

**Local Programme Approval Committee - Mozambique Recovery Facility  
Programme**

**Date: July 19, 2019**

**Local: UNDP CO**

**Agenda:**

- 1. Opening UNDP/ Reconstruction Office**
- 2. CONTEXT/ Reconstruction Secretariat**
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Discussion Participants**

## **1. Opening Remarks - UNDP/ Reconstruction Secretariat**

**UNDP Mozambique Country Office Resident Representative (RR ai), Mr. Alfredo Teixeira warmly welcomed the participants, thanking them for their participation in the meeting. He noted that their presence is yet another demonstration of their commitment to support the Government and people of Mozambique to rebuild their infrastructure, livelihoods and resilience following the unprecedented deadly and destructive cyclones Ida and Kenneth.**

**Proceeding, the RR ai invited all participants to a round of introductions. With this included, presented the agenda meeting's agenda. All participants concurred.**

**The RR ai then invited the participants to watch a video of the cyclones, floods and the International pledging conference, as a way to set the context to the meeting and should be achieved moving forward. The video was played and attentively viewed by all participants.**

**Afterwards, the RR ai thanked the Head of the Reconstruction Secretariat, Mr. Francisco Pereira for accepting the invitation to participate, together and development partners and participating UN Agencies, WFP, ILO and UN Habitat, in this Local Programme Approval Committee (LPAC). The RR ai invited Mr. Pereira to address the participants.**

## **2. CONTEXT- Reconstruction Secretariat**

**Mr. Pereira expressed his pleasure to participate in this LPAC and thanked UNDP for the partnership. He noted that UNDP has been a main supporting partner, not necessarily in terms of financing, but in providing technical resources and availing its full availability both with surge and national staff, to ensure the country was able to rebuild following the cyclones. He noted UNDP leadership in the Rapid Assessment, the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), along with the World Bank, the Africa Development Bank and the European Union; as well as support with the International Pledging Conference.**

**He said he welcomed this initiative by UNDP as the resources pledged at the conference could only cover a third of the amount required. He also thanked the interest demonstrated by donors to support this initiative.**

**Mr. Pereira further explained to the participants that at the moment his institution is working with all stakeholders to develop a detailed reconstruction programme that is expected to be approved by Government by August 13, 2019. This work is supported specialists funded by the UN, World Bank and the European Union. The program will cover areas such as agriculture to cross-cutting issues, as the environment, people's livelihoods and businesses. He noted the importance great importance of rebuilding people's lives. This is why there is program of rebuilding rehousing for tens of thousands of families. It is a daunting task to resettle a million and half of people who have been affected, so some will be rehoused in the place where they are living.**

**Mr. Pereira showed his eagerness to hear with detail about the proposed programme which will be a part of the Government's priorities.**

**He thanked UNDP for the initiative and for organizing the meeting.**

Before proceeding with the detail presentation of the programme, the RR al highlighted the following:

- What was going to be presented reflects the intensive and productive discussions with the Government including the Minister of Public Works and Water Resources with whom several discussions were held both in Maputo and the city of Beira, with Mr. Pereira and his team and other stakeholders.
- The discussions that UNDP had with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MINEC) to agree to reallocate its core resources for the benefit of this programme, thus supporting the Reconstruction Secretariat. With these resources, for instance, UNDP was able to support to the organization of the seminar in Chimolô, in which personnel responsible for various sectors in the cyclone affected areas, civil society representatives, private sector, UN agencies and development partners, came together to define the reconstruction priorities starting the Disaster Recovery Formulation (DRF) .
- UNDP held several bilateral discussions with many development partners on this matter, to present to them the ideas included in the design of this programme, including discussion about the trust fund.
- UNDP also held discussions with the both the new and the previous Resident Coordinator, with sister UN agencies, UN Habitat, WFP and ILO, and all areas in agreement with this programme.
- With these considerations, the RR invited the Senior Programme Advisor, Mamadou Ndaw to present the programme.

