



**UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery
Multi-Partner Trust Fund**

**Submission Form for Programme/Budget Revision COVID-19
Response and Recovery Fund**

| Part A: Programme Summary <i>(To be completed by the RCO)</i> | | | | |
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| Date of Submission: | 24 th August 2021 | | | |
| Country/Region: | Fiji, Vanuatu, Tonga and Palau (Pacific) | | | |
| RCO Contact: | Mozeem Mohammed mohammed.mozeem@un.org | | | |
| List of RUNOs: | ILO, UNESCO, UNDP, IFAD | | | |
| Programme Title: | Inclusive Economic Recovery through Sustainable Enterprises in the Informal Economies | | | |
| Total Approved Budget: (COVID-19 MPTF funds only) | USD1,530,003 | | | |
| Duration: | Starting Date: | 1 October 2020 | Completion Date: | 1 November 2021 |

1. Type of Programme or Budget Revision Requested

Change of programme scope (*submit revised*

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Budget revision (*submit revised Budget*)

Extension of project duration (*submit updated Budget, if different*)

New completion date: 31 March 2022

2. Reason revision is being requested:

1. Since the start of the project, 2 cyclones have hit three project countries – Fiji, Vanuatu and Tonga. The engagement of government in cyclone response and recovery caused some delays in project activities early in the year. This event was highlighted in the Risk Management Matrix and classified as high.
2. COVID-19 is having a prolonged impact in all pacific countries with Fiji facing its second wave triggering additional challenges to organizing activities due to restricted movement and gatherings. This event was highlighted in the Risk Management Matrix and classified as high.
3. Missions have not been possible to project countries to assess partner capacities in light of COVID19, seek agreement on implementation of activities, participate actively in activities and conduct monitoring. This has resulted in changing of implementing partners to ensure project activities are delivered effectively.



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4. With no missions, travel budget lines have been underspent. There is a need to re-allocate these funds to activity lines under the same outputs, to strengthen and scale existing activities and for new activities that will add value to the output. The scaling of activities and new value adding activities will need additional time to implement.
5. The Project Coordinator and Assistant were only recruited in March 2021. This has delayed some management functions of the project.

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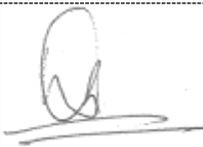
6. IFAD funds came through in July 2021. This has delayed planned project activities for the agriculture beneficiaries/outputs.
7. The beneficiaries (agriculture and creatives), have their major sales months are December and January. Evidence also shows that these are the major months that remittance spike. Therefore, it will take February/March to document some good impact (eg. increase in sales/income, etc), and the project extension will allow this to happen.

3. Documents Attached:

Revised Budget (*for change in budget*)

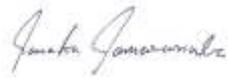
Revised Programme Document (*for change in*

programme scope)

| Part B: Signature | | | |
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| <i>(To be completed by ALL Recipient UN Organizations)</i> | | | |
| On behalf of Recipient UN Organizations: | Signature | Date | Name/Title |
| ILO |  | 24.08.2021 | Matin Karimli, Director |
| UNESCO |  | 24.08.2021 | Nisha, Director and UNESCO Representative to Pacific States |
| UNDP |  | 24.08.2021 | Levan Bouadze, Resident Representative |
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| On behalf of the UN Resident Coordinator: | | | |
|  | Sanaka Samarasinha | 31.08.21 | UNRC |

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| Part C: Administrative Review <i>(To be completed by the Fund Secretariat)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Revision requiring Special Designate' s approval |
| 4. Comments by the Fund Secretariat: |
| 5. Recommendation by the Fund Secretariat: |

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| Part D: Decision of the Secretary-General's Designate for the COVID19 MPTF <i>(To be completed by the Secretariat)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Approve with modification/condition <input type="checkbox"/> Defer |
| Comments (if any): |



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Secretary-General's Designate for the COVID19 MPTF, Mr. Haoliang Xu

..... signed digitally

Signature

..... 10 September 2021

Date