



Country: Myanmar
Initiation Plan

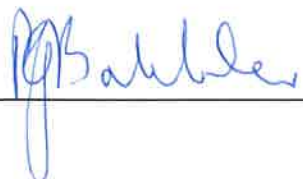
Project Title: Rakhine Crisis Response Project (RCRP)
Expected CP Outcome(s): People in Myanmar live in a more peaceful and inclusive society, governed by more democratic and accountable institutions, and benefit from strengthened human rights and rule of law protection¹
Initiation Plan Start Date: 1 December 2017
Initiation Plan End Date: 31 May 2018
Implementing Partner: UNDP

Brief Description

In response to the security events in Rakhine since August 2017, and the consequential impacts on civilian populations, within the broader context of the protracted conflict in Rakhine state, UNDP Crisis Management Support team (CMST) has agreed to declare Myanmar a L2 status country, and to allocate funds from BPPS and CRU respectively, to urgently step up the Country Office’s capacities to ensure coordination, undertake assessments, planning and consultations, design short-term and longer-term interventions, improve operational capacities, and leverage additional donor resources in order to effectively and meaningfully support national stakeholders and the people living in Rakhine state to cope with and overcome this crisis. This PIP will operationalize 6 months of support, and will lay the foundation for a second phase of programming to be undertaken by UNDP.

Total resources required	USD	600,000
Total allocated resources:	USD	600,000
• UNDP FW	USD	500,000
• Trac (3)	USD	100,000
Unfunded budget:		
In-kind Contributions:		

Programme Period:	01.12.2017-31.05.2018
CPAP Programme Component:	
Atlas Award ID:	00107764 / 00107953
Local Project Appraisal committee (LPAC) Meeting Date:	01.12.2017

Agreed by UNDP: 

¹ UNDP Myanmar Country Programme commencing 1 January 2018

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Initiation Plan is to operationalize UNDP Myanmar's first phase of support in response to the crisis in Rakhine stemming from security events in August 2017 and its consequential impacts on civilian populations, within the broader conflict context in Rakhine State.

Through this PIP, UNDP will:

1. Provide immediate technical and operational support to Government of Myanmar to implement recommendations of the Rakhine Advisory Commission
2. Undertake necessary analytics, assessments, consultations, planning and intervention design for short-term and long-term recovery and development interventions
3. Improve crisis response capacities of the CO including for coordination, programme-operations management and aid effectiveness

II. EXPECTED OUTPUT (2017-2018)

Output 1:

Government of Myanmar receives immediate technical and operational support to implement recommendations of the Rakhine Advisory Commission

Building on early discussions and requests, UNDP will provide technical, secretariat and operations support to the GoM, and specifically, to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resttlement (MSWRR), currently chairing the Implementation Committee for the Rakhine Advisory Commission (RAC). This support will include the deployment of Senior Advisor to the RAC (SURGE); the deployment of a Senior National Advisor to the RAC; technical and operational support to the RAC including, for gender advisory services, for tasks such as drafting ToRs including for RAC sub-committees; undertaking analysis and baselines including gender baselines, devising action plans and facilitating coordination and communication; and the articulation of UNDP's medium to longer-term support to RAC and other national institutions. When conditions are more suited, this output will also support the GoM/MSWRR to resume the Rakhine Assessment, including through the deployment of a Senior Recovery Coordinator (SURGE) and 2-3 sector specialists (SURGE). One of the key tasks of these personnel would be to ensure that conflict and gender considerations are taken on board in the implementation of RAC recommendations, as well as during the RPBA roll-out.

This activity will also support UNDP's coordination efforts around the Rakhine work stream of the Cooperation Partners Group (CPG).

Key Activity Results

- 1.1 Technical and programme resources are deployed and/or retained
- 1.2 MSWR is supported to roll-out Rakhine Joint Assessment (RPBA)
- 1.3 RAC and other national institutions receive immediate technical, operational and back-office support to undertake their functions
- 1.4 UNDP's medium to longer-term engagement with RAC and other national institutions is designed, resourced and in place

Output 2:

Key analytical and preparatory exercises are undertaken for UNDP's recovery and development programming in Rakhine state

In early to mid 2018, UNDP will implement a joint programme with UN Women, with funding support from the Government of Japan. For UNDP, the project will bring together the following intervention areas: Local governance strengthening to enhance equitable and responsive public service-delivery; strengthening the capacities of justice actors and local communities on human rights and justice access; and early recovery

and livelihoods support for vulnerable communities, and improving peace and social cohesion capacities among local actors and communities. These interventions will ensure gender sensitivity and gender responsiveness, through meaningful consultations with women and women's groups in assessments and design, targetting of women and women's groups for support in implementation and ensuring gender disaggregated data-collection, monitoring and evaluation. This project will be catalytic in initiating UNDP's substantive multi-year engagement in Rakhine State under the new Country Programme Document (CPD, 2018-2022).

Against this background, through this PIP, UNDP will initiate key consultations with union and state government, facilitate awareness-raising and sensitization workshops at state level; design and initiate key baseline assessments both overarching and sector-specific (including a Conflict Development Analysis – CDA and a Gender Protection Analysis) necessary to implement the joint programme starting in early to mid 2018. Additionally, through this PIP, UNDP will also undertake immediate measures to strengthen its capacities for coordination, programming and management of interventions in Rakhine, both at Yangon and state level. This will include the deployment of a Recovery Coordinator / Head of Sub-Office (SURGE), a Conflict Specialist (SURGE), a ROL/Social Cohesion Specialist, an Aid Coordination Specialist, an Operations Preparedness Specialist (SURGE), an Operations Manager (SURGE), an Operations Specialist, and a Programme Finance Associate. Key personnel placed under this Output will also be responsible for developing or elaborating on new funding proposals.

