

Subject: Fiji Council of Social Services FCOSS Input: Financial Intermediary Fund for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response – Engagement

Dear World Bank CS Team,

The Fiji Council of Social Services with its headquarters in Suva, Fiji has reviewed the white paper on the proposed new Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF) for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response (PPR) and has the following comments to make:

Under Part IV: Governance

19. We welcome the recognition and inclusion of CSOs as part of the observers pool under the FIF Governing Board.

To effectively engage CSOs, a **Constituency-based approach** would work well in balancing inclusivity with efficiency ensuring that the Intermediary Fund meets moral responsibilities in the provision of PPR goods, achieving a consensus through transparent participatory Engagement where the public as end-users and beneficiaries are able to question processes in the delivery of activity under the FIF for PPR.

The FIF must include eligibility of financing of more regional or local CSO activities aligned towards PPR Delivery and Engagement.

Recognizing that **PPR is a global public good** - MDBs at their regional or national office must strengthen dialogue, **capacity building** and **redress** with CSOs and Non-State Actors. (*Is it an open ended structure or is it closed? Is there room for redress?*)

*Involve CSOs in funding policy dialogue spaces and meetings on prepositional or delivery of PPR Funding.

Most importantly, for CSOs to be recognized as a vital partner in the Oversight Committee or Working Group of the FIF State implementing partner/authority or finance or health ministry or wherever the funds will be positioned at country level.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate.

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