

## Elsie Initiative Fund (EIF) Project Document (PRODOC) Revision Request

Complete this **EIF PRODOC Revision Request** where a **Budget** and/or **No-cost Extension Revision** is requested<sup>1</sup>, attach the following annexes and submit the signed request to the EIF Secretariat:


- **Annex A** - Updated workplan
- **Annex B** - Updated Budget where required
- **Annex C** – Original PRODOC

<b>Project Information:</b>			
<b>T/PCC and Security Institution Name:</b>			
<b>Project Title:</b>	MOWIP Barrier Assessment for Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF)- Women perspectives and participation in Peace Operations		
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>Since the first UN deployment to Sudan in 2006, RCAF has made considerable progress in peacekeeping with presence in multiple UN peacekeeping missions across the globe. In recognition of meaningful contribution of women and in support of the UN Security Council resolution 2242, the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has been supporting the effort to increase female peacekeepers and respectfully so, Cambodia is now ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in ASEAN in terms of women contribution to UN peace operations. In 2021, which marks 15<sup>th</sup> year in peacekeeping, Cambodia has deployed 105 women amongst the 787 personnel. Nevertheless, there is improvement opportunity to ensure that RCAF will meet the UN target for 2028, which is 25%+ women military observers and staff officers and 15%+ women serving in military contingents.</p> <p>The measuring opportunities for women in Peace Operations (MOWIP) assessment for the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) examines the capacity of RCAF through the ten issue areas in support of its current effort to increase women’s participation in UN peace operations. Through this framework, the project seeks to further understand and address specific barriers in the ten issue areas with the aim to increase meaningful participation of women in UN operations. It will quantitatively and qualitatively analyze the issue areas using data from the three collection methods namely fact-finding form (FFF), key decision-maker interviews, and minimum of 380 surveys will be conducted (50% M and 50% F). The MOWIP will be conducted on the Royal Cambodian Army and the data collection will be conducted by the independent research institution, the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPCS) in close collaboration with Cornell University GSS Lab to further understand the barriers for women in peacekeeping in the context of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF). UN Women Cambodia and the National Center for Peacekeeping Force (NPMEC) will work closely with the independent research institution to provide logistic and administrative support to ensure successful collection of data.</p>		
<b>Project Location:</b>	Cambodia		
<b>Original Start Date:</b>	1 July 2022	<b>Funds Transfer Date:</b>	1 July 2022

<sup>1</sup> For Project Revision Requests, the Fund recipient is to submit a revised PRODOC and annexes

<b>Original End date:</b>	30 Sep 2023	<b>New End Date:</b>	30 September 2024
<b>Details of Previous Extension Requests</b>			
(i) NCE: 31 Jan 2024	(ii) CE: 30 June 2024 \$19,988.67 Total \$267,724.70		
<b>Original Project Cost US\$:</b>	US\$ 247, 736.03	<b>Additional Funding Sought</b>	US\$ 0
		<b>Amended Project Total Cost</b>	

<b>Nature of the Amendment – check each box that applies</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget Revision: (i) increase in budget; (ii) variation between budget categories; (iii) change to total budget or any outcome
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No-Cost Extension Revision

<b>T/PCC FUND RECIPIENT</b> Where the fund recipient is a T/PCC, the following signatories are required:	<b>PUNO FUND RECIPIENT</b> Where the fund recipient is a PUNO, the following signatories are required:
<b>Name of the Government Coordinating Entity (GCE)<sup>2</sup>: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation</b>	<b>Name of United Nations Entity<sup>3</sup>: UN Women</b>
Signatory Name: His Excellency Sokhonn PRAK Position: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Chairman of National Coordination Committee Signature: Date: Telephone Number: Email:	Signatory Name: Maria Holtsberg Position: Deputy Regional Director (OIC), UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific  Signature: Date: 25 June 2024 Telephone Number: Email: maria.holtsberg@unwomen.org
<b>Name of the National Entity (NE)<sup>4</sup>: National Center for Peacekeeping Force, Mine, and ERW Clearance (NPMEC)</b>	<b>UN Women Atlas Project No: 00108609</b>
Signatory Name: Malinda Kosal Position: Deputy Director-General Signature: Date: Telephone Number: Email: Malinda.k117@gmail.com	
<b>MPTFO Project No (from <a href="#">MPTFO</a> page)</b>	<b>MPTFO Project No (from <a href="#">MPTFO</a> page)</b>
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**Justification:** Please provide a **detailed justification to support your project revision request.**

