

## Annex C

### Kamwatta Village CDP – Aquaculture Project.

A meeting was requested by the Junior councilor for Kamwatta to the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs (MoAA) to discuss the CDP implemented in the pilot project.

#### Attendees:

- 16 villagers of Kamwatta
- Junior councilor of Kamwatta
- Ronald Cumberbatch, UNDP
- Shonelle Chase-Wishart, UNDP
- Romanus James, MoAA ADF II PMU
- Jeremy Simmons, MoAA ADF II PMU

#### Issues Highlighted

- Change in CDC leadership – The new councilor reported that they were unaware of the current financial position of the CDP. The treasurer was asked for records but could only produce receipts that added up to \$2,846,160 and the financial reports that would have been sent to UNDP. No cash book was kept and no bank statement was located.
- UNDP reiterated steps taken in the pilot with project implementation.
- The current status of the pond – Upon recent investigation of the pond by the Junior councilor it was discovered that there were only 18 hassar fish in the pond, the treasurer stated that 200 Fishes were bought but could not produce a receipt for the purchase.
- No further steps to fertilise the pond were taken by the MOA, Fisheries Department and the seedlings were never sent from NAREI.
- Fingerlings for pond and fuel for water pump still to be purchased.
- Seedlings never sent from NAREI
- The Junior councilor highlighted that the Toshao was unsatisfied with the treatment of the CDP funds as he was never consulted or made aware of the withdrawals done on for this project even though he is a signatory.
- Questions were raised on the source of some of the funds used by the treasurer to implement the project.
- Bank account statements, cash receipts and withdrawal slips to be reconciled.
- Villagers noted that there has been no accountability for the project.

#### Actions to be taken

- Ministry of Amerindian Affairs to follow up with the Minister of Amerindian Affairs on the Kamwatta CDP project and steps to be taken to rectify issues highlighted.
- UNDP to follow up with in office reports to aid in reconciliation of financial records.
- Councilors of Kamwatta to visit commercial bank where the village bank account is located and request bank statements.

The villagers are still interested in seeing this project as a success and therefore seek guidance on the way forward.

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