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Papua New Guinea -Country Office

Quarterly Report

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Government Counterpart	National Disaster Centre
Project Name	Strengthening Disaster Risk Management in Papua New Guinea
Prog. Priority Area	Humanitarian Coordination component
Focus Locations:	National, AROB
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Available Funds for year	USD 533,813
Expenditure to date	

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

COVID-19	Novel coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019
DMT	Disaster Management Team
DP	Development partner
FBO	Faith-based organization
GOPNG	Government of Papua New Guinea
ICCG	Inter-Cluster Coordination Group
INGO	International non-governmental organization
NDC	National Disaster Centre
NOC	National Operations Centre
OHCHR	United Nations Human Rights Agency

PLWDO	People Living with Disabilities Organization
RCM	Red Cross Movement
UN	United Nations
UNHCR	United Nations Refugee Agency

SECTION 1 – KEY DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

- The Disaster Management Team adopted an updated term of reference, annual work plan and compact on accountability in January 2020.
- The global pandemic of COVID-19 has overtaken the focus of the National Department of Health since late January and the whole Government of Papua New Guinea since 24 March when a national state of emergency was declared, an Emergency Controller appointed, and a Joint Agency Task Force established at the National Operations Centre. The project has supported coordination of international humanitarian partners since early February and has embedded with the National Operations Centre since its inception to provide technical support on coordination, logistics, information management, risk communications and community engagement.
- The project has also coordinated humanitarian assistance for, monitored and reported on other emergencies and crises, including the on-going refugee emergency in Western province, small-to-mid-scale natural disasters around the country, conflict in the Highlands, African Swine Fever in the Highlands and fall armyworm in the Southern region provinces.
- Due to the impact of COVID-19 preparations and response measures, no progress has been made on the planned output to improve preparedness to respond to disasters and emergencies in AROB. Given the plan for regional elections to take place in the third quarter and the lack of certainty about the COVID-19 measures that will be in place through the last quarter of 2020, it is unlikely that this activity can be implemented in 2020.
- Disputes within the National Disaster Centre (NDC) and the Department of Provincial and Local Government Affairs challenging the appointment of the new director continued to significantly hamper the functionality of the NDC and the project to successfully engage with its government partner throughout the reporting period.
- The lack of functionality within the NDC has prevented collaboration to provide technical support on the revision to the 1987 Disaster Management Act. The COVID-19 preparedness and response took over from February, inhibiting further development. Given the lack of political will within the senior levels of the PNG Government and the uncertainty about the COVID-19 measures that will be in place through the last quarter of 2020, it is unlikely that this activity can be implemented in 2020.

SECTION 2 – PROGRESS AGAINST OUTPUTS & PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN ANNUAL WORK PLAN

OUTPUT 1 – 1 DMT annual terms of reference, work plan and compact on accountability in place

Narrative update on Progress towards Output			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Disaster Management Team adopted an annual term of reference, compact on accountability and annual work plan. 			
Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
1. Number of DMT actions items supported	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly meetings of DMT Bi-monthly planning meetings of ICCG 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meetings of the DMT Semiannual joint meeting of the DMT and National Disaster Committee Quarterly planning meetings of the ICCG 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9 DMT meetings 2 ICCG meetings
Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan		Progress Against Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meetings of the DMT Semiannual joint meeting of the DMT and National Disaster Committee Quarterly planning meetings of the ICCG 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the reporting period, the DMT has convened 9 times (1 regular meeting and 8 ad hoc meetings on COVID-19 and other emergencies) The ICCG has met 2 times, once on the Western province refugee emergency and on COVID-19 contingency planning 	
Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link to annual terms of reference, compact on accountability, annual work plan, meeting notes and documents. 			

OUTPUT 2 – 1 AROB PREPAREDNESS TO RESPOND TO DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES IS IMPROVED

Narrative update on Progress towards Output			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing significant to report. 			
Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
1. Number of workshops completed	1. No workshop	1. 1 workshop on disaster needs assessment 2. 1 workshop on contingency planning	1. These activities will be reprogrammed
Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan		Progress Against Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AROB workshops on contingency planning, needs assessment 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These activities will be reprogrammed. 	
Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These activities will be reprogrammed with a different activity. The lack of functionality within the NDC has prevented collaboration to implement this training. The COVID-19 preparedness and response took over from February, inhibiting further development. Given the plan for regional elections to take place in the third quarter and the lack of certainty about the COVID-19 measures that will be in place through the last quarter of 2020, it is unlikely that this activity can be implemented in 2020. 			

