

Minutes of LPAC, 09 May 2016

Project: Supporting peaceful and inclusive transition in Solomon Islands

Date: Monday 09 May 2016

Venue: SINU conference room, Honiara, Solomon Islands

Attendees:

Government:

1. Mrs. Ethel Sigimanu, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Women, Youths, Children and Family Affairs
2. Mr. Kemuel Laeta, Director for Policy, Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace.
3. Dr. Glen Galo, Vice Chancellor, Solomon Islands National University

UNDP:

1. Ms Azusa Kubota, Country Manager UNDP Solomon Islands
2. Mr. Agus Wandj, Social Cohesion and Development Specialist
3. Mr. Brian Lenga, Governance Analyst/Head of Gov Unit
4. Mevalyn Atu, Programme Assistant

Stakeholders

1. Anne Tully, World Bank Country Representative
2. Jane Hardy, Pacific Liaison Officer DFAT
3. Kristy Nowland, UN Women
4. Narendra Prasad, Director of Research, SINU
5. Leisande Otto, Project Officer World Bank
6. Glennis K Masaea, International Affairs Officer, SPC
7. Lisa R. Horinapu, Voice Blo Mere
8. Joel Supple, Voice Blo Mere

Introduction and welcome

1. The meeting started with a welcome and introduction session.

Remarks from UNDP and SINU

2. This was followed by remarks from Ms Azusa Kubota, the United Nations Development Programme Pacific Solomon Islands office Country Manager. Ms Kubota thanked SINU for hosting the meeting and highlighted that the meeting was organised to review and validate the peace building project proposal, and have it submitted to the peace building fund immediate response facility.
3. The project proposal must be catalytic, tangible and must be aligned to the national priorities of the Solomon Islands government including community led peace building efforts.
4. Ms Azusa highlighted the next 2 years will be critical in terms of peace building given that the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI), a regional security force that restored peace and security in Solomon Islands, will leave the

country after 14 years. It is therefore for the country to consolidate gains and be able to transit peacefully into the future without the presence of a regional policing and military facility.

5. Ms Azusa highlighted the need to acknowledge the role of women and youth in peace building and the need to empower them to be more engaged in ongoing national government-led peace building and reconciliation efforts.
6. It is important to engage academics in project design and implementation. This has started with the meeting of academics in Suva in March 2016 and continued with the engagement of SINU. Research is an important activity in the peace building project proposal as it will help to inform design of government policies and programs.
7. Dr Glyn Galo, welcome every participants to SINU and introduced the newly appointed SINU Director for Research Dr. Giuseppe. With the new director of research in place, SINU is aiming to strengthen its capacity to undertake policy and academic research.


Summary of feedback received following presentation of draft PBF project proposal

8. UNDP country manager provided some generic guidance on the type of feedback that is expected from the appraisal committee
9. It was suggested that marginalised and minority groups should not be overlooked in the proposed peace building project.
10. With 18 months to implement the project it is important that project have a clear plan and strategy for achieving results.
11. Any research that will be conducted under this project must be specific with clearly defined methodology and results propositions.
12. Ministry of youth noted that there is limited or absence of studies on the role of youth in peace building.
13. In terms of measuring progress, how will the project measure that political space was created for dialogue. Need to establish unit of measurement.


LPAC Conclusions:

The LPAC recommend that as no substantive issues had been raised as part of the appraisal process, the peacebuilding project would be considered approved, pending the incorporation of the feedback listed above.

The LPAC meeting ended at 2 pm.



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UN Country Manager Solomon Islands



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