

DICT-UNDP Free Wi-fi for All Project
Minutes of the 3rd Project Board Meeting
(16 March 2022, 2:00-4:00 PM, via Zoom)

I. Participants:

Co-Chairpersons:

1. Mr. Emmanuel Rey Caintic, Acting Secretary, Department of ICT
2. Mr. Selva Ramachandran, Resident Representative, UNDP Philippines

DICT

1. Mr. Alan Silor, Undersecretary for Resilient Government Emergency Communications
2. Mr. Alvin Navarro, Assistant Secretary for Digital Capability and Transformation
3. Ms. Maria Teresa Magno-Garcia, Assistant Secretary for Connectivity and Innovation
4. Mr. Antonio Padre, Program Director, Free Wi-Fi For All
5. Ms. Flor Esteban, Project Manager, Free Wi-Fi For All
6. Mr. Omi Castañar, Chief of Staff, OUDP
7. Mr. Wilkins Wong, DICT Consultant
8. Mr. Frederick Espinosa

CHED

1. Mr. John Wesley Calagui I, OIC Chief, OPRKM-KMD
2. Mr. George Atienza, Office of Planning, Research and Knowledge Management (OPRKM)
3. Mr. Kenneth Castro, OPRKM
4. Ms. Marilyn A. Aguinaldo, OPRKM

UNDP

1. Mr. Edwine Carrie, Deputy Resident Representative
2. Ms. Maria Luisa Isabel Lim-Jolongbayan, Team Leader, Institutions and Partnerships Programme
3. Ms. Alka Aneja, Procurement Specialist
4. Mr. Jonathan Hodder, Governance Specialist

Secretariat/DICT-UNDP Free Wi-Fi for All Project Management Office

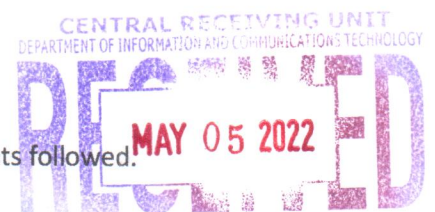
1. Mr. Ronel Vincent Vistal, Officer-In-Charge
2. Mr. Ronell Malasa, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer
3. Ms. Sunshine De Guzman, Finance and Administrative Assistant
4. Ms. Cara Punay, Project Officer

II. Agenda Items

1. Preliminaries and Introduction to Participants
2. Opening Messages and Adoption of the Provisional Agenda
3. Matters Arising from Previous Project Board Meeting
4. Presentation of Highlights of Proposed Amendments/Updates to the Project Document
5. Discussion and Agreements on Next Steps on Project Document Amendment/Update
6. Updates on PLDT contract, DICT Requests
7. Summary of Agreements and Closing

III. Opening Messages and Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM. Brief introductions of the participants followed.



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Acting Secretary and Project Board (PB) Co-Chairperson Emmanuel Rey Caintic welcomed everyone to the 3rd PB meeting. UNDP Resident Representative (RR) and PB Co-Chairperson Selva Ramachandran expressed his gratitude for the important opportunity given to discuss the project and that he is looking forward to more positive developments. He also thanked DICT for the recognition it gave UNDP for the partnership for Typhoon Odette's response.

UNDP Programme Team Leader Ms. Maria Luisa Isabel Lim-Jolongbayan presented the list of provisional agenda items, which were adopted by the Board.

IV. Matters Arising from Previous Project Board (PB) Meeting

Mr. Ronel Vincent Vistal, Officer-in-Charge of the DICT-UNDP PMO, presented a summary of action items from the previous PB Meetings. Among the issues and action points discussed include the realignment of the new project to reflect new priorities; updating of Output 1 (PLDT Contract); the transition of implementation modality; the conduct of HACT (Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer) and Micro-assessment (MA); and the updating of PB and Technical Working Group (TWG) memberships. The presentation slide-deck is attached below.

V. Presentation of Highlights of Proposed Amendments/Updates to the Project Document

Among the highlighted proposed amendments include the changing of the project title from Pipol Konek – Inclusive Net Access and Service to Free Wi-Fi For All; updates on the financial aspect especially the remaining resources of the project (USD 13,724,332.60 as of January 2022); changing of implementation modality from Direct Implementation Modality to National Implementation Modality with UNDP Country Office Support Services; re-organization of Project Board Members which now consist of DICT, UNDP, and DOH, DILG, CHED, NEDA as Advisors; and adjusted project duration up to June 30, 2024, from original end date of December 31, 2022.

