QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT TEMPLATE (draft)

[This report should inform Project Board Members at annual project board meetings]

PROJECT TITLE: Solomon Islands Integrating Global Environment Commitments in Investment and Development Decision Making (IGECIDDM)/CB2

PROJECT NUMBER: 00083083

Applicable Output(s) from the SRPD (2018-2022):

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PART 1: DESCRIBE THE KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THIS QUARTER:

Describe the planned interventions of the project and describe how the interventions have enabled the achievement of the intended results, linking this to the Theory of Change. State any change that have results supported by evidence that is attributed to the project. If achievements are still at the activity results level than describe how it contributes to the Output/Overall Project level result.

Most of the achievements attributed to this project is still at the activity results level.

As part of the efforts to fulfill output 1.1- ***strengthening of the Ministry of Forest and Research REDD+ Implementation Unit (MoFR/RIU) capacity to implement the National REDD+ Readiness Roadmap***- MoFR/ RIU commended the project in developing and providing trainings on the Training Manual (TM) on Geospatial Data Management/handling and the TM for Community Based Ecosystem Assessment for REDD+ Projects in the Solomon Islands. They acknowledge that the TM on Geospatial Data Management is important to the Ministry because it is simple to understand and is a very helpful resource in guiding the ministry's effort in National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) and Measuring Reporting and Verification (MRV). Likewise, the TM on the Community Based Ecosystem Assessments for REDD+ Projects provides a practical guide to the key steps involved in identifying, assessing, and communicating the value of ecosystem services as well as forest inventory and the voluntary participation of rural communities in support of REDD+ initiatives. The trainings have been conducted by the project's consultant not only for MoFR/RIU staff but also for MAL, MECDM including the Kia/Bararofa rural community (which is one of the REDD+ potential pilot sites in the country). The attached MoFR forestry newsletters provides evidence of some of these trainings highlighted.

Regarding output 1.2 ***(global environment priorities are mainstreamed into selected development plans)*** to facilitate and coordinate the collective Solomon Islands Government (SIG) learning-by-doing process to integrate the Rio Conventions into selected development plans and policies, an Analytical Framework for mainstreaming the Rio Conventions using REDD+ has been developed. Strategically, the significance of this analytical framework is it will guide and help coordinate the integration of the Rio Conventions into domestic legislation, plans and policies in Solomon Islands where they have not already been domesticated in national legislation. That is if the SIG seriously wants to go down the part of fully complying with these obligations by mainstreaming them in domestic laws and policies. The framework sets out what these Rio Conventions obligations are; it identifies relevant national laws and policies whereby the mainstreaming exercised can be materialize as well as proposing specific

obligations in the form of amendments to be adopted into selected laws and policies. The framework also highlights what other systematic actions needs to be undertaken to comprehensively mainstream the Rio Conventions obligations[1]. Trainings will be provided on this framework by the project's Environment Law consultant as soon as the framework is endorsed[2]. These trainings is expected to be done in the fourth and final quarter of 2017, more specifically end of October.

For output 1.3 which focuses on *supporting the financial sustainability of implementing the REDD+ Roadmap*, a Resource Mobilization Strategy (RMS) has been developed and a feasibility study report has been produced which outlines the best practice financial and economic instruments to pilot the implementation of the Roadmap. The RMS provides an overview of key actions SIG needs to undertake to mobilize resources to ensure sustainability of the REDD+ Roadmap implementation in the long-term. The report on best practices, provides an inventory regarding potential best practices, financial and economic instruments useful for the Roadmap's implementation as well as further advancement of the REDD+ initiative in the country[3]. These reports are in the process of being endorsed by MECDM and MoFR on behalf of the Government and UNDP.

In the efforts to fulfil output 2.1- *global environment priorities and REDD+ Safeguards are integrated within the development consent process*- several important documents had been produced. The first one is reports which take stock of the Cancun related safeguards already existing within national laws and policies and areas that need strengthening with regards to social and environmental safeguards, and the potential social/economic benefits and risks of the proposed REDD+ activity implementation and priorities. The significance of these reports are they can be the basis to inform the setting up of Safeguards System.

The second sets of reports produced are gap analysis reports with recommendations, focusing on the Code of Logging Practice (COLP) under the Ministry of Forestry & Research (MoFR) and the National Rural Land Use Policy (NRLUP) under the Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock (MAL) which recommended specific actions both ministries needs to undertake to create an "enabling environment" for effective implementation of the COLP and the NRLUP in consideration of the EIA process under the Environment Act.
Third and finally a social and environmental impact assessment guideline and checklist for forestry sector (logging) and agriculture sector (mainly for palm oil development) have been developed. The purpose of these checklist is to link the two key prescribed developments under these two sectors (forest and agriculture sector) to the EIA process under the Environmental Act[4]. Once these checklists have been adopted and implemented by MoFR and MAL, they are expected to strengthen and ensure that any prescribed development such as logging and commercial plantations within the forest and agricultural sector comply with the EIA process under the Environment Act 1998. This will help improve the process to account for how much land cover has been affected as well as social and environmental impacts caused by these developments within these sectors and how to monitor them under the EIA

