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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME- Sub-Office, Solomon Islands			<h2>Mission Report</h2> <p>Date: 23 – 2 September 2019</p> <p>YOUTH PROFILING MISSION TO WEATHER COAST OF GUADALCANAL</p>
Name Deborah Bora Kole	Title : Community Liaison Officer Youth Empowerment in Peace Building Project	Phone No. 7492605	Travel Authorization Number:
Approved Mission Itinerary: Honiara/Marau/Honiara			List of Available Resources: Conflict Bay Lodge 40 Horsepower Outboard Motor (OBM), 1 skipper (Andrew Riropo) and 2 boat crew, 1 life jacket, 1 Satellite phone, 1 GPS, 1 Flare
From: 23 Aug – 2 September 2019			Other mission members: Lana Malakia Jnr, Planning Officer, Guadalcanal Officer.

Schedule for Profiling Mission:

Date and Time	Communities visited	Activity	No of participants (incl leaders)	Males	Females
Friday 23 August		<i>Flight got cancelled due to bad weather</i>			
Saturday 24		Flew to Marau, did shopping (food for participants for three venues) at Marau (nearest semi-urban centre) and travelled to Purepure, the first venue for the Youth Profiling Activity (2hrs 30mins)			
Sun 25		Preparation Rest			
YOUTH PROFILING EXERCISE					
	Key communities	Villages represented			
Monday 26 10am	PUREPURE	5 zones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sauri, Kidivoroa • Valetako, Longu Lava • Purepre, Lambeana • Tabakolo, Pili, Baranabuluka • Ngalato 	66	39	27



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Tuesday 27 11am	NAHO	<p>Naho</p> <p>Note: <i>initially only Naho was to engage in youth profiling based on attendance at the previous consultation, however, two interior communities requested to be considered and so in total we have 3 zones. Participants in the two newly added zones were sent registration forms with arrangement to have them sent to Makaruka the next morning, where the next profiling activity would be conducted</i></p> <p>3 zones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naho • Tabunahabu • Vatualue 	15	7	8
Wednesday 28 10am	MAKARUKA	<p>4 zones</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bokasughu 2. Makaruka 3. Komuvaolu 4. Sukiki 	46	36	10
Thursday 29		Travel from Makaruka to Marau			
Friday 30		Revisit the target communities in the 6 zones, confirming reschedule meeting details – this means using boat to reach communities on the islands (<i>previously meeting was to be held on Saturday 31st but it was changed to Sunday 1st September to allow seventh day Adventist communities to attend</i>)			
Saturday 31		Support the host, <i>Conflict Bay Management</i> in preparing for profiling on Sunday.			
Sunday 1 September	MARAU	<p>6 zones</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kopiu (seventh day Adventist community) 2. Purakiki 3. Hautahe 4. Makina 5. (<i>islands communities</i>) Simeruka, Wahere, Niu Marere, Komuta'a 6. (<i>island communities</i>) Marapa, Alite and Niu Island 	91	50	41
Monday 2		Return Marau - Honiara			



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Aim/Purpose of the Mission:

The profiling mission aims to:

- i) identify youths who may be interested to participate in project activities taking into consideration the selection criteria which has been set
- ii) ensure that relevant information is available to the project so that programme activities can be designed accordingly
- iii) collect information which will provide a baseline for the project for M&E purposes

Objective of Mission:

- Register youths identified by community leaders
- Register community leaders: Chiefs, church leaders, Women leaders and Youth leaders who will be supporting these youths in their respective communities

Mission outcomes

Main community	16 – 24 years	Community leaders
PUREPURE	Males – 20 Females - 19 Total = 39	Males – 28 Females – 13 Total = 41
NAHO	males – 12 females – 11 Total = 23	Males – 11 Females - 4 Total = 15
MAKARUKA	Males – 17 Females – 8 Total = 25	Males – 25 Females – 11 Total = 36
MARAU	Males – 25 Females – 34 Total = 59	Males –24 Females – 15 Total =39
	Total no of youths = 146	Total no of leaders = 131 <i>Note: Number of leaders will be further revised to reflect instruction given which 1 woman rep per community/zone and 3 male leaders: chief, church and youth leader.</i>