Discussions/agreements:

1. On Output 1 and PLDT Contract

Undersecretary (Usec) Alan Silor inquired about the difference in the internet bandwidth among rural health units (RHUs) which is currently at 1-5 Mbps. Mr. Vistal clarified that this information came from DOH during the last PBM and that the project's current bandwidth is at 4Mbps. Usec. Silor suggested that this statement should be made more explicit in the actions taken for clarity.

Usec. Silor also sought clarification on the status of the 11 higher educational institutions (HEIs) which also serve as vaccination sites that seems not to comply with the proposed total number of sites where the Wi-Fi infrastructure should be deployed. Mr. Vistal shared that the number 59 vaccination sites previously pre-identified is the pool of sites and the project has prioritized the 11 vaccination sites based on the existing list of 220 sites being implemented by PLDT. In the end, Usec. Silor also suggested that this must be clarified as well, especially the PB Agreement states that it was only for vaccination sites.

2. On Project Management and Operations

Usec. Silor inquired on the accounting document for the remaining project resources. In particular, he sought clarification on the acknowledgment of the exact amount returned to the Philippine Government. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan committed that UNDP will check on this information from the acknowledgement letter previously received.

Furthermore, Usec. Silor also sought some clarification on the extension of the project duration being proposed. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan clarified that the proposed extension period includes 6-months operational closure and contingencies. Usec. Silor affirmed the importance of the extension due to such activities.

3. *On Changing the Project Title and the Amendment Procedure*

Mr. Vistal presented a summary of the proposed changes to the Project Document. Such changes are especially needed in specific sections of the Project Document such as the background or context, strategies, results, and partnership, project management, results framework, multi-year work plan, governance, and management arrangement, and the legal context of the amended project.

Usec. Silor enquired if these items presented are for an amendment or just supplemental agreement can be made. He added that if the project document is being amended then it needs to be signed again by both parties, however doing a supplemental agreement would be much swifter. UNDP team answered that the amendment can be signed as soon as tomorrow if DICT agrees on the proposed amendments of which a copy of the revised Project Document was already sent last 09Mar2022.

Asec. Navarro added that an amendment is more appropriate in this context given the substantial changes being proposed to the original project. He further reiterated that a consensus is, however, needed on how to properly structure Output 5 and Output 6 and proposed changing the project title to explicitly reflect its reimagined nature such as fostering competitiveness, capability, and resiliency. He then suggested that "Competitiveness, Capability, and Resiliency through Free Wi-Fi for All" can be tentative new title of the project.

Usec. Silor reiterated his stance that it would still be easier to have a supplemental agreement rather than an amendment to the Project Document. Asec. Navarro sought to clarify with UNDP if the difference between a supplemental agreement and an amendment would affect their processes. Dr. Ramachandran responded that UNDP is amenable to doing any of the two procedures. Mr. Edwine Carrie, Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP Philippines added that an amendment is more doable since both institutions can formalize it by exchanging letters that will include a summary or matrix of the amendments and the minutes of the meeting (this 3rd PBM Meeting). Acting Secretary Caintic consulted the body if they agreed to have the signing of the amended Project Document on Monday, 21 March 2022. He reiterated that time is the most crucial factor in amending the Project Document. The Board agreed to sign the amended Project Document on 21 March 2022.

4. *On Amending the Outputs and Outcome*

Mr. Vistal proceeded with the discussion of the inclusion of the new outputs and changes in the outcome of the project and the necessary updates of the previous outputs. The new outcome of the project reflects not only the provision of internet services to government offices and public places to supplement learning but also to highlight the priority on augmenting the government's disaster preparedness and healthcare services. The new Output 5 focuses on strengthening rural health units, vaccination centers, and public hospitals while Output 6 aims to enhance emergency connectivity and communication in DICT, provincial, and municipal LGUs. Output 1 was retained to provide broader access to free internet services while Output 4 was also retained that focuses on project management and quality assurance. Output 3 was revised

to be more specifically focused on capacitating DICT in installing and managing equipment and services and in terms of ICT planning and assessment. Lastly, Output 2 was discontinued as per previous PB meetings agreement.

