

**Secretary General's Ebola Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF)  
#3<sup>rd</sup> Advisory Committee  
Meeting Notes (DRAFT)**

*December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 08:45am-01:45pm EST*

*Participants:*

Dr. David Nabarro, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Ebola (Chair)  
H.E. Mr. Mamadi Touré, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guinea to the UN  
H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Liberia to the UN  
H.E. Mr. Amadu Koroma, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Sierra Leone  
Ms. Jo Scott-Nicholls, UK  
Representative of Sweden (absent)  
Ms. Bintou Keita, Chief of Staff, UNMEER (observer)

*Resource Persons:*

Mr. Anshu Banerjee, WHO/UNMEER  
Ms. Jo Nicholls, UNMEER Accra  
Ms. Chadia Wannous, SE Office, Accra  
Mr. Anthony Evans, ICAO, Montreal  
Mr. Juergen Nagler, UNDP Accra  
Mr. John Gordon, Office of the Special Envoy  
Ms. Camille Petit, Office of the Special Envoy

*Ex-Officio Members:*

Mr. Yannick Glemarec, MPTF Office Executive Coordinator, Administrative Agent (ex-officio)  
Ms. Olga Aleshina, Ebola MPTF Secretariat, Special Envoy's Office (ex-officio)

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## **Introduction**

The Chair welcomed the participants. He debriefed about his visit to West Africa from November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>th</sup> highlighting the evolving situation: the epidemic is now moving into small outbreaks especially at the district level. The challenge is to adapt the interventions to these new stages of evolution in order to provide prompt and efficient response.

## **Presentation of the Funding Framework**

The Executive Coordinator of MPTF Office, Mr. Yannick Glemarec, outlined the overview of the funding situation (pledges, commitments, and deposits) and allocations.

A total of US\$131 mln was received in pledges. US \$48.8 million had been transferred for projects against the following Mission Critical Actions:

- ✓ MCA-3 Care for persons with Ebola and Infection Control - \$34.1mln
- ✓ MCA-7 Cash Incentives for Workers - \$5.5mln
- ✓ MCA-13 – Multi-faceted approach to strengthen preparedness – 9.2mln

## **Opening Comments and remarks**

The Chair invited the Representatives of the three affected countries to provide their comments in reference to the new and revised proposals:

- ✓ **The PR of Guinea** acknowledged the receipt of the new set of proposals and asked for information about proposals: #1 WFP “Common Services for the Health Response to the EVD Outbreak in West Africa” and #11 “Ebola Response Quick Impact Programmes” in the three affected Countries.
- ✓ **The PR of Liberia** acknowledged the receipt of the new set of proposal asking for more information about proposals’ status.
- ✓ **DPR of Sierra Leone** also asked for clarification about proposal #11 “Ebola Response Quick Impact Programmes”.

The Chair thanked the PRs for their remarks. He highlighted that the information on Proposal #1 is already available on the Ebola MPTF web-site. He also requested the MPTF Secretariat to produce a landing page with links to all proposals for the Advisory Committee members to access proposal documents. The Chair explained that Proposal #11 “Ebola Response Quick Impact Programmes” allocated \$1mln to Ebola Crisis Managers (ECMs) in each affected country. The goal of this proposal is to provide the ECMs with a degree of flexibility to respond immediately to sudden and urgent needs.

## **Report on proposed approvals and overview of the current situation**

The summary of the submitted proposals and proposed approvals is provided below:

- **#2 – Aviation Ebola Action Plan** - The Chair highlighted the global importance of this project and consulted members on his decision to grant approval.
- **#3 – Stop Ebola through social mobilization and community engagement in Guinea** – The Chair proposed to fund the revised proposal in full. It was approved.
- **#4 - Supporting the wellbeing and protection of Ebola affected children in Liberia** - The Chair put forward the revised proposal which had “Medium priority” ranking for consideration. The proposal was approved, with strong advocacy from PR of Liberia.
- **#5 - Support to prevent the spread of Ebola in detention centers in Sierra Leone.** The revised proposal was proposed for final approval and was fully supported by members.
- **#6-9 – Ebola Workers Payment Programme** – Fund transfers for these proposals were made.
  - Guinea – funding all 3 components
  - Liberia – funding components 1 and 2 (not component 3)
  - Sierra Leone – Earmarked UK contribution – funding components 1 and 2 (not component 3)
- **#10 – Accelerating Progress towards interruption of Ebola Virus transmission in Liberia** - Positive feedback was given by members conditional on receiving further clarification. The Secretariat has not received the resubmitted proposal.
- **#11 - Quick Impact Programmes**  
Approval was already granted and transfer was made.
- **#16 - Strengthen District level case finding, case management, reporting, logistics management and community mobilization and engagement.** The Advisory Committee members acknowledged that the proposal has a strategic importance to increase the response at district level. They requested clarification from WHO about the relationship of this proposal with Proposal #10.

- **#17 and #18 – RRST and NERC.** Prior to this Advisory Committee meeting, the Chair has activated the Emergency Facility to approve these urgent proposals. The proposals already received funding.
  - **New Proposal Concepts (not full proposals)** after the visit of the Special Envoy to the affected areas:
    - #19: UN Clinic Construction
    - #20: Ghana – UNMEER
    - #21: Monteserrado Incidence Center
  - **Proposal #22:** Reimbursement to UNICEF for the Ebola Charters. UK had commented that it is only reasonable to endorse this proposal for reimbursement if the approval of the initial proposal is much more clearly indicated and documented.
  
- **Members of the Advisory Committee** provided final remarks on the proposals
  - ✓ **PR of Liberia** – Shared positive remarks on the progress reported and the decisions made. She personally encourages the consideration of Proposal #4 describing a very critical situation of children stigmatization in Liberia.
  - ✓ **PR of Guinea** – Positive acknowledgment of the work presented with no additional comments.
  - ✓ **DPR of Sierra Leone** – Full endorsement of the work of the Advisory Committee and concrete initiatives which resulted from the field visit of the Special Envoy. The DPR requested the members to give positive support to Proposal #15 addressing the Ebola survivors as it has a strategic importance – it gives confidence that Ebola can be defeated”. He also suggested to keep Low Priority proposals on the table for future considerations (Proposals #13 and #14 related to recovery and resilience).
  - ✓ **UK** recommended that the Trust Fund works on developing the resource allocation strategy based on the needs and gap analysis led by UNMEER. UK requested additional details and information on WHO Proposal #16, considering the large amount of funding requested.
  - ✓ **UNMEER’s Chief of Staff** provided an overview related to newly submitted proposals as well as additional feedback on the already submitted proposals.
  - ✓ **Chair of the AC** encouraged the receipt of additional comments via e-mail from the members.
  
- Due to the beginning of the ECOSOC meeting, the agenda item #4 regarding a possible support to the Ebola MPTF operations on the ground (including monitoring and evaluation of projects by the Fund) was not covered.