

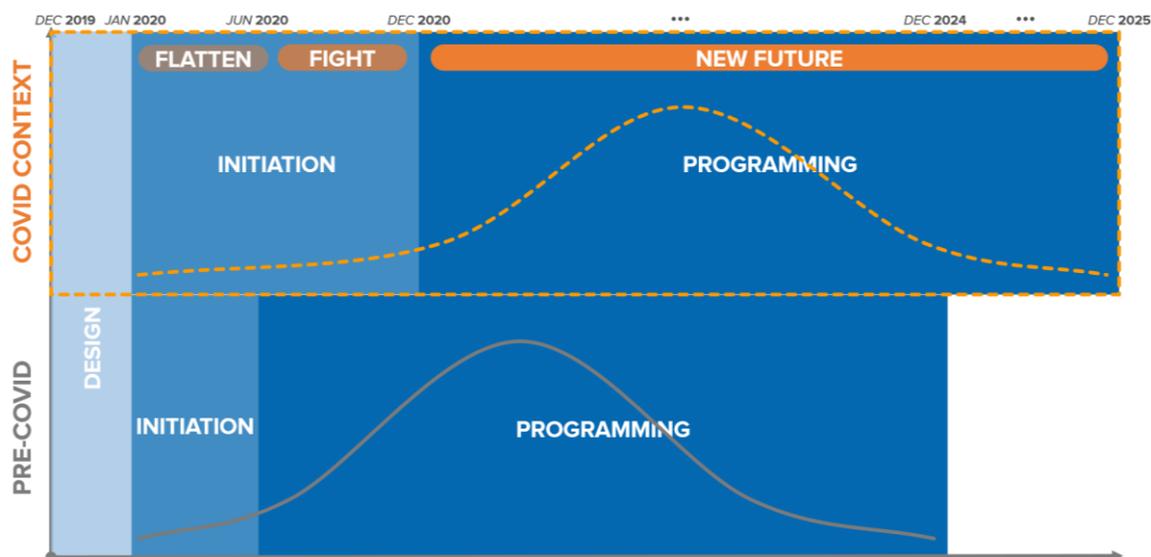
20 July 2020

1. Introduction

The UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji facilitated a Donor Roundtable Meeting for the Gov4Res Project on 20 July 2020, with representatives from the Australian, New Zealand and Korean Governments and the UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub (representing SIDA). The meeting was facilitated in four sessions, the key discussion and decision points from which are summarised below. See also accompanying presentation made during the material as well as the draft Annual Report 2019/2020.

The key message from the roundtable discussion is that COVID-19 has dramatically impacted governments, donors and UNDP during the reporting period, and in doing so has simultaneously highlighted the critical importance of risk informing development as the pandemic further exacerbates existing development challenges.

2. COVID-19, Project Timeframe and Budget



Key Discussions

- The significant and ongoing impact from the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates a considerable **pivot** from the project to ensure it can continue to provide appropriate and efficient support to countries in this new context.
- The project has proposed adjustments to timeframe and budget disbursements, but more thinking is needed on the scenarios and contingency should these not transpire.
- Considering the reduced expenditure in 2020, UNDP has agreed it can accrue cash if donor disbursements cannot be adjusted.
- Maintaining a flexible approach will continue to be critical in such uncertain times
- Greening recovery is proposed as a programming entry-point for risk-informing development.

Decision Points

- **Proposed extension.** There was a general consensus that in principal an extension to the project timeframe should not be a problem, but that at this stage it is too early to commit to specifics.
- **Disbursements.** Bilateral discussions between each donor and UNDP on disbursements will be required in the coming months.
- **Green recovery.** A pivot toward COVID-19 recovery, particularly resilience work that can support green recovery will be well received by donors.