## **2. PROJECT PRESENTATION Senior Program Advisor**

Mamadou Ndaw, noted in the presentation that this is an outcome on several meetings and discussions that UNDP had with Government counterparts with different partners, and in collaboration with other UN agencies.

The presentation noted that Mozambique is the second most vulnerable country in the world, in which floods, epidemics and cyclones are the most frequent disasters, while drought affects the largest number of people in the country. The impact of the last severe cyclones and floods caused loss of life, widespread destruction to both infrastructure and shelters, as well as disruption of essential services, markets and livelihood. About 950,000 persons were directly affected by the cyclone, out of which 53% are women. Death tolls surpassed 600 people according to the Government. On the other hand, there is a high degree of poverty among female-headed households, and high gender inequality, the frequency of disasters, human and economic losses arising from these disasters, and a resultant high level of socio-economic vulnerability are some of the key factors which call for increased attention to recovery and to build resilience.

It is based on this challenge, that the recovery programme is built upon, on the theory that by 2030, the community should have **built back better**, with a robust national resilience to eliminate the negatives impact of disasters.

The programme is designed on 3 main pillars, the first one is on Livelihoods and Women Economic Empowerment, the second one is in Housing and Community Infrastructures and the third one is Institutional Strengthening of the Reconstruction Secretariat. So looking on each these 3 pillars the focus is income generation, gender focus and emergency employment, enterprise recovery in risk informed fashion and resilient construction technique; accountability and transparency as well as policy coherence.

On livelihoods, intervention will mainly focus on working with municipalities to design projects that can be scaled up. This should also ensure that youth and the most affected vulnerable people will have access to the livelihood opportunities.

On housing, in partnership with UN Habitat the programme will focus on supporting the Reconstruction Secretariat to provide capacity building to the national public and the private sectors, to ensure that rehousing standards, alongside UN Habitat, on livelihoods with WFP and ILO.

The programme will also address the following questions:

- Who will be the target group? Among others, it will focus on the extreme poor, the vulnerable, youth and women in all cyclone Idai and Kenneth affected areas in the country.
- How will the facility be governed? The governance structures we will have a steering committee where the main donor contributors, Government, UNDP and also partner UN agencies will be part of and also to discuss and decide about the overall management of the programme and to see how to achieve the Reconstruction Secretariat's vision.

The programme will be based on two main principles: The fund will be managed with transparency and accountability; and it will be a Government driven programme. These will be based on the overarching principle of ensuring that no one is left behind; ensuring too that a special focus is on gender equality and women empowerment.

#### **Concluding Remarks and Recommendations**

Following a very rich discussion with several questions and comments the RR concluded the meeting with these remarks as well as summary of recommendations and way forward:

He expressed, once again, special thanks to Mr. Perreira, for his leadership of the reconstruction process and for being very open to working with the UN and with Development Partners, and to embrace the contributions from civil society and the private sector.

The participants endorsed the programme with the comments to be sent by COB Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

#### **Next steps and way forward:**

1. A meeting with the Minister of Public Works and Water Resources was scheduled for the same day, Friday 19, 2019, to brief him on the programme and the outcome of the LPAC  
NB: The meeting didn't take place, but Deodat (UNDP Senior Advisor had a follow up meeting with the Gabinete de Reconstrucao

2. Partners should send their comments by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July
3. The document will be finalized by next Friday, July 26, 2019
4. Sign the PRODOC with the Minister Public Works and Water Resources by 31/07/19
5. UNDP will continue to reach out to donors bilaterally and remain open for discussions.
6. UNDP plans to start activities by mid-August 2019. UNDP own core resources (negotiated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) will be used to launch immediate activities while resources are being mobilized for the Facility.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Pereira was grateful to all participants for the agreement reached at the LPAC. He also welcomed UNDP's openness for the further comments. On thanking the development partners and the UN, he emphasized the urgency and moving with concrete actions and activities because both the Government at the highest levels, including the Head of State as well as the populations affected are eager to see results.



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