Usec. Silor inquired why Output 2 was being proposed to be discontinued while he cited the merit of training more ground persons such as the barangay officials where the Wi-Fi infrastructures are installed. Acting Secretary Caintic seconded that it is better to train barangay officials who will maintain and oversee the Wi-Fi infrastructures. He further inquired if this can be included in the revised Output 3 wherein LGUs can also be recipients of the capacity building initiatives. Usec. Silor also suggested using "DICT Regional Offices" rather than "DICT Cluster Offices" to be more consistent with the recent changes in DICT structure.

Additionally, Asec. Navarro suggested using the word "reconfigured" instead of "discontinued" for the status of Output 2. He also suggested merging Outputs 2 and 3, to cater for the capacity building of barangay officials. The Board agreed to the suggestions.

5. *On Digital Hunger Study*

Dr. Ramachandran sought clarification from Acting Secretary Caintic on how to proceed with his proposed Digital Hunger Study. As a response, Acting Secretary Caintic mentioned that he envisions a heat map of locations that shows the level/state of connectivity to assess and address properly the connectivity issues of areas mostly in need. Asec. Navarro suggested that the title of Output 3 should also be changed to capture this endeavor of connectivity mapping. Dr. Ramachandran clarified if he was suggesting changing the title of the Digital Hunger Study itself. Asec. Navarro responded that he wanted to maintain the title of the study because of its dramatic value but preferred to include a subtitle in parenthesis as "Connectivity Mapping" for clarity purposes. Mr. Jonathan Hodder affirmed this suggestion by citing also its "shock value" and added how the study will touch upon a multidimensional approach that will include socioeconomics, electrification, among other conditions of a particular location.

6. *On Merging Output 5 and Output 6*

At this point, Usec. Silor informed the Board that Acting Secretary Caintic gave him the authority to co-chair the meeting as the Secretary had to attend to an important matter. Asec. Navarro read from the chat box the suggestion by Asec. Maria Teresa Magno-Garcia to merge Outputs 5 and 6 under a banner title suggestion as "Disaster Preparedness for Emergency Including Health-Related Connectivity and Communications Resiliency Improvement for DICT and LGUs". He further shared that under this new title that makes the connectivity aspect more salient, Output 5 needs to be changed to "Output 5-A" and Output 6 to "Output 5-B" respectively.

Dr. Ramachandran shared his comments regarding this merger of Outputs 5 & 6 by citing its importance among the people he met during his recent visit to Surigao. He mentioned that he received a letter from the municipal mayor of Del Carmen in Surigao del Norte asking for assistance precisely as tackled in this component of the project. Usec. Silor responded that if there are enough resources, then DICT should be able to meet this request.

On the other hand, Usec. Silor commented that Output 5 and Output 6 as presented by UNDP tend to focus only on COVID-19 which has a definite period. He then sought other suggestions that broadly tackle health-related issues in the country. Dr. Ramachandran briefly responded that it might be good to also include future pandemic management. Usec. Silor further expounded on his inquiry by citing the miserable state of using paper-based health records in far-flung rural health units and asked the body if they could include a sustainable digital platform

to address this pertinent issue. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan also shared the same sentiments citing how other RHUs still use paper-based records of childhood vaccinations and the possibility to use SMS-based reminders for vaccinations as being offered by some start-ups to LGUs. She added that a quick assessment of their needs is essential to properly address these issues.

Going back to his initial inquiry, Usec. Silor manifested that a platform is much more relevant to typhoon-stricken areas especially when paper-based records have been soaked in water due to Typhoon Odette. Thus, he further commented that the issuance of tablets can be explored by DOH while DICT will focus on the digital platform needed by RHUs. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan affirmed these suggestions and confirmed that these will be included in the proposed amendment document along with the merged Outputs 5 and 6.

7. *On Output 4*

Asec. Navarro suggested rearranging the numbering of the outputs. In particular, he suggested putting the current Output 4 on Project Management and Quality Assurance, being the last on the list of which the body agreed.