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[1] That is what other relevant needs laws needs to be amended and so forth.
[2] The project is working closely with MECDM PS on endorsing this framework.
[3] As required under the prodoc, the project team is working closely with PS MECDM and PS MOFR on their feedbacks on how well in terms of 'quality' they thought of the RMS and Report on best practice financial and economic instruments to implement the National REDD+ Readiness Roadmap.
[4] The project team is working towards ensuring these documents are adopted and used by the relevant SIG ministries.

under the Act. The Project team are in the process of getting the reports endorsed hence printed them out and share them with the Government and other interested stakeholders.

RESULTS RESOURCE FRAMEWORK QUARTETLY PROGRESS *(**In some projects, Outputs in Project Documents are equivalent to Activity Results level in ATLAS)*

EXPECTED ATLAS ACTIVITY RESULTS	ACTIVITY RESULTS INDICATORS	BASELINE	ANNUAL TARGETS	OUTPUTS INDICATORS RESULTS	EVIDENCE (SOURCE, LINK)
ACTIVITY RESULTS 1 Strengthen organizational capacities of the REDD+ Implementation Unit	No. of training workshops undertaken. REDD+ unit has mandate to coordinate CCCD Activities	Evidence of public sector staff's technical capacities related to the Rio Conventions is limited	Government staff have learned, applied, and tested best practice tools to integrate Rio Conventions into forest and agriculture sector development plans	***Progress Keys:*** On Track, Achieved or Off track **Status:** **60% achieved** On Track. Report Results Achieved against **Activity Results** 1 Indicator(s):	REDD+ Unit mandate is clearly prescribed in the cabinet endorsed REDD+ Roadmap. The unit is currently taking the lead in coordinating and implementing the Roadmap. The Roadmap. clearly define the REDD+ organizational structure.
ACTIVITY RESULTS 2 Global environment priorities are mainstreamed into selected national and provincial development plans through a REDD+ Framework	Analytical framework for integrating Rio Conventions into forest and agriculture sector planning	There is no systematic approach or institutional procedures to integrate environmental conservation priorities and Rio Convention provisions into socio-	analytical framework finalized and is rated highly by peer review experts.	***Progress Keys:*** On Track, Achieved or Progress **Status:** 50% achieved Report Results Achieved against **Activity Results** 2 Indicator(s):	

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		economic development planning processes		The Analytical framework for mainstreaming of Rio Conventions using REDD+ has been developed and currently awaiting endorsement.	
ACTIVITY RESULTS 3 resource mobilization strategy in place.	Resource mobilization strategy and plan for National REDD+ Roadmap Feasibility study and consultations on REDD+ Roadmap implementation		Strategy and plan drafted, reviewed, and finalized by month 7 Feasibility study on financial and economic instruments to implement REDD+ Roadmap completed by month 12	*Progress Keys:* On Track, Achieved or Progress **Status:** 50% achieved Report Results Achieved against **Activity Results** 3 Indicator(s):	
OVERALL OUTPUT PROGRESS RESULTS *(contributes to ROAR Section B and IWP EA)*				*Progress Keys:* On Track, Achieved or Progress **Status:** Report Results Achieved against **Output Results Indicator** (s):	

PART 2: PARTNERSHIP

Implementing Partner (IP) and Focal Point Contact (Title, email, fax, phone, address)	Type of Partnerships/Role	Duration of Partnership	Progress of Deliverables from Partnership (**)
SIG-MECDM. Channel Iroi Under Secretary/ Technical Email: c.iroi@mecm.gov.sb	Formal-Project key focal point within MECDM	Ongoing	Provision of office space for projects; use of vehicle; operation and amenities

			Provide technical inputs into the technical reports produced by the project consultants to meet the outputs.
SIG-MoFR Cathy Unga Chief Forest Officer Email.cathy.unga@gmail.com	formal	On-going	support the project through collating inputs from the ministry in aid of the project outputs.

**Describe the progress of the key assumptions and expected results achieved by partners that were critical for the identified results

PART 3: RISK and ASSUMPTIONS

Update the **Risk Log** on this section (**This can be updated directly in ATLAS**).

Risk	Mitigation Action	Timeframe	Mitigation Action Progress
Lack of political will to adopt the developed policies, checklists and the proposed amendments	Closely liaise with the key Government ministries to ensure these documents are considered and adopted. Closely liaise and use UNDP as a channel to get the message across to the Government on the importance of these documents produced under this project.	On-going	
Competing with other projects for Government support	Use project board members who are CEOs or permanent secretaries to pass the message to their officers to render their support. Organize workshops to get feedbacks from Government on the deliverables produced	On-going	

	by the project consultants.		
So far two of the eight project's consultants' contracts haven't been renewed and prematurely terminated due to under performance. This has hindered project implementation in a huge way.	Open discussion with the concerned ICs on a professional manner to prevent any of the ICs taking any legal action against the project.	On-going	

PART 4: KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

List any specific knowledge products that was produced to leverage project results. Level of project visibility and lessons learned generated by the project should be documented.

