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Acronyms

AWP	Annual Work Plan
DPs	Development Partners
EU	European Union
IEDCR	Integrated Economic Development and Community Resilience Project
JOC	Joint Oversight Committee
LoA	Letter of Agreement
MECDM	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Management
MEHRD	Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development
MHMS	Ministry of Health and Medical Services
MOFT	Ministry of Finance and Treasury
MPGIS	Ministry of Provincial Governments and Institutional Strengthening
MNPDC	Ministry of National Planning and Development Coordination
PCDF	Provincial Capacity Development Fund
PFGCC	Provincial Fiscal Grants Coordination Committee PFGCC
PGs	Provincial Governments
PGSD	Provincial Government and Service Delivery Project
PM	Project Manager
ProDoc	Project Document
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WB	World Bank

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Executive summary

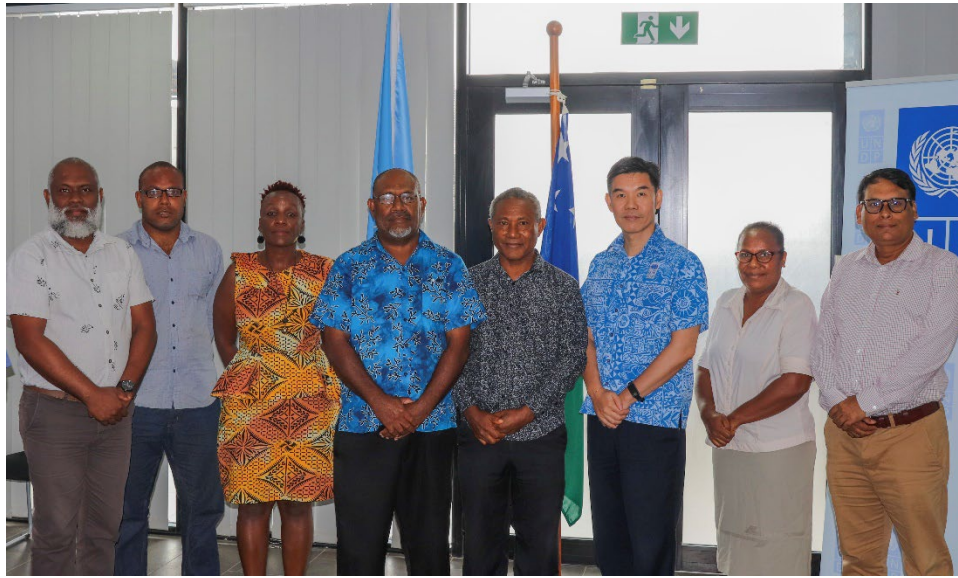


Figure 1: I Project Board Meeting on 19 September 2023

Solomon Islands Provincial Governance and Service Delivery (PGSD) project was designed to improve service delivery, particularly education and health service delivery to the citizens living in remote provinces. The project aims to improve provincial governance to ensure efficient, transparent, and accountable service delivery to the communities through improved decentralization of national government services under a unified provincial administration.

The PGSD has three work streams: capacity development, sector grants to provinces, and policy support for improved provincial governance and service delivery through enhanced decentralization and institutional strengthening for service delivery in realizing the rights of people living at the provincial level. The project has three outputs that include – Sector Grants for Health and Education (incl. WASH) accountably, transparently and effectively expended and reported on; PGs and Provincial Health and Education Divisions capacitated to effectively manage Sector Grants through coordinated action and collaboration; and policy and legal frameworks for provincial service delivery upgraded and aligned.

This report covers an exceptional period longer than a year from 1st August 2023 until the 15th October 2024 with the aim of including activities until the disbursement of the sector grants to the Provincial Governments which took place in the second week of October. During the reporting period, the project has been equipped with a full team. After some challenges, Monitoring and Evaluation Analyst was on board in September 2023, and after the passing of the Communications Specialist, the new colleague began in January 2024. The last member of the team to join has been the driver who joined in September 2024.

At the beginning of this reporting period, the project initiated the first grant cycle to the provincial government by signing a Letter of Agreement (LoA) with six PGs while discussion was ongoing with the remaining three PGs to agree on the required support for capacity development. The LoAs with the six Provincial Governments (PGs) provided them with sector grants support to improve education and health service delivery focusing on water, sanitation and hygiene services at schools and healthcare facilities. The project team closely worked with the PGs' technical teams to verify the planned activities, design, Bill of Quantities (BoQ), procurement documents, milestones and payment forecast before transferring the grants. It has been confirmed with all the PGs that contractors will mobilize the resources to begin the work at the selected project sites. Accordingly, UNDP initiated the transfer of grants, looking at the actual costing and payment forecast to ensure the timely handover of water, sanitation and hygiene facilities to the 15 schools and 5 healthcare centres. It is expected that upon completion of the construction, grants will contribute to

improve education and health service delivery in remote areas. The grant support will benefit 5,910 persons, of which over 56% are women and girls who will eventually have access to improved drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services in 15 schools and 5 healthcare facilities at the provincial level.

The project organized several trainings and workshops ensuring the participation of PG staff and officials of line ministries, especially from the **Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (MEHRD)** and the **Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS)**, to enable effective coordination and collaboration in prioritizing projects, identifying project sites, and finalizing the design of the facilities that can improve access to water and sanitation at schools and health centers at the provincial level. The PGs, with an increased understanding of the importance of wider collaboration, started periodical coordination with government and non-government stakeholders to improve WASH service delivery. They conducted combined project site visits and planned for joint monitoring visits with the line ministry officials, which will improve collaboration and oversight, transparency and accountability. Besides, coordination and collaboration among the provincial governments with the line ministry officials further strengthened, while the school management committees and healthcare facility management committees on the ground collaborated with the Ward Development Committees (WDCs) to include these projects in the provincial plan and lobby with the provincial assembly members to ensure approval of these projects.

PGSD organized a national dialogue on fostering decentralization in Solomon Islands, engaging all Provincial Premiers and civil society representatives, and supported the Ministry of Provincial Governments and Institutional Strengthening (MPGIS) in reviewing the PGA 1997 with reform recommendations. Although reform issues have yet to be discussed in the Parliament, they are included in the MPGIS's 100-day priorities, demonstrating the MPGIS's political will to support the reform process.

Figure 2: PG Act Consultation Amendment, 29 October 2023



The project faced numerous challenges to accelerate delivering Sector Grants. After signing the LoA, PGSD disbursed the grants for eligible PGs to the mainstream Provincial Capacity Development Fund (PCDF) Account and requested the MPGIS to advise the Central Bank of Solomon Islands (CBSI) to release the grants to the respective Provincial PCDF Account. The MPGIS did not respond to the request but instead asked UNDP to separate the PGSD Sector Grant from the mainstream PCDF, which delayed the grant transfer and slowed the implementation, affecting the delivery and projected expenditure. Furthermore, the South Pacific Games, National and Provincial elections and

delays in performance assessment to deliver grants also impacted the project performance. However, in consultation with the EU and the PGs, the project worked out alternative solutions to deliver the grants to the PGs. Despite low implementation progress, the project worked closely with the technical officials of the PGs to fast-track the implementation, discussing the solution pathways, which resulted in gaining momentum. Thus, the project is expected to fully deliver the planned activities for the year, overcoming all the hurdles.

Summary and context of the action

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

- 1.1.1 Name of coordinator of the grant contract: Munkhtuya (Tuya) Altangerel
- 1.1.2 Name and title of the contact person: Munkhtuya (Tuya) Altangerel, Resident Representative, UNDP Pacific Office
- 1.1.3 Name of beneficiary(ies) and affiliated entity(ies) in the action:
- 1.1.4 Title of the action: Solomon Islands Provincial Governance and Service Delivery Project
- 1.1.5 Contract number: FED/2022/433-879
- 1.1.6 Start date and end date of the reporting period: 01 August 2022 to 31 July 2025
- 1.1.7 Target country(ies) or region(s): All nine (9) provinces of Solomon Islands
- 1.1.8 Final beneficiaries &/or target groups¹ (if different) (including numbers of women and men):
The target beneficiaries of the project are provincial government functionaries of all 9 provinces, government officials of different ministries, representatives of 173 wards and ordinary people in the community living at the provincial level. By helping improve governance for service delivery, in particular by making it more inclusive and participatory, the entire population in the nine provinces will be direct beneficiaries of the Project.
- 1.1.9 Country(ies) in which the activities take place (if different from 1.1.7): Not Applicable.

¹ 'Target groups' are the groups/entities who will be directly positively affected by the project at the project purpose level, and 'final beneficiaries' are those who will benefit from the project in the long term at the level of the society or sector at large.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Brief description of the context in which the action was formulated.

Over the past 10 years, Solomon Islands' Ministry of Provincial Government, and Institutional Strengthening (MPGIS) has reinvigorated Solomon Islands nine provincial governments (PGs). Given the sprawling geography of the country, these sub-national institutions are an absolute necessity to enable the effective and efficient provision of essential public services to people across the country, in particular, marginalized groups who often live far from Honiara and provincial capitals where services are concentrated.

