



# Financial & Secretariat Update

ECW Executive Committee Meeting

11 July 2017

# Financial Snapshot

- **US\$113.7 million in pledges and US\$ 72.8 million from contributors**
- **US\$2.01 million shortfall pledges vs. commitments** (including \$30m contingency for First Response) but due to a new donor contribution, ECW will not need to amend commitments.
- France, Canada and the European Commission have finalized their agreements with ECW since April 2017.
- As of June 2017, **US\$ 19.49 million has been disbursed**, of which US\$14.54 million is for ECW initial investments.

# Secretariat Recruitment

- Currently 4 full-time staff (incl two secondees) and 1 consultant.
- 5 staff recruited and on board by August 2017.
- Remaining staff recruited by end September 2017.
- Senior Advisor - Humanitarian and Development Finance re-advertised as a **Senior Advisor (Coordination, Development and Strategic Planning)**.
- Following Director's assessment, we will have additional core Secretariat staff:
  - ***P5 level Senior Advisor (Resource Mobilization)***: To help meet ECW's ambitious financial targets
  - ***P3 level Finance and Risk Management Specialist***: To focus on all operational aspects of finance and risk management

# Secretariat Budget

- HLSG approved **US\$2.3 million** for ECW Secretariat and Funds Support Office Human Resources.
- As a result of staged recruitment of Secretariat posts and based on pro-rata average staff costs, **US\$ 1.4 million** is available for re-allocation.
- Secretariat proposes that: **US\$ 470,447** of the US\$ 1.4 million is used for recruitment of the two core Secretariat staff; and
- **US\$325,000** is used for consultancy on results-based/innovative financing.

# Financial Management Advisor

- **US\$ 250,000** approved by HLSG for Financial Management Advisor.
- UNICEF has **Long Term Agreements (LTA's)** with **3 international firms** that have been assessed for HACT activities.
- Recommend use of LTA's to limit transaction costs.
- Secretariat will use the use of **standard UNICEF Terms of Reference for these services**
- Secretariat is reviewing the 3 international firms and will **select one for provision of FMA services to ECW** in 2017, based on value for money and fit with ECW's operations.

# DFID Due Diligence Assessment

- Conducted in May 2017 to establish that ECW has the, **“capacity and capability, including robust systems and processes, to manage the financing and funding of its activities”**.
- ECW Secretariat, along with the Funds Support Office, has provided responses and next steps to DDA recommendations.
- The recommendations focus on: risk management; Secretariat capacity; downstream partner assessment; and M&E.