

Governance for Resilient Development Project (GRDP) Document
Local Project Appraisal Committee Meeting Minutes

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Projects Appraised: Governance for Resilient Development Project (GRDP) Document

Attendance

Name	Designation	Organisation
Karin Takeuchi	Deputy Resident Representative (Chair)	UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji
Merewalesi Laveti	Monitoring and Evaluation Analyst	UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji
Christina Mualia- Lima	ARR Governance	UNDP Samoa MCO
Sharad Neupane	Programme Specialist	UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji
Moortaza Jiwanji	Project Manager	UNDP - GRDP
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Nicola Glendining	Technical Advisor	UNDP - GRDP
Summer Lee	Partnerships Liaison & Coms Specialist	UNDP - GRDP
Elimi Tawake	Finance Officer	UNDP - GRDP
Karalaini Savu	Project Associate	UNDP - GRDP
Melchior Mataki	Permanent Secretary	Ministry of Environment Climate Change Disaster Management & Meteorology – Solomon Islands
Hudson Kauhiona	Director - Climate Change Division	Ministry of Environment Climate Change Disaster Management & Meteorology – Solomon Islands
Walolyn Mamau	Climate Finance Unit	Ministry of Finance – Solomon Islands
Aaron Pitaqae	Under Secretary	Ministry for Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs – Solomon Islands
Elisaia		Min Agriculture
Kakala Lutui	Team Leader, Advisor to the Public Account Committee	Tonga Legislative Assembly
Tony Kaltong	Senior Expenditure Analyst	Ministry of Finance and Economic Management – Vanuatu
Ioanna Mokeaki	Economic Analyst	National Economic Planning Office – Kiribati
Ray Bojczuk	First Secretary	Australia DFAT
Natasha Verma	Program Manager	Australia DFAT
Jihi Kim	Country Director	KOICA Fiji Office
Suyoung Park	Project Coordinator	KOICA Fiji Office

Ryan Orange	Senior Advisor Governance	New Zealand MFAT
Jean-Paul Penrose	Development Counsellor	United Kingdom DFID
Jeong Park	Technical Advisor	Australia Pacific Climate Partnership

Agenda Item 1

The meeting was opened with a welcoming and introduction speech by the Deputy Resident Representative (DRR), Ms. Karen Takeuchi. A summary of the UNDP appraisal and approval process was explained with the objective of the local project appraisal committee meeting. The objective is to acquire comments and consensus from counterparts on the project document.

Agenda Item 2

A presentation on the project document was concluded by Moortaza, Amini and Nicola.

Agenda Item 3

Quality Assurance overview was summarized by Ms. Laveti.

Agenda Item 4

Discussion Points

Point 1: Gender and Social Inclusion

- Ms. Natasha (DFAT) acquired clarifications the opportunity of engaging organizations that are working on people living with disability in the selected project countries

UNDP Response: Disabled Person's Organizations (DPOs) will be targeted both as part of the process to risk-inform community and sector planning mainly through our partnerships with local government (under outcome 1). They will also be engaged in the oversight work we will be conducting with UNDP's governance team (under outcome 2) to be part of civil society engagement on scrutinizing budget for instance.

- Social Inclusion aspects to be integrated into the gender dimensions of the project. As mentioned by Mr. Mataki that the ProPa network had approached this well and progressed well on it.
- UNDP Samoa, Assistant Resident Representative, Ms. Christina emphasized on changing in mindset as part of the gender sensitive and inclusive development

UNDP response:

It was clarified that the change in terminology did not reflect a change in the substantive approach to programming in this area. As such, UNDP will use the original terminology 'gender and social inclusion'.

Point 2: Difference between PRRP and GRDP

- Ms. Kakala (Tonga Government) sought clarification on the difference between the previous PRRP and the new GRDP project

UNDP response: In the new Governance for resilient development project, the engagement of civil society and the aspiration of scaling this project across the region under Outcome 3

differentiates it from the PRRP project/ The previous PRRP was a pilot project that focused in four countries.

Point 3: Modality for Implementation

- Mr. Hudson (Solomon Government) acquired clarification on the implementation modality of the project to allow countries to operationalize activities

UNDP response: This is a regional project operating on DIM modality. However, in some cases we applied a hybrid approach involving letter of agreements with Ministries for project activities implementation by the Government. With the new project and for countries where there is a UNDP office we will consider how the work is implemented on a case by case basis.

Point 4: Quality Assurance

- Mr. Ryan Orange from the New Zealand Government noted that most of the quality assurance questions are rated a 2 and if there were a reason for this. **UNDP response:** This question was addressed bilaterally with Mr Orange, that a rating of 2 for most QA questions gives an overall scores of 'Satisfactory'. There is also room to revise and confirm the ratings accordingly should there be no further questions raised specifically on the main components of the project document.

Agenda Item 5: Recommendation and Conclusion

Recommendation:

Quality Assurance project title to be amended to reflect the adopted new project name 'Governance for Resilience Development' project and Quality Assurance scores to be revised.

Conclusion

Deputy Resident Representative acknowledged the forum's discussions and approval on the project Governance for Resilience Development project. She added that for any further minor additions to the project documents such as budget sections including the ongoing KOICA discussion on the 1% coordination levy will be reflected accordingly. The RFGP project was announced that based on no further major objections, the project is now adopted and approved for implementation.

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