The main instrument used to revive the PGs in 2010 was a discretionary performance-based grant from the Provincial Capital Development Fund (PCDF). The grant incentivized PGs to adhere to principles of sound public financial management (PFM), including participatory planning, accountable budgeting, and transparent oversight. A major challenge remains however, to coordinate activities funded with PCDF grant money and activities funded through national government ministries. In the long term, it is vital that PGs (with elected Provincial Assemblies as their highest governance body) become the apex bodies for coordinating provincial divisions of national sectoral departments (e.g., health, education, environment, and fisheries).

Over the past two years, MPGIS has drafted reforms of the outdated *Provincial Government Act 1997* (PGA) to establish a unified provincial administration, whereby provincial divisions of national sectoral ministries will operate under the PG umbrella. In November 2024, Premiers from Solomon Islands Provincial Governments convened in Honiara for a consultation on the strengthening of the Legal Framework for Provincial Governments. In summary, revising the law, the Government aims: 1) To make the Provincial Governments real service delivery actors and become drivers of economic development; 2) To empower the Provincial Governments by expanding the existing funding mechanism called the Provincial Capital Development Fund to enable increased resource flow to support service delivery and economic development at the provincial level; and 3) Establish an independent Board having representation from the Provincial Government for the effective oversight of the funding mechanism to accelerate fiscal decentralisation with greater transparency and accountability of public finance. In addition, key sectoral ministries, notably the Ministry of Education and Human Development (MEHRD) and the Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS), have also acknowledged the need to operate in closer cooperation with the provincial governments. Under this Project, the PCDF mechanism was initially to be expanded through the addition of service delivery support (health, education and/or water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)), however, after considering that not all provinces qualify for PCDF, and with the aim to reach all nine provinces of Solomon Islands, the PGSD project decided at its Second Board Meeting in March 2024 to channel its support directly to the provincial governments instead than through the PCDF mechanism. UNDP is then administering the service delivery support directly to the provincial governments with the aim of providing provincial level capacity development support to strengthen the capacity of PGs and provincial divisions of MEHRD and MHMS to implement better coordinated, more efficient and better targeted services to populations across the country. The project is focused on laying the foundations for the MPGIS, PGs and provincial health and education divisions to operate as unified provincial service delivery units, in line with planned PGA 1997 reforms and all activities organized under this reporting period are in line with these objectives.



Figure 3: Minister of Provincial Governments and Institutional Strengthening with Permanent Secretary, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of UNDP Asia Pacific Bureau, and UNDP Resident Representative during the National Policy Dialogue on 9 October 2023

2.2 Implementation modality of the project

The execution modality for this project is UNDP's Direct Implementation Modality (DIM). The Implementing Partner (IP) for this project will therefore be UNDP. The Project is being implemented in accordance with the UNDP Program and Operations Policies and Principles (POPP).

2.3 Geographical coverage of the project

The Project is headquartered in the capital of Honiara and operates nationally with the ministries reaching out to all 9 provinces with the sector grants support to improve education, health, and WASH service delivery.

Table 1: Population of Solomon Islands by gender and province

Province/ City	Total Population	%	Male	%	Female	%
Central	30,318	4.2	15,562	2.2	14,756	2.0
Choiseul	30,775	4.3	15,863	2.2	14,912	2.1
Guadalcanal	154,022	21.4	78,972	11.0	75,050	10.4
Isabel	31,420	4.4	16,627	2.3	14,793	2.1
Makira	51,587	7.2	26,662	3.7	24,925	3.5
Malaita	172,740	23.9	86,691	12.0	86,049	11.9
Rennel & Bellona	4,100	0.5	2,222	0.3	1,878	0.2
Temotu	22,319	3.1	11,055	1.5	11,264	1.6
Western	94,106	13.1	48,933	6.8	45,173	6.3
Honiara (Town/City)	129,569	18	66,809	9.3	62,760	8.7
	720,956	100	369,396		351,560	



Figure 4: Map of Solomon Islands

3. DESCRIPTION OF OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities implemented and progress made during the reporting period.

Soon after this annual reporting period (August 2023 – 15th October 2024) began, MPGIS signed a Letter of Agreement (LoA) with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through the Governance for Resilient Development in the Pacific (Gov4Res) project. This formalization event took place concurrently with the conclusion of the **MPGIS Knowledge Sharing Orientation Workshop for Provincial Officers**, held in Honiara in July 2023. The workshop, included in the previous annual report, convened 127 participants (95 males and 32 females) from all nine provinces, engaging meeting, learning and discussing community development over eight-days discourse centered around community development. The essence of the partnership with MPGIS resides in enhancing provincial and ward-level systems, ensuring that the integration of a risk-informed into project planning and budgeting, fostering a bottom-up approach to resilient development. This was the first of a series of workshops with this goal.

On September 9, the **First Project Board Meeting** was held in Honiara with the online attendance of Mr. Francesco Ponzoni, Programme Manager of the European Union, and the presence of the Permanent Secretary and Deputy Secretary of MPGIS, Mr. Stanley Pirione and Mr. John Misitee; Dr. Franco Rodie, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Human Development (MEHD); Ms. Margret Moveni, Deputy Secretary Corporate from Ministry of Finance and Treasury (MOFT); and UNICEF and UNDP representatives.

Within this reporting period, the **Second Project Board Meeting** was held in Honiara on the 21 March 2024 with the presence of Mr. Pedro Velázquez Hernández, Head of Section Civil Society (Development and Cooperation Unit) of the European Union Delegation in the Pacific; the Country Representative of UNDP in Solomon Islands, Mr. Patrick Pee; the UNDP PGSD project team: Mr. Mozammel Haque, Project Manager, Ms. Veronica Manedika, Project Associate, and Mr. Daniel Calderón González, Communications Analyst; and the virtual presence of Mr. Francesco Ponzoni, Programme Manager for Civil Society, Gender, Human Rights and Health of the European Union Delegation in the Pacific; and Ronesh Prasad, UNICEF project manager. Due to various reasons, government partners' representatives couldn't attend.

Figure 5: March celebrating IDD in Honiara



With the objective of increasing European Union's visibility in the country, the project has supported a series of events promoting European Union's principles. On 15 September 2023, Solomon Islands marked **the International Day of Democracy**, an occasion to commemorate democracy. PGSD project supported a lecture at the Solomon Islands National University (SINU) promoting the rights of Solomon Islanders to choose their government and also partner with the other European Union funded project of UNDP in Solomon Islands to contribute to the organization of the big official event marking the day,

which was attended by the Prime Minister, Hon. Manasseh Sogavare.

International Day of Democracy was again commemorated in Honiara on 17th September 2024 under the theme "*46 years of Democracy for the People, by the People.*" The event was once again supported by PGSD project together with SECSIP and counted with the presence of the new Prime Minister, Hon. Jeremiah Manele.

With this same intention, the project marked **Europe Day** in May with the celebration of a *Symposium on Decentralized Service Delivery for Peace and Unity* at SINU's Kukum Lecture Theatre with a panel of speakers that included prominent figures like Mr. Robert Dolaiasi Kaua, the Deputy Secretary of MPGIS, Professor Transform Aqorau (SINU Vice-Chancellor), Ms. Sharon Inone Mekupe (founder and CEO of Greenergy Pacific), Ms. Jose-Anne Ashley, General Secretary of Solomon Islands National Youth council, and Mr. David Lidimani, advisor working on the Provincial Government Amendment Bill.

Adverse health problems, caused by a lack of access to clean water, proper sanitation, and practicing appropriate hygiene behaviour, continues to be a constant problem in the Solomon Islands. Despite national policies envisioning universal access to these essentials, progress has been slow with rural areas lagging behind urban counterparts.

The country's Rural Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) policy envisaged all Solomon Islanders with easy access to sufficient quantity and quality of water, appropriate sanitation, and living in a safe and hygienic environment. Access to basic water services has decreased from 69.3 percent in 2015 to 67.3 percent in 2021.

In alignment with these priorities, the project is continuously emphasizing the urgency of WASH interventions, particularly in schools and healthcare facilities. In order to bring the attention to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Solomon Islands and to increase the interest of general public towards service delivery in the country, the project came up with the **Rural WASH Changemakers Awards**.

The initiative emerged to recognise those driving transformative changes in WASH service delivery. Its objectives encompass amplifying awareness, celebrating impactful initiatives, and encouraging a 'whole of society approach' towards realizing WASH rights.

The awards comprise six categories, including Safe Drinking Water, Sanitation, Hygiene, Institutions, Inclusive Development, and a special WASH Media Award. Each category recognizes champions from diverse sectors, with winners receiving not only prestigious accolades but also prize money and extensive visibility through media coverage.