It was unfortunate that during this quarter no knowledge products such as media publications has been produced. This comes after the dismissal of the project's community consultations and stakeholder engagement consultant- the consultant who supposed to produce radio programmes, news articles, brochures to showcase the project activities.

PART 5: KEY LESSONS LEARNT AND CHALLENGES

Describe the key lessons learnt, challenges of achieving the results in this quarter. Also explain how this project will address key lessons learnt and challenges to ensure that the Project Output will be successfully achieved.

Carrying on from the momentum generated from the second quarter when project consultant's gradually deliver on their deliverables[5], third quarter has been a step further in terms of efforts to meet the project outputs as the consultants continue to meet the deliverables expected of them. That is despite the key challenges faced especially in getting technical inputs from the SIG into these technical documents due to competing priorities with other projects. As highlighted earlier on that the key deliverables produced to fulfil the relevant outputs includes the: Training Manuals (TM) on Geospatial Data Management/handling and the TM for Community Based Ecosystem Assessment for REDD+ Projects in the Solomon Islands; the Analytical Framework for mainstreaming the Rio Conventions using REDD+ to guide and help coordinate SIG efforts to integrate the Rio Conventions into domestic legislation, plans and policies; a Resource Mobilization Strategy (RMS) to ensure sustainability of the REDD+ Roadmap implementation in the long-term, and; the social impact assessment guideline and

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[5] Please note that the documents (either in the form of technical reports, policy, checklist, guidelines, proposal or legal amendments) produced by the consultants to meet the deliverables expected of them are structured in a way that once they are finalised and are endorsed by the UNDP and SIG, they somehow contribute directly to fulfil the relevant outputs of the projects.

checklist for forestry sector (logging) and agriculture sector (mainly for palm oil development) linking these sectors to the EIA process under the Environment Act.

It should also be noted that these very important documents have been made possible only through the project team's innovation in convening workshops whereby Government officials have been invited to deliberate on the documents and provide their inputs. This method has worked out so far enabling consultants to finalize their reports following government inputs hence meet their deliverables. Consequently, the project team will continue using this method to enable consultants to finalize their remaining deliverables. Also despite experiencing the setbacks associated with the premature termination of two of the project consultants' contracts, the project team in close collaboration with the UNDP RSD team and the procurement team has already managed to engage someone who is currently on the ground finalizing the third and final deliverable (environmental checklist for logging and palm oil development) left undone by the Environment Safeguards Specialist. Also, work is underway in getting someone to take over from where the former Community Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement consultant stopped.

PART 6: SUSTAINABILITY AND SCALING UP

**This question is only applicable if project is reporting on its final quarter*.

Describe how the project have used relevant national systems to sustain and scale up the results achieved. Describe how the national capacities have been strengthened through this project and how national ownership have been realized.

Following the project's initiative in recruiting and funding a female forest officer for the newly established MoFR REDD+ Implementation Unit (RIU) using SIG recruitment process, the ministry has now absorbed this officer into its payroll. This female officer is the only second officer to be part of this new unit. Recently the Ministry has just recruited a third officer to be apart of the team. Had it not been for the project's initiative at the first place, the MoFR/RIU won't be up and running the way, it is now. These officers have been sent by the ministry to undertake on the job trainings in Korea under KOICA support as well as Japan under JICA support.

Likewise, following the recent trainings conducted on the Training Manuals (TM) on Community Based Ecosystem Assessment for REDD+ Projects in the Solomon Islands both for the ministry and the Kia rural community in Isabel Province, an MOU has been signed between the ministry on behalf of the SIG and the Kia Community to collaborate in selected REDD+ activities on the Bororafa Island-a pilot site identified in the REDD+ Roadmap.

PART 7: QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Activity Result	Planned Activities	Budget (USD)	Amount Spent	Balance

Strengthen organizational capacities of the REDD+ Implementation Unit		71,206		
		36,000		
		40,000		

PART 8: LIST OF EVIDENCE PROVIDED AS ANNEX

Example 1: *If training has been done for youths or women you need to have evidence via list of participants disaggregated by gender, age and signed by participants (as per workshop participant list etc.)*

For Workshop reports the following are required; author, date of report and title. A copy of the final report needs to be submitted.

- *Training reports on the manuals and list of participants*
- *Quarterly progress report*

PART 9: QUALITY ASSUARANCE

PROJECT MANAGER: Name: Signature:	REVIEWED & APPROVED: TEAM LEADER Name: Signature	VALIDATION ON RBM, EVIDENCE BASED REPORTING& CLEARANCE FOR CORPORATE UPDATE OF RESULTS (ATLAS &CPS) IRMU M&E Analyst: Signature: