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Letter No.: 297/18  
Ref. No: PRO/300/Vanuatu

Dear Mr. Benjamin,

**Subject: Requesting Vanuatu TNC-BUR project to expedite and fully acquit funds  
disbursed in July 2017**

I wish to advise that based on the UNDP financial monitoring system, the above project has been categorized under the 'Old Ageing Acquittals' category which means that the project has not provided the full acquittals for a period of more than six (6) months. As such, this becomes a potential audit consideration.

Further to an email received from Mr. Samuel George, a Project Coordinator in Vanuatu dated 01 March 2018 regarding the updates of TNC financial acquittals to date, the project has only expended 3,827,371 Vatus. This is 45% of the 8,522,200 Vatus disbursed as the first advance in July 2017. This leaves the remaining balance of 4,694,829 Vatus that will be carried forward for use this year. On this note I request that the project expedites its delivery based on the pending activities of the 2017 annual work plan. Please bear in mind that in order to access the next advance, the project will need to spend 80% of the current advance.

Also, please note that the delay of one project may have an implication on other projects' advances. These are projects, which share the same vendor identification as the Ministry of Climate Change, the Implementing Partner of UNDP/GEF projects in Vanuatu.

Kindly requesting your intervention on this matter and provision of a timeline for the acquittals of these funds. We look forward to continued and close collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change for the submission of remaining financial acquittals and fast tracking of project delivery. If you need further information regarding this issue, please contact Mr. Rusiate Ratuniata [rusiate.ratuniata@undp.org](mailto:rusiate.ratuniata@undp.org).

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