Eligibility extends to individuals, organizations, and entities making tangible contributions to WASH improvement, while nominations are open to all sectors of society. An independent panel of judges, comprising technical experts and government representatives, will evaluate submissions based on criteria such as achievement level, innovation, community-led solutions, and impact.

The Awards were launch on World Water Day on 22nd March and submission, in the form of compelling narratives and supporting documentation, should be submitted by 31st October. The culminating event on World Toilet Day, 19th November 2024, will honor awardees, offering a platform to share their inspiring stories and catalyze further action in the pursuit of equitable WASH access.

In support to the capacity development outcome, the project has been organizing numerous capacity building sessions. In May 2024, Provincial Governments technical staff from the six initial provinces where the project is being implemented convened in Honiara to elevate their monitoring and evaluation skills and strengthen WASH programs implementation in their provinces. A second series of this workshop was replicated in July in Auki, (Malaita Province) for the remaining provinces which the project has eventually extended support: Makira, Malaita and RenBel provinces. With this same objective, the project provided technical staff with electronica tablets to modernizes monitoring and evaluation practice.

In July 2024, another workshop was organized in Honiara to boost coordination with ministrtries and enhance climate change integration into WASH programmed throughtout the country.

During this reporting period, the project has also begun promoting citizen participation in local level planning with two workshop in Central Province, one in September in Tulagi for 5 wards where the project is being implemented in Central Province and one in Nukufero in October for the Russell Island activities of the project.

Output 1: Sector Grants for Health and Education (incl WASH) Operationalized.

Activity Result 1.1: Provincial Sector Grants Manual consultatively developed and finalized

No progress during the reporting period.

Activity Result 1.2: Sector Grants efficiently provided to Provincial Administrations and monitored to ensure accountable, effective service delivery to communities.

During this reporting period, after many consultations with MPGIS and the provincial governments, the project managed to develop and sign the Letter of Agreements (LoAs) with the six initial provincial governments (Central, Choiseul, Guadalcanal, Isabel, Temotu and Western) sealing the partnership aimed at enhancing services delivery with a focus on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. In addition, after the Second Board Meeting, and as a consequence for standing out of the PCDF mechanism, the project came up with a proposal to optimize the earmarked Sector Grants allocation for all the provinces. After EU's endorsement, the LOAs with Choiseul, Isabel and Western provinces were amended reflecting the increase in the support they are receiving. In addition, the project also decided to extend its support to the 3 provinces non qualifying for the PCDF mechanism: Malaita, Makira and RenBel. During this reporting period, the project has also begun discussions with these provinces to sign the correspondent LOA to seal the project support.

By the end of the reporting period, the project has disbursed the Sector Grants to six provinces, triggering the respective implementation activities.

Activity Result 1.3: Internal PCDF management and oversight systems strengthened.

Throughout the reporting period, the capacity of provincial governments' officials has been strengthened on WASH programs implementation. The project has designed **a monitoring and evaluation training for provincial officials**. The first session was delivered during a week-long orientation held from May 13 to May 17. It was a collaboration between UNDP, the Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening (MPGIS), and UNICEF. The intensive training sessions focused on designing, budgeting, planning, and implementing high-quality WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) programs. Participants from the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development and six provincial governments – Guadalcanal, Central, Western, Temotu, Choiseul, and Isabel – gained valuable skills to better monitor and evaluate project results.

During the training, the project provided provincial governments officers with electronic tablets to modernize monitoring and evaluation practices.

One of the main obstacles faced by development partners in Solomon Islands is the capacity to collect high-quality data for designing, budgeting, planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating projects. However, the project is addressing this obstacle by not only strengthening the monitoring and evaluation practice but also modernizing it with electronic tools.

At the end of July 2024, after the project decided to extend its support to all provinces of the country, similar training was replicated in Auki, Malaita Province, for the remaining provinces—Makira, Malaita, and RenBel. Provincial officers of these provinces also received an electronic table.

Table 2: Number of participants

Location of origin	Male	Female	Total
Central	1	1	2
Choiseul	2	0	2
Guadalcanal	1	0	1
Isabel	2	0	2
Malaita	4	0	4
Makira	2	1	3
RenBel	1	1	2
Temotu	0	1	1
Western	2	0	2
Ministry officials	2	0	2
UNICEF	1	1	2
UNDP	2	1	3
TOTAL	20	6	26

Output 2: PGs and Provincial Health and Education Divisions capacitated to effectively manage sector grants through joint action and collaboration.

Activity Result 2.1: Capacities of PG staff and staff of health and education Provincial Divisions built and applied in relation to accountable public finance management.

No progress during the reporting period.

Activity Result 2.2: Capacities of PG staff and staff of Health and Education Provincial Divisions built and applied in relation to cross-cutting sustainable development issues, including HRBA, climate change resilience localization SDG localization

In June, with the aim to continue building the capacity of the Government and Provincial Governments, the project organized two workshops to enhance the service delivery in Solomon Islands.

On 27 June, the project successfully concluded in Honiara the **“Collaboration and Coordination for WASH Service Delivery Workshop”** aimed at strengthening coordination and collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMs) and the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (MEHRD).

On 28 June, was held the **“Integrating Climate Resilience into WASH Programmes”** workshop aimed at building the capacity of provincial government officers to integrate climate resilience perspective in the overall planning process and design risk-informed Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) programmes.

Both workshops brought together key technical staff from the Ministry of Health, Education and Provincial Governments and Institutional Strengthening, and all nine provincial governments of Solomon Islands: Guadalcanal, Central, Western, Temotu, Choiseul, Isabel, Makira, Malaita and Renbel.

With the project objective of enhancing the capacity at provincial level, these workshops reinforced the understanding of the ministries and provincial governments staff. They aimed to highlight the importance of implementing activities in the health and education sectors through practical approaches while integrating climate risk reduction into WASH interventions in schools and health centers. And they aimed to do so by reflecting on coordination and collaboration approaches, focusing on the practical use of available resources; and exploring practical approaches for integrating climate change planning into WASH interventions.

Table 3: Number of participants

Location of origin	Male	Female	Total
Central	1	1	2
Choiseul	1	0	1
Guadalcanal	2	0	2
Isabel	2	0	2
Makira/Ulawa	2	1	3
Malaita	2	0	2
Renbel	3	0	3
Temotu	3	0	3
Western	1	1	2
Ministry officials	3	0	3
World Vision	2	0	2
Plan International	0	1	1
UNICEF	1	0	1
UNDP	2	1	3
TOTAL	28	5	31

Activity Result 2.3: PG staff and staff of Health and Education Provincial Divisions provided with mentoring and coaching to support more unified provincial administration.

With the objective of enhancing coordination and collaboration with the Government and WASH counterparts, the project has been attending coordination meetings like the **Technical Working Group Meeting on Sanitation and Hygiene**. Unfortunately, due to the elections, this year this meeting has only been convened in March and in October. However, the project is already part of the Technical Working Group and will continue to participate in all future meetings organized under the topic.



Figure 5: WASH Technical Working Group Meeting 12 March 2024

In addition, in line with this objective, the project together with UNICEF and in partnership with the Government worked together to review the enabling environment for water, sanitation, and hygiene in the country. In March, a workshop was held in Honiara with the presence of Supervising Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening, Dr. Melchior Mataka, to assess existing challenges, enhance coordination and chart a path forward. Invited by the project, stakeholders from government agencies and NGOs delivering service products in Solomon Islands convened to review the overall status of WASH services, identify bottlenecks, and prioritize activities for the way forward while fostering collaboration, and looking for actionable solutions to accelerate progress in the WASH sector.

Table 3: Number of participants

Organization	Male	Female	Total
Ministry of Women	1	0	1
Ministry of Health	1	0	1
Ministry of Education	1	0	1
MPGIS	1	0	1
SIRC	0	1	1
OXFAM	0	1	1
Action Plan	1	0	1
Live and Learn	1	0	1
World Vision	2	0	2
Plan International	0	1	1
UNICEF	3	1	4
UNDP	2	1	3
TOTAL	13	5	18

Activity Result 2.4: Provincial Assembly and Executive officials capacitated to provide more effective oversight.

No specific action took place during this reporting period.

Output Progress

Table 4: Progress against Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVI) for activity result 1.2 and 1.3

Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Baseline	Target	Progress against OVI	Remarks
Activity Result 1. Provincial Sector Grants Manual consultatively developed and finalized				
1.1: # MGPIS and PG officials (including provincial sectoral divisions) have a good understanding of requirements for accountably expending and disbursing PCDF Sector Grants in line with the new Sector Grants Manual	0	3	1	PG's technical staff demonstrated an adequate understanding of the standard design for WASH service delivery.
1.2 # of provinces providing timely reporting on Sector Grants and remaining eligible for PCDF funding	0	21	6	Six (6) provinces are providing training on timely reporting with their preparatory planning, BoQ schedules, budget forecast within the expected timeline.
1.3: # MOU/LoA between MGPIS and HMMS/MEHRD	0	3	6	A total of six (6) LoAs signed with 6 Provincial Governments. This happened

Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Baseline	Target	Progress against OVI	Remarks
				after MPGIS decided to separate PGSD from the PCDF
1.4: # Existing Sector Grants Manual revised (Health and/or Education) developed based on national systems and promotes coordination for effective local service delivery.	0	1	1	National WASH standards have been followed in designing WASH facilities.
1.5: %/# of PG that fully complies with the Grants Minimal conditions	5	9	0	MPGIS yet to complete Performance Assessment.
<i>Sources: PCDF assessments 2022/23</i>				

Activity Result 2.5: Ward Development Committees capacitated to engage in participatory development planning and produce three-year development plans, annual work plans and budgets for integration into PG budgets.