OUTPUT 3 – 1 DISASTER MANAGEMENT TEAM IS PREPARED TO RESPOND TO MULTI-HAZARD SUDDEN- AND SLOW-ONSET EVENTS AND CRISES

Narrative update on Progress towards Output			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Disaster Management Team has primarily been coordinating the response to COVID-19, but it has also been monitoring African Swine Fever and the refugee emergency in Western province, as well as other disaster events 			
Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
1. Number of disasters monitored and reported to DMT/public	1. 4 DMT contingency plans (sudden onset, slow onset, civil unrest, refugee emergency)	1. Support monitoring of humanitarian situation and coordination of international humanitarian response in the country 2. Review and revision of the contingency plans	1. Reported on 21 geophysical, meteorological, hydrological, climatological and biological disaster events. 2. Developed, monitored, revised two response plans 3. Revision in progress to refugee emergency contingency plan
Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan		Progress Against Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support monitoring of humanitarian situation and coordination of international humanitarian response in the country 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DMT Secretariat has been emailing situation updates on COVID19 to the DMT, ICCG and regional partners daily, weekly, or biweekly since 28 January. The DMT Secretariat has monitored and reported on 21 geophysical, meteorological, hydrological, climatological and biological disaster events. During the reporting period, the DMT Secretariat has developed, updated and managed two resource mobilization plans: one for the Western province refugee emergency and one for the COVID-19 response. During the reporting period, the DMT Secretariat compiled the 2020 3W operational presence of DMT members and the #W for DMT members' COVID-19 response activities 	
Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link to communications on geophysical, meteorological, hydrological, climatological and biological disaster events. Link to COVID-19 multi-sector response plan. Links to 2020 operational presence 3W and to COVID-19 response 3W. 			

OUTPUT 4 – 1 TECHNICAL INPUTS TO DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED

Narrative update on Progress towards Output			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing significant to report 			
Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
1. Number of workshops completed	1. 1987 Disaster Management Act	1.	1. This activity will be reprogrammed
Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan		Progress Against Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical support to NDC for updating Disaster Management Act 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This activity will be reprogrammed 	
Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This activity will be reprogrammed with a different activity. The lack of functionality within the NDC has prevented collaboration to implement this support. The COVID-19 preparedness and response took over from February, inhibiting further development. Given the lack of political will within the senior levels of the PNG Government and the uncertainty about the COVID-19 measures that will be in place through the last quarter of 2020, it is unlikely that this activity can be implemented in 2020. 			

SECTION 3 – PROGRAMME PRINCIPLES (LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND, GENDER, ACCOUNTABILITY, PEACE AND CONFLICT, HUMAN RIGHTS, SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE)

Leaving no one behind –

- The Disaster Management Team has two active response plans, one for a small refugee emergency in Western province and the other a multi-sectoral plan for COVID-19, both of which aim to prioritize vulnerable and marginalized groups.

Proportion of women, men, vulnerable groups in project activities –

- DMT members = 19 members (8 women, 11 men), 7 UN organizations, 9 INGOs, 2 FBOs, 1 GOPNG
13 standing invitees (2 women, 11 men), 3 RCM, 4 UN organizations, 6 DPs
- ICCG members = 24 members (10 women, 14 men), 8 UN organizations, 3 RCM, 3 FBOs, 2 NGOs, 2 GOPNG, 1 PLWDO

Components targeting women, youth, vulnerable groups; objectives achieved –

- The DMT and ICCG have representatives for Protection, including child protection, gender-based violence, and people living with disabilities who specifically focus on humanitarian needs of these vulnerable and marginalized groups

Impacts on key vulnerable groups during the reporting period –

- DMT members adopted accountability compact on protection, GBV and PSEA
- Protection Cluster and Department for Community Development and Religion issued PSEA guidelines for COVID-19 response
- Protection Cluster has monitored and reported on reduced access to GBV referral services during the COVID-19 State of Emergency and an increase in intimate partner violence

Factors contributing to the success/failure of gender and human rights mainstreaming within the project –

- The Protection Cluster has enjoyed increasing leadership from UNWomen and support from OHCHR, UNFPA and UNHCR (remotely from Canberra) for the COVID-19 response

Interconnections among social, economic, environmental dimensions of sustainable development, risk management, strengthening national capacities –

- Nothing significant to report.

Application of social and environmental standards –

- Not applicable.

Support for integration of environmental issues and social protection in national policies –

- Protection Cluster and Department for Community Development and Religion issued PSEA guidelines for COVID-19 response

Actions ensuring linkages with emergency, crises and humanitarian systems –

- The project itself is humanitarian coordination. The project team sits with the National Disaster Centre and the Humanitarian Coordination Specialist sat with the National Operations Centre for the duration of the COVID-19 State of National Emergency. The DMT clusters all have national government partner organizations.

Identification of resilience-building capacities to ensure actions do no harm and synergize with other international development sectors –

- Not applicable.

SECTION 4 – CHALLENGES / LESSONS LEARNT

Throughout the project life cycle, lessons are learned and opportunities for improvement are discovered. As part of a continuous improvement process, documenting lessons learned helps the team discover the root causes of problems that occurred and avoid those problems in later project stages or future projects.

