

MEETING MINUTES

First Steering Committee of Mozambique Recovery Facility

Date	26 March, 2020
Venue	UNDP CO & ZOOM
Participants <i>(see Annex 1)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Present: 10 /connected remotely: 21/Total participants: 31 - <i>Members:</i> Government of Mozambique/Reconstruction Cabinet (GREPOC), UNDP, European Union Delegation, Embassies of Finland, Netherlands, Norway, China, Canada (excused) and India (excused) - <i>Observers:</i> UN-Habitat, UN-Women, WFP and ILO

1. Background information on the Mozambique Recovery Facility

- The 5-year US \$72.2 million Mozambique Recovery Facility Program was established by UNDP to support Mozambique's recovery efforts in the aftermaths of cyclones Idai and Kenneth which impacted Mozambique in March and April 2019, respectively
- It aims to implement short and long-term recovery interventions that will contribute to addressing the root causes of vulnerability and building resilience to future disasters
- The formulation of the Recovery Facility was based on Post-Disaster Needs Assessments (PDNA) and on the National Disaster Recovery Framework
- The Recovery Facility was presented and approved by the Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) meeting co-chaired by UNDP and the Government of Mozambique, which took place on 19th July 2019 with the participation of development partners, including United Nations agencies.
- The Project Document (PRODOC) was signed by UNDP and the Government of Mozambique on 14 August 2019.
- Recovery Facility interventions are based on three main pillars: *Pillar 1:* Support Livelihood Recovery and Women Economic Empowerment; *Pillar 2:* Rehabilitation and re-building public and community infrastructure damaged/destroyed by the cyclones and; *Pillar 3:* Institutional strengthening of the Reconstruction Cabinet (GREPOC).

Objectives:

- To adopt a coordinated and comprehensive approach to effectively meet the needs of the disaster affected population in the cyclones affected provinces specifically the most affected Sofala and Cabo Delgado province.
- To re-build resilient infrastructure and promote economic opportunities in those areas for sustainable development with the Build-Back-Better (BBB) principles.
- To support building and strengthening institutional capacity and national ownership to address needs of recovery and resilience in areas affected by Cyclones Idai and Kenneth.



Contributions up to 26 March 2020

Donor	Currency (contribution)		Currency (USD)	Remarks
Canada	CAD	250,000	189,095	
China	USD	2,000,000	2,000,000	Parallel funding
European Union	EUR	34,300,000	37,846,620	Committed /to be signed in the coming weeks /retroactivity clause allowing to cover expenses as of 21 Aug. 2019
Finland	EUR	2,000,000	2,200,220	
India	USD	1,000,000	1,000,000	Committed/ Parallel funding
Netherlands	EUR	2,550,000	2,850,281	
Norway	NOK	30,000,000	3,178,294	
UNDP (seed money)	USD	2,500,000	2,500,000	
Total available resources			51,719,510	
Budget			72,200,000	
Funding gap			20,480,490	28.4 % of total budget

2. Agenda (*Annex 2*)

- Opening remarks
- Presentation of the Project Objectives and Main Achievements to Date
- Presentation of 2020 Annual Work Plan
- Questions and Debate
- Approval of the 2020 Annual Work Plan
- Word of thanks and closing remarks

3. Meeting summary:

The Steering Committee was originally organized to take place in Beira, including a field visit to ongoing interventions, but due to the Covid19- crisis an online zoom-meeting was held.

In accordance with the UNDP Programme Management Guidelines, the implementation of the Recovery Facility Programme is overseen and guided by the Steering Committee composed by several members, as proposed in the Recovery Facility document (PRODOC).

The main objective of the Recovery Facilities' first Steering Committee was the approval of the 2020 Annual workplan shared beforehand with Steering Committee members by the Reconstruction Cabinet (GREPOC) and UNDP.



Agenda Point 1: Opening remarks

Opening words by GREPOC, UNDP and the EU recognized the coordination efforts and interventions already accomplished during the first year of implementation, and stressed the high expectations toward the delivery of results, the need to further speed up delivery to meet the needs of the beneficiaries and the importance of communication and visibility to demonstrate the achievements. Reference was also made to the needs to reflect on how the new COVID-19 crisis affects Recovery Facility interventions and its beneficiaries and how the program can contribute to protect these groups from this pandemic and from its potential economic and social impacts. In addition, remarks were made on the need to reinforce GREPOC' coordination role and mechanisms to improve institutional effectiveness for better results.