PUREPURE

Day 1: 26 August 2019

Discussion and comments

Outline of programme

1. Prayer
2. Opening remark: Patrick Koeolia
3. Introduction: Deborah
4. Project background: Deborah
5. Questions and Answers: Deborah & Lana (GP Planning Officer)

i) Purepure is confirmed to have 5 zones which are named:



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- Ngalato
- Baranabuluka, Ligi, Nakili and Tabakolo
- Purepure, Lambeana
- Alivaghato
- Kidivoroa and Sauri

From each zone, 10 youths (5 males, 5 females) are identified by chiefs plus 4 leaders (1 chief, 1 church leader, 1 woman rep and 1 youth leader, if he/she is not one of the 10 youths)

There was no youth from Alivaghato community due to a church programme in the village so 14 registration forms were sent to them. The understanding was to have the forms filled and sent to Honiara.

ii) A remark of acknowledgement and appreciation was given for UNDP for reaching rural communities through this project and for returning for the next step of activities.

iii) Can UNDP not fail like others such as World Vision? Ans: This is the first time UNDP/ILO works directly with communities in the Weather Coast and it is a pilot project meaning that UNDP has not implemented this project anywhere in the SI. As such the team is committed to ensure that it is implemented successfully in the Weather Coast and that it impacts the lives of youths and their communities.

iv) What if UNDP ceases to operate in the next 5-10 years, what will happen if the project stops operation?

v) Will funding from UNDP be affected if SIG shifts to China?

vi) Those not identified for training would normally shift the responsibility to lead community projects to those who did but we understand it is a community effort, can this be clarified?

vii) What if certain community projects close due to mismanagement of funds, will UNDP take legal action?

6. Explanation of Registration Form: Lana explained the registration form in local language.

7. Filling out and submission of forms ended with photographs of each participant as they dropped off their forms.

8. Closing remark and prayer

9. Lunch and group photo





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NAHO

Day 2: 27 August, 2019

Outline of programme

1. Opening prayer: Catechist
2. Opening remark: Joseph Borren
3. Introduction: Deborah
4. Comments/Q&A
 - i) If Naho projects are successful, does UNDP have plans for the next stage?
 - ii) If Naho community projects are successfully implemented and the goals of peace building are met and we become peacebuilders, how about others who are not involved in this projects/not peace advocates? It is uneven peace!
 - iii) One elder remarked, acknowledging the project's initiative to help youths in the village.
6. Tea break
7. Explanation of the registration form: this was done by Lana in local language.
8. Participants filled out the form and individual photos were taken as each form was submitted.
9. Closing remark and prayer
10. Group photo





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MAKARUKA

Day 3: 28 August, 2019

Outline of Programme

1. Opening remark/welome: chief
2. Opening prayer: church leader
3. Introduction: Deborah
4. Q&A
 - i) What if the project fails, will UNDP take legal action? UNDP won't take any legal action but as part of the project activity, entrepreneurship component will cover risk management to businesses in the trainings, there will be monitoring of activities to support youths to implement their projects.
 - ii) There are enough canteens around, why should UNDP ask us to startup businesses? This was clarified that very often when people hear about projects or income generating activities, they quickly think that it is running a village canteen. In this case it is not. First, youths will need to identify the kind of project they think is best to implement in their local context, UNDP has no say, does not determine these projects for the youths, the youths themselves do. Second, it is the youths who will take lead but the community will benefit. These are not family, tribal or individual projects, they are community projects.
 - iii) Appreciation and acknowledgement of UNDP/ILO effort to help youths live better lives. "Indeed we want to live better" and this is an opportunity that opened up for them.
 - iv) It was expressed that peace is necessary or key to good living and the project aims to deliver just that, and the wards in this particular part of the island are pleased that Peace is what the UN seeks to achieve.
 - v) There is an appeal here. The community rep requested that they do not want any middle man – someone who comes in between them and UNDP office claiming/requesting to facilitate on behalf of the youths or chiefs in the village. Answer: The purpose of the registration is to identify who will be formally engaged in the trainings and community projects and the chiefs who will support the youths. The project team keeps a record of names and identities such as photographs of each person. So any interference of such nature can be easily identified.





