

Proposed Amendments to the CREWS Monitoring and Evaluation

1. The Steering Committee responsibilities¹ include: i) approving operational guidance for reporting implementation results on each project; and ii) reviewing progress reports from the Implementing Partner, as compiled by the Secretariat.
2. CREWS is a continuously learning initiative. Analysis of the June 2018 project status reports, submitted by countries through the Implementing Partners, has revealed the need to revise specific outputs and indicators of the CREWS Monitoring Framework to strengthen measurement of results and reporting.
3. The Secretariat, in consultation with the country and implementation partners, is proposing the following recommendations to improve the monitoring and evaluation procedures:
 - i. Implementing Partners to revise the project log-frames in their initial project proposals that were approved by the Steering Committee in 2017, to ensure they align with the CREWS Monitoring Framework; as well as to reorganized relevant information in the project proposals as needed (e.g., outputs are sufficiently specific and match the output categories of the Framework).
 - ii. The CREWS Secretariat to re-assess and amend where possible the wording of specific outputs and indicators of the CREWS Monitoring Framework (Annex to the *CREWS Operational Procedures Note No 2*). The proposed amendments will be circulated to the Steering Committee for consideration and approval on a no-objection basis.
 - iii. The template for project status reports, these are the reports provided bi-annually by the Implementing Partners, to be modified, to standardize across all projects, the amount of progress made against each CREWS output.
 - iv. An external evaluation to be initiated by the relevant Implementing Partner(s), with the support of the CREWS Secretariat, for one CREWS country project in FY2019 and one in FY2020.
 - v. One site visit to be carried out by the Steering Committee with the national counterparts and the Implementing Partners in FY2019 and one site visit in FY2020 in a different region.
 - vi. Starting at the 7th Meeting of the CREWS Steering Committee, the Secretariat to inform the Committee of risks related to projects implementation using a simple color coding (e.g. green, orange, red), related respectively to low, moderate and high risk. The risks will be defined based on the expenditure rates of the projects and risk related to the national/regional context of the projects based on the ongoing monitoring of risk by the respective Implementing Partners.

¹ As per the CREWS Governance Document, approved on 12 September 2016 and revised on 9 November 2016.