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Approved Mission Itinerary: Port Moresby-Kavieng-Port Moresby		List of Annexes: N/A	
(From)	Inclusive Travel Dates 7-12 May, 2014	(To)	Key counterpart (s) in each location: New Ireland Provincial Administration, Lihir Gold Mine Government Liaison Office, Provincial Forestry Office, Wildlife Conservation Society, The Nature Conservancy, local NGO/CBO participants.
Purpose of Mission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate stakeholder engagement workshop following formalisation of establishment of New Ireland Province's Provincial Climate Change Committee on progress of inception workshop recommendations; Identify potential replication and scaling-up of SGP grant recipients under the AF supported climate change adaptation project; Assist conduct training for CBOs/NGOs to access the GEF Small Grants Programs for Community-based Climate Change Adaptation efforts in the province; Assist SGP Secretariat conduct field monitoring projects. 			
Brief Background and Summary of Mission			
<p>Background: In July 2012, at the national inception workshop for the project, the provincial representative reported that communities have experienced effects of climate change related disasters including coastal and inland flooding, torrential rain over long periods, king tides, agriculture yield loss among many others. Serious concerns were expressed on the effects of climate change on the public infrastructure such as flooding of Buluminski Highway and destruction of economic cash crops like cocoa. At the provincial inception meeting in December 2012, several recommendations were put forward however no progress was achieved in 2013 in the absence of the project management. For this reason, it was recommended that current SGP recipients engaged in community-based climate change adaptation measures would scale-up their interventions under the bigger UNDP/OCCD Climate Change Adaptation Project. Given this opportunity to leverage support for community led CBA initiatives, monitoring was necessary to review progress of SGP grant recipients and conduct further training for potential proponents as well as identify and establish strategic partnerships with other stakeholders in the province.</p> <p>Key Observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Formal endorsement of the Provincial Climate Change Committee is highly likely to contribute to improving coordination and implementation of climate change activities. The delayed MOU between OCCD and NIPA is likely to be signed to formal inter-government agency collaboration; NIP has a long history of marine conservation work unlike terrestrial activities that are more focused on economic development of the province; The number and range of participants at the 3day stakeholder awareness workshop and SGP learning session shows the growing interest in communities to enhance capacity to address emerging environment degradation and climate change effects. Generally, coastal and island communities are increasing exposed to sea level rise that's affecting their homes and freshwater sources including threats to gardening areas thus raises concerns on food security in the province. Monitoring identified the following: communities taking ownership of the issues and taking initiatives with locally appropriate actions however there are specific technical and project management capacity gaps. The strong NGO presence in the province provides an excellent opportunities to partnership to enhance local capacities. Engagement of government officials and Lihir Gold Mine Government Liaison demonstrates commitment for partnership where both have pledge support for community initiatives. 			
Expected Results and Follow-up actions:			Distribution: (Copies to)
OCCD/UNDP through the PMU:			UNDP Programme Team

1. to proactively engage with provincial focal point to accelerate implementation of the climate change adaptation support to NIP;
2. Maintain communication and dialogue with NGO/CBO and private sectors in the province for potential collaboration on the project;
3. Coordinate with SGP to ensure recommendations from the field monitoring are implemented and guide communities to access additional funding and support from other partners;

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