<sup>2</sup> To be signed by the same GCE that signed the MOA

<sup>3</sup> To be signed by the PUNO Country Office Head / Representative

<sup>4</sup> CHoD / MOD; or Police Commissioner / MOI

Significant progress has been made in the research - Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations (MOWIP). With good coordination and support from the National Center for Peacekeeping Force (NPMEC) and the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPCS) the research team was able to complete all the survey interviews by 28 March 2023. In total, 439 (190 women) surveys were completed. In addition, the research team has completed all indicators in the Fact-Finding Form and interviews with key decision makers. In total, 12 interviews with key decision makers were conducted with high level representatives from Ministry of Defense, NPMEC, Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) and the Permanent Mission of Cambodia to the UN.

Data analysis has been completed and the draft report with preliminary findings has been developed. A validation workshop was organized between 20-22 November to collect substantial inputs from key stakeholders including women peacekeepers who have been deployed with the UN peacekeeping missions. Women peacekeepers and senior management team from the NPMEC had the opportunities to review and improve the preliminary draft report including providing additional information and recommendations to strengthen the contents and analysis of the report.

After the validation workshop, substantial inputs with recommendations were consolidated into the draft report. With technical support from Cornell University's Gender and the Security Sector Lab (GSS Lab), the assessment report has been finalised in January and translated into Khmer language. The NPMEC focal person also engaged with the external supplier procured by UN Women since the beginning of translation process. To ensure accuracy and consistency of the translation, the NPMEC technical team has comprehensively reviewed the report and the team completed the review by end of March. The final report in Khmer has then been submitted to H.E. Gen. Sem Sovanny for his approval. It takes longer than the original plan to get the approval from NPMEC and it was later informed that the report will need an approval from the minister of the Ministry of Defense (MoD).

In addition, there has been a change to the tentative date for the MOWIP report launch. Originally, it was planned to be organized during the International Peacekeeping Day on 29 May 2024. UN Women has continued to follow up and push for the launch in the first week of June, unfortunately NPMEC was not ready as they are still waiting to get the approval from the MoD. While waiting for the approval from the MoD on the report, UN Women with the consent from NPMEC proceeded for a copy editor on the English version to proofread and review grammatical errors. The delay in the approval of the report also caused delay in the report design. Up to date, UN Women has already selected a supplier for the report design, and it will take at least two weeks to design the reports both in Khmer and English languages. The NPMEC and UN Women will need sometime to review the design and report lay out before submitting for EIF's final approval.

UN Women received a conformation form NPMEC that the report launch would be organised on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 with the participation of the minister of the MoD. However, there has not been any concrete plan regarding the protocol and logistic arrangement yet. UN Women has requested for a meeting with the NPMEC focal person to properly prepare the plan, but NPMEC said they need to discuss internally first especially on the protocols. Based on the plan, NPMEC will invite representatives from EIF donor embassies based in Cambodia, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and CPCS to this workshop. The UN Resident Coordinator will be representing UN Women and providing the welcome remark at the event. There will be no hybrid event so the representative from EIF will be providing a remark through a recorded video.

There was a challenge of an administrative procedure with the MoD unfortunately NPMEC recently informed us that the event could not be organised on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024. NPMEC would need to discuss internally for identifying a new tentative date in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of July.

Since there has been a delay of the report launch and the date is closer to the project end date, we would like to request a three month-no cost extension until 30 September 2024. The extension will give us sufficient time for finalizing the report design, printing, organizing the report launch and preparing for the project closure.

**Annex A: Updated Workplan**

- complete for both a Budget and No-cost Extension revision request
- include a copy of your updated workplan showing the new end date

Please refer to attached revised workplan.

**Annex B: Updated Budget**

- complete only where additional funds are requested

Insert a copy of your updated budget here.

- use a copy of the original MS Excel budget and update to reflect additional costs requested
- highlight all line items where the amount has changed (increase or decrease) in yellow
- enter an explanation for each additional cost requested in "Column L – Observations"
- ensure that UNDG Category 8 - Indirect Costs, is exactly 7% of the updated total budget amount
- ensure that the amended project total on page one above, is equal to the total on the new budget
- email a copy of the MS Excel budget to the EIF Secretariat.

**Annex C: Original signed PRODOC**

- email a copy of the Original signed PRODOC to the EIF Secretariat