

To whom it may concern,

This is to confirm that Dr. Ricardo Pinto was contracted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Moldova during the period 1st August - 14th August.

Dr Pinto was the Sector / Team Leader for Livelihoods and Small Trading within the framework of the Post Disaster Needs Assessment developed for the Republic of Moldova in the aftermath of the July 2010 floods.

Dr Pinto was responsible for assessing damage and indirect losses in the Livelihood and Small Trading sector, and the human development impacts on the affected population. And accordingly identify priority early, mid and longer-term recovery and reconstruction measures.

Based on a 2-day field visits to the affected communities and extensive discussion with government and other counterparts as well as focus group discussions with the affected population, Dr Pinto produced an excellent Chapter to be integrated into the PDNA Report analyzing the impact of the floods on the livelihoods of the affected regions, mainly focusing on the small trading sector. In addition, a separate section was developed for the PDNA Report on Livelihoods and Income. Finally, Dr Pinto equally developed an excellent and well thought out Concept Note to assist UNDP Office Moldova to analyse the situation in the flooded zone and consider possible future interventions in the area affected by the flood of July 2010. This has proved extremely useful in UNDP's reflection and discussion with national counterparts on the focus on possible future UNDP interventions

Throughout the contracting period Dr. Pinto produced high quality analysis demonstrating his expertise and knowledge in the area of Livelihood assessment. All reports to UNDP were delivered on schedule. It should be noted that Dr. Pinto has excellent interpersonal skills and is an extremely clear communicator. The excellent rapport that he built with the PDNA team and Moldovan officials attests to this.

Please do not hesitate to contact the UNDP Office Moldova should you have any additional questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Ramguttee', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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