**UNDP Management Response Template**

**[Final Evaluation of the Enhanced Rural Resilience Joint Programme in Yemen (ERRY I]** Date: August 2019

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**Overall comments:** The final evaluation concluded that ERRY model of resilience building in a conflict situation through using a multidimensional, multi-agency partnership approach demonstrated enough success to warrant expansion and replication. Some of the key recommendations that came out in the final evaluation along with the actions to be taken are summarized below.

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| **Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 1:**ERRY management should consider a long-term vision for building resilience and sustainability of ERRY outcomes in Yemen, including the revision of the logic model, theory of change and the establishment of high-level indicators |  |  |  |  |
| **Management Response:** Comment is well-taken. In fact, this issue has already been addressed during phase II. |  |  |  |  |
| **Key Action(s)**  | **Time Frame** | **Responsible Unit(s)** | **Tracking\*** |
| **Status** | **Comments** |
| * 1. Revise Theory of Change
 | 2019-2020 | JCU & PUNOs |  |  |
| 1.2 Revise the Logframe indicators and add outcome level indicators  | 2019 | JCU  |  |  |
| * 1. Define resilience and narrate what to be expected to achieve as long-term vision
 | By June 2020 | JCU |  |  |
| **Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 2:**Build the microbusinesses’ capacities to deal with micro-finance initiatives by organizing exchanges of experiences |  |  |  |  |
| **Management Response:** It would be taken into consideration |  |  |  |  |
| **Key Action(s)****The following activities will be carried out to address this recommendation** | **Time Frame** | **Responsible Unit(s)** | **Tracking** |
| **Status** | **Comments** |
| 1. Train beneficiaries in financial products.
2. Open bank accounts for all beneficiaries.
3. MFIs to be invited and present their products for all beneficiaries.
4. Transfer all payments and grants through MFIs.
5. MFIs can be part of the management and financial advisory secrecies provided to microbusinesses.
 | **2019-2021** | UNDP |  |  |
| **Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 3:**Involve other humanitarian agencies and local institutions in the assistance to VCCs, and the formulation of the Community resilience plans / District recovery plans. |  |  |  |  |
| **Management Response: it is partially applicable** |  |  |  |  |
| **Key Action(s)**1. The Village Cooperative Council (VCC) and the Subdistrict Development Committee (SDC) members are elected by the communities.

b. The Community Resilience Plan (CRP) is designed by the VCCs and SDCs. The plans are considered the basis for all ERRY PUNOs interventions. c. The District Management Team is formed by the local authority. NGOs and Private sectors or academic members might be members. The DMT is responsible for district recovery plan formulationd.Present theCRP plan to humanitarian NGOsoperating in the districts for inputs and to own it for the implementation. | **Time Frame****2019-2021** | **Responsible Unit(s)**UNDP | **Tracking** |
| **Status****Ongoing** | **Comments** |
| **Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 4:**Identify the gaps in the value chain of the disposal of the solar systems equipment and design service support to fill it |  |  |  |  |
| **Recommendation will be taken into consideration** |  |  |  |  |
| **Key Action(s)** | **Time Frame** | **Responsible Unit(s)** | **Tracking** |  |
| **Status** | **Comments** |
| 1. In phase II, high quality and high efficiency batteries will be procured to reduce the replacement cycles over the total span life of the solar system.
2. To reduce the dependency level of solar batteries as the main component of off-grid systems, Battery Less solar inverters (new technology) will be used, which will help reduce the number of charge/discharge cycles and depth of discharge DOD% of the batteries.
3. In phase II, ERRY will establish solar system/equipment related SME.
4. UNDP-established Solar Working Group will enhance partnership with government institutions and private sector to support solar including recycling of solar system equipment.
 | 2019-2021 | UNDP | **ongoing** |  |

\* The implementation status is tracked in the ERC.