Agenda Point 2: Presentation of the Objectives and Main Achievements to Date

UNDP presented a progress update covering each of the three Recovery Facility Pillars (*see Annex 3*).

Main outputs included: (i) livelihoods improvements through temporary employment reaching to 103,000 families; rehabilitation of community productive assets as well as Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) support through business trainings and microcredits (energy efficient stoves, poultry, bee keeping, saving and loan schemes, community assets such as plantations, preparation of agriculture land for cultivations, irrigation canals, community roads etc.); (ii) elaboration of guidelines for resilient construction of schools and health clinics; development of a training package and delivery of trainings in resilient construction techniques with promotion of self-employment creation; construction of 40 pilot houses and 3 markets; support to Beira waste management including the rehabilitation of access roads to the municipal dump site and provision of a woodchipper machine; (iii) support with recruitment of GREPOC's essential staff and provision of operational support including transportation, office equipment and furniture.

Agenda Point 3: Presentation of 2020 Annual Work Plan

UNDP presented the 2020 annual work plan and respective budget (*see Annex 4*).

Comments made to the Main Achievements and 2020 Workplan

- Importance to communicate well on achieved results, stressing the need to make good reference to the figures of specific results achieved in the field (i.e. number of people that received training; number of houses constructed and number of markets built). UNDP is developing a "Communications and Visibility Strategy" for the Recovery Facility to be shared with Steering Committee members.
- Use of the "Gender analysis of socio-economic impact on women and livelihoods" developed by UN-WOMEN to inform Recovery Facility interventions;

- Importance of exploring further synergies between pillars, as e.g. employment generation through construction and expertise of UN Agencies to support implementation of Recovery Facility interventions.
- Need for alignment and harmonization of partner's approaches and interventions funded by the Facility and those being implemented in parallel by UN Agencies and other partners.
- The need to carefully choosing implementation sites for the Recovery Facility to ensure integrated interventions especially in housing and community infrastructure
- Development partners referred to written comments shared with UNDP and the need to address them in UNDP's final 2020 AWP before signature and publish a press release published immediately after the steering committee meeting to be shared with the wider public
- Participants raised concerns on the possible impact of Covid 19 on the implementation of activities or beneficiary selections. It was recommended to further increase focus on the most vulnerable and to explore the possibility of using Recovery Facility funds (including contingencies, EU crisis modifier etc.) or its coordination structures in the response.
- The need to increase focus on Cabo Delgado, especially in what concerns livelihood improvements. Considering latest developments with security situation in the northern part of the province there would be a need re-assess the scenario and evaluate implementation options
- Agreement on the role of GREPOC in the coordination and monitoring of reconstruction efforts. Development partners underlined the importance of GREPOC' role for IDAI and Kenneth response but potentially also for future crisis and emphasized the importance of a lean and efficient structure. GREPOC reiterated the need to receive regular updates and financial information on the reconstruction process from different donors, partners and NGOs.
- UNDP confirmed its support to the establishment of a data management system at GREPOC, along with deployment of technical expertise for data management and overall coordination. UNDP and RCO committed to prepare and plan realistic scenarios for the next months on Covid 19 response, assessing the implications for the reconstruction process and the need to re-adjust the interventions for humanitarian and recovery support.

Actions points

- Approval of the Recovery Facility Governance structure (Steering Committee TORs) by its members.
- Finalization and approval of the Recovery Facility Communication and Visibility strategy and strengthening of communication on achievements
- Establishment of the Data management system at GREPOC.
- Analyze if the Recovery Facility funds (contingencies, EU Crisis modifier etc.) or coordination structure could be used in the response to the COVID19 crisis.



Agenda Point 4: Approval of the 2020 Annual Work Plan

The members of the steering committee were asked to deliberate on the approval of the 2020 annual work plan.

The workplan was approved unanimously as presented.





The steering committee meeting ended at 11:30am.

