

## **REPORT –Official launch event and inception workshop of the project: - MADAGASCAR**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Madagascar is one of the 4 beneficiary countries (Malawi, Mozambique, Union of Comoros) of the first regional project of UN-Habitat funded by Adaptation Fund “*Building Climate Resilience in South-Eastern Africa*”. This project will assist four countries to build their urban resilience including a mix of city-level infrastructure projects and national-level capacity-building. Four cities with different types of vulnerabilities were selected in these countries to implement climate adaptation projects following a participatory resilience planning process. The pilot projects include 4-8 interventions in each city, for example rehabilitating mangroves in Morondava (Madagascar), constructing and rehabilitating bridges and dams on Likangala River in Zomba (Malawi), constructing safe havens in Chokwe (Mozambique) and improving solid waste management in informal neighborhoods of Moroni (Comoros).

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the official launch and inception workshop of this regional was “**Virtual**” . In order to permit the participation of the key national partners, specifically the Ministries and the municipality of Morondava in these virtual event, an in-person workshop took place in Antananarivo and Morondava.

### **2. OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP**

#### **Objectives for the Launch event:**

- Officially launch UN-Habitat’s first multi-country Adaptation Fund project “Building Urban Climate Resilience in South-Eastern Africa”
- Discuss the multifaceted challenges and opportunities for resilience building using the examples of Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique and the Union of Comoros
- Build a community of practice to support the successful implementation and replication of the project

#### **Objectives for the Steering Committee/ DiMSUR Executive Committee/ Inception Workshop:**

- Bring together the key partners and stakeholders from the city-, national- and regional-levels involved in this project.
- Exchange information on plans for the project in each city and country and establish a mechanism for sharing information and best practices at the regional level.
- Prepare a joint workplan and implementation strategy for year one, taking into consideration ongoing complementary initiatives, relevant policies/ strategies and stakeholder engagement (to be approved by the Steering Committee).
- Discuss and agree on strategies related to knowledge management, communications and outreach, as well as environmental and social safeguards, gender and youth.

### **3. METHODOLOGY**

The in-person workshop was held in Filao Room Ibis Hotel in Antananarivo and in Maeva Hotel in Morondava from June 23 to June 24, 2020.

The link and a quick user guide of the venue platform Interprefy was shared in advance to the key stakeholders from Ministries and technical partners to permit them to join online, especially for persons that do not want to participate in persons due to Covid-19 outbreak. The regional director in charge of the environment at Menabe and some technical staff at Ministry of Environment and

Sustainable Development (MEDD) received also in advance the link and the user guide to enable them to participate following the request of the General Secretary of MEDD.

In Antananarivo, the 2 main ministries partners of the project: the Ministry of regional planning and public works (MATP) and MEDD participated in person in the 2 days inception workshop. The national bureau of disaster and risk management (BNGRC) could participate in person in the official launch event and online in the 1<sup>st</sup> steering committee and 6<sup>th</sup> DimSUR executive board meeting.

The representative of Menabe region led with the acting mayor of Morondava the delegates from the municipality of Morondava to the 2 days inception workshop held in Maeva Hotel.



## **4. RESULTS**

### **4.1 Adaptation Fund project officially launched at regional level**

The key national partners in Madagascar (see details of participants in annex) got familiarized with the AF project with the video introduction of the project, the overview of the project and particularly the interventions of the beneficiary country in the roundtable discussion on urban resilience in South-East Africa. The expectations and the engagement of the national counterparts in the project were outlined during the speech delivered by government and municipality representatives.

### **4.2 Madagascar working group:**

The team Madagascar for the working group was composed of technical staff from MATP, MEDD and municipality of Morondava and the team of UN-Habitat Madagascar and Roaf Nairobi and OXFAM South Africa. The team was reassured from Roaf Nairobi that the country can adapt the National Project Coordination Team (NPCT) described in the full proposal of the project in terms of the indicative members and its role. Some changes were then agreed: (i) co-chairing by MEDD and MATP and (ii) the OXFAM representative will not be part of NPCT at national level but will be member of the city project team at local level. The current pending of endorsement of OXFAM South Africa in Madagascar was also largely discussed: the 2 ministries MATP and MEDD followed up the OXFAM file distributed by Ministry of Foreign affairs with their cabinet / Secretary General of the ministry. The general director of regional planning DGATE of MATP has asked also to make a follow-up within the 5 ministries

examining the OXFAM file to issue their decision on the request of OXFAM endorsement in Madagascar. This is particularly necessary since the budget for component 1 related to Morondava activities are already available among OXFAM.

Regarding the coordination at national level NPCT in Madagascar, the following structure of members was agreed:

- **Co-chairs:**
  - o MEDD: Bureau National de Coordination du Changement Climatique BNCCC REDD+ (hosting the Adaptation Fund National Delegate Authority),
  - o MATP Direction Générale de l'Aménagement du Territoire DGATE
- **Secretary:** DiMSUR Point Focal National, BNGRC: DirCervo
- **Members:**
  - o NPM ONU-Habitat
  - o Directeur Observatoire de l'Aménagement du Territoire et du Foncier (MATP)
  - o Directeur Développement Urbain Durable (MATP)
  - o Adaptation Fund National Delegate Authority (MEDD)
  - o Chef service adaptation (MEDD)
  - o Representative of Menabe region
  - o Representative of Morondava municipality
  - o Community leaders (max 4, gender to take into account)
  - o Representative of Academia: Directeur GMRC Université Antananarivo

The following points were also outlined during the national working group:

- After endorsement OXFAM will become OXFAM Madagascar
- OXFAM Madagascar is ready to collaborate with all national institutions, national NGOs and local NGOs in Morondava
- National tenders are recommended for the activities in Morondava
- The local labor in Morondava will be involved and a local capacity building for the sustainability of the infrastructures is planned



#### **4.3 1st Project steering committee and expanded 6<sup>th</sup> DimSUR executive board realized:**

The BNGRC, GMRC University of Antananarivo, Municipality of Morondava, the 2 ministries MATP, MEDD and UN-Habitat Madagascar participated in the 1st Project steering committee and expanded 6<sup>th</sup> DimSUR executive board in June 2020. The few recommendations from GMRC University of Antananarivo and BNGRC were shared directly in the chat box of Interprefy for their consideration with the other recommendations from the 3 beneficiary countries.

The acting mayor in Morondava and the 2 ministries MATP and MEDD delivered respectively a presentation on the city and the planned activities and the existing urban resilience-related policies, strategies and frameworks and plans for the project.

Madagascar will chair the DimSUR executive board for one year according to the alphabetical order considered for the rotation of chairmanship of DimSUR Charter.

**4.4** The debrief of Madagascar working group was delivered by the DGATE and the participants in Antananarivo and Morondava attended the session on the operationalization of the project including the workplan and implementation strategy, the environmental and social safeguards, gender and youth and communications strategy... The participants from Madagascar are in agreement with the points discussed with all countries and partners.

#### **5. Next steps for Madagascar**

- Development of the terms of references NPCT Madagascar: draft of TORs to share before July 6th
- Identification of members at municipal level before July 6th
- NPCT creation workshop preparation and 1st NPCT meeting: To be determined (Covid-19 outbreak situation, availability of funds on AoC)
- Madagascar Year 1 workplan to be prepared and validated by NPCT
- Preparation of the activities and related budget for the Agreement of Cooperation AoC Component 2 with MATP: to be shared to NPM and UN-Habitat Nairobi
- The national launch of the project will be organized through the AoC with MATP

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## Annex

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