked back on the department's long-time partnership with the UNDP and asserted that the project could move further forward in a more constructive way. In presenting the Annual Work Plan for 2014 (AWP), DG explained the Department's internal assessment that took place in regards to the maintenance of existing information system, INDIS (Integrated National Development Information System). AWP activities 1.1.6 and 1.1.7 (Output 3) reflect the Department's suggested plan to bring in a local vendor, ICTA (Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka), to take charge of information system management and possible establishment of a new system that would suit the changed demands and needs. The reasons given were in relation to additional fees proposed by Synergy (Synergy International Systems Inc., original system developer), and limited expertise within the Department to manage INDIS.

Deputy Country Director (DCD), on behalf of the UNDP Country Office, also welcomed and thanked the participants. Agreeing with the DG on the good working relationship between the two offices, DCD exemplified this point with the successful outcome of their first collaborative work; the installation of INDIS. She informed the Board that significant investment has been made towards the development of INDIS and highlighted the possibility of building upon the existing system to accommodate additional needs rather than establishing a new system. As the main cause of concern for developing a new information system is expensive cost of keeping Synergy as the service provider (Synergy's quotation for maintenance amounted to USD 39,994), DCD suggested to have an arrangement with Synergy so that ICTA (as the local service contractor for

INDIS maintenance) could gain access to INDIS source codes and modify the information system in accordance with changing needs and demands.

Furthermore, in reference to UNDP Senior Management Team (SMT)'s meeting with Dr. Batagoda (Deputy Secretary to the Treasury) and a visit of Mr. Haoliang Xu (Assistant Administrator and Director for the Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific, UNDP) to Dr. Jayasundara (Secretary to the Treasury), DCD also informed the Department of the higher level management's suggestion that we employ a programmatic approach to include the following four components within the existing project framework:

- Enhancement of Performance Monitoring
- Leadership Training to Line Ministries and others to enhance service delivery
- Policy Advisory Support
- Knowledge Management and South-South Cooperation

Such expansion would enable the project to respond to other departments and Ministries' requests and adapt to changes with more flexibility. DG suggested that this proposal be discussed further at a higher-level meeting, and DCD acknowledged the need for a meeting between UNDP SMT and the Secretary to discuss the broader programmatic framework.

With regards to finalization process of UNDAF M&E framework, DCD also requested a meeting between the DPMM and the Management Support Unit (MSU) of UNDP, to exchange ideas on indicators, which the DG welcomed.

Action Points

Following the above discussion, below action points have been agreed by both parties:

- Mr. Nalaka Wimalaratne (system administrator, DPMM) would meet with UNDP Programme team (GESI) to coordinate a meeting with Synergy. With the support from UNDP, DPMM would seek an arrangement with Synergy to allow ICTA to update and modify the INDIS.
- UNDP SMT would meet with the Secretary to discuss the possibility of adopting a programmatic approach to the existing project framework.
- Representatives from DPMM would meet with UNDP MSU in regards to indicators of UNDAF M&E framework.

Annual Work Plan (2014)

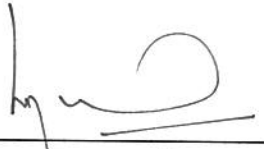
As of the date of the Project Board Meeting, the proposed Annual Work Plan and budget for 2014 is approved except for activities 1.1.6 and 1.1.7.

Hence the 2014 budget can be presented as below:

▪ Output 2 activities (RBM strengthening et al.):	6,000 USD
▪ Output 3 activities (INDIS training only):	6,000 USD
▪ Output 5 activities (Project management et al.):	26,500 USD

***Total budget:** **38,500 USD**

Approved:



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