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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME- Sub-Office, Solomon Islands			<h2>Mission Report</h2> <p>Youth Mission to Youth Pilot Project Sites in North Malaita, Date: 12th to 15th April 2017</p>
Name: Erick Hale	Title: M&E Research Officer	Phone No. (677) 8945887	Travel Authorization Number:
Approved Mission Itinerary: Henderson Domestic (Departure Time 3:30 Pm) to Gwaunaru Airport (Arrival Time 4:00 Pm) 12 th April 2017, Gwaunaru Airport (Departure Time 3:00 Pm) to Henderson Airport (Arrival Time 3:30 Pm) 15 th April 2017			List of Available Resources: Vehicle Hire
From: 12 th April 2017 to: 15 th April 2017			Other mission members: Erick Hale – UNPBF Project Francis Kairi – Malaita Province Peace Desk, MNURP
<u>Objective of the Workshop:</u>			
<u>Purpose/Objective of Mission:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To travel to selected communities in North Malaita: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Manure ○ Fo'ondo ○ Rameau ○ Beth (Sulione) ○ Silolo ▪ To discuss with youth and community leaders the engagement of youths from these communities in the peacebuilding and livelihood training to be delivered by Coconut Technology Centre. ▪ To identify up to 50 youths from these communities to participate in the peacebuilding and livelihood training. 			
<u>Mission Outcomes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ List of names and contact details of youths from these communities who will participate in the peacebuilding and livelihood training ▪ Profile of selected marginalized youths from these communities. 			
<u>Lessons Learned:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Such mission ensures to engage community leaders and representatives, however it occurred during the Easter Season in which most members of the selected communities were not available due to competing priorities. At the time of the visit most members of the communities travelled to Parish Centers and stayed there for the duration of the Easter Season to celebrate masses, conventions and other religious activities and were not available for consultations and dialogue, leaving few elders and leaders in the communities. Easter sporting events also attract youths resulting in most youths attending with few youths remained in the communities for consultations and dialogue. ▪ The skill gaps that exist between male youths and female youths may have resulted from a number of factors including, limited ability of female youths in these communities to travel for training to Honiara, and social factors that put pressure on female youths to enter training for traditional occupations instead of training that is geared to new demands of the labor market such as the DME training. Male youths and female youth needs with regard to their economic participation also differ. 			



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Best Practices Learned

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Next Steps/Action Plan

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- Procurement Unit
- Human Resource
- UNPBF Project Manager
- Malaita Province Peace Desk of MNURP

Any Other Comments

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