With the objective to promote citizen participation in local level development planning, during this reporting period, the project has organized two workshops in Central Province, one in September in Tulagi for 5 wards where the project is being implemented in Central Province and one in Nukufero in October for the Russell Island activities of the project. The voices and concerns of ordinary citizens are often missing in development plans. These workshops are the first in a series to address this gap by building the capacity of Ward Development Committees' members and the broader community to fully understand and engage in the planning process, ensuring their needs and concerns are reflected in the development priorities. Around 50 and 40 participants respectively from the ward development committees where the project is implementing activities in the Central Province, and representatives from school management committees, women and youth provincial councils, as well as traditional leaders, church organizations, and persons with disabilities had the opportunity to engage in moderated open discussions and group activities to reflect on the participatory planning approach and develop recommendations for enhancing citizen participation, particularly in the health and education sectors.

Table 5: Number of participants

Organization	Male	Female	Total
Ward Development Committees	17	5	23
Community Leaders	6	0	6
Health Representatives	2	1	3
Education Representatives	11	0	11
Church Representatives	9	1	10
Youth Representatives	26	4	30
Women Representatives	0	4	4
Ward Support Officers (WSO)	2	0	2
People with Disabilities (PWD)	1	0	1
TOTAL	74	15	89

Output 3: Implemented by UNICEF as a parallel project under a separate Contribution Agreement and is reported separately.

Output 4: Policy and legal frameworks for decentralised services delivery advances

Activity Result 4.1: PGA 1997 Amendments supported through Technical and Consultation Assistance

On October 9, the project organized one of the main events to support the amendment of the Provincial Government Act 1997 as a **National Policy Dialogue**. The Minister of Provincial Governments and

Institutional Strengthening, Hon. Rollen Seleso, and the Hon. Premiers of the nine provincial governments, the Mayor of Honiara City Council and development partners, representatives of academia and civil society organizations, together with the United Nations Assistant Secretary General and UNDP Director for Asia and the Pacific, Ms. Kanni Wignaraja, and UNDP Multi-Country Office Resident Representative, Tuya Altangerel, convene in Honiara to dialogue to provide an avenue for analysis of the diverse development priorities of the country's nine provinces and the capital region towards decentralization.

The dialogue, titled “**Decentralization in Solomon Islands: Realities and Prospects**”, also reflected on the country's potential and obstacles for decentralization as a development pathway to address the needs of the most marginalized and disadvantaged groups at the provincial level, envisioning a more prosperous and equitable Solomon Islands for future generations.

Service delivery, infrastructure, power sharing, climate threats, local innovation for adaptation and digital connectivity have been some of the main issues discussed during the intense panel discussions and the following question-answers.

Table 6: Number of participants

Few days after the	Organization	Male	Female	Total
	MPGIS	5	0	5
	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Management	1	0	0
	Central Province	1	0	1
	Choiseul Province	1	0	1
	Isabel Province	0	1	1
	Guadalcanal Province	1	0	1
	Makira/Ulawa Province	1	0	1
	RenBel Province	1	0	1
	Temotu Province	1	0	1
	Western Province	1	0	1
	UK High Commissioner	1	0	1
	Japan Embassy	1	0	1
	National Youth Council	0	1	1
	National Council of Women	0	2	2
	Solomon Islands National University	1	2	3
	Development Service Exchange	1	0	1
	DPASI	1	0	1
	UNICEF	1	1	2
	UNDP	5	8	13
	TOTAL	24	15	39

National Policy Dialogue, following the hiring of the expert to support the MPGIS in drafting amendments, under the review process by the MPGIS, the project organized the first **consultation with provincial Premiers on the strengthening of the Legal Framework for Provincial Governments** with the aim of amending the Provincial Government Act 1997. As an outcome of the consultation, UNDP advisor drafted a report with recommendations:

1. To make the Provincial Governments real service delivery actors and become drivers of economic development;
2. Empower the Provincial Governments by expanding the existing funding mechanism called the Provincial Capital Development Fund to enable increased resource flow to support service delivery and economic development at the provincial level; and
3. Establish an independent Board having representation from the Provincial Government for the effective oversight of the funding mechanism to accelerate fiscal decentralization with greater transparency and accountability of public finance.

In addition, under this activity result during this reporting period, the project has identified and contracted a national consultant to support gender mainstreaming and social inclusion which are also pivotal for the development process to ensure it is equitable, and marginalized groups are also benefiting, leaving no one behind.

Table 7: Progress against Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVI) for activity result 4.1

Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Baseline	Target	Progress against OVI	Remarks
<i>Output Result 4. Policy and legal frameworks for provincial service delivery upgraded and aligned</i>				
4.1.PGA 1997 review, and amendments produced based on recommendations of key provincial stakeholders	0	4	2	Reform recommendations prepared and submitted to MPGIS and It's been included in the 100 Days Policy and Priorities for 2024 and a national consultant to support gender mainstreaming and social inclusion has been identified and contracted.

4. CHALLENGES

The main challenges have been slow progress and low expenditure due to delays in onboarding project personnel, institutional inactivity due to the Pacific Games, and the National and Provincial Elections; as well as the delays in the performance assessment to deliver grants.

After several rounds of advertisements and interview processes, the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer was finally onboard in September 2024. One month after joining, the Communications Analyst passed away,

and the full time replacement started in January 2024. The project was also struggling to recruit a driver who finally joined in September 2024.

Delays in the finalizing and signing of LoAs with Provincial Governments: After long negotiations with all provincial governments technical officers, the project managed to come up with a satisfactory Letter of Agreement (LoA) to sign with the Premiers of the initial six provinces supported by the project. PCDF mechanism left the PGSD to allocate very low amount of grant to three PGs who for the first-time failed to meet all the minimum conditions, which was found a significant challenge for the respective PGs to complete a single project with the PGSD grant. Besides, this mechanism asked PGSD to provide allocation beyond the threshold mentioned in the ProDoc for the three PGs that fully met the minimum conditions, which created a stalemate to ensure optimum utilization of grants following the obligations of the ProDoc. However, this issue was discussed in the second Project Board Meeting in March 24 and it was decided to look for alternatives for the optimum utilization of grants. Accordingly, a proposal was shared and endorsed by the EU to increase allocation to some PGs to cover the expenditure of standalone project/s and reaching out to unqualified PGs with the capacity development grants.

MPGIS's decision on separating the PGSD sector grants from mainstream PCDF Account: MPGIS decided to keep the PGSD grant out of the PCDF mechanism and asked UNDP to separate the PGSD sector grant from mainstream PCDF Account in April 24 which adversely effect the disbursement of Sector Grants to the PGs. Besides, UNDP had to request a refund of the advance made to the PCDF mainstream Account against the signed LoA with PGs but despite several follow-up requests, the refund is still pending at the end of this reporting period. After the second Project Board Meeting on March 24, the project decided to explore options to deliver the grants directly to the provinces outside of the PCDF mechanism. This assessment has involved a big coordination exercise between MPGIS, the provincial governments' technical staff and the project team. After deciding on a direct transfer to the provincial governments' accounts, at the end of this reporting period, the project had taken the initiative to amend the LOAs with Choiseul, Isabel and Western Provinces to increase the amount of their Sector Grants and all six initial Sector Grants were disbursed to the Provincial Governments.

Gender balance: Project still struggles to ensure gender balance participation in activities. Gender imbalances in public services, including the national government ministries and the provincial governments, make it difficult to ensure equal participation of women. The Project is strongly encouraging all stakeholders to deliberately include as many women as possible in the project activities: trainings, workshops, and conferences. Equally, the project is enforcing disaggregated data collection, the inclusion of gender perspective in the planning and budgeting process of the provincial governments' initiatives. The Project has hired a consultant to review the gaps and challenges of PGs to mainstream gender equality and social inclusion in its planning and programming.

