

Written comments provided by USAID based on the PowerPoint presentation on the financial and administrative matters of UN-Habitat shared with Member States on 24 March 2020

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Location in Document	Text in Question (IF applicable)	Question	Background (IF applicable)	Bureau/ Office
Overall Observation related to the whole of the presentation	Applicable over many slides	This presentation matches the narrative, however, it does not completely and deliberately explore the real nature of this exercise, which is: What is the basis for prioritization of resources?	That is, the organization is constrained on many fronts, and it overly invested in physical outputs (regional staff) and creating reports/guidebooks/training, etc. when more direct and effective leveraging and collaboration would improve the financial issues that are at hand. For instance, why develop in-person trainings, when online is more cost effective, especially now in light of travel restrictions.	E3/LU
Slides on COVID-19		This information is relevant and purposeful, but I wonder with each passing week, UN-Habitat needs to demonstrate a more immediate need towards addressing support systems for a COVID-19 response.	The convening next week is pre-decisional in that members will be discussing a pathway for fiscal constraint based on current as well as emerging dynamics (COVID-19).	E3/LU
Slides on COVID-19		How will UN Habitat work with other UN agencies and other donors on the COVID-19 response?	This is not entirely clear in the presentation.	COVID-19 Task Force