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CAPABILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (CAPRO) – Brief

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I. CAPRO Basics

1. The Capabilities Partnership Programme (CAPRO) aims to strengthen WFP's ability to effectively augment national emergency response as well as build emergency preparedness and response (EPR) capabilities of national disaster management authorities and other local humanitarian actors in line with WFP's mandate and areas of recognized expertise.
2. CAPRO supports capacity building to manage national emergency response to impact of shocks or adverse events on food security, which are beyond the scope of WFP's regular (community based) Disaster Risk Reduction and resilience building interventions.
3. Through CAPRO, WFP leverages its work with interagency partners at the country level to prioritize national EPR capacity building support requirements in a complimentary manner and to inform the international community's efforts aimed at augmenting national capability during large scale emergency response when required.
4. CAPRO is a pilot programme based upon lessons learnt on WFP's EPR initiatives as well as best practices identified during the pandemic planning efforts. CAPRO supports the delivery of the third pillar of the WFP's Preparedness and Response Enhancement Programme (PREP), which addresses partnerships with WFP external emergency responders, and is expected to be mainstreamed by end 2014.
5. CAPRO directly supports WFP's current Strategic Plan (2014-2017) and Management Plan (2013-2015). It is harmonised with WFP's approach and policies governing support to line ministries with whom the Programme traditionally works in the areas of safety net design and implementation, Disaster Risk Reduction and community level resilience-building.

II. CAPRO Principles

6. CAPRO's core principles focus on guiding WFP's engagement with leading national institutions responsible for emergency preparedness and response – primarily national disaster management authorities (NDMAs) – promoting a whole-of-society approach¹, to the extent possible.
7. Recognizing the diversity of composition and capabilities of NDMA's and country contexts, CAPRO focuses on providing tailor made solutions for national capacity building.
8. At national level, CAPRO field based activities are aligned and coordinated with inter-agency efforts of the United Nations Country Teams and Humanitarian Country Teams, the World Bank and local partners, and related programme instruments such as UNDAF, CHAP/CAPs, etc.
9. CAPRO is aligned with global mechanisms and policies such as the IASC Preparedness Sub-WG's Common Framework for Preparedness as well as the Hyogo Framework for Action.

¹ This approach advocates collaboration and action across three axes: public-private, civil society and government.

III. CAPRO Pilot Phase Deliverables

10. **Mapping:** WFP has undertaken a global mapping of NDMA profiles in countries where WFP has an operational presence. This exercise has also taken stock of WFP activities with national governments relevant in respect of EPR-type of capacity building. Over 100 WFP initiatives, primarily developed at the country level, were identified providing a knowledge base to draw upon for the identification of best practices and lessons learnt. The mapping exercise has also assisted in the development of a relevant baseline data to measure outcomes and outputs of WFP implemented EPR related capacity building initiatives within the CAPRO Framework.
11. **Generic Training Modules:** As part of the CAPRO project, series of generic training modules in line WFP's formal inter-agency mandates (Logistics, Emergency Telecommunication and Food Security) and areas of recognised expertise (Early Warning and Geographic Information Systems), are under development. These adaptable training modules aim to provide national stakeholders with tailored tools to meet their prioritized requirements and to complement their own expertise with technical standards used by WFP.
12. **Pilot Projects:** Pending availability of resources, up to twelve country-based CAPRO projects, located in all WFP Regional Bureaux, will be included in the pilot. In addition to strengthening WFP's longer-term partnership with NDMA's at country level, lessons learned derived from the implementation of these pilot initiatives are expected to yield replicable practices and tools for wider application across WFP's EPR portfolio.
13. **Normative Guidance:** The CAPRO pilot phase will provide strategies in support of sustainable and longer-term NDMA partnership as well as normative guidance for WFP CO's engaging in this area. As part of this effort, guidance on funding mechanisms for country-level CAPRO activities will be developed based on an analysis of WFP's existing financial mechanisms and in concert with the Financial Framework Review. CAPRO also hopes to develop a set of minimum preparedness actions to support WFP-NDMA partnerships, which will be applied globally in all WFP's Country Offices. The effort will also produce a refined set of performance measurements to be applied in all WFP NDMA capacity-building efforts.