ORDER N° 0 3 1 /CAB/PM OF 0 3 AVR 2020

To lay down the organic framework for the implementation of the Presidential Plan for the Reconstruction and Development of the North-West and South-West Regions.

THE PRIME MINISTER, HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT,

Mindful of the Constitution;

Mindful of Decree n° 92/089 of May 04, 1992 to define the duties of the Prime Minister, as amended and supplemented by Decree n° 95/145 of August 04, 1995;

Mindful of Decree n° 2011/408 of December 09, 2011 to organise the Government, as amended and supplemented by Decree n° 2018/190 of March 02, 2018;

Mindful of Decree No. 2019/001 of 04 January 2019 to appoint the Prime Minister, Head of Government;

Mindful of Decree No. 2020/136 of March 23, 2020 to lay down the establishment, organisation and functioning of the Committee to follow up the implementation of the recommendations of the Major National Dialogue.

HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

<u>ARTICLE 1</u> - This order lays down the organic framework for the implementation of the Presidential Plan for the Reconstruction and Development of the North-West and South-West Regions, abbreviated as "PPRD-NW/SW".

<u>ARTICLE 2</u> - Under the supervision of the Prime Minister, Head of Government, the PPRD-NW/SW aims at implementing projects in the North West and South West Regions, focusing on the:

- Rehabilitation and development of basic infrastructure;
- Economic revitalization;
- Promotion of social cohesion.

ARTICLE 3 - Within the framework of the PPRD-NW/SW, the following are created:

- The Steering Committee;
- The National Coordination;
- The Regional Follow-up Committees
- The Implementing Partner.

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CHAPTER II ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING

SECTION I THE STEERING COMMITTEE

<u>ARTICLE 4</u> - The Steering Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee" shall coordinate and evaluate all operations contributing to the implementation and monitoring of the PPRD-NW/SW.

In this capacity, it shall:

- Define the strategic orientations to be followed up by the competent administrations, and the Implementing Partner in the framework of the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW;
- Coordinate the interventions and actions of all entities involved in the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW;
- Ensure the effective implementation of the selected projects;
- Examine and approve the Annual Work Plans of the PPRD-NW/SW National Coordination, the subsequent budgets and the execution reports;
- Adopt all administrative, legal, technical and financial facilitation measures necessary for the diligent implementation of the projects;
- Ensure the harmonious and equitable execution of the PPRD-NW/SW by all the administration, structures and partners involved;
- Define and adopt a plan for the mobilization of the resources necessary for the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW;
- Approve the budget of organs of the PPRD-NW/SW;
- Propose other measures which could improve the execution of the PPRD-NW/SW;
- Execute all other directives from the Prime Minister, Head of Government in relation to the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW.

<u>ARTICLE 5</u> - (1) The Steering Committee is made up of the following:

President: The Director of Cabinet of the Prime Minister;

<u>Co-president</u>: The Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme in Cameroon;

Members:

- the Minister in charge of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development;
- the Minister of Finance;
- the Minister in charge of Territorial Administration;
- the Minister in charge of Secondary Education;
- the Minister in charge of Basic Education;

- the Minister in charge of Health;

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- the Minister in charge of Urban Development;
- the Minister in charge of Decentralization;
- the Minister in charge of Women Empowerment;
- the Minister in charge of Livestock;
- the Minister in charge of Agriculture;
- the Minister in charge of Public Works;
- the Minister in charge of Water and Energy;
- the Minister in charge of Youth Affairs;
- the Archbishop of the Bamenda Ecclesiastical Province;
- the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon;
- the President of the Cameroon Baptist Convention;
- a representative of the Muslim community;
- a representative of Youth Associations;
- a representative of Women Associations;
- the representative of each donor contributing to the PPRD-NW/SW;
- the Coordinator of the United Nations System in Cameroon;
- the Representative of the Implementing Partner (UNDP).
 - (2) The National Coordinator is the rapporteur of the Steering Committee.
 - (3) The Chairman of the Steering Committee may, in an advisory capacity, call upon any natural or legal person, for his or her competences in relation to the issues of the agenda.
- <u>ARTICLE 6</u> (1) The Steering Committee meets at least once (01) per semester and, if necessary, upon convocation by its President.
- (2) Notices of meeting, together with the draft agenda and working documents, shall be sent to members at least five (05) days before the date of the meeting.
 - (3) At the end of each meeting, a detailed report shall be sent to the Head of Government.

