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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND (MPTF EZINGO)

PROJECT DOCUMENT

<p>Project Title: Direct costs III for the operationalization of the CAR MPTF Technical Secretariat</p>	<p>Participating UN Organization(s): UNDP (Through the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office)</p>
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<p>Project Location: Bangui, Central African Republic</p>	<p>Total Project Cost: CAR MPTF: USD 399,300</p> <p>Other: Total:</p> <p>Project Start Date and Duration: May 2018-May 2019</p>

<p>Participating UN Organization Name of Agency: Resident Coordinator Office</p> <p>Name of Representative: Najat ROCHDI</p> <p>Signature: </p> <p>Date & Seal</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">15 MARS 2018</p> 	<p>National Counterpart (Government) Name of Agency: Ministry of Economy, Planning and Cooperation</p> <p>Name of Representative: Felix MOLOUA</p> <p>Signature: </p> <p>Date & Seal</p> 
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6. COMPONENT 1: THE 'WHY'

In 2013, the Central African Republic (CAR) state collapsed, triggering a serious humanitarian and human rights crisis that has regional and international security ramifications. The imperative for the international community to act now in response to the crisis in CAR was clearly made by the UN Secretary General (SG) in his address to the Security Council on 20 February 2014. In response the UN and Government established the CAR Multi-Partner Trust Fund to finance a coordinated response to stabilization and recovery efforts. The Fund was created for a duration of 10 years.

In 2016, the newly elected Government undertook an assessment of recovery and peacebuilding needs. The exercise was jointly supported by the United Nations, the European Union and the World Bank. The outcome was the CAR Recovery and peace consolidation plan (RCPCA) that was successfully presented to donors during a round table held in Brussels 10 November the same year. The document defines the new priorities of the Government with a set of three strategic areas of results: (i) Support for peace, security and reconciliation, (ii) renew the social contract between the State and the population and (iii) Ensure the economic recovery and relaunching of productive sectors. Regarding the financing of the new plan, the Donor conference in Brussels resulted in pledges amounting to 2.28 billion dollars out of the estimated cost of 3.1 billion. However, this was already enough to consider positively the launching of the implementation phase.

In this regard, the MPTF Ezingo was given a key role. As a tribute to the good performance of the Fund in the previous years, the RCPCA specifically dubbed the Ezingo Fund as a fiduciary tool to collect, managed and allocate funds from donors for the implementation of the Government recovery and peacebuilding plan. Thus, the ToRs of the Ezingo Fund were reviewed to align with the new priorities enshrined in the RCPCA. In August 2017, the UNUN signed with the GoCAR a new development assistance framework (UNDAF+) for the 2018-2021. As the UN contribution to the RCPCA, the UNDAF+ is aligned with the RCPCA in terms of strategic objectives.

Under the new ToRs, the rationale for the MPTF has not significantly changed as imperative for the Government and International community remains to meet urgent needs, which accelerate stabilization efforts and support the government establish a minimum capacity to function, as well as to address early recovery and longer-term capacity priorities. Mobilization of financial assistance from traditional, new and non-resident donors is key and the effective and efficient use of such financial assistance will be required. The solution was a multi-partner trust fund (MPTF) that would unify bilateral aid into a large pool of resources that could be routed in a more strategic, coherent and effective way to multiply the effects of international aid" (Ezingo ToRs, parag. 6).

The ToR confirms provisions for the Technical Secretariat to be established. The Secretariat is composed of one (1) Technical Secretary (International staff P3) and one (1) Assistant Technical Secretary, (national Staff under Service Contract or equivalent)

The Secretariat has been operational between 2014 and 2016. On 31st December 2016, the Fund Manager and the team left and the process of reviewing the ToRs of the MPTF withheld the process of restoring the TS. In the meantime, an interim arrangement was set up whereby the Head of the RCo will ensure the backstopping and keep the TS running.

During its meeting on 8 December 2017, the Steering Committee of the MPTF decided to end the mandate of the Interim Secretariat and restore a full-fledged Technical Secretariat for the Ezingo Fund.

COMPONENT 2: THE 'WHAT'

The main objective of the MPTF CAR is to support the implementation of the RCPCA and the UNDAF+ and any further priorities that will be defined by the GoCAR with support from its partners until December 2024 at least.

The current project will support the continued operationalization of the CAR MPTF through its Technical Secretariat over the next 12 months. The key responsibilities of the Secretariat will be, as provided for in the ToRs, to:

- Support the Steering Committee to develop a strategy for the fund's support in 'phase II' (Phase I has focused on the immediate impact projects listed in the TOR. For phase II, the Fund envisages a more strategic approach for key sectors in line with the approach taken by the Justice and Security);
- Support the project appraisal processes as described in the Operational Arrangements of the Fund and the SC in its decision making,
- Support the Steering Committee establish and maintain strategic partnerships with donors, national entities and other stakeholders.
- As deemed appropriate, support the conduct of a joint risk assessment in close consultation with other partners. The results would help the fund and its partner to better manage risks.

7. COMPONENT 3: 'THE HOW'

The project will support the CAR MPTF Secretariat by funding for one year renewable:

- a Fund Manager (National staff - NOC)
- Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (National UNV) and for Year 1, a M&E consultant (two months) to set up the M&E system)
- Office operations expenditures

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PROJECT BUDGET			
CATEGORIES	Amount UNDP (USD)	Amount Participating Agency/ YY	TOTAL(USD)
Staff and other personnel	328,000		328,000
a. Technical Secretary	258,000		258,000
b. Assistant TS (National Officer NOA)	70,000		70,000
c. Laptop (2)	15,000		15,000
d. Office supplies & Furniture	20,000		20,000
e. Cost of meetings and workshops (Technical Committee meetings, Steering Committee meetings etc.)	5,178		5,178
Contractual services Consultant M&E			
Travel	5,000		5,000
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	00		00
General Operating and other Direct Costs	00		00
8. Sub-Total Project Costs	373,178		373,178
Indirect Support Costs: The rate shall not exceed 7% of the total of categories 1-7, as specified in the CAR MPTF MOU.	26,122		26,122
TOTAL	399,300		399,300

COMPONENT 4: THE 'WHO'

The recruitments will be done by UNDP, using UNDP recruitment rules and procedures.

Results Framework: Complete the fund results framework below. There are two levels: 1) 'Fund Level' which links your project to a Fund Outcome in order to be able to aggregate the contributions of all projects towards a particular Fund level outcome. See Fund results matrix for specific indicators 2) 'Project Level' which indicates the specific outputs that your project is responsible for achieving. Note: if baseline data is not available, indicate this and include how this data will be collected.

Fund outcome to which the project contributes to (for immediate impact projects, identify the sector and specific project):				
Anticipated Outcome as described in the Fund results framework	Indicators (include Fund outcome indicators to which the project contributes to)	Baseline and Target	Means of verification	Assumptions/Risks
1. N/A for Direct Costs				
Project Outputs				
Describe Project Output	Indicators	Baseline and Target	Means of verification	Assumptions/Risks
1. CAR MPTF operational and Steering Committee supported	Fund results matrix for phase 2 completed Strategic partnerships developed Project appraisal supported The PTF Forum supported held Oversight of PUNO ensured All project independently	None of the indicators are in place Partners are not proactively engaged and attracted to enroll to the Fund The Appraisal Committee not operational 7th PTF Forum held	Final report from Fund Manager Write ups of meetings with partners Report of the 8th Forum M&E SitReps and	Confirmation of the regained security and stability in the country.

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	monitored and evaluated Steering Committee and partners timely updated	TS only rely on information provided by projects Reports are not timely submitted.	periodic reports	
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