3. Communications

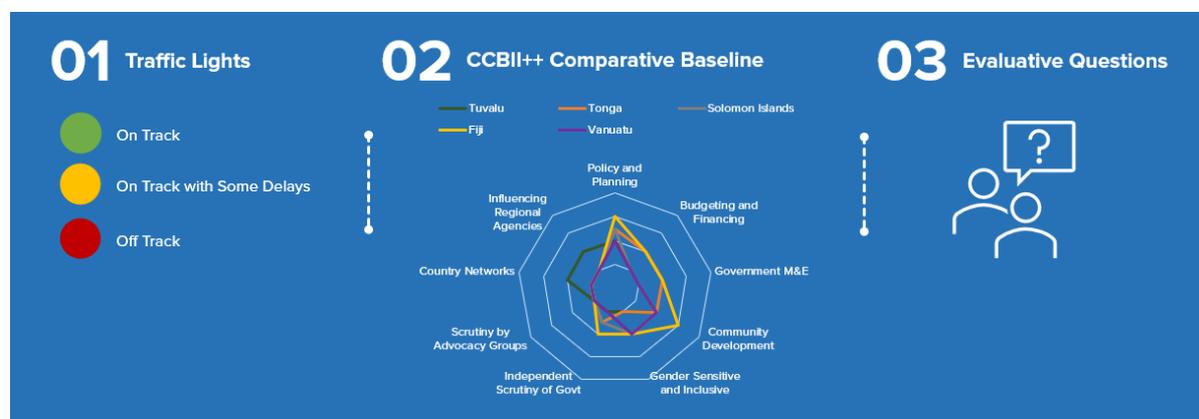
Key Discussions

- The project is in the process of developing a Communications Strategy, which at its core is about placing country and regional partners at the forefront of diffusion and sharing risk-informed development stories.
- The strategy's three-pronged approach, with both outward (to motivate and support country and regional partners) and inward looking (promoting project) objectives was commended.
- A strong emphasis on (honest) learning will be beneficial for all partners and beyond the project. Moving beyond public diplomacy can at times be tricky but is essential.
- Streamlining communication processes and protocols is in everyone's best interest.

Decision Points

- **Endorsement** for objectives and three-pronged approach outlined in the Communications Strategy was received.
- **Agreement** on approval processes and protocols presented was received.

4. Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning



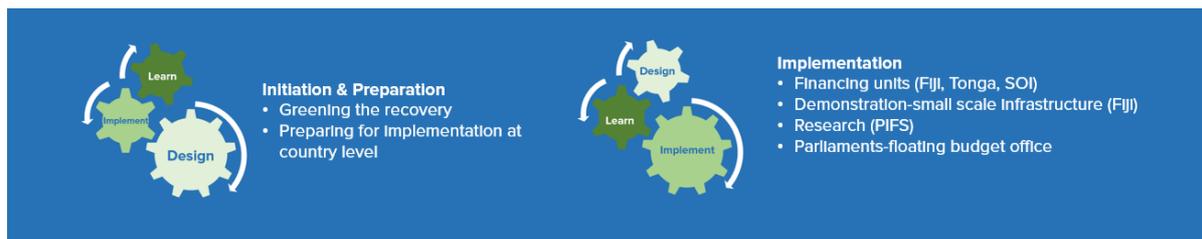
Key Discussions

- The climate change budget integration index (CCBI)++ tool is a particularly important tool within the M&E strategy, it was agreed that the team will share experiences and lessons from other countries on its application.
- Traffic light approach for this reporting period doesn't accurately represent the delays that have been experienced, and adjustments will be made to both the 2020-2021 Annual Report and the targets for future project monitoring and evaluation.
- Donor monitoring visits are a useful mechanism for donor engagement with countries and the UNDP project team, the purpose and timing of these visits will be determined bilaterally.
- The Executive Summary of the Annual Report is an important snapshot, and it would be useful if it contained additional detail on finances and country level engagement
- Streamlining communication processes and protocols is in everyone's best interest. Processes will be clearly stipulated in final Communications Strategy.

Decision Points

- **Endorsement** of the three-tiered approach to monitoring and evaluation was received.
- **Reporting Template.** It was agreed that the template for the Annual Report was appropriate (with some additional detail requested in the Executive Summary).
- **Annual Reporting Schedule** will remain July-June as agreed in the last roundtable. If required donors will seek endorsement to align with this schedule.

5. Annual Reporting: Results and Work Planning



Key Discussions

- Overall the results look strong, but the in-country achievements look high considering expenditure. This is likely due to the targets which were set in light of the project focus on design and initiation during the reporting period.
- The project, and therefore work plan will need to pivot in light of the pandemic. An adjustment in the country selection criteria to include COVID-19 considerations would be an initial step.
- The key focus areas for the 2020 work plan include: establishment and strengthening of resilience and climate change financing units and capacity in ministries of finance and planning; demonstration of risk informed small scale-infrastructure; strengthening parliamentary capacity to provide oversight of climate and resilient development financing; and research on climate and development finance effectiveness.
- The work plan presented at the briefing is a first draft, feedback and endorsement will be sought from country partners and donors and a final draft will be presented at the project board meeting.

Decision Points

- Overall the project achievements were endorsed, acknowledging the feedback on the traffic light scores.
- Inclusion of COVID-19 considerations in country selection criteria agreed.
- Agreement received on draft work plan, which will be formerly endorsed at the board meeting.
- It was agreed that a project Mid-term Evaluation will be undertaken.