Note: This section can include ‘key messages’ to be raised with donors.

What approaches worked well—or didn’t work well—either for the project or the project team?

- The contingency planning activities in 2019 allowed us to prepare early for the COVID-19 response, first developing a contingency plan in March then updating it to a response plan by April and revising the response plan in June.

What innovative approaches have been used by the project this quarter?

- COVID-19 has forced us to communicate largely by electronic communications and virtual meeting platforms.

What needs to be done over or differently? Describe corrective actions taken if appropriate

- Two of the planned activities will not be achievable due to a number of factors including the impact of the COVID-19 response, and so the remaining project funds will be reprogrammed to focus on addressing secondary impacts of COVID-19 measures in border provinces and particularly Sandaun province.
- The problems that continue to affect the functionality of the National Disaster Centre need to be addressed politically by the Government’s leaders.

What surprises did the team have to deal with?

- COVID-19 was an unanticipated emergency that has affected the implementation of planned activities.

What project circumstances were not anticipated?

- Nothing significant to report

How was communication of the project? Any suggestions for improvement?

- Nothing significant to report

SECTION 5 – RISK MANAGEMENT

This section can be used to update or use the risk logs developed during the project development stage and provide any mitigation measures being undertaken by the project.

Type of Risk ¹	Description of Risk	Mitigating Measures
	Nothing to update	

SECTION 6 – MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

Monitoring Activity	Date	Description & Comments	Key Findings / Recommendations
Regular meetings with DFAT project focal point	Monthly	Regular bilateral meetings with DFAT project focal point to provide feedback and updates on progress of project activities	Because two of the main project activities will not likely be achievable within 2020 due to unforeseeable impacts from the COVID-19 response, we have agreed to reprogram remaining project funds to focus on COVID-19 secondary impacts in border provinces, and primarily Sandaun province.

SECTION 7 – FINANCIAL REPORT

Donor	Total funds committed	Available resources for the year	Contribution as % of AWP	Expenditure	Balance ²	% Delivery	Comments
DFAT	USD 533,813	USD 533,813	100%				

¹ Environmental; Financial; Operational; Organizational; Political; Regulatory; Security; Strategic; Other.

² Available resource for the year minus funds disbursed till now, figures reported in the table are interim and subject to final upon the financial closure of general ledger

ANNEX 1: TARGETED GROUP³

#	Target Group		Dates	# of participants		Title of the training/event/meeting, etc..	Location of event	Event Organizer
	NGO, UN, DP	GOPNG		M	F			
1.	FAO, IOM, WHO, OHCHR, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNRCO	NDC, ICA	9 January	4	7	ICCG meeting	NDC	DMT Secretariat
2.	UNRCO, IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, FAO, WHO, UN-Women, UNFPA, WVI, Caritas, PNGCC, CARE, ChildFund, MSF, Oxfam, Plan, PSI, STC, ICRC, IFRC, PNGRCS, UNDSS, World Bank, DFAT, PRC, EU, Japan, MFAT, USAID	NDC, NDOH, NDOE, DfCDR, ICA	29 January	15	5	DMT meeting	NDC	DMT Secretariat
3.	FAO, IOM, WHO, OHCHR, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNRCO, WHO, WVI, Caritas	NDC	18 February	10	10	ICCG meeting	NDC	DMT Secretariat

³ Targeted group could include women, men, youth, minorities, people with disabilities, etc...through meetings, workshops, training, survey, implementing activities,

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5.	UNRCO, IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, FAO, WHO, UN-Women, UNFPA, WVI, Caritas, PNGCC, CARE, ChildFund, MSF, Oxfam, Plan, PSI, STC, ICRC, IFRC, PNGRCS, UNDSS, World Bank, DFAT, PRC, EU, Japan, MFAT, USAID	NDC, NOC, NDOH, NDOE, DfCDR	20 March	26	11	DMT meeting	NOC/Zoom	DMT Secretariat

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7.	UNRCO, IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, FAO, WHO, UN-Women, UNFPA, WVI, Caritas, PNGCC, CARE, ChildFund, MSF, Oxfam, Plan, PSI, STC, ICRC, IFRC, PNGRCS, UNDSS, World Bank, DFAT, PRC, EU, Japan, MFAT, USAID	NDC, NOC, NDOH, NDOE, DfCDR	3 April	24	16	DMT meeting	NOC/Zoom	DMT Secretariat

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9.	UNRCO, IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, FAO, WHO, UN-Women, UNFPA, WVI, Caritas, PNGCC, CARE, ChildFund, MSF, Oxfam, Plan, PSI, STC, ICRC, IFRC, PNGRCS, UNDSS, World Bank, DFAT, PRC, EU, Japan, MFAT, USAID	NDC, NOC, NDOH, NDOE, DfCDR	15 May	26	8	DMT meeting	NOC/Zoom	DMT Secretariat

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