Acknowledgement

Sincere thanks to the following Mozambique Recovery Facility Partners:

- The European Union
- Canada High Commission
- Embassy of Norway
- Embassy of Finland
- Embassy of the Netherlands
- Embassy of China
- Embassy of India

Signatures:

<p>For the Government</p>  <p>Francisco Pereira</p>  <p>Executive Director, GREPOC</p> <p>Date: June 30, 2020</p>	<p>For UNDP</p>  <p>Francisco Roquette</p>  <p>Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP</p> <p>Date: June 30, 2020</p>
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ANNEXES

Annex 1: List of participants

	Name	Institution/Title	Remarks
1	Francisco Pereira	Executive Director, GREPOC	
2	Nádia Adrião	Senior Coordinator, GREPOC	In presence
3	Atanásio Mugunhe	Senior Specialist for Shelter, GREPOC	In presence
4	Zefanias Chitsungo	Specialist Urban Planning and Housing, GREPOC	
2	Markus Heydemann	Deputy Head of Mission, Head of Cooperation, Finland	
3	Isabel F. de Almeida	Head of Cooperation, EU	
4	Ricardo Rossi	Team Leader – Resilience and Climate Change, EU	
5	Ilona Gruenewald	Resilience and Climate Change, EU	
	Veerle Smet	Head of Infrastructure, Investment and Private Sector Operational Section, EU	
6	Liu Xiaoguang	Economic and commercial advisor, China	
7	Julieta Yao Cuichen	Civil Attaché, China	
8	Aud Marit Wiig	Ambassador, Norway	
9	Ernesto Sechene	Head of Agribusiness & Private Sector Development, Netherlands	
10	Carlos Rafael Mate	Advisor, Norway	
11	Wild do Rosário	Head of Agency, UN-Habitat	
12	Francesco Torresani	Technical Advisor, UN-Habitat	
13	Edmundo Verna	Country Representative, ILO	
12	Igor Felice	Technical Officer for Sustainable Enterprises, ILO	
13	Marie Laetitia Kayisire	Country Representative, UN Women	
14	Abeeba Banda	FFA specialist in Beira, WFP	
15	Espinola Caribe	Head of SO in Beira, WFP	
16	Ondina da Barca	Programme Specialist, UN Women	
17	Boaventura Veja	Programme Officer, UN Women	
18	James Latimer	Deputy Representative, WFP	
19	Nicolas Babu	Food Security Cluster Coordinator, WFP	
20	Marta Guivambo	Senior Programme Associate, WFP	
21	Pablo Rodriguez	Programme Officer, WFP	
22	Narcyia Chilengue	Un-Women	
23	Myrta Kaulard	Resident Coordinator, UN	In presence
24	Francisco Roquette	Deputy Resident Representative Programme & Operations, OIC, UNDP	In presence
25	Eunice Mucache	Head of Unit, Env., Natural Resources, Climate Change & Resilience, UNDP	In presence
26	Ghulam Sherani	Head of Beira Field Office, UNDP	
27	Manuela Muianga	DRR Programme Officer, UNDP	In presence
28	Tafara Chekai	IT Associate, UNDP	In presence
29	Vania Come	Programme Assistant, UNDP	In presence
30	Eunice Taíbo	Programme Associate, UNDP	In presence
31	Luis Zaqueu	Communications Specialist, UNDP	In presence



Annex 2: Agenda**UNDP Mozambique Recovery Facility**
First Meeting of the Steering Committee**Date:** 26 March 2020**Venue:** UNDP Meeting Room / Participants will be connected remotely via Skype**AGENDA**

Time	Agenda	Responsibility/Moderator
09:00- 09:20	Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Francisco Pereira, Director of the Reconstruction Cabinet (GREPOC) Isabel Faria de Almeida, Head of Cooperation, European Union
09:20 – 09:30	Remarks on the Mozambique Recovery Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Francisco Roquette, Deputy Resident Representative and Officer in Charge, UNDP
09:30 – 10:00	Presentation of the Project Objectives and Main Achievements to Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ghulam Sherani, Head of Beira Field Office, UNDP
10:00 – 10:30	Presentation of 2020 Annual Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ghulam Sherani, Head of Beira Field Office, UNDP
10:30 – 11:30	Questions and Debate <u>Note:</u> Questions and comments raised in writing will be presented and addressed during this session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ghulam Sherani, Head of Beira Field Office, UNDP Eunice Mucache, Head of Unit, Environment, Resource Management, Climate Change & Resilience (ENRCCR)
11:30 – 11:45	Approval of the 2020 Annual Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Francisco Roquette, Deputy Resident Representative and Officer in Charge, UNDP
11:45 – 12:00	Word of thanks and closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Francisco Pereira, Director of the Reconstruction Cabinet (GREPOC)

Annex 3: Presentation of the Objectives and Main Achievements (PPP attached)**Annex 4:** Presentation of 2020 Annual Work Plan (PPP attached)