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Purpose of Mission: a. Assist Office of Climate Change and Development present the findings of Hazard Assessment to Provincial Administrators at the Provincial and Local Level Government Services Monitoring Authority; b. Guide Morobe Province's Provincial Focal Point on Procurement Guidelines in finalising outstanding activities for the 2014 annual workplan; and c. Inform and hold discussions with Morobe Provincial Administration and Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program on the Protected Areas Project Design covering YUS Conservation Area.			

Brief Background and Summary of Mission

Background: The Provincial and Local Level Government Services Monitoring Authority (PLLSMA) is a constitutional body established under the Organic Law on Provincial and Local Level Government. The purpose of PLLSMA is to oversee provinces' progress on delivering development services. These development services include education, health, agriculture, lands, human resources, finance and budgeting and other cross-cutting issues such as gender, HIV/AIDS, capacity building, environment, climate change and broadly natural resources. The review meetings are held quarterly for Provincial Coordination and Monitoring Committee (PCMC) while annual meetings are organised for the Provincial Administrators to hear the progress of PCMC.

The presentation of Hazard Assessment of five pilot provinces i.e. East Sepik, Madang, Morobe, New Ireland and Northern provinces provided an opportunity and appreciated by provincial administrators and other government officials at the national and provincial level to under the importance of evidence based climate change adaptation development planning. Generally for all provinces, the Hazard Assessment findings showed that all coastal and riverine communities including important infrastructure will be affected by coast and inland flooding. However, the current reporting tool does not adequately capture other critical development issues related to environment, climate change or natural resource. In addition, reporting capacity in provinces and districts are very limited or absent thus affects overall update on development results expected to be achieved. As a result of the presentation of findings, a resolution from the meeting was for provinces to contact the Office of Climate Change and Development to further discuss their respective priorities on climate change.

In terms of the UNDP/OCCD support on climate change adaptation to Morobe Provincial Administration, it was reported that there is still limited capacity as the current focal point is also responsible for other environment and natural resources' management issues. This has contributed to the very slow implementation at the provincial level. In particular, the current implementation modality does not facilitate timely procurement of goods and services in order for field level activities to be undertaken. The provincial administration is only now targeting the Bumbu River communities. As such immediate initial activities planned for third quarter is awareness and education among the riverine communities of Bumbu River. Discussions with the provincial project focal point contributed to the finalisation of planned activities and further clarification on the UNDP Procurement Guidelines including process.

Another UNDP support in partnership with the Department of Environment and Conservation with the Morobe Provincial Administration is to enhance the management of YUS Conservation Area. DEC has identified YUS as the first Conservation Area to trial new management arrangements and promote opportunities to enhance sustainable livelihoods. The first meeting with the Morobe Province's Deputy Administrator, Economic Sector that covers natural resources division to provide a briefing on the proposed project. The meeting with Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program reached the following consensus to facilitate UNDP/DEC project design team to Lae and then YUS in July 2014. TKCP will organize all logistics and UNDP will meet all related costs under the project.

Key Observations:

1. PLLSMA is a key mechanism in tracking provinces' development progress through PCMC who has an important role of coordinating and monitoring delivery of services.
2. Development Results Based Monitoring and Reporting Capacity is limited or absent in certain levels of national, provincial and districts governments.
3. Cross-Cutting issues are not adequately captured as the reporting tools have limitation in its structure/format.
4. Climate Change related hazard assessment provides provinces the opportunity to understand the extent of inundation along coastal and riverine areas due to coastal and inland flooding for development planning purposes including allocation of resources.
5. Morobe Provincial Administration and TKCP are supportive of UNDP/DEC partnership to enhance management of YUS Conservation Area.
6. PMU/OCCD to increase frequency of contact and support to Morobe Province to accelerate implementation of field level activities under the Climate Change Adaptation Project.

Expected Results and Follow-up actions:**Distribution: (Copies to)**

1. Initiate dialogue with Department of Provincial and Local Level Government Affairs to identify linkages and synergies with national agencies and provinces that UNDP is partnering with to implement Environment and Climate Change Initiatives. This will facilitate opportunities to enhance monitoring, reporting and evaluation capacities including the tools at all levels.
2. UNDP to facilitate OCCD engagement with provinces interested to address climate change related issues including presentation of Hazard Assessment at other forums to highlight its importance as development planning tool. In addition, PMU to improve communication with Morobe Province to accelerate implementation of the Climate Change Adaptation project.
3. UNDP/DEC and TKCP will jointly facilitate meetings and logistics for the stakeholder consultations in Lae and YUS to design the proposed project

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