SECTION II NATIONAL COORDINATION

<u>ARTICLE 7</u> - The National Coordination shall be the operational body charge with the monitoring of the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW.

As such, it shall:

- Elaborate the action plan and the annual work plan to be submitted to the Steering Committee for approval;
- Organise and monitor the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW;
- Act as an interface with the relevant State services, as needed, to facilitate the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW; SECRÉTARIAT GÉNÉRAL

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- Ensure the transfer of resources to the Implementing Partner;
- Ensure compliance with the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding by the Implementing Partner;
- Ensure the implementation of the directives and recommendations of the Steering Committee;
- Assist the administrations involved in the operational monitoring of projects under their competence in relation to the PPRD-NW/SW;
- Examine and validate the budget, financial statements, activity and management reports produced by the Implementing Partner of the PPRD-NW/SW;
- Prepare the meetings of the Steering Committee;
- Report regularly to the Chairman of the Steering Committee on the activities carried out and any difficulties encountered;
- Ensure adequate communication on the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW;
- Monitor field operations and reporting to the Steering Committee.

<u>ARTICLE 8</u> -(1) The National Coordination shall be headed by a National Coordinator assisted by a Deputy.

(2) The National Coordinator and the Deputy National Coordinator are appointed by the Prime Minister, Head of Government.

<u>ARTICLE 9</u> - (1) The National Coordinator and the Deputy National Coordinator shall be assisted in the execution of their mission by a team made up of:

- Two (02) Regional Coordinators;
- One (01) Administrative and Financial Manager;
- One (01) Monitoring and Evaluation Officer;
- One (1) Communications and Public Relations Officer;
- Three (03) Experts, one Expert per component.
- Support staff.
- (2) The National Coordinator, as and when needed, may recruit consultants to handle specific tasks.

ARTICLE 10 - (1) Placed under the authority of the National Coordinator, the Regional Coordinators, one (01) in Bamenda and one (01) in Buea, shall:

- Monitor the various actions inherent to the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW at regional and local levels;
- Monitor and ensure the participatory and community evaluation of the implementation of the PPRD in the field;
- Serve as rapporteur of the Regional Follow-up Committees of the PPRD-NW/SW.
- (2) The Regional Coordinators shall be assisted by:
- One (01) Monitoring and Evaluation Officer;
- One (01) Administrative and Financial Manager;
- Support staff.

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SECTION III

REGIONAL FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEES

<u>ARTICLE 11 -</u> (1) in order to ensure the follow-up of actions at regional local level, the PPRD-NW/SW shall have Regional Follow-up Committees in Bamenda for the North-West Region, and in Buea for the South-West Region.

(2) Regional Committees shall be responsible for overseeing and following-up various actions pertaining to the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW at local level.

To this effect, they shall be responsible for:

- Making suggestions for a better implementation of PPRD-NW/SW projects;
- Fostering synergy between various stakeholders involved in the implementation of projects;
- Ensuring proper involvement of the decentralised services of the State and other entities, notably Local and Regional entities, the private sector and the beneficiary communities in the implementation of the plan.