Timely completion of the project: The Cost Sharing Agreement was signed in June 2022 and per the agreement clauses, the project begun its 36 months journey from August 22 which will end in July 25. On the other hand, the ProDoc signed with the Government mentioned the same duration of 36 months but from a different starting date of June 23 ending then in June 26. Considering the current pace of implementation, the projection of expenditure for 2024 shows that PGSD will require to deliver over USD 4 million of which over 2.42 million is Sector Grants before July 2025. It does not seem feasible to achieve it, maintaining a high quality standard, and following the guidelines of the ProDoc that explicitly mentions to provide grants to PGs in three cycles e.g., in consecutive three financial year and with a maximum limit of USD 150,000 annually per province. Therefore, UNDP and EU might need to consider an extension of project duration for a considerable period of time to accomplish the project maintaining the quality of implementation.

Risks and Mitigation Measures

The project have identified risks and addressed them by undertaking appropriate mitigation measures. The risks include changes of administrative leadership in the MPGIS; line ministries especially the MEHRD

and MHMS's inability to contribute and or top-up with the sector grants provided to the PGs; weak commitment to explicitly address gender and social inclusion issues in provincial planning, budgeting and programming; MPGIS's decision on separating the PGSD Sector Grants from mainstream PCDF account and delays in performance assessment of the PGs by the MPGIS which affected the smooth implementation of the project. However, the PGSD team in consultation with the EU representatives, MPGIS, Provincial Premiers and the administrative and technical staff of provincial administrations helped to mitigate the risks. Below table depicts the risks identified and mitigated with prompt action by the project team.

SI	Risks	Mitigation Measures
1	Changes of administrative leadership in the MPGIS affect the decisions made on the PGSD Sector Grants to be delivered to the PGs under the signed LoAs.	PGSD team updated the changes in decisions of MPGIS with the EU and agreed on the alternatives as the way forward with the Sector Grant. Accordingly, several discussions were held with the Provincial Premiers and the administrative and technical staff of the provincial administration to find effective solutions for transferring grants. The PGs provided alternative bank accounts to receive the Sector Grants and the project accordingly processed the sector grant to the PGs.
2	Line ministries, especially the MEHRD and MHMS's inability to contribute and or top-up with the sector grants provided to the PGs.	The issue of financial contribution from the MEHRD and MHMS was discussed in the Project Board meeting where both the ministries in principle agreed to contribute upon receiving guidance from the Ministry of Finance. Although the issue of financial support from the ministries is pending, contribution of the line ministries with the human capital e.g., with the staff deployed at the provincial level enhanced coordination with the PGs, which enabled identifying projects and buy-in technical and advisory support from the line ministry officials on the ground.
3	Weak commitment to explicitly address gender and social inclusion issues in provincial planning, budgeting and programming.	Women's political participation and representation is low in Solomon Islands what affects the policy and programming decisions made by the National Government and the PGs. The PGSD team encouraged the PGs to engage more women in the decision-making process and enable women's participation in different meetings, workshops and training to voice their concerns and amplify their practical and strategic needs to be addressed by the PGs through Ward Development Grants (WDGs) and with PG's intervention that can benefit more women and girls. The project has ensured that its support to the PGs will benefit over 56% of women and girls.
4	MPGIS's decision on separating the PGSD sector grants from mainstream PCDF account	The PGSD team discussed with MPGIS to review their decision considering the signed ProDoc of PGSD regarding the Sector Grant threshold, but it did not work. As a result, the project team took the initiative to request the MPGIS to refund the grant amount already transferred to the PCDF mainstream account. The refund was done in September after Auditor General's approval.

SI	Risks	Mitigation Measures
5	Delays in the performance assessment of the PGs by the MPGIS	Delays in the performance assessment regarding the sector grant decisions and transfer of Grants to PGs. In this changing context, the PGSD team discussed with the PGs and MPGIS to explore alternative solution for allocation of Sector Grants to the PGs to ensure effective planning and budgeting. The PGSD considered developing an allocation guideline and formula to determine the allocation of sector grants to all PGs to improve education and health service delivery. The PGSD team will finalize the allocation guideline, formula in consultation with the relevant stakeholders especially with the PGs and MPGIS to determine the Sector Grant allocation for the next financial year, so that PGs can effectively plan and implement the projects to enable improved access to education and health service delivery by optimum utilization of Sector Grant.

5. LESSONS LEARNED

Seven provinces have gone through election in April 2024 with an outcome of over 50% of new representatives elected, and five Provincial Speakers appointed which will create opportunities for improved accountability despite a lot of capacity development challenges. Working with the PGs, the project team learned that provincial assembly committees are mostly non-functional, which affects the accountability of the executives. Besides, there are no standardized guidelines for Provincial Speakers, which is pivotal for making the Assembly discussion more fruitful. Furthermore, the PCDF mechanism is stringent and cannot allow flexibility for the PGSD to support the PCDF process. The following are the elaboration of lessons learned during the reporting period.

- **Capacity assessment of Provincial Assembly committees is essential for improved accountability.** The provincial Assembly Committee system is weak. With over 50% of new entrances as Provincial Assembly members after the Elections, there is a dire need to consider deliberate actions to make the committees more functional. A well-functioning committee system can hold the executives more accountable, promoting provincial governance.
- **Uniform Determination Guidelines for Provincial Speakers are crucial for an effective Provincial Assembly.** Provincial Speakers have a crucial role in running effectively provincial assemblies, following the Provincial Assembly Standing Orders. In addition, their capacity development has been overlooked, and they are left to self-capacitate themselves in their role, which may adversely affect the budget and planning process of the provincial governments. Therefore PGSD is planning to arrange induction training for them for the first time, and develop uniform Determination Guidelines for Provincial Speakers to run the Provincial Assembly effectively.
- **The PCDF mechanism requires review to make it more inclusive for the management of grants.** The existing grant mechanism of MPGIS through its Provincial Capacity Development Fund (PCDF) cannot reach out to all the provincial governments. Under the PGSD 3 out of 9 provinces recurrently remain out of the grant support, what concerned the MPGIS and PGs to review the mechanism in order to increase the outreach. PGSD, in consultation with the EU, MPGIS, and the PGs agreed to extend the support of the PGSD grants to all nine provinces.

- **Standalone allocation guideline for PGSD to determine allocation of grants to provincial governments and Honiara City Council (HCC).** The PGSD followed the performance assessment recommendations to reach out to the PGs with grants, but the project has faced challenges with the PCDF formula-based allocation of grants among the provinces. To address such a challenge the project had to come up with a proposal that could comply with the maximum threshold of grants as well as increase the grant amount to provinces that were allocated too low to implement a standalone project. Besides, the MPGIS unilaterally decided to separate the PGSD grants from the PCDF, which compelled the project to explore suitable options to reach out to the provinces with its sector grants.. In this context, developing a standalone guideline is crucial to determine the allocation to the PGs as the Project Board decided to expand the PGSD's reach to all the PGs. Standalone allocation guidelines will help the PGs to better plan for projects that can improve health and education service delivery.

6. ACTION PLAN (September 2023 to December 2025)

2 Table-Workplan (September 2024 to December 2025)		2024 (September-Dec)		2025 (January – December)			
Activity Result	Sub-activities	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Activity 1.1. Provincial Sector Grants Manual consultatively developed and finalized.	1.1.1 Capacity Building Workshop						
	1.1.2 Validation Workshop of Grants Manual						
	1.1.3 Training on Sector Grants and Manual in all 9 Provinces						
	1.1.4 Grant manual review						
Activity 1.2. Sector Grants are efficiently provided to Provincial Administrations and monitored to ensure accountable, effective service delivery to communities	1.2.1 Allocation for province-level activities						
	1.2.1.1 Guadalcanal Province						
	1.2.1.2 Temotu Province						
	1.2.1.3 Central Island Province						
	1.2.1.4 Western Province						
	1.2.1.5 Choiseul Province						
	1.2.1.6 Isabel Province						
	1.2.1.7 Malaita Province						
	1.2.1.8 Makira Province						
	1.2.1.9 Renbell Province						
	1.2.2 PGSP website updated with grant information						
	1.2.3 Capacitating Governance functions of the local sector grants						
	1.3.1 M&E/Need-based training for MPGIS and provincial officers including MEHRD and MHMS						

2 Table-Workplan (September 2024 to December 2025)		2024 (September-Dec)		2025 (January – December)			
Activity Result	Sub-activities	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Activity 1.3 Internal PCDF management and oversight systems strengthened.	1.3.2 Database to track PCDF/ PGSD infrastructures including education and health sector (incl WASH)						
	1.3.3 Training on managing the database						
	1.3.4 Documentary produced on project successes/lessons learned						
	1.3.5 Booklet produced on PGSP/ PGSD experience of using a Performance Grant Systems within the PACIFIC (as per JOC decision)						
	1.3.6 Creation of Annual Payment Plans (APPs) and training on software use						
Activity 2.1: Capacities of PG staff and staff of Health and Education Provincial Divisions built and applied in relation to accountable public financial management	2.1.1 Spot checks for PCDF activities/ grants supported by the project						
	2.1.2 Issue-based/Need-based Training. E.g., Planning and budgeting at all provincial level sectors (MEHRD/MHMS) including provinces rolling plans organized						
	2.1.3 Training on financial reporting (International Public Sector Accounting Standard) for all PG sectors including health and education sectors (conducted by PGSP/MPGIS)						
	2.1.4 ICT training and visibility issues to capacitate provincial officers on information technology						
Activity 2.2 Capacities of PG staff and staff of Health and Education Provincial Divisions built and applied in relation to cross-cutting sustainable development issues,	2.2.1 Integrated training for PGs on key issues designed with MPGIS – contextualized per province						
	2.2.2 Tailored issues-based training delivered in collaboration with other ministries and UNDP projects						

