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NOTICE

Conclusions of MARD Vice-Minister cum PSC Chairman – Mr. Nguyen Hoang Hiep of the Green Climate Fund (GCF)-funded Project “Improving the resilience of vulnerable coastal communities to climate change related impacts in Viet Nam”

On 4 May 2021, the Steering Committee of the Project “Improving the resilience of vulnerable coastal communities to climate change related impacts in Viet Nam” (PSC) held its 3rd meeting at MARD Headquarters, co-chaired by Mr. Nguyen Hoang Hiep, Vice-Minister of MARD and Chairman of the PSC, and Ms. Caitlin Wiesen, Resident Representative of UNDP Viet Nam;

Participants of the meeting were PSC members, representatives from UNDP, MPI, MoF, GCF CPMU, PMUs of Components, and PPMUs (*see enclosed list*)

Following discussions, feedback from PSC members and delegates, and the concluding comments of Ms. Caitlin Wiesen, MARD Vice-Minister Nguyen Hoang Hiep concluded the meeting as follows:

1. Recognizing and highly appreciating the implementation results of the entire Project for fulfilling the conclusions of the 2nd PSC meeting, which helped contribute to successfully achieving the mid-term targets. The Project is rated by the UNDP Regional Office and the GCF Mission as one of the best-performing GCF-funded projects.
2. Applauding the efforts of the CPMU, PMUs, and PPMUs for having effectively directed and implemented the AWP 2020 despite the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and the historic storms and floods in the Central provinces in 2020. The project achievements include, but are not limited to, the following: resilient housing component: 93% of the component target; mangrove planting and regeneration component: 80% of the component target; disaster/climate change risk and CBDRM component: 72% of the component target; and the disbursement progress: 57% of the project target.
3. Some outstanding contributions of the Project are also recognized, including the development and finalization of important national policies and programs relating to all 3 project components, including support to the proposed formulation of a new Resilient House Support Program for 28 coastal

provinces in Viet Nam; promulgation of Decree 27/2021/NĐ-CP on Forestry Seed Management; and approval of the new CBDRM Program 1002 for the period 2021 – 2030 (Decision 533/QĐ-TTg of the Prime Minister). The Project is requested to continue research and support to the development of disaster insurance and risk financing policies and mechanisms for Viet Nam. In addition, the Project should support crowdfunding efforts as well as activities promoting the participation of the private sector in Project activities.

4. Localities are suggested to create enabling conditions and policies to continuously support successful implementation of project activities and models, including resilient house construction; mangrove planting and regeneration; livelihood models; integration of DRR-CCA into SEDPs; community-based disaster early warning models; and in particular the maintenance of mangrove areas and livelihood models after project completion to ensure Project sustainability in accordance with commitments between the Government of Viet Nam and the Donor.
5. In the immediate term, the PMUs of components/PPMUs are requested to accelerate the implementation of the approved 2021 Annual Work Plans (2021 AWP) and be ready to revise these plans once Donor approval for project extension and reallocation of funds is received and/or following the issuance of guidance from the CPMU and UNDP Viet Nam. The PSC has requested the Thua Thien Hue provincial authorities to take immediate steps for approving co-financing to the allocated 581 resilient houses supported by the project in the province.
6. UNDP Viet Nam and the CPMU highly appreciate the proactive and prompt actions by relevant ministries and provincial authorities relating to the application for a 12 month-project extension to facilitate the completion of delayed activities due to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and the historic storms and floods in the Central region in 2020.
7. UNDP Viet Nam is requested to follow up with the GCF to secure the 12-month project extension approval as soon as possible and lead and coordinate with the CPMU, MPI, and stakeholders to submit an additional request to the GCF for the reallocation of funds between the two components for a relocated budget of more than 10%.
8. The ICD-MARD is requested to lead and coordinate with other stakeholders such as the Department of Science, Education, Natural Resources and Environment, the Department of Foreign Economic Relations (MPI), and the Department of Debt Management and External Finance (MoF) to provide guidance and support to the completion of related internal procedures as required.

9. The PSC agreed with the National Project Director on the reallocation of the budget saved from Component 2 to Component 1 for building additional resilient houses, including 500 houses in Ca Mau, 200 houses in Quang Ngai, 150 houses in Thua Thien Hue, 100 houses in Thanh Hoa, and 100 houses in Quang Nam; the PMU of Component 2 will ensure the planting and regeneration of 109 ha of mangroves in Nam Dinh province and 40 ha of mangroves in Thua Thien Hue province.
10. CPMU is requested to lead and coordinate with UNDP, the PMUs of Component 1 and 2, and stakeholders to proceed with the necessary procedures and receive approval of Ca Mau's eligibility to participate in Component 1 (construction of resilient houses) and Thua Thien Hue being enabled to participate in Component 2 (mangrove plantation & regeneration). In addition, the CPMU, UNDP, and relevant components are requested to facilitate the revision of the overall Project Document and the Project Documents of components and provinces. These procedures also involve necessary preparations for the immediate implementation of activities on the ground once approval is received from GCF.
11. PSC members from provinces are requested to report to and advise respective PPCs on the necessary directions to PPMUs and local stakeholders to ensure all necessary conditions for the implementation of the above-mentioned proposed activities on the ground, including human resources, co-financing, etc. In particular, Ca Mau province should be best prepared for its participation in the resilient housing component and Thua Thien Hue province in the mangrove planting and regeneration component.

The Vietnam Disaster Management Authority is requested to kindly inform the above-mentioned conclusions of the PSC Chairman to its members, the CPMU, the PPMUs, the PMUs of components, and relevant stakeholders for their information and cooperation to ensure the timely implementation of project activities.

Cc:

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- Members of the PSC (for reporting)
- General Director of VNDMA (for reporting)
- General Director of VNFOREST
- Bureau of Housing and Real Estate Market Management – MOC
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