

Annex 11: Progress on Crisis Response / Re-Programming Activities as of 31 October 2023

During the reporting period 36% of the crisis response activities budget has been utilized. Number of activities in the list have just been started while some of them will be started and reported during the next reporting period.

	Proposed Activity	Budget (USD)	Spent (USD)	Balance as of 12.09.2022 (USD)	Progress
1.	Facilitating vocational certifications for youth, via the VET. (Linked to KA 1.5)	20,000	7,650	12,350	Japanese Language trainings in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Administration, Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Trainings Authority (VTA) and Foreign Employment Bureau for 1000 youths to increase the prospectus of gaining job opportunities in Japan. In the Eastern province activities have been identified to support vocational training center in Arayampathy Pradeshiya Shaba. The NVQ level courses in information technology has commenced. So far around 650 youths have been trained on various skills in the Uva Province.
2.	Platform at LA/Vertical institutions for policy discussions (inputs from ward to LA Level) (Linked to KA 3.1 and 3.2)	10,000	1,000	9,000	In the Northern Province, initial training to 200 ward level officers has commenced. Data collection format is finalized. Data processing using Kobo toolbox is planned.
3.	Nonviolent action/communication in times of crisis (for LAs and CSOs) (Linked to KA 1.3 and 2.3)	20,000	12,150	7,850	In the Northern Province, to overcome the difficulties faced during the fuel crisis, the project supported five Districts to print and distribute fuel distribution cards. This helped for the fair distribution of fuel, reduced the tensions and related conflicts as they were used to having a similar system during the war. kerosine for the farmers and fishermen continue being distributed through this card system in Killinochchi, Mannar and Mullaithivu.
4.	Establishing a platform to link LAs with all the Food producing stakeholders (SMEs, Cooperative societies, FOs, FCS etc) (linked to KA 2.2 and 2.3)	10,000	0	10,000	In the Uva province, activities identified and will be implemented in Q1 of 2023
5.	Herbal gardens at selected locations (Linked to KA 2.2 and 2.3)	25,000	1,000	24,000	Initial training for the traditional medicine practitioners/staffs commenced in the Northern Province. Location identified for the herbal garden in Uva Province.

6.	Design thinking - Seed funds for LAs (scope expanded) (linked to KA 2.1)	75,000	50,000	25,000	Design Thinking trainings provided to LAs which supported them to identify the most pressurizing needs in this crisis situation. This is still ongoing. Based on the identified needs, especially related to addressing the crisis, proposals were developed. Some of these proposals were funded by CDLG using the crisis response budget while majority of the proposals are funded through LDSP.
7.	Community water supply and solid waste management (Linked to KA 2.2)	40,000	-	40,000	Activity planned to implement in Vaharai in the Eastern province. As per the request made by the LA. This will be started in Q4 of 2022.
8.	HH waste management and Home Gardening (linked to KA 2.2)	25,000	3,000	22,000	In the Uva Province, preliminary work has already started with the Welimada PS and Zonal Education Office Welimada to establish a model home garden in 57 schools where children were trained to do household waste management and home gardening. Trainings and initial inputs for selected schools have been provided.
9.	PPPs with power generating agencies/food processing agencies – market access and Linkages (Linked to KA 2.1 and 2.2)	10,000	-	10,000	Initial discussion started in Uva Province to cluster the small-scale food producers supported by the women counsellors' seed grant initiatives. This will provide market linkages for the local products.
10.	Increase the scope for Seed grants by women councilors/other councilors (linked to KA 1.5)	85,000	60,000	25,000	The project targeted Women counselors attached to Local Authorities in all four Provinces to address the prevailing crisis. The required training related to project management, especially on participatory needs assessments, proposal writing etc were provided. These women counsellors submitted the proposals either individually or collectively. The submitted proposals were carefully evaluated by the panel consisting of assistant commissioner of local Government, UNDP, and other related Government staff. Finally, selected proposals were funded through CDLG. Most of the proposals selected for funding were related to food and income security. While this initiative helped in addressing the crisis, on the other hand, it helped to build the capacity of women counsellors to work much closer with their communities
11.	Increase in Organic compost manure production at household & LA level (Linked to KA 2.2)	50000		50000	Activities will be implemented in Q4 of 2022 and Q1 of 2023 in the Eastern Province
12.	Facilitation of virtual communication technology (linked to KA 2.2 and C-19 Response)				The provision of Zoom technology with communication infrastructures for all 134 LA and Provincial councils during COVID-19 has proved to be instrumental in ensuring business continuity during the ongoing economic crisis which led to fuel shortages and reduced mobility.
	TOTAL	370,000	134,800	235,200	