2 Table-Workplan (September 2024 to December 2025)		2024 (September-Dec)		2025 (January – December)			
Activity Result	Sub-activities	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
including HRBA, climate change resilience, and SDG localization.	2.2.3 Training on integrating climate change adaptation into provincial plans – delivered in collaboration with other Ministries and UNDP Projects						
	2.2.4 Training for the Provincial Engineers on ‘Building Resilience and Resilient Infrastructures’ for all provinces including MEHRD and MHMS officers to be conducted by MECDM climate engineers						
Activity 2.3 PG staff and staff of Health and Education Provincial Divisions provided with mentoring and coaching to support a more unified provincial administration	2.3.1 Field visit by PM/M&E Analyst per year per province to assess needs & provide advice/accompaniment to counterparts						
Activity 2.4 Provincial Assembly and Executive officials capacitated to provide more effective oversight	2.4.1 Training/ Workshops for the provincial executive on their roles and responsibilities along with the Head of divisions including health and education sectors						
	2.4.2 Training/ workshops for the provincial executive on their roles and responsibilities along with the Head of divisions including health and education sectors						
	2.4.3 Induction training of the newly elected Members of Pas						
Activity 2.5: Ward Development Committees (WDCs) capacitated to produce development plans	2.5.1 Training of WDCs on how to develop their plans, in consultation with communities						
Activity 4.1: PGA 1997 amendment supported through technical and consultations assistance	4.1.1 International/ National consultant to support gender mainstreaming and disability inclusion in provincial governments priorities)						
	4.1.2 National Consultant for Legislatives drafting/ Determination Guideline for Provincial Speakers						

2 Table-Workplan (September 2024 to December 2025)		2024 (September-Dec)		2025 (January – December)			
Activity Result	Sub-activities	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	4.1.3 Premiers conference (incl national MPs) on the finalization of the revised draft PGA 1997						
	4.1.4a Policy support for effective provincial governments and service delivery						
Activity 5.1 Project reporting and evaluation systems to provide accurate and timely financial and narrative reports	5.1.1 Mid-term Evaluations Preparatory						
	5.1.2 Final Evaluation						
Activity 5.3. General expenses	5.3.1 Office installations and Support						
	5.3.2 IT equipment 5computers,5 phones, 1 video Camera,1 Software License						
	5.3.3 Office supplies and stationery (papers, ink, materials for workshops, etc)						
	5.3.4 Repair and Maintenance of vehicle						
	5.3.5 Office rental, internet and emails, communication/phones						
Activity 5.4. Visibility	5.4.1 Desing and Launch campaign on WASH to generate knowledge and good practices on RWASH						
	5.4.2 Develop 3 videos with best practices and project result						
	5.4.3 Other communication and visibility materials (banners, brochures, stickers, etc)						
	5.4.4 Marketing key dates (Europe day, Democracy Day)						

1. COMMUNICATIONS AND VISIBILITY

Production of communications and visibility materials has been progressively increasing as project activities have been increasing too. After the recruitment of a Communications Specialist exclusively dedicated to the project since January 2024, the Communications and Visibility Strategy was developed in coordination with the European Union and finally approved in November 2023 with its correspondent Working Plan for 2024. Since then, all activities organized by the project have entailed the production of public information materials that have been disseminated between Solomon Islands media, including updates through the UNDP Pacific Website and UNDP social media channels in Solomon Islands (Facebook and X).

All main activities such as the International Day of Democracy on 15 September 2023 and the one on 17 September 2024, the National Policy Dialogue in October 2023, the Signing of the LOAs with the different provinces, and the capacity building workshops for provincial governments officers have been picked up by the main press in the country.

Some of the activities organized by the project during this reporting period have been accompanied by a specific communication strategy such as the Rural WASH Changemakers Awards with its correspondent independent work plan. For the launch on March 22 coinciding with World Water Day, a press conference was organized with the attendance of the main media outlets, and partners and stakeholders working in WASH in Solomon Islands. The event achieved a great media coverage by most media outlets, the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation and mentions on WebTV stations.



Figure 6: 11 October News by Solomon Star
News on the National Policy Dialogue



In May 2024, the project commemorated Europe Day with the celebration of a symposium at the Solomon Islands National University with the theme: “*Decentralized Service Delivery for Peace and Unity in Solomon Islands*”. The event was broadcast by the SIBC Radio and streamed live by SIBC Facebook with a considerable audience of maximum number of viewers at one time of 2,203 and an accumulated audience of 11,318 viewers.

Figure 7: Poster designed for the Europe Day Symposium at SINU

Table 3: Media Monitoring Summary

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT S AND SERVICE DELIVERY PROJECT								
COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT August 2023 – 15 October 2024								
Activity	Date	Link	Channel	Impact				
				Reach	Quo tes	Likes	Comments	Shares
UNDP and MPGIS' partnership	02.08	https://www.undp.org/pacific/blog/collaborative-vision-resilience-undp-and-mpgis-partner-solomon-islands	UNDP Website					
International Day of Democracy	15.09	https://www.undp.org/pacific/press-releases/solomon-islands-celebrates-international-day-democracy	UNDP Website					
		https://solomons.gov.sb/solomon-islands-celebrates-international-day-of-democracy-with-the-theme-inclusive-participation-for-a-stronger-democracy/	SIG Website					
		https://www.facebook.com/UNDPSolomonIslands/posts/pfbid02tcJnKzby4N7BnXWifPitSSLam8Gd1idBYgJYMfgPfQWPwkgrAf9zs8Zgb2bwsimul	Facebook	1840		25	5	4
		https://x.com/UNDPSolomons/status/1702575975140347951	Twitter	147		2		
	18.09		Solomon Star					

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT S AND SERVICE DELIVERY PROJECT								
COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT August 2023 – 15 October 2024								
Activity	Date	Link	Channel	Impact				
				Reach	Quo tes	Likes	Comments	Shares
First Project Board Meeting	19.09	https://solomons.gov.sb/solomon-islands-to-accelerate-provincial-service-delivery-under-the-provincial-governance-and-service-delivery-project/	Solomon Islands Government Website					
	20.09	https://www.facebook.com/UNDPSolomonIslands/posts/pfbid02nJEbAejRAYDyBWL53E5ZBpdHHGHJPgmwseZaLbydb2kVA6ARh4jRoSganwnEBtaol	Facebook	2601		31	5	2
		https://x.com/UNDP_Solomons/status/1704292114178416725	Twitter	281		5		1
	21.09		Islands Sun					
	21.09		Solomon Star					
RR meets MPGIS' Ministry	05.10	https://www.facebook.com/UNDPSolomonIslands/posts/pfbid0eeJB Y2dimvFEsf7bwfzad	Facebook	1339		21		4

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COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT August 2023 – 15 October 2024								
Activity	Date	Link	Channel	Impact				
				Reach	Quotes	Likes	Comments	Shares
National Policy Dialogue	10.10	NXjnd86PkLHL9XMEvV5EaBfKhQqzY81ZhdbwwYzRBzrl	Twitter	455		7		1
		https://x.com/UNDP_Solomons/status/1709856781323890798						
		https://www.undp.org/pacific/press-releases/importance-decentralized-provincial-services-stressed-during-national-dialogue						
		https://www.facebook.com/UNDPSolomonIslands/posts/pfbid02fNLm1bfgvgXLCKo4YjQvXP1roFbMPGXNTLrFtvNg7YWBBuHs5RMiZxPF7U1AsmHcl						
	11.10	https://x.com/UNDP_Solomons/status/1711539006901801412	Twitter	792		15	2	1
		https://x.com/UNDP_Solomons/status/1711540643657568383	Twitter	563		7		3
			Island Sun					

