

Note to File**Subject :**

Project Completion.

Title: Technical Assistance Package on Environment and Climate for Papua Island Project. (Award ID: 00107459)

Project/Output ID: 00107763 Papua Platform for the Acceleration of Sustainable Development
Period: 2018 – 2019

With this Note-to-File, I would like to document the PIP on Papua Platform is the project initiation plan as the chosen modality to implement UNDP support to Bappenas Papua Desk during the year of 2018-2019. There was no Project Document created at the end of the PIP because the donor support from UKCCU was also finished. We gathered from the meeting on 5 August 2021 with UKCCU on Papua Initiative Completion that they are currently still developing their new programme [Internal Notes attached].

This is to document the status on completion of the PIP on “Papua Platform for the Acceleration of Sustainable Development-Technical Assistance Package on Environment and Climate Change for Papua Island Project”, which is required for the closing of the PIP. The PIP on Papua Platform has one output and three key results to be achieved by the end of the project namely:

Output: Strengthened the capacity of national and local governments to more effectively manage natural resources in Papua and West Papua and accelerate local sustainable economic development in the two provinces.

Key results:

- (1) A strategy for integrating environment and climate aspects within the national development policies and priorities for Papua (Papua master plan/Papua desk) is agreed by BAPPENAS and key stakeholders at the national and at the local level.
- (2) The roadmap for advocating West Papua as the conservation province is developed in collaboration with key stakeholders, and at least three (3) reforms/commitments from the provinces will be specified in ICBE conference deliverables.
- (3) A new blueprint for a future school of sustainability, or a natural history museum or centre to be located in Manokwari. The blueprint is expected to present a viable model for strengthening the capacity and skills of the future generation of Papuan conservation and development leaders.

Below is a summary of initiatives that were pursued under each key result and their corresponding status by the end of PIP.

Key result 1:

The first initiative was expected to develop a strategy for integrating environment and climate aspects within the national development policies and priorities for Papua (Papua master plan/Papua desk) is agreed by BAPPENAS and key stakeholders at the national and at the local level. This first initiative was to achieve the integration of environment and climate aspects within the national development policies and priorities for Papua through the technical assistance package to Papua Desk Bappenas.

Results:

- Engagement of development partners by Papua Desk has generated snowball effect and influence other ministries/agencies to welcome development partners in Tanah Papua.
- Environment issue is included in the formulation of technocratic draft of RPJMN 2020-2024 in four chapters (1) Human Resources – increasing awareness on environmental conservation; (2) regional development – all development agenda and activities are required to take into account conservation aspect; (3) basic services; (4) disaster management (prevention, response, rehabilitation and reconstruction).
- The new INPRES (presidential instruction) on development acceleration in Tanah Papua served to remind all ministries/agencies supporting development in Tanah Papua to take into account conservation aspect in every development agenda/activity.

Key result 2:

The second initiative was expected to develop the roadmap for advocating West Papua as the conservation province is developed in collaboration with key stakeholders.

Results:

The ICBE 2018 was successfully organized and conducted on 7-8 October 2018 and led to the issuance of the Manokwari Declaration, with commitment towards sustainable development in Tanah Papua. UNDP supported the conference through a CSO grant to EcoNusa, who was engaged as partner to facilitate consultations and coordination for the implementation Manokwari Declaration. As a follow up to the Manokwari Declaration, a local regulation (i.e. PERDA) on Sustainable development and on Indigenous Papuans were enacted on March 2019 by the DPRD West Papua Province.

Key result 3:

The third initiative was to develop a new blueprint for a future school of sustainability, or a natural history museum or centre to be located in Manokwari. The blueprint is expected to present a viable model for strengthening the capacity and skills of the future generation of Papuan conservation and development leaders.

Results:

- The final report was submitted to UKCCU on May 2019 and outlines the core competencies, learning method and approaches, potential program partners, as well as specific recommendations on how to enhanced capacity within of those 5 focus areas can be supported over the next five years and beyond. To ensure proper coordination, supervision and oversight, monitoring and evaluation as well as continued adaptation of those initiatives over time, the team recommends supporting the establishment of an Independent Papuan Centre of Excellence for Conservation and Sustainable Development (the Centre).

