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**THIS MESSAGE IS SENT ON BEHALF OF JENS WANDEL,
DESIGNATE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE UN COVID-19 MPTF**

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your **“FOR FUNDING” Concept Note submission to the UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Trust Fund** in August. We have used the proposals to create the Solutions Catalogue (posted on <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/COV00> and www.un.org/recoverbetter), which has been shared with all Member States by the Deputy Secretary-General. We have received an indication from two donors who would like to contribute to the Fund and programme its funding in 2020.

After careful consideration and extensive evaluation/scoring of all proposals submitted for funding, it is my pleasure to inform you that **I approved the funding decision for your programmes (Chile, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Antigua and Barbuda and BVI, Cameroon and Benin)** in principle, subject to the signing of the contribution agreements with the two donors. I use the term principle because in order to secure cashflow for the current batch of proposals we have had to reduce all budgets by 15%, limiting the approval to 85 percent of their total requested budget. Thus, 85 percent of total should be understood at the final approved amount available. I know this is not ideal, however, please confirm that this approach can be made to work.

I am therefore **inviting you to submit a full-fledged proposal by December 6 COB**:

- Please note that in formulating your full proposal, you may invite up to four relevant Recipient UN Organizations (RUNOs) that are best placed to deliver on your programme given, but not limited to, the following criteria: technical expertise, Capacities in-country to implement immediately, ability to up-scale solutions, past, ongoing, and planned programmes addressing the solution proposed, cost effectiveness of interventions, and maximum number of programme beneficiaries. The Agencies need to be ready to implement immediately, with little need for assessments, mapping exercises.
- Please note that **your Concept Note was assessed by two or three reviewers. The Concept Note and feedback are posted in the online GMS and should inform the development of your full proposal.** Do not hesitate to be in touch with the Secretariat (Olga, Piyoo, Marc, Kristoffer and Nina) to discuss any specific dimension of the feedback provided.
- **For the development of the full proposal we will be using the same GMS**

system as was used for the submission of Concept Notes. However, given that some elements are still being finalized in the platform we will request the development be initiated offline and the Secretariat will send the template individually to all the selected countries. The Secretariat following this email will be in touch with the RCO focal points and share the proposal template to build out the complete proposal by 6th December. For any questions please email Piyoo (piyoo.kochar@undp.org) with copy to helpdesk-covid19fund@undp.onmicrosoft.com.

Please confirm you will be in a position to submit the fully-fledged proposal by the deadline.

I am grateful for your excellent work on the Concept Note, and I look forward to taking this next step and receiving your full proposal. Together we can find catalytic and innovative solutions to help meet the urgent needs in your country.

Best regards, Jens

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Subject: COVID-19 MPTF: Interim Call for Proposals

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***** On behalf of Mr. Jens Wandel, Secretary-General's Designate for the COVID-19 Response and Recovery MPTF *****

Dear Colleagues,

Please find enclosed the **Interim Call for Proposals for the UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund** (COVID-19 MPTF). The enclosed letter to all Resident Coordinators outlines the Call for Proposals' scope and process: criteria for eligibility, proposal preferable attributes, gender Marker's financial target, the logic behind this Interim Call, its timeline, decisions and outcomes, and the process for the on-line submission. Please note that concept notes for eligible countries must be submitted **by 31 August 2020**.

Best wishes,
Jens Wandel