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COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT August 2023 – 15 October 2024								
Activity	Date	Link	Channel	Impact				
				Reach	Quo tes	Likes	Comments	Shares
	11.10		Solomon Star News					
Premiers Consultation	29.11	https://www.facebook.com/UNDPSolomonIslands/posts/pfbid0cFi6kqsig5FdvFnotqrEF5Cza1BvA856k9RjW86qdn5LjH62BeQufmkGmQHHEccl	Facebook	1408		28	3	3
		https://x.com/UNDP_Solomons/status/1729744003183087790	Twitter	231		2	1	1
Western Province Second Appointed Day	8.12	https://www.facebook.com/UNDPSolomonIslands/posts/pfbid02xxN5qkXojZcBofybeJwGLq1owRRfjN8Chqv3PS69WwKXhMAWjqifZ2PDUciN5Wyol	Facebook	1106		13		1
		https://x.com/UNDP_Solomons/status/1733021728811680142	Twitter	80		1		
Beticama Adventist College and the Areatekiki Primary School Field Visit	09.02	https://www.facebook.com/UNDPSolomonIslands/posts/pfbid034DH8dbkZk71eJFt6acsHqj4S8DuvdDMwnHLiAJzJCfJTU72f69S3QfjWdotRzF2l	Facebook	3708		75	4	4
		https://x.com/UNDP_Solomons/status/1755816339233722618	Twitter	90		3		

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PGs & MPGIS Officers training	01.03		The Island Sun					
Central Province LOA Signing	04.03	https://www.undp.org/pacific/press-releases/central-province-ready-receive-first-grant-undps-provincial-governance-service-delivery-project	UNDP Website					
		https://www.facebook.com/UNDPSolomonIslands/posts/pfbid02q7wA3wDM3ELFuYzpF7g5cWNzf5McT5r6q9RLzypJ9ujWAo8nEfhukfXX4MemYuXl	Facebook	3815		80	9	4
		https://x.com/UNDP_Solomons/status/1764536777090674709	Twitter	159		3		
Guadalcanal LOA Signing	06.03	https://www.undp.org/pacific/press-releases/guadalcanal-province-signs-agreement-undp-and-european-union-boost-water-sanitation-and-hygiene	UNDP Website					
		https://www.facebook.com/UNDPSolomonIslands/posts/pfbid02sJB rWjZ3z59RnrdS7FnpX FYsevRn4WAEztXieR WwY2Z36tc5wMhyJ AXTTfRXEV9MI	Facebook	4068		102	16	13
		https://x.com/UNDP_Solomons/status/1765141255804350868	Twitter	170		5		

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT S AND SERVICE DELIVERY PROJECT								
COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT August 2023 – 15 October 2024								
Activity	Date	Link	Channel	Impact				
				Reach	Quotes	Likes	Comments	Shares
	07.03		Solomon Star News					
Technical Working Group Meeting on Sanitation and Hygiene	13.03	https://www.facebook.com/UNDPSolomonIslands/posts/pfbid0NRZW4FM5oLTOWVC79bjffedHWn6JioGBEwZPkBsGuF36dJrRDxXE6gbtHT14Eer7l	Facebook	2231		68	1	5
Reviewing WASH Enabling Environment Workshop	20.03	https://www.undp.org/pacific/press-releases/solomon-islands-review-enabling-environment-advance-water-sanitation-and-hygiene-service-delivery	UNDP Website					
		https://www.facebook.com/UNDPSolomonIslands/posts/pfbid0n6LDunN9QHa2SCkGG16vLw7eBUAMataCNWip38u1SUsKLwuijNNbkPV7XxYmNboLI	Facebook	2884		38	1	3
		https://x.com/UNDPSolomons/status/1770331484202598680	Twitter	137				
Rural Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Changemakers Awards Launch	22.03	https://www.undp.org/pacific/blog/rural-water-sanitation-hygiene-wash-changemakers-awards	UNDP Website					
		https://www.tavulinews.com.sb/undp-	Tavuli News					

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COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT August 2023 – 15 October 2024								
Activity	Date	Link	Channel	Impact				
				Reach	Quotes	Likes	Comments	Shares
		launches-rural-wash-changemakers-awards						
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Participatory Planning Workshop in Russell Islands	10 Oct	https://www.undp.org/pacific/press-releases/participatory-planning-workshop-empowers-communities-russell-islands	UNDP Website					

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2. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES – Gender, Human Rights

Gender imbalances in public services, including the National Government ministries and the Provincial Governments, make it difficult to ensure equal participation of women in project activities. Keeping this in mind, the Project took deliberate initiatives to include as many women as possible in the training, workshops, and conferences. Initiatives also collected disaggregated data, sensitizing project stakeholders on gender issues so that they consider the inclusion of gender perspective in the planning and budgeting process of the provincial governments. The Project plans to organize special training and workshops to sensitize provincial government functionaries to address gender equality and deliberate actions to realize human rights by improving essential service delivery related to education and health.

9. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

9.1 Project management structure

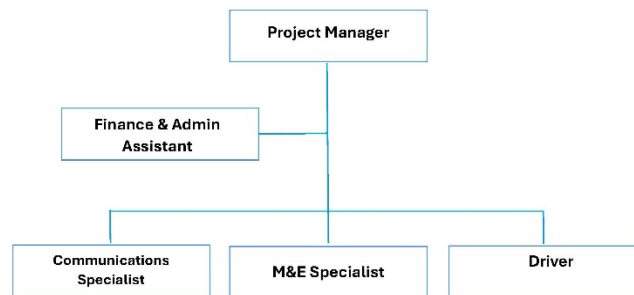


Figure 6: Project management structure

9.2 Monitoring and evaluation

In this reporting period, the log frame and the M&E plan were developed and started to be implemented. As organic documents they are being updated. The Project Year One and Two Log frame results (summary OVI) were recorded. Simultaneously, EU log frames have been updated in the OPSYS EU portal, along with the 2023 inputs of the project's Log frame.

Site visits have been conducted in all provinces with correspondent project sites verification. Meetings with provincial government partners have been held to understand their capacity, specifically regarding their monitoring strengths. Along with that, discussions about M&E were held with the MPGIS and provincial governments about the field visits findings.

Indicators from project sites have been updated with special focus on target beneficiaries with disaggregated data. Along with that, monitoring gaps have been identified and capacity building sessions designed accordingly for data collection and management of digital tools provided by the project. This includes providing monitoring tools for all the Provincial staff that are in charge of this responsibility.

M&E framework is set to keep track of project results now that Sector Grants have been disbursed and activities have started to be implemented.

10. WAY FORWARD

UNDP and PGSD team, in collaboration with UNICEF, will focus more on strengthening partnerships with the PGs to empower the key stakeholders of local development. The project will put more emphasis on coordination and collaboration between and among the PGs, line ministry officials and the relevant NGOs and CSOs on the ground to effectively manage sector grants to improve education and health service delivery.

Steps have been recently taken to find pragmatic solutions to determine the sector grants allocation to the initial six provinces (Central, Choiseul, Guadalcanal, Isabel, Temotu and Western) and will be taken for the three remaining provinces (Makira, Malaita and Renbel) and the Honiara City Council to support the effective planning and implementation process on the ground. Ward Development Committees (WDC) and Community Monitoring Groups (CMGs) will be encouraged by the PGs to enable the School Management Committees (SMCs) and the Healthcare Centers Committees to voice their concerns regarding the

challenges of enabling access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in schools and health centers where there is limited access or no access to such services.

The PGSD team will develop next year's plan considering the national events and work closely with the MPGIS to speed up the delivery of sector grants and the timely conduction of performance assessment of provinces.

The PGSD team will update the M&E, Communications and Visibility plans and regularly track implementation progress. The M&E framework will be updated by introducing a digitalized monitoring system using the Kobo tools to ensure data accuracy and timely monitoring. The project team will explore secondary sources of data to confirm the baseline and targets that are mentioned to be confirmed in the Results Framework. Initiatives will be taken to discuss with the ministry and provincial government officials to collect information and evidence to update the Results Framework. Results Framework will also be updated considering the changed context after the PGSD has been separated from the PCDF.

The project team will support the MPGIS in amending the Provincial Government Act (PGA)-1997 and identify the reform areas, e.g., review the performance assessment and Provincial Capacity Development Fund (PCDF) grant allocation criteria that require policy support from the National Government to enhance service delivery and strengthen the Provincial Administration.

The project will explore the areas of policy support and prepare policy briefs or policy recommendations to foster decentralization and better functioning of the Provincial Assembly. Effective project management will be emphasized to ensure that the PGs accomplish the projects by utilizing the sector grants in time and altering the current practices of carrying forward of projects.

Scoping for digitalization at the provincial level could be an area where the project can focus to improve efficiency in planning and dissemination of information to the constituents for wider transparency. Some good practices are observed by the WDC to update their activities by creating a closed community group in the social media which enabled wider community interactions with the WDC, which can be piloted based on the scoping finding to bringing community closer to the PGs work for improved community ownership and governance.

Digitalization for inclusive public services. The country's only City Council has a website that provides information on the council's services. Furthermore, all the services, including business licensing, basic rates, property rates and other fees and services, are provided manually for which citizens had to physically go to the Council desks for services, most of which can be digitalized and made more efficient by reducing the time, cost and visits of the service seekers and leading to a more transparent, accountable and inclusive service provision. The digitalization of services can help the government simplify service provision, bringing innovation and automation and contributing towards the transformative development agenda of the Government of Solomon Islands.

