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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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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ABG	Autonomous Bougainville Government
AHC	Australian High Commission
AROB	Autonomous Region of Bougainville
ASF	African Swine Fever
COVID-19	Novel coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019
DMT	Disaster Management Team
DFCDR	Department for Community Development and Religion
DP	Development partner
EU	European Union delegation to Papua New Guinea
EW/EAP	Early Warning/Early Action Planning
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FAW	Fall armyworm
GOPNG	Government of Papua New Guinea
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross

IFRC	International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IOM	International Organization for Migration
ICCG	Inter-Cluster Coordination Group
NCC	National Control Centre
NDC	National Disaster Centre
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NWS	National Weather Service
NZHC	New Zealand High Commission
PI	Plan International
PNGRCS	Papua New Guinea’s national Red Cross Society
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDSS	United Nations Department for Safety and Security
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations Refugee Agency
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund
UNRC	United Nations Resident Coordinator
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USD	United States Dollars
WB	World Bank
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
WVI	World Vision Internationals

SECTION 1 – KEY DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

- The COVID-19 multi-sectoral response remained the primary focus of the project team during the reporting period. The project continued to support coordination of international humanitarian partners, monitoring and reporting, and resource mobilization, including the updating of the 4W (who, what, where, when) and the Disaster Management Team (DMT) COVID-19 Multi-Sectoral Response Plan. The team remains embedded with the National Control Centre, participating in daily operational planning and monitoring, providing technical support on coordination, logistics, information management, risk communications and community engagement.
- The project has also 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.
- With agreement from the Project Steering Committee, the project reprogrammed funding intended for activities that were unable to be completed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic toward a WASH project for at-risk border communities in Sandaun province managed by Caritas.
- The project aims to bring water catchment systems to 12 communities in 3 high-risk border parishes while providing locally delivered training on hygiene and sanitation, maintenance of the water catchment systems and COVID-19 awareness. The project will address these communities’ need for access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation practices and awareness of COVID-19, enabling them to lower their risk of spreading COVID-19 while at the same time building their resilience toward other emergencies and crises caused by natural disasters and climate change.
- Work began with the DMT clusters and National Disaster Centre (NDC) on early warning and early action/contingency planning for La Niña.

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 COVID-19 multi-sectoral response remained the primary focus of the project team during the reporting period. The project continued to support coordination of international humanitarian partners, monitoring and reporting, and resource mobilization. The team remains embedded with the National Control Centre, participating in daily operational planning and monitoring, providing technical support on coordination, logistics, information management, risk communications and community engagement. 			
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 Semi-annual joint meeting of the DMT and National Disaster Committee Quarterly planning meetings of the ICCG 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12 DMT meetings 2 ICCG meetings 6 action items created (8 total YTD); 6 completed; 2 outstanding
Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan		Progress Against Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meetings of the DMT Semi-annual 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 3 times (regular meetings) The ICCG has met 2 times, once on COVID-19 response planning and once on La Niña contingency planning 	
Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link to meeting notes and documents. 			

OUTPUT 2 – 1 IMPROVING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER IN SANDAUN BORDER COMMUNITIES

Narrative update on Progress towards Output

- The project aims to bring water catchment systems to 12 communities in 3 high-risk border parishes while providing locally delivered training on hygiene and sanitation, maintenance of the water catchment systems and COVID-19 awareness. The project will address these communities' need for access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation practices and awareness of COVID-19, enabling them to lower their risk of spreading COVID-19 while at the same time building their resilience toward other emergencies and crises caused by natural disasters and climate change

Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of communities in 3 high risk boarder parishes have access to clean water catchment systems Number of training on hygiene and sanitation, maintenance of water catchment systems and COVID-19 awareness delivered. Number of women, girls, men and boys trained on hygiene and sanitation, maintenance of water catchment systems and COVID-19 	None of the target communities have access to clean water catchment systems	12 communities are prepared to respond to COVID 19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Design and construction phase. Caritas PNG/Australia funded activity completed in August and reported separately
Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan		Progress Against Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and construct durable water catchment systems in 12 communities Conduct community workshops on hygiene and sanitation, system maintenance and COVID-19 awareness 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and construction of the stands for both water tanks and hand basins have been completed. Community workshops will be done during installation of the tanks and hand basins in the communities. 	
Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link to monthly progress reports 			

