



## MINUTES OF THDR PROJECT BOARD MEETING, 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2018

**Venue:** ESRF Board Room

### Participants

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| 1.  | Prof. Fortunata Makene    | Head, Department of Strategic Research and Publications, ESRF (Acting Executive Director)  |
| 2.  | Ms. Dancilla Mukarubayiza | Deputy Country Director - Operations<br>United Nations Development Programme   |
| 3.  | Mr. Amon Manyama          | Deputy Country Director - Programmes<br>United Nations Development Programme   |
| 4.  | Mr. Ahmed Makbel          | Assistant Director, Labour Market Information, Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and the Disabled) |
| 5.  | Mr. Irenius Ruyobya       | Principal Statistician & Director of Operations,<br>National Bureau of Statistics, NBS   |
| 6.  | Dr. Christian Shingiro    | Development Management Specialist<br>Head of Development Partners Group<br>Secretariat, United Nations Development Programme                       |
| 7.  | Mr. Danford Sango         | Head, Department of Governance and Capacity Development, ESRF  |
| 8.  | Ms. Leticia Kweba         | Program Assistant, United Nations Development Programme  |

## **Agenda Items Discussed**

### **Item No 1: Opening of the Meeting**

Minute 1.1 Welcome remarks were provided by Prof. Fortunata Makene on behalf of Dr. Tausi Kida, Executive Director of ESRF who was on official visit to Ministry of Finance and Planning in DODOMA. In her welcome remarks, Prof. Makene expressed gratitude to the UNDP for the trust accorded to the ESRF in the past four years of fruitful collaboration in the implementation of THDR project.

Some additional welcome opening remarks were provided by Ms. Dancilla Mukarubayiza who co chaired the meeting with Prof. Makene. On her part, Ms. Mukarubayiza also expressed gratitude to the ESRF on behalf of Ms. Natalie Boucly, UNDP Country Director for Tanzania. Ms. Mukarubayiza underscored the fact that generally, THDR project which is being closed was a successful project. The deputy county director further mentioned that the project has to be formally closed according to the Memorandum of Understanding between UNDP and ESRF for implementation of THDR project. The deputy country director further expressed that this final project board meeting is being called with one agenda item of formally closing the THDR project as per best practices and requirements of UNDP projects.

### **Item No 2: Presentation of Key Highlights of THDR project**

Minute 2.1 Mr. Danford Sango, Head of Governance and Capacity Development Department at ESRF who is also a key member of THDR secretariat made a presentation highlighting an overview of THDR project. One of the central messages made by Mr. Sango's presentation was that it is the perspective of Management of ESRF and members of THDR working group that the overall objective of THDR project was achieved. This objective is enhancing national capacities for integrating issues of human development and multi dimensional poverty into planning, budgeting, monitoring and reporting. This objective was achieved through a vibrant dialogue on human development created and sustained by THDR project for a period of four years in Tanzania.

### Item No 3 Plenary Discussions

The following issues were raised during plenary discussion

- (i) The members took note and agreed with the agenda item brought forward i.e. closing of THDR project.
- (ii) The members from UNDP thanked management of ESRF and its dedicated staff for successful implementation of THDR project.
- (iii) The meeting discussed and acknowledged strong analytical capacity demonstrated by THDR project in such areas as preparation of statistical annexes and broader understanding of contemporary policy issues. The meeting underscored the fact that this technical knowledge demonstrated by THDR is an important asset for sustainability of THDR project. The meeting reflected on the importance of maintaining a strong network of researchers (both local and from abroad) which are strong assets beyond closing of the project.
- (iv) The meeting took note of the fact that no tangible assets were acquired during project's lifetime which should be transferred to the UNDP.
- (vi) The meeting discussed and took note of the fact that due to limitations of resources, no end of the project evaluation was and carried out for THDR project.
- (vii) A member from National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) appreciated the insights made by THDR project in development of indicators like MPI and HDI in Tanzania. The member requested the ESRF, UNDP and other partners to continue supporting the NBS in the process of institutionalizing MPI whose technical support is coming from Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHDI).
- (viii) The meeting observed that despite the remarkable achievement made by THDR project, there is no direct obligation for its continuation by the UNDP. Nevertheless, it was highlighted that UNDP is currently in discussion with Ministry of Finance and Planning on continuation of the project through a programme called **'Capacity Development for Results**

**and Development Effectiveness**". It was further reported that even if the discussion will be successful, continuation of THDR project shall be characterized by different circumstances including less resources.

- (ix) Moving forward, an advice was provided for management of ESRF to consider finding ways of implementing THDR project with less budget envelope should the project be continued at a later stage within "**Capacity Development for Results and Development Effectiveness**".

**Item No 4**

**Closing of the Meeting**

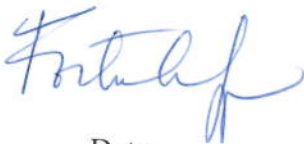
The meeting was closed by words of appreciation by the co-chairs for the fruitful partnership enjoyed by UNDP and ESRF during the course of implementation of THDR project. Furthermore, the two co chairs took note of the ongoing discussion with Ministry of Finance and Planning (MOFP) especially in the light of the expectations for continuation of THDR project. The meeting took note of the fact that should the project be continued, it will be continued in a new environment and circumstances.

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Prof. Fortunata Makene,  
ESRF (Chair)

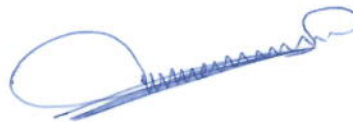
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