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MARAU

Day 4: 29 August, 2019

Outline of programme

1. Welcome – Elijah Kupai, Master of ceremony and host of the event.
2. Opening prayer – Church leader
3. House keeping and outline of the program
4. Introduction to project background, aim, outcomes, target groups, activities: Deborah
5. Question & Answers
 - i) UNDP/ILO is highly acknowledged with great appreciation for the heart for youths.
 - ii) Other community reps thanked UNDP/ILO for the support for youths through this project which in a way also supports the role of parents.
 - iii) How many projects will one zone implement? Answer: 1
 - iv) A suggestion here recommending that apart from the training on identified areas (peace building, governance and entrepreneurship) UNDP to also include other subjects to upgrade and enhance skills needed by youths such as public speaking, power-point presentation or writing skills.
6. Explanation of Registration form: Lana and Deborah
7. Filling of forms and submission together with individual photographs for identification purposes
8. Closing remark and prayer
9. Lunch
10. Group photo



Lessons Learned

- Because of poor telecommunication services, information about the mission didn't reach the communities in good time and it seems that for Weather Coast, the best way to send messages and be certain that communities receive the correct message is by letters. To be able to do this well, the project team needs to know the schedule of the



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boats that provide shipping services for the weather coast.

- Even when an initial message has been sent, it is important that a reminder or follow up message is sent when project staff is on the ground.
- The Weather Coast, at the time this mission was made, was a disaster-stricken area resulting from severe flooding, continuous heavy rain and strong winds causing sea damage and difficulties accessing communities by sea. In such a situation, it is crucial that the project team obtains advice from local communities on the logistics and movement plan for the entire mission. Even tidal prediction is important to note as they can affect sea conditions.
- Project team also needs to clearly indicate how many women should be engaged in food preparation.
- Meeting with the Member of Parliament for East Guadalcanal, Hon Tovosia is still necessary.
- Satellite phone was not charged and of no use on this trip.
- There should be a training conducted or a demonstration at sea of how safety devices are operated in emergency. Verbal explanation of the procedures or steps operating the safety equipment is not enough.
- Always have plan B or even C for the Weather Coast because of the changeable weather conditions which can easily affect fixed programmes or tight schedules.

Risks

- Managing the logistic for the weather coast has been very challenging because of the geographical context, difficulty in access to the area, limited communication and other social services. This poses a huge risk on the sustainability of community projects.
- There is a disease attacking cocoa trees and fruits threatening the future of cocoa as a potential income for Weather Coast Farmers and eventually for this project should youths decide to build on from existing cocoa crops for their community projects. Since cocoa is a highly potential crop to generate income, it draws some thinking around ensuring cocoa trees are healthy and secure from such threats.
- No proper training venues makes it risky to run training during rainy days, which is the situation in the WC.

Things that needs to be done.

- Ensure team is aware of shipping services and schedules to send relevant information about project missions to the communities.
- Convene a meeting with Hon Bradley Tovosia, MP for East Guadalcanal.
- Ensure satellite phone is charged at the country office before departure.
- Tabulate names of youths and leaders so that project communicate directly with those who have registered with the project and no new members
- Ensure Guadalcanal Province, through the Planning Division is constantly updated on project activities.

Best Practices Learned

- Obtain local knowledge and instruction/tips 'pushout' to sea and 'landing' particularly during bad weather, noting that each site has specific contextual consideration as far as instruction is concerned.
- Establishing good network/understanding with community leaders, especially key contacts who support project work in the rural area and ensure successful implementation.



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Next Steps/Action Plan

- Communicate mission details over phone as well as letters to community leaders.
- Mission details to contain specific names of youths and leaders

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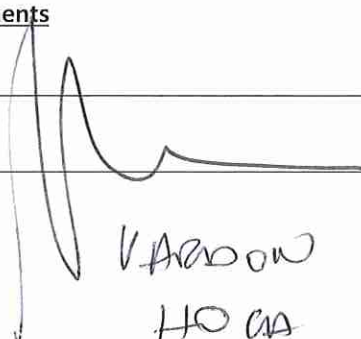
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Any Other Comments

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Signature:

Date: 15 October, 2019



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