Lessons learned and going forward: UNDP and UKCCU had a meeting on 5 August 2021 to discuss about the latest development, lessons learned, and future work on Papua [Please see the notes attached]. UNDP is still committed to support the Papua Desk through the Papua Platform as well as through other initiatives in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

Overall, the PIP allowed UNDP to liaise with the donors, private sectors, local government, and national government.

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Meeting with UKCCU on Papua Initiative Completion

5 August 2021

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On 5 August 2021, we met with UKCCU to discuss about the completion on the Papua Initiative which is implemented through UNDP Papua Platform Project with the funding support by UKCCU. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss about the progress on Papua regional development and the challenges following the Manokwari Declaration. UKCCU has initiated this meeting to discuss on the latest development, issues and challenges, and also to share ideas on future programmes in Papua. Below are the highlights from the meeting for our internal reference.

Below are the key changes that are consistent with the Manokwari declaration:

- (1) Commitment towards sustainable development path in Papua regions have been quite strong by the provincial government of West Papua: committing up to 70% of the regions for conservation, strengthening of the customary regions, and protection of indigenous communities.
- (2) LCDI (Low carbon development initiative): Central government has included Papua region for the piloting of the low carbon development initiative, which is consistent with the Manokwari declaration.
- (3) New development policy with a focus on environmental development:
In December 2020, GOI issued a new policy on Papua in the Presidential Instruction No. 9 of 2020 on Papua regional development acceleration, which stipulates five focused areas: (a) human resources, (b) local economy development, (c) environmental development, (d) infrastructure, and (3) local governance strengthening.
Along with the Presidential Instruction, GOI also issued the Presidential Decree on the establishment of the Papua Desk under the Vice President to coordinate the Papua regional development acceleration.
Then in mid-2021 the Parliament passed the revised Papua autonomy law, which established a special agency for coordination of the Papua regional development acceleration.

Challenges and lessons learned:

- (4) Relations between Papua and Jakarta: Over the years the relationship between Papua and Jakarta is always a challenge in which the Central Government wants to lead/drive local/regional development in Papua, while Papua sub-national governments want to be heard and consulted. Therefore, maintaining the dialogue is the key to addressing the differences and promoting common understanding and real actions. In this regard, the

support of the Papua Platform organized by UNDP and Bappenas Papua Desk has been critical in supporting the dialogue and also promoting collaboration and synergy among the stakeholders on Papua regional development.

- (5) Resources are not an issue for Papua regional development: Papua provinces are not short of resources for regional development. There are lots of resources being poured into Papua from Central Government through the regular channels (block grants and specific grants – DAU and DAK) and also special channels such as DBH (revenue sharing) and special autonomy funds (Dana Otsus). Besides there are various programmes supported by private sectors and development partners. The real issue is the synergy among these programmes that their benefits can further be maximized. In this regard, the Papua Platform plays critical roles to facilitate synergy among government and development partners in supporting regional development for Papua.

Gathering ideas for future programming: What needs to be done.

- (6) UNDP is continuing its support to Bappenas Papua Desk through the Papua Platform initiative. The scale of the support is still being worked out with the Papua Desk given that GOI is currently still preparing operational guidelines for the new Papua Desk as the implementation of the Presidential Decree [No. 20 of 2020] on the Integrated Coordination Team for Papua Regional Development Acceleration. Further, as the new revised special autonomy law was just issued in mid-2021, in which the law mandated the establishment of the Special Agency for Coordination of Papua regional development, the government is currently preparing operational guidelines for the implementation of the coordination mechanism for Papua development within the framework of the new law.
- (7) UNDP is currently preparing a new programme to promote the social cohesion in Papua through strengthening of the LMA (Lembaga Masyarakat Adat – Customary Community Institution). This new initiative will be in line with the spirit of the Manokwari Declaration to strengthen the indigenous communities with a special focus on promoting peace and harmony among the indigenous communities and prevent any further communal conflicts that have plagued Papua region over the years.
- (8) Other than this, UNDP is currently preparing a new programme to support local economic development in Papua by strengthening the roles of the SMEs in creating higher value chains of potential local commodities. This initiative will be in line with the national priority under the new policy on Papua [i.e. Presidential Instructions No. 9 of 2020].

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