Finally, considering the insignificant progress of the first year, the project will require a time extension to cover the gap, in order to deliver the grants to the provinces. The PGSD team will seek to facilitate a discussion between UNDP and the EU to decide the best way forward. A decision should be made as soon as possible, considering the time extension, revision of the multi-year plan and the evaluation calendar.

Table 4: Summary Progress against Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVI)

Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Baseline	Target	Progress against OVI	Remarks
Activity Overall Results. Sound, inclusive, transparent, and accountable, institutionally embedded governance systems for sub-national service delivery in place and promoting rights realization				

Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Baseline	Target	Progress against OVI	Remarks
System of sector grants for service delivery established and articulated within national structures.	0 (2022)	1 (2026)	1 (2024)	Drafted and under review process
Number of grants disbursed by Provincial governments according to their mandate on local service delivery	45 (2022)	80 (2026)	19 (2024)	Cumulative target set to 80 projects are targeted by (2026). A total of 19 projects supported in 2024, which will increase the number to 64.
Number of projects that directly benefit women, children, and vulnerable group	12 (2022)	50 (2026)	19 (2024)	In 2024, PGSD supported 19 projects to which targeted groups (Women, children, and vulnerable groups are benefited. This is, together, a total of up to 31 Projects.
Activity Outcome Results 1. Improved Service delivery in education and health by the Provincial Governments through the provision of sector grants				
1.1 Sector grants shown in the National Budget	0 (2022)	3(2026)	1 (2024)	The Provincial Budget is appropriate to be referred to instead of the National Budget. These changes have happened since MPGIS decided to remove PGSD from PCDF. Three (3) Grant cycles to be considered as per the Prodoc, 2024,2025, and 2026.
1.2 Percentage (%) of increase of PG budgets for investment in education and/or health facilities and related capacity development interventions.	30% (2022)	45% Increased by 2026)	5% (2024)	TBC-information The increase support from UNDP is 5% in the year 2024. $30\%+5\%=35\%$ in 2024. However, since the MPGIS decided to remove PGSD from PCDF, PGSD contributed 5%. Along with that, the target revised for 2026 is 45% from UNDP.

Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Baseline	Target	Progress against OVI	Remarks
				PGSD expects to increase support by 10% in 2026
1.3 Number or percentage of grants promoting gender equality.	11 % (2022)	20% (2026)	6% (2024)	At most 6% of the projects promote gender equality. Total \$ 101,919,859.12 for 6 province capital projects. And the total of \$ 86,680,261.50 for grants promoting gender. Total-UNDP Health and Education Grants Project support \$ 4,988,660.44. Total-Gender grants-Assumptions per sector= \$ 86,680,261.50 . $4,988,660.44/86,680,261.50 = 6\%$
1.4 Enhanced socioeconomic indicators related to access and/or quality of Education and Health at the provincial level				
1.4.1. Education Overall grants increase education infrastructure/services.	30 (2021)	60 (2026)	10 (2024)	Total of 40 Education Projects. PGSD contributed by supporting to Ten (10) Schools with Sanitation and Hygiene projects
1.4.2 Health Overall grants increase on Health infrastructure/services.	16 (2022)	31(2026)	5 (2024)	Total of 21 Health Projects. PGSD contributed with Five (5) Health Centre with the Sanitation and Hygiene projects.
<i>Activity Outcome Result 2. More effective provincial governance system through a more integrated and unified Provincial Government administration</i>				
2.1 Sector grant manual approved and applied by PGs and line ministries	0 (2023)	1 (2026)	1 (2024)	Drafted, under review process

Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Baseline	Target	Progress against OVI	Remarks
2.2 Integrated planning coordination meetings at the provincial level (PGA and deconcentrated administrations)	0 (2023)	3 (2026)	1 (2024)	One (1) integrated and coordination workshop to which total of 31 Staff from different stakeholders are participated including, PG staff and Ministry of Education and Health staff
2.3 Provincial sector plans (health/WASH and or Education discussed in Assembly and adopted.	0 (2023)	3 (2026)	1 (2024)	The Provincial Sector Plan for the Targeted sites for the Sanitation and Hygiene Projects are discussed and approved in the 2024 Provincial Budget.
2.4 Number/percentage of provincial sector service delivery projects/activities funded through the sector grants under PGSP/PGSD under the Provincial Sector Annual Plan (AOP)	0 (2023)	35 (2026)	19 (2024)	A total of 19 PGSD Hygiene and Sanitation projects. (Five-5 Health Centers) Expecting to support up to 2024 up to 21(2026)
2.5 Percentage or number of sector/subsector actors utilizing the tool	0	2 (2026)	1 (2024)	Monitoring and Data collection tools for PGSD project have been developed, and is under finalization process considering the users' feedback from the field.
<i>Output Result 1: Sector Grants for Health and Education (incl WASH) accountably, transparently, and effectively expended and reported on</i>				
1.1: MGPIS and PG officials (including provincial sectoral divisions) have a good understanding of requirements for accountably expending and disbursing PCDF Sector Grants in line with the new Sector Grants Manual	0 (2022)	3 (2026)	1 (2024)	PG's technical staff demonstrated adequate understanding of the standard design for WASH service delivery.
1.2: Number (#) of provinces providing timely reporting on	0 (2022)	21 (2026)	6 (2024)	Six (6) provinces are providing timely reporting with their preparatory

Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Baseline	Target	Progress against OVI	Remarks
Sector Grants and remaining eligible for PCDF funding.				planning, BoQ schedules, budget forecast within the expected timeline.
1.3 MOU/LoA between MPGIS and HMMS/MEHRD	0 (2022)	3 (2026)	6 (2024)	A total of Six (6) LoA signed with 6 Provincial Government. This has happened after MPGIS decided to separate PGSD from the PCDF
1.4 Existing Sector grants manual revised (Health and/or Education) developed based on national systems and promotes coordination for effective local service delivery.	0 (2022)	1 (2026)	1 (2024)	National WASH standards had been followed in designing the WASH facilities.
1.5 %/# of PG that fully complies with the Grants Minimal conditions.	3 (2022)	9 (2026)	0 (2024)	MPGIS has yet to complete the Performance assessment.
<i>Output Result 2. PGs and Provincial Health and Education Divisions capacitated to effectively manage sector grants through joint action and collaboration</i>				
2.1: PFM capacities of Provincial officials strengthened to ensure accountable expenditures and reporting	0 (2022)	9 (2026)	6 (2024)	A total of Nine (9) Provinces attend the IPSAS training of which 6 Provinces are receiving grant support from UNDP
2.2: PG Officials' capacities improved to integrate cross-cutting issues into provincial planning and budgets, including climate change resilience, disaster preparedness, human rights, gender equality & localized SDG priorities	0 (2022)	6 (2026)	0 (2024)	No progress during the reporting period.

Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Baseline	Target	Progress against OVI	Remarks
2.3: Provincial Assemblies and Executives have better capacities to provide oversight over PA expenditures and overall effectiveness.	0 (2022)	6 (2026)	0 (2024)	No progress on this induction training for the PACs/Pas. Expecting to report on this in 2025
2.4. # of Ward Development Committees whose capacities have been developed in relation to inclusive development planning and how to integrate key cross-cutting issues (172 WDCs in total)	0 (2022)	172 (2026)	27 (2024)	27 WDC is PGSD contributions. And base on the upcoming WDC workshop is it expected to reach 27 WDC members by the end of August 2024 committee member and other community group representatives
2.5: SOPs established to clarify functional assignments and division of labor between PG/PS and deconcentrated administrations in charge of health and education	0 (2022)	2 (2026)	0 (2024)	Expecting to report on this in 2025
2.6 - SOPs established to promote coordination and effective use of public resources for health and education at the provincial level	0 (2022)	2 (2026)	0 (2024)	Expecting to report on this in 2025
2.7 Capacities (PFM) of PGs to plan, implement, monitor and report utilization of grants enhanced	0 (2022)	45 (2026)	45 (2024)	MPGIS conducted PFM capacity training (IPSAS) to which more than 5 PG staff from 9 provinces are participating. Target can be adjusted to 45 Provincial staff participating in the IPSAS training
Output Result 3. BY UNICIEF				
Output Result 4. Policy and legal frameworks for provincial service delivery upgraded and aligned				
4.1.PGA 1997 review, and amendments produced based on		4 (2026)	2 (2024)	Reform recommendation prepared and submitted to

Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Baseline	Target	Progress against OVI	Remarks
recommendations of key provincial stakeholders	0			MPGIS which is included in the 100 days Policy and priorities in 2024 and a national consultant to support gender mainstreaming and social inclusion has been identified and contracted.

ANNEXES

ANNEX I: REVISED LOG-FRAME

ANNEX II: FINANCIAL REPORT

ANNEX III: ANNUAL WORKING PLAN

ANNEX V: PAYMENT REQUEST – 2ND PRE-FINANCING

ANNEX IV: MANAGEMENT DECLARATION