Moving into the details of activities under Output 4, Usec. Silor inquired on the monitoring tools and process of the project especially viewed from the “outside” and not just internally through the reports mentioned. As a response, Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan shared that there is a proposal for joint monitoring sessions for each output between DICT and UNDP, including other partners based on the indicators in the Results Framework. She added that one of the investments of the project is in external communications that may capture this suggestion. Usec. Silor shared the merits of assessing the impacts of the project prior to the period of scheduled monitoring and evaluation since it could inform necessary changes of the project’s activities. Along these lines, Dr. Ramachandran also shared his experience when he visited Dinagat Islands and saw the people’s clamor for help therefore, a precise and a focused mechanism on capturing and communicating the impacts of the project is needed.

Usec. Silor then recommended having an independent survey study on this matter with separate activity and a budget in the project. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan also shared her thoughts on how to move forward with this. In particular, she mentioned a perception survey, client satisfaction survey, or beneficiary needs assessment survey can be done. She further noted the advantages of such undertaking include a better tracking of the project’s impacts but also to see if indeed there is a decreasing gap on the digital divide via the provision of free internet access. In the end, UNDP committed to further look into this and will draft a terms of references highlighting two to three surveys rolling out within the project duration.

Usec. Silor also clarified the specific areas or localities to be prioritized in the project’s implementation. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan recalled that the original project wanted to focus on GIDAs. However, such areas have since then increasingly being developed according to DICT’s previous pronouncements in recent Project Board meetings. She continued sharing that since there was a consensus to amend and update the project, thus the new priority focuses on HEIs and specific provinces in the eastern seaboard of the country in terms of improving disaster preparedness. In addition, UNDP suggested vulnerable provinces according to DENR that are not captured in the criterion of being in the eastern seaboard. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan also shared that the shift to focus on healthcare was primarily due to the meager status of health care access in municipalities and provinces. Usec. Silor clarified if GIDAs will still be included in which Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan responded affirmatively but focusing on the eastern seaboard provinces.

Regarding the suggested survey under Output 6, Usec. Silor and Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan agreed on the same point that it should be included in Output 3 instead. Usec. Silor shared that they have conducted a survey on free Wi-Fi before which makes it more logical to be included in Output 3. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan requested a copy of the survey mentioned to be used as a reference in drafting the terms of reference. Asec. Magno-Garcia agreed that she will be sharing the results of the survey and other necessary information.

8. *On budget re-appropriation tolerance*

Dr. Ramachandran sought the comments of DICT regarding the suggested 15% tolerance level on budget revisions at the output level whereas a Project Board Meeting must be convened if it exceeds the threshold set. Usec. Silor asked UNDP to further expound on the rationale of the 15% threshold level. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan responded that this is just a proposal, and it can go below as low as 10% and maximum at 20%. Mr. Carrie elaborated that this was inspired from previous projects, and this is a mechanism in which project managers can re-appropriate funds where needed without seeking further authorization from the Project Board, but an information should be given in any case. He added that this is also sought to avoid delays in the project implementation.

9. *On the Proposed 2022 Annual Work Plan*

Having discussed the Multi-year Work Plan, Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan presented briefly the 2022 Annual Work Plan. She shared that UNDP is proposing USD 6.8 million budget for this year. Usec. Silor inquired if this is doable this year given the bulk of procurements. Ms. Alka Aneja, UNDP Procurement Specialist, responded that procurements for tablets are already ongoing except for the provisions under Output 6 (to be renamed as Output 5-B) which will be accelerated as soon as the amended Project Document is signed and the final technical specifications as well as locations are identified.

Usec. Silor, further inquired about the renewal of PLDT contract. Ms. Aneja shared that it has been procured as part of Output 1 but still open for amendments to include additional sites based on previous terms of reference. However, Usec. Silor suggested that there should be updated terms of reference as well to reflect new internet bandwidth specifications. Usec. Silor also inquired if it is better to terminate PLDT's existing contract and create a new one with revised technical requirements. Ms. Aneja and Dr. Ramachandran both commented that this route would be more challenging but also shared that they will check UNDP's procurement process if this is workable. Usec. Silor reiterated that a revision to 30 Mbps is more advantageous than 4Mbps therefore, as per Government processes this should not be an issue. Again, Ms. Aneja assured the Board that they will take note of this information and will check the legal aspects as well of this procedure and will get back to DICT.

Dr. Ramachandran stressed that the technical requirements/specifications for procurements under Output 6 (or Output 5-B), should be finalized before next month's holidays. Ms. Aneja further highlighted the needed changes in terms of budget for Output 3 since there is a planned connectivity mapping study. She also added that if early finalization of technical requirements and procurement processes under Output 5-B can be done then it is expected that its delivery may be possible towards the end of this year.

