



# COUNTRY PROGRAMME ACTION PLAN 2016-2020



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## MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT 2018

### PROJECT PROFILE

**PROJECT TITLE:** Support In Developing National B40 Action Plan Using Innovative Bottom-Up Approaches  
**AWARD ID:** 00098147  
**PROJECT ID:** 00101580  
**PROJECT PERIOD:**  
 Sep 2016 – **Dec 2018 (project extended)**  
**REVISED PERIOD (if any):**  
**PROJECT BUDGET:**  
 USD 390,000  
 USD 321,000 (in-kind)  
**REVISED BUDGET (if any):**  
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**2018 BUDGET (AWP):**  
 USD 34,856

**IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:**  
 Economic Planning Unit (EPU)

**NATIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR:**  
 Normi Nordin, Director, Distribution Section  
**NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR:**  
 Dato' Saiful Anuar b Lebai Hussien  
 Deputy Director-General (Policy)  
**NSC MEETING(S) HELD:**

**[Have not been held to-date. Schedule to be held in Q4 2018]**

minutes attached

**UNDP MALAYSIA CPAP OUTCOME:**  
 Inclusive Growth & Development  
 Sustainable & Resilient Development

**11<sup>TH</sup> MALAYSIA PLAN STRATEGIC THRUSTS:**  
 Enhancing inclusiveness towards an equitable society  
 Improving wellbeing for all  
 Accelerating human capital development for an advanced nation  
 Pursuing green growth for sustainability and resilience  
 Strengthening infrastructure to support economic expansion  
 Re-engineering economic growth for greater prosperity

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION (500 words max):

Developing a comprehensive action plan to address the increasing cost of living and its impact on the wellbeing of B40 households through a bottom-up consultative process on the current cost of living issues and possible specific interventions

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION OVERVIEW

#### EXPENDITURE:

YEAR	BUDGET*	UTILIZATION	RATIO (%)
2016	\$253,530	\$182,463	71.97%
2017	\$143,479	\$34,057	23.74%
2018	\$34,858	\$793	2%
CUMULATIVE	\$306,261	\$217,313	70.96%

#### Note:

*Budget indicated in this table refers to overall total budget allocated over 3 years (wherein budget balance is brought forward year on year basis). Hence, cumulative budget in this table is not the sum total of yearly budget, but rather total budget allocation over 3 years.*

#### Project Outcome Snapshot

Component/Outcome & Total Outputs	Achieved (Output #)	On Track (Output #)	Off Track (Output #)	Not Achieved (Output #)
Outcome 1: Total outputs: 2		Output 1 Output 2	Output 3	
Outcome: Project management		1		

List the outputs under outcomes in page 2.

#### Risk Management

Date Identified	Type	Management Response
June 2018	Operational	B40 recommendations seen to be too macro- and may not be useful for effecting change at the local level. A pilot of the recommendation should be conducted as proof of concept.  Project will submit a request to expand the project scope to pilot a B40 recommendation made in the report, using the project budget balance.



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## Project Outcome Snapshot (expanded)

Outcome Description	2017	2018
<b>Outcome: A comprehensive B40 Action Plan that has a rationalised and optimised set of recommended government interventions</b>		
Output 1: B40 Open Space Forums conducted	<input type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Achieved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Achieved	<input type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Achieved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Achieved
Output 2: B40 Action Plan developed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track <input type="checkbox"/> Achieved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Achieved	<input type="checkbox"/> On Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off Track <input type="checkbox"/> Achieved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Achieved
<b>Outcome: Project Management</b>		
Output 1: Project Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track <input type="checkbox"/> Achieved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Achieved	<input type="checkbox"/> On Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off Track <input type="checkbox"/> Achieved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Achieved

## RISK MANAGEMENT (EXPANDED)

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June 2018	Operational	<p>B40 recommendations seen to be too macro- and may not be useful for effecting change at the local level. A pilot of the recommendation should be conducted as proof of concept.</p> <p>Project will submit a request to expand the project scope to pilot a B40 recommendation made in the report, using the project budget balance.</p>

## ANNEX

*Please list additional documentation included in this report (including NSC meeting minutes; PIR report summary; additional project reporting)*

1. NSC meeting has not been held to-date. Schedule to be held in Q4 2018
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



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### MID-YEAR REPORT NARRATIVE

*Describe the project's achievements of outputs in 2018, with brief descriptions of progress of planned activity results for the year. Please highlight any contributions to gender made if any.*

*Describe the issues and challenges faced, and the project management response.*

Outcome: Developing a comprehensive B40 Action Plan that has a rationalised and optimised set of recommended government interventions	Progress Status
<p>Output 1: B40 Open Space Forums conducted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The organization of 6 consultation (at each zone) coordinated by UNDP was supported by EPU and ICU in terms of mobilizing B40 participants using the e-Kasih database (70% of invited participants).</li> <li>• Local NGOs also supported in getting the targeted 30% of participants. The consultations were conducted using the Open Space Technology (OST) methodology.</li> <li>• The OST was complemented with in-depth interviews as well as short messages from the community using camera / video recording. During the consultation sessions, UKM also conducted their own survey to input into the project later.</li> <li>• All 8 OST consultation sessions were completed between the period September – November 2016, within the project timeline.</li> </ul> <p>Issues &amp; Challenges: None</p> <p>Action Taken by implementing Partner: N/A</p> <p>Additional Support Requested from UNDP/ EPU: N/A</p> <p>UNDP Management Response: N/A</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Achieved  <input type="checkbox"/> On track  <input type="checkbox"/> Off track         </p> <p>Output Target: Series of Open Space consultations have been organised in 6 zones: Central, Northern, Eastern, Southern, Sabah &amp; Sarawak. Additional 2 OSTs were held, each for Orang Asli and PWD stakeholders</p>
<p>Output 2: B40 Action Plan developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The development of recommendations to supplement the National B40 Action Plan is in its final stage – incorporating and analyzing various sources of inputs, namely from B40 Open Space Technology (OST) report prepared by OST consultant, B40 OST expert rapporteur report by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), B40 OST Analysis report from the OST sessions by third party consultant (PE Research), as well as from various B40 programmes/projects by the relevant Ministries/agencies.</li> <li>• These inputs are important to help the consultant draft recommendations for the B40 Action Plan comprising of impactful interventions with effective monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.</li> </ul>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Achieved  <input type="checkbox"/> On track  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off track         </p> <p>Output Target: B40 Action Plan submitted and presented to National Development Planning Committee/Cabinet Meeting for approval.</p>



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- The B40 Action Plan was expected to be completed by April 2017 (refer to reasons for delay below)

### Issues & Challenges:

After the 13th General Election on 9<sup>th</sup> May, it was required for the B40 recommendations to also consider and align with initiatives stipulated in the Buku Harapan (Pakatan Harapan's manifesto).

In line with the people-centric initiatives as stipulated in Buku Harapan, EPU is also interested to implement a community pilot project at the local level based on the recommendation of the consultant, as a proof of concept.

Overall, these changes have contributed to the delay of the finalization of the consultant's report.

### Action Taken by implementing Partner:

EPU and UNDP has both provided inputs for the conceptualization of the pilot project based on the recommendation from the consultant.

It was agreed that the project budget balance could be utilized to implement the proposed pilot project, upon approval from PSC (to be arranged in 4Q of 2018).


### Additional Support Requested from UNDP/ EPU:

None

### UNDP Management Response:

None

Mid-Year Progress Report 2018 approved by:

  
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Designation:

Date: 26/10/2018