

# **Ebola Multi-Partner Trust Fund's Recovery Window**

## **Programmatic Framework, Governance Structure and**

### **Resource Allocation Process**

#### **DRAFT PROPOSAL**

## **Background**

The UN Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund was established in September 2014 to finance urgent un-funded and under-funded priorities of the Ebola Response. The Trust Fund adopted the STEPP Strategy as its strategic and planning tool, which consists of the following UN System Ebola Response strategic objectives: 1) Stop the outbreak; 2) Treat the infected; 3) Ensure essential services; 4) Preserve stability; and 5) Prevent outbreaks in countries currently unaffected. There are 13 Mission Critical Areas, which fall within the five objectives. As of August 2015, the Ebola Response MPTF has received US\$ 150 million in pledges and US\$ 140 million in deposits from over 40 Member States, businesses and private individuals. It allocated US\$ 138 million to UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes for the implementation of the approved programmes.

The funding priorities of the Response Window have been defined by three variables: i) the latest assessment of the evolving epidemiology of the outbreak; ii) priority needs in the Ebola response, as assessed by regular interaction with all stakeholders in the response, including from the work of the Global Ebola Response Coalition; and iii) the comparative advantage of the UN System, as assessed by the Special Envoy and his interactions with the UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes.

This note is prepared based on the inputs provided by the Advisory Committee members and observers at the last Advisory Committee meeting on August 14, 2015.

## **Recovery Window's Framework and Governance Structure**

The Trust Fund's Advisory Committee approved the opening of the Recovery Window at its meeting in January 2015. The Government of Russia has become the first donor to commit the funding in the amount of US\$ 1 million to the Recovery Window of the Ebola Response MPTF.

### **Lifespan of the Recovery Window**

The Recovery Window will operational until September 2016, the current end date of the Ebola Response MPTF. The Trust Fund duration may be extended by the decision of the Advisory Committee based on the programmatic needs and capitalization capacity of the Trust Fund.

### **Allocation of unearmarked funding**

While continuing to focus on ending the Response with greater emphasis on survivor-based services, the Trust Fund Advisory Committee proposes allocating around 40-50% of its unearmarked funding to the Recovery Window of the Fund. By the end of September with US\$ 5.9 million expected in the account, around US\$ 3 million could be allocated to the Recovery Window.

## Strategic Framework

UNDP, as the lead Agency of the Recovery phase, proposed to use the four priority pillars of the Ebola Recovery Assessment as the Strategic Pillars of the Recovery Window, namely:

- 1) Health, Nutrition, and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
- 2) Socio-economic Revitalization
- 3) Basic Services and Infrastructure
- 4) Governance, Peacebuilding, and Social Cohesion

The prioritization of funding requests in each country would be guided by the national priorities.

The survivors and survivor-based services would be prioritized, as they relate to both the Response and the Recovery.

## Governance Structure

### Global

The Advisory Committee members discussed the advisory committee of the Recovery Window and proposed an approach which blends inclusiveness and efficiency. They advised the following composition of the Recovery Window's Advisory Committee:

#### 10 Members:

- Special Envoy as a Chair, given the Special Envoy's legal statute in the Memorandum of Understanding establishing the SG's Ebola MPTF;
- Three Permanent Representatives of the affected countries or their designated representatives;
- Three representatives from the Ministries of Finance (one from each country);
- Three representatives from development cooperation agencies of three donor countries;

#### Four+ Resource persons (similar to UNMEER's role in the Response Window):

- UNDP representative from NY as the Recovery Lead (similar to the UNMEER's SRSG participation);
- Three UN Resident Coordinators in the affected countries; and
- Additional contributors may be invited to participate in specific allocation rounds.

### Country-level

It is proposed, if Governments agree and if the Recovery Window receives considerable funding, to set up country-level Joint Steering Committees co-chaired by the Government and the UN Resident Coordinators to oversee the recovery portfolio. If the country-based pooled-funding mechanism is established, the same governance committee would be used for both country-based and global Trust Fund's portfolio. The composition of the Steering Committees are to be adopted to the specific country contexts and includes government, UN and development partners. The same principle of the country-level Joint Steering Committees is used by other Global UN Trust Funds, including the Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund.

## **Resource Allocation Process**

The Recipient Organizations (UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes) and NGO Implementing Partners will be invited to submit proposals to the UN Resident Coordinators upon issuance of a Call for Proposals. The UN Resident Coordinator should submit to the Advisory Committee proposals in a prioritized order after due consultation with the Lead and appropriate members of the UN Country Team with relevant expertise in Ebola Recovery and a senior government focal point. The Fund Secretariat will review the prioritized proposals submitted by UN Resident Coordinators to ensure that all the required information is included in the standard proposal before submission to the Advisory Committee. The Special Envoy in consultation with the Advisory Committee will review the proposals and either approve them, request further review or reject them. Upon approval of a proposal the Special Envoy will advise the Ebola MPTF Administrative Agent to disburse the authorized amount to the Recipient Organization. The Administrative Agent will disburse the authorized amounts to a Recipient Organization within 48 hours of receiving all the required documentation.