10. *On the Proposed Organizational Arrangement of the Project Board*

Mr. Vistal presented the working organizational chart of the Project Board. Usec. Silor inquired if there are already identified representatives from the various agencies included in the Project

Board. Mr. Vistal responded that representatives are yet to be identified. Usec. Silor also commented that there should be a clarified set of criteria for who will assume as representatives. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan shared that the letters sent to the agencies under Project Board Advisors specifically requested personnel at the assistant secretary level while a director level for those in the Technical Working Group.

Mr. John Wesley Calagui of CHED stated that now they can only relay the information regarding the choosing of a representative to their Executive Director. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan also shared that the letters have been sent and they are continually monitoring the responses. Usec. Silor inquired about the timeline on submitting the list of names of representatives of which Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan responded that this information should be available within the next two weeks.

Usec. Silor also inquired about the frequency of the Project Board meetings. Dr. Ramachandran answered that quarterly meetings are expected but meetings can be convened whenever the need arises of which Usec. Silor agreed.

VI. Next Steps on Project Document Amendment/Update

Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan summarized the discussion points that so far have been made and agreed on and the remaining concerns in line with the agenda set for the meeting. Given the time constraints, Usec. Silor requested a copy of the presentation for their information and reference.

VII. Updates on PLDT Contract

Ms. Cara Punay of UNDP presented updates on the ongoing contract with PLDT under Output 1. She highlighted the number of activated access points among identified HEIs and HEIs serving as vaccination access as well. It was reported that around 178 access points have been activated (18 %) across 39 HEIs as of March 15, 2022. She added upon the inquiry of Usec. Silor that the target completion of both installation and activation is due on April 30, 2022. Ms. Cara confirmed that PLDT has significantly installed and activated access points within the past two weeks.

Usec. Silor further inquired on how UNDP monitors the activation of sites done by PLDT. Mr. Vistal added that PLDT performs connectivity tests upon activation and sends the report to UNDP for acceptance. Ms. Cara also added that UNDP has a monitoring platform regarding the activated sites. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan suggested that UNDP can share the indicators matrix to DICT which usually shows the downtime and traffic of users. In addition, Usec. Silor sought clarification if DICT has access to this platform to which Ms. Cara responded that UNDP plans to have a training session for DICT officials on NMS so that they can review the status and have access as well. Director Antonio Padre confirmed that the training is scheduled for 23 March 2022.

Usec. Silor asked the body if the target number of installed and activated access points are not met by 30 April 2022 then what remedies are available. Ms. Aneja presented that there are two courses of action wherein there is a possibility of terminating all remaining sites and the other one is for PLDT to continue installing and activating but UNDP will impose penalty through liquidated damages. She added that UNDP will update DICT regularly regarding the progress of installation and activation of access points by PLDT. Dr. Ramachandran also reiterated that there is a bi-monthly high-level meeting between DICT and UNDP and this avenue is being used to monitor progress. Usec. Silor also reminded the body of the need to update all contracts to reflect the new specifications, especially for VSATs. Furthermore, he elaborated that it is always better and indeed possible to have better bandwidths to

provide better services. Ms. Aneja clarified that PLDT contract is through fiber and shared that some HEIs have more than one access point with minimal overlapping which should be able to cater to more users.

VIII. Meeting of Technical Working Group

It was decided that a separate meeting with the DICT and UNDP technical teams will be convened to understand the technical specifications and future requirements under the PLDT contract.

IX. Response Letter to Del Carmen Mayor's Request Letter

Dr. Ramachandran shared that the people of Del Carmen were very appreciative of DICT's initiatives in their locality. He mentioned that he was very privileged that the mayor of Del Carmen shared the letter to him which was originally addressed to Acting Secretary Caintic. He added that he wanted to incorporate some of the things mentioned in the letter whenever there is an opportunity in the current project.

X. Closing statements and review of discussions made

Towards the end of the meeting Dr. Ramachandran encouraged the team to meet the deadline of the scheduled signing of the amended project document on Monday, 21 March 2022. He added that he will be joining virtually for the signing as he will be working offsite in Palawan and reiterated that Mr. Edwine Carrie can sign on his behalf.

