

THE MULTI-YEAR RESILIENCE PROGRAMME FUNDING MODALITY

ECW facilitated-MYRPs incorporate mechanisms to ensure effective governance, programme management and measures to prevent conflict of interest in the disbursement of funds.

Country-level actors that are part of the humanitarian coordination architecture decide which agencies or organizations have the strongest comparative advantage, track record in managing funds, capacity and added value to be designated as grants manager(s)¹. Decisions on grants managers' designation are exclusively made at country level by the prevailing humanitarian coordination architecture members. The nominated grants managers will be responsible for managing funds if a proposal is approved. Grantees and Grants Managers are screened as part of the joint proposal process to ensure they can fulfil ECW's fiduciary requirements and risk management protocols.

ECW is committed to funding a diverse set of grant managers across its investment portfolio, with the knowledge that the Grants Managers can simultaneously be an Implementing Partners (IP). This is to ensure that ECW investments do not lose out on Grants Managers with the comparative advantage to also deliver effective programming. It is worth noting that the decision-making for the allocation of funds does not rest with the Grants Managers but **with the MYRP Steering Committee**, composed of government, donor representation, UN agency(ies), CSOs and the Humanitarian Architecture in the country (Cluster Committee and/or Education in Emergencies Working Group – EiE WG).

The Humanitarian Architecture in the country (Cluster Committee and/or Education in Emergencies Working Group – EiE WG) reviews proposals and subsequently makes recommendations to the Steering Committee on funds allocation. Following steering committee approval, the outcome of the funds allocation process is communicated to the ECW Secretariat. Either the EiE WG or, depending on the context, the Education Cluster, in conjunction with representatives of the Local Education Group, chair discussions on the prioritization of interventions under the MYRPs. It is worth highlighting that, under no circumstances does the grants manager perform any decision-making role on who receives funding, in order to prevent conflict of interest.

ECW is currently working on updating its Operating Manual to include detailed codified clauses on how grants managers and sub-grantees² are selected, their role and responsibilities.

GOVERNANCE AND PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT OF MYRPs

A Programme Steering Committee (SC) is established to oversee the strategic direction of the MYRP, review implementation progress and results as well as steer the programme. The SC should consist of the government, a donor representative funding the programme, a representative of Civil Society, one or more UN Agency. The Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator should also be invited to be a member.

The MYRP governance structure also includes a Programme Technical Committee (PTC), which provides technical and advisory level direction, reviews and recommends proposals that are addressed to the Steering Committee. The PTC should consist of members of the EiE WG/cluster, Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) and (at least) two Donor Partners' Group (DPG) representatives who significantly contribute to the education sector.

The MYRP structure also ensures adequate financial management through grants managers.

Based on the above, the configuration of grants managers selected for the upcoming ECW facilitated MYRPs are as follows:

¹ Grants manager or Grantee: principle financial disbursement agent (at local/country level), that receive funds from ECW.

² Sub grantees: NGOs, UN agencies and government partners that receive funds from the grant agent/grantee.

- For Afghanistan: The grants manager (and implementing partner) is planned to be UNICEF
- For Bangladesh: The grants managers (and implementing partners) are planned to be UNICEF, UNHCR and UNESCO
- For Uganda: The grants manager (and implementing partner) – is planned to be SCF
- For Palestine: The grants managers (and implementing partner) – are planned to be SCF, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNRWA and UNDP
- For Somalia: TBD
- For CAR: TBD