

ECW Executive Committee Meeting August 28th 2018

Decision Paper

1. Financial Update

- *Paper – ECW financial position August update*

ECW requests ExCom to note ECW’s current financial position, including net assets, latest contributions and pledges, and planned disbursements to multi-year resilience programmes.

2. Afghanistan Multi-Year Resilience Programme

- *Paper – Note on grant agent acting as implementing partner*

Background

- Ahead of the ExCom meeting on 10 July 2018, ECW shared with ExCom the Afghanistan Multi-Year Resilience (MYR) programme proposal. This has been reviewed both by the ECW Secretariat as well as the interim proposal review panel.
- No objections have been received from ExCom. However, some concerns have been raised about UNICEF acting as both grant agent and implementing partner. The Secretariat has drafted a short note on this issue that will be circulated.

ECW requests ExCom:

- (a) To approve MYR programme proposal for Afghanistan and the release of year 1 seed funding of US\$12,302,729 with future tranches to be released subject to availability of funds and satisfactory performance and implementation of the MYR programme.**
- (b) To note that an additional \$3.3m contribution from Sweden (the first tranche of a \$10m contribution) will also be released to support the MYR programme.**

3. ECW Financial Hosting Decision

Background

- During its meeting on 19 April 2018, HLSG agreed to delegate to ExCom the decision on whether ECW’s financial hosting should be transferred to MPTFO. Reviewing the financial hosting was a recommendation that came out of the review of ECW’s hosting arrangements undertaken by the consultancy firm Mokoro.
- ExCom members discussed the issue at their last in-person meeting held on July 10 in New York, and in a series of teleconferences, the latest of which, on July 20, provided ExCom with the opportunity to put their questions directly to both potential hosts (UNICEF and MPTFO).

- Given that a quorum of ExCom members was not present on the call, and many members had deputized, it was not considered appropriate to take the issue to a vote. Subsequently the ExCom Chair and the ECW Director agreed that the most desirable outcome would be a further discussion to come to a consensus, rather than an electronic vote.

ECW requests the ExCom to reach consensus on a decision regarding ECW's financial hosting.

4. Meeting of the HLSG on Sept 25th

- *Paper – Agenda for HLSG meeting*

Background

ECW's High-Level Steering Group will meet during UNGA ministerial week. The meeting will be held from 7.00 – 7.55am in UNICEF House. (please see attached HLSG invitation)

ECW requests feedback from ExCom on the proposed agenda

5. Resource Mobilization Strategy, Approach to Innovative Financing and fundraising targets, for submission to HLSG)

- *Paper - Revised Draft Resource Mobilization Strategy*
- *Paper – Approach to Innovative Financing*
- *Paper - Fundraising Targets*

Background

- Nasser Faqih presented the Draft Resource Mobilization Strategy and Johannes Kiess presented the Approach to Innovative Financing to ExCom at its July 10 meeting. Following feedback by ExCom members, the Chair requested the Secretariat amend the draft of the resource mobilization strategy before submission to HLSG for approval.
- At the same meeting, Gabrielle Bonnet presented ECW's Fundraising Targets incorporating feedback received during a preparatory ExCom teleconference call. During the meeting, ExCom approved 11 MYRPs for 2018 and 2019 and requested the Secretariat present a revised overview of fundraising targets for 2018 and 2019.

ECW requests the ExCom to endorse the following for submission to HLSG for its meeting on September 25, 2018:

- (a) **ECW Resource Mobilization Strategy and Approach to Innovative Financing**
- (b) **Fundraising Targets for 2018-19**

6. Portfolio-Level Risk Framework

- *Paper – Portfolio-level Risk Framework*

Background

The portfolio-level risk framework complements the Corporate Risk Framework approved by the Executive Committee in January 2018. It was developed by the ECW Secretariat in consultation with the Risk Task Team and includes a tool to identify and compare risks across and within countries where ECW is operational. The accompanying narrative sets out plans to monitor and mitigate these risks.

ECW requests the ExCom to approve the Portfolio-Level Risk Framework

7. Update on governance retreat for ExCom

Background

During the meeting of the ExCom on July 10, ECW's Director proposed a two-day retreat for ExCom members to discuss issues related to governance issues.

ECW requests feedback from ExCom on the Director's update on the proposed aims, structure and facilitation of the retreat