<u>ARTICLE 12</u> - (1) Placed under the authority of the National Coordinator, the Regional Followup Committee shall be made up of the following:

- Chairperson: The Governor of the Region.
- <u>Co-Chair</u>: A representative of the Executing Agency (UNDP).
- Members:
- Senior Divisional Officers of the Region;
- Mayors of the cities/councils, chief-towns of the Regions concerned;
- Regional Delegates of administrations represented at the Steering Committee;
- Two (2) representatives of Parliament;
- The Chairperson of the CVUC's regional branch;
- Two (2) representatives of traditional authorities;
- One (1) representative of the Catholic Church;
- One (1) representative of the Presbyterian Church;
- One (1) representative of the Cameroon Baptist Convention;
- Two (2) representatives of the Muslim community;
- Two (2) representatives of the private sector;
- Three (3) representatives of civil society in the Region of which the Regional President of the National Youths Council.
- (2) The Composition of the Regional Follow-up Committee shall be ascertained by a Decision of the Governor of the Region.
- (3) The Regional Follow-up Committee shall meet at least once a quarter at the invitation of the chairperson.

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- (4) The Chairperson of the Regional Follow-up Committee may invite any natural or legal person, by virtue of their expertise on issues to be discussed, to take part in the proceedings of the Committee in an advisory capacity.
- (5) The Regional Coordinator shall serve as rapporteur of the Regional Follow-up Committee.
- (6) The Regional Coordinator shall send a report to the National Coordinator at the end of each meeting.

SECTION III IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

- <u>ARTICLE 13</u> (1) The Government entrusts the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hereinafter referred to as the "Implementing Partner".
- (2) In conformity with the PPRD-NW/SW Program document, the Implementing Partner shall have the following roles and responsibilities:
 - Implementation of all components of the PPRD-NW/SW in accordance with the current rules and procedures of the UNDP;
 - Fiduciary responsibility for the management of the funds made available to the PPRD-NW/SW;
 - Establishment of a PPRD-NW/SW Management Unit;
 - Quarterly reporting on the technical and financial execution of the PPRD-NW/SW;
 - Preparation of resource mobilization documents;
 - Carrying out the necessary studies aimed at optimizing the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW.
- <u>ARTICLE 14</u> The Implementing Partner deploys his activities in accordance with the strategic orientations of the Steering Committee.
- <u>ARTICLE 15</u> The Implementing Partner shall work in collaboration with the South-West Development Authority (SOWEDA) for the South-West Region, the North-West Development Authority (MIDENO) for the North-West Region as well as the deconcentrated services and the regional and local authorities in the two regions

CHAPTER III FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

<u>ARTICLE 16</u> - (1) The resources allocated to the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW shall consist:

- Allocations from the State budget;
- Contributions from technical and financial partners;
- Donations and legacies;

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- Other resources which could be allocated to the programme in accordance with the legislation in force.
- (2) The resources referred to in paragraph (1) above, shall be transferred to the Implementing Partner for management and execution in accordance with the rules and procedures of the institution.
- (3) The financial resources allocated for the running of structures involved in the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW shall be deducted from the resources referred to in the above-mentioned paragraph (1), as defined by the Chairman of the Committee.

<u>ARTICLE 17</u> – The financial statements of the program shall be audited each year by an accounting firm of international reputation.

<u>CHAPTER IV</u> MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

- <u>ARTICLE 18</u> (1) The functions of members of the Steering Committee and the Regional Follow-up Committee are free of charge.
 - (2) However, allowances to cover the running costs of the Committees and overhead costs borne by the members may be allocated.
- <u>ARTICLE 19</u> The modalities to bear the costs of personnel dedicated to the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW shall be defined by a special text of the Prime Minister, Head of Government.
- <u>ARTICLE 20</u> -(1) The expenses of the Steering Committee, the National Coordination, and the Regional Follow-up Committees shall be borne by the state budget.
 - (2) The National Coordinator shall be the vote holder of these expenses.
- <u>ARTICLE 21</u> The Structures dedicated to the implementation of the PPRD-NW/SW shall be automatically dissolved at the end of the execution of the Programme.
- <u>ARTICLE 22</u> The present order shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency, then inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.

Yaounde, on _____ 0 3 AVR 2020

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