At this point, Usec. Silor asked Mr. Calagui (CHED) if there are already face-to-face classes in HEIs. Mr. Calagui responded that some HEIs are already implementing face-to-face classes, but it is still up to the discretion of every single HEI to follow suit. Usec. Silor then reiterated the importance of free Wi-Fi provisions in such public places, especially when physical classes will soon resume. Ms. Lim-Jolongbayan agreed to this and asked the assistance of CHED if they could provide a list of HEIs that need internet connectivity the most. She further elaborated that CHED's guidance is needed in terms of prioritizing and expanding the current list of 220 HEIs. Mr. Calagui affirmed that they will be helping with this matter.

At this point, Usec. Silor revisited some issues discussed at the beginning of the meeting. He suggested that the amendment in general should reflect the disaster response component. He also suggested that the revised outcome be reflected with the response component as well. Dr. Ramachandran again reminded the body that the sense of urgency that is being highlighted in the meeting is the much-needed urgent support and response in the affected areas of Typhoon Odette.

There being no other matters to be discussed, the meeting ended at 4:06 pm.

XI. Action points

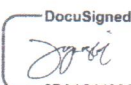
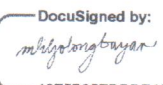
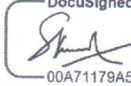


Agenda item	Action Point	Responsible Unit	Timeline
Proposed Amendments to the Project Document	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schedule the signing of the amended Project Document on Monday, 21 March 2022. 2. Check on the proper accounting of returned money from the original Project Document. 3. Use "DICT Regional Offices" rather than "DICT Cluster Offices" 4. For Output 2, use "reconfigured" rather than "discontinued". 5. Merge Outputs 2 and 3. 6. Change the title of Output 3 to reflect the new activity on Digital Hunger Study as a connectivity mapping initiative. 7. Change the title of the activity "Digital Hunger Study" to "Digital Hunger Study: A Connectivity Mapping." 8. Merge Output 5 and Output 6 as Output 5-A and Output 5-B. 9. Change title of the merged Output 5 and Output 6 as "Disaster Preparedness for Emergency Including Health Related Connectivity and Communications Resiliency Improvement for DICT and LGUs" 10. Reflect on Output 5 the need for a platform by RHUs as an alternative to paper-based use of health records rather than giving out tablets. 11. Incorporate and conduct a new study involving either a perception survey, client satisfaction survey, or beneficiary needs assessment survey to better track the project impacts. 12. Update all contracts to reflect the new bandwidth requirements. 13. Reflect on the amended project document the salience of its response component. 14. To indicate a 15% tolerance level for budget revisions at the output level whereas a Project Board Meeting must be convened. 	UNDP PMO	Not later than 21 March 2022
Ways forward	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. DICT will provide the results of the survey on free Wi-Fi to UNDP as a reference for the TOR of the proposed survey. 16. Update DICT on the progress of PLDT's 	DICT UNDP PMO	Not later than 21 March 2022

	installation and activation of access points (by the end of the deadline on April 30, 2022).		
	17. Send meeting presentation slides to DICT.	UNDP PMO	
	18. Share the monitoring matrix with DICT and grant them access to the monitoring platform.	UNDP PMO	
	19. Conduct NMS Training among DICT personnel on March 23, 2022.	UNDP PMO	Not later than 23 March 2022
	20. Provide a copy of the minutes of the meeting to DICT.	UNDP PMO	Not later than 21 March 2022
	21. Arrange a meeting with DICT and UNDP technical teams to understand the technical requirements under the ongoing PLDT contract and look towards ways of improving the bandwidth.	UNDP & DICT PMO	Not later than 8 April 2022

After the project board meeting, as agreed, UNDP PMO shared the second draft (18 Mar 2022) of the project amendment document with DICT focal point. During the review and further discussions on the draft of the amendment, DICT requested a few changes from the previously agreed points:

Summary of Additional Comments from DICT after Project Board Meeting:

1. Request for the Project to remain Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) hence not requiring including NEDA in the Project Board
2. DICT offices assigned to be PB members are the following:
 - ☐ Office of the Undersecretary for Digital Philippines (OUDP)
 - ☐ Office of the Undersecretary for Resilient Governance and Emergency Communications (OURGEC)
 - ☐ Digital Philippines Portfolio Management Group (DP-PMG)

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