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"> In addition to COVID-19 support, the project has also 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. 			
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)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support monitoring of humanitarian situation and coordination of international humanitarian response in the country Review and revision of the contingency plans 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly situation updates on COVID-19 Monitored and reported on 28 geophysical, meteorological, hydrological and biological emergencies. Monitored, revised 2 humanitarian response plans Updated refugee emergency plan Made progress on updates to sudden onset and slow onset plans
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 continued emailing COVID-19 situation updates to the DMT, ICCG and regional partners weekly for the reporting period. The DMT Secretariat has monitored and reported on 7 geophysical, meteorological and biological emergencies. During the reporting period, the DMT Secretariat updated and managed the COVID-19 multi-sectoral response plan. During the reporting period, the DMT Secretariat updated the 4W 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. Link 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. No progress to date
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"> No progress to date 	
Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This activity will take place in Q4. A national joint workshop is planned for November to bring together national government, NGO and international stakeholders to review the Disaster Management Act. 			

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 currently has one active response plan, a multi-sectoral plan for COVID-19, which aims to prioritize vulnerable and marginalized groups.

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

- DMT members = 37 members (11 women, 26 men), 13 UN organizations, 10 INGOs, 2 FBOs, 2 GO-PNG, 7 DPs
- ICCG members = 26 members (11 women, 15 men), 9 UN organizations, 2 FBOs, 5 NGOs, 3 GOPNG

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 clusters supported the resettlement of 140 asylum seekers to Iowara, the designated refugee settlement site of the PNG government
- The Protection cluster participates in all other cluster meetings for the COVID-19, ASF and FAW responses.
- The project provides communities access to clean water and improved hygiene and sanitation practices to better prepare themselves against the immediate risks of COVID-19 also building their resilience to the effects of climate change and human-caused environmental impacts through the ability to harvest and store clean water.

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 –

- The DMT's COVID-19 response plan includes socio-economic recovery.
- The project contributed to the UN's 2020 Programme Criticality Assessment for development programming in the Highlands.
- The project has contributed to the UNCT's Common Country Analysis on humanitarian-development-peace and has provided a current humanitarian risk analysis.

Application of social and environmental standards –

- The DMT employs an accountability compact on social responsibilities, including preventing gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse by humanitarian workers.
- The DMT promotes the Protection Cluster's PSEA Code of Conduct, which was endorsed by the Government of PNG for application during the COVID-19 response.

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 endorsed by the PNGDF, RPNGC and NCC Controller

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 –

- The DMT clusters are involved in the socio-economic impact assessment and recovery planning.

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 for the La Niña, updating our contingency plan and observation tool.

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

- The planned semi-annual joint meeting of the DMT and National Disaster Committee has not happened to date, and it is uncertain whether it will take place before the end of 2020.
- One 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 were reprogrammed to focus on addressing WASH impacts of COVID-19 measures in at-risk border communities in Sandaun province.

What surprises did the team have to deal with?

- Nothing significant to report.

What project circumstances were not anticipated?

- The project vehicle needs to be replaced, but because it was not anticipated, we must spend money on costly repairs, instead, for a vehicle that will likely be scrapped at the end of the project.

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	Nothing significant to report.

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%	USD 355,512	USD 178,301	67%	

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.	UN=UNDP NGO=Caritas PNG	N/A	22 June	2	2	Caritas PNG as the grant manager for the Sandaun WASH Project	UN/Virtual platform	DRM project
2.	UN = IOM, UNRC, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNDSS, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNRCO-AROB, UNWomen, WHO, NGO = WVI, ICRC, PI DP = NZHC, USAID, WB	ABG, NDOH, NWS	29 June	20	5	Regular DMT meeting	NCC/Virtual platform	DMT Secretariat
3.	UN = FAO, IOM, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNRC, UNRCO-AROB, NGO = WVI, ICRC, IFRC, PNGRCS, PI DP = AHC, NZHC, EU, US	NDC, DFCDR, NWS	27 August	26	10	Regular DMT meeting	NCC/Virtual platform	DMT Secretariat
4.	UN = UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNWomen, WHO NGO = WVI	N/A	2 September	6	6	Protection, WASH, Health meeting	NCC/Virtual platform	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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6.	UN = FAO, IOM, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNDSS, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNRC, UNWomen, WHO, NGO = Burnet Institute, ICRC, IFRC, OXFAM, PI, Susu Mamas, STC, WVI DP = AHC, EU, NZHC	NDC, NWS	24 September	21	15	Regular DMT meeting	UN/Virtual platform	DMT Secretariat