Key Activity Results

- 2.1 Conflict Development Analysis and Gender Protection Analysis for Rakhine state initiated
- 2.2 Preparatory consultations and sensitization workshops for local development planning interventions are conducted state level and in target townships
- 2.3 Consultations and sensitization workshops for the establishment of planned Rule of Law Center and related justice interventions are conducted
- 2.4 Consultations, planning, targetting and baseline exercises for planned income-generation and livelihood stabilization are conducted
- 2.5 Technical, programme and operational resources are deployed and/or retained

III. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Link to UNDP Country Programme: The Project will fall under the UNDP Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP 2018-2022). The CPAP comes under the oversight of a Steering Committee established to guide overall Programme implementation, which is co-chaired by UNDP and the Ministry of Planning and Finance (MoPF) and made-up of government counterparts and contributing donors and convened annually or as requested by the Chairs. The CPAP further sub-divides into 2 programmes and 6 projects. The RCRP will be established as a new PIP project within the current programme cycle and migrate to relevant programmes and project results under the new CPD in 2018.

Project Oversight: The Project Board is responsible for providing overall strategic guidance and direction to the Project to ensure that the Project's objectives are being met. It approves the Annual Work Plan (AWP) and ensures that the required resources are committed for achievement of results, as outlined in the AWP. The Board also monitors risks associated with implementation and takes decisions accordingly. Due to the short-term nature of the Project, the Project Board will be chaired by UNDP.

Implementation arrangements: In line with the UNDP CPAP, the Project will be directly implemented (DIM) by UNDP. Under DIM, UNDP will bear full responsibility and accountability to manage the project, achieve project outputs and ensure the efficient use of funds. Acting on behalf of UNDP, the day-to-day management will be delegated to the UNDP Rakhine Project Manager. The relevant SURGE deployments will come under the management framework of this Project.

IV. MONITORING

The project will adhere to output indicators in its AWP, which will be monitored using the resources established there-in, based on an annual monitoring plan. The Project will also comply with the following, adhering to UNDP's policies:

- A quarterly progress report, on progress against pre-defined quarterly targets.
- An end-project report, on progress and results against pre-defined end-project targets.
- An issue and risk log, regularly updated.

Annexes: Workplan

EXPECTED OUTPUTS <i>And baseline, indicators including annual targets</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1 Dec 17- Feb 18	Q2 Mar 18 – May 18	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount (USD)
Output 1									
Provide immediate technical and operational support to Government of Myanmar to implement recommendations of the Rakhine Advisory Commission	1.1 Technical and programme resources are deployed and/or retained								
	Support CPG Rakhine work stream	x	x		UNDP	BPPS 28400/12711)	(FW 61300		44,392
	Deploy Senior Advisor RAC (NOB)	x	x		UNDP	CRU (1.1.3/04120/00012)	61100		56,555
	CO direct costs (HR)	x	x		UNDP	BPPS 28400/12711)	(FW 61200		13,585
	Support to coordination and meetings	x	x		UNDP	BPPS 28400/12711)	(FW 71600		3000
	Fac.				UNDP	BPPS 28400/12711)	(FW 75100		4268
	Total								121,800
	1.2 MSWR is supported to roll-out Rakhine Joint Assessment (RPBA)								
					UNDP				-
	1.3 RAC and other national institutions receive immediate technical, operational and back-office support to undertake their functions								
	National consultants (translation support)	x	x		UNDP	BPPS 28400/12711)	(FW 71300		24,000
	International consultants (advisory services)	x	x		UNDP	BPPS 28400/12711)	(FW 71200		25,500

	Fac						BPPS 28400/12711)	(FW 75100	3465	
	Total								52,965	
1.4 UNDP's medium to longer-term engagement with RAC and other national institutions is designed, resourced and in place										
2.1 Conflict Development Analysis for Rakhine state initiated										
Output 2: Key analytical and preparatory exercises are undertaken for UNDP's recovery and development programming in Rakhine state	Undertake CDA (org)	X	X			UNDP	CRU (1.1.3/04120/00012 BPPS (FW 28400/12711)	72100	31,445 80,245	
	Undertake Protection Analysis (Consultant)	x	x				BPPS (FW 28400/12711)	71200	41,630	
	Disseminate findings	x	x					CRU (1.1.3/04120/00012	74200	5,000
									75700	2,000
									71600	5,000
	Fac						BPPS 28400/12711)	(FW 75100	8,531	
Total									173,851	
2.2 Preparatory consultations and sensitization workshops for local development planning interventions are conducted state level and in target townships										
	Deploy Township Planning Coordinator (SC8)	x	x				BPPS (FW 28400/12711)	71400	11,531	
	Undertake consultations and planning workshops in target townships	x	x				BPPS (FW 28400/12711)	71600	5000	
								75700	5000	

Fac									BPPS (FW 28400/12711)	75100	1,507
Total											23,038
2.3 Consultations and sensitization workshops for the establishment of planned Rule of Law Center and related justice interventions are conducted											
Deploy RoL/SC Specialist (NOC)	x								BPPS (FW 28400/12711)	61100	21,850
Undertake consultations and planning workshops	x								BPPS (FW 28400/12711)	71600	5000
										75700	2500
Fac									BPPS (FW 28400/12711)	75100	2,055
Total											31,405
2.4 Consultations, planning, targetting and baseline exercises for planned income-generation and livelihood stabilization are conducted											
Deploy Livelihoods Specialist (P4)	x								BPPS (FW 28400/12711)	61300	41,630
Fac									BPPS (FW 28400/12711)	75100	2,914
Total											44,544
2.5 Technical, programme and operational resources are deployed and/or retained											

