



Water Catchment
Assessment



ROAD REPAIR ON EPI



**SOUTH SANTO
MISSION TRIP**

Lessons learnt and
Recommendations



**MINUTE OF VCAP
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VANUATU COASTAL ADAPTATION PROJECT



Road Repair on Pollan Hill, West Epi.

Project OverView

Adaptation to Climate Change in the Coastal Zone in Vanuatu (VCAP) began the implementation of its activities this year at the 3 project sites namely Epi, Pentecost and Aniwa as part of the recovery program for cyclone Pam. Activities carried out by the upland team (Agriculture, Forestry and Livestock), Fisheries team and the Department of Local Authorities team (DLA).

Upland team established a permanent nursery at Epi and planted the vetiver grasses, bandanas and natangura along the eroded coastal areas from Malvasi village to Burumba village at West Epi.



Fisheries team conducted the coastline assessment starting from Rovobay village to Malvasi Village and deployed 4 Fish Aggregating Device (FADs) at Malvasi village, Burumba village, Ponkovio village and Yuopuna village. These FADs were deployed for assisting the communities to go fishing around these FADs so to preserved and conserve their marine resources along the reefs. Vetiver grasses which were planted along the eroded coastal areas will filter the sediments flow from upland streams during heavy rain falls down to the reefs and this will improve the ecosystem of the marine lives in the reefs to reproduce again under the clean habitat.

Fisheries team also conducted the coastal assessment at Aniwa island especially in the lagoon where the mangroves habitat for the marine resources are located. Team also deployed 2 FADs at Aniwa island for encouraging the communities to go fishing around these devices, while conserving their marine resources along the reefs.

Upland team also conducted baseline assessments at Epi, Aniwa and Pentecost including the distribution of fences to the communities at Pentecost sites for keeping their livestock away from the water sources. The assessments conducted by upland team in these project sites will benefit the communities at all the project sites beginning at Epi, Aniwa, Pentecost and Torres islands for better managing their food and water securities, so their livelihoods in the communities will be develop and improve to the healthy living standards.

DLA team is the prime focus for the project activities where they are the first team to conduct awareness to all the project sites and established Village Development Committees(VDCs) or Community Development Committees(CDCs) to all the project sites. These VDCs are the main focal group on ground, who will work with all the project teams going to the sites and they were trained by DLA team to own these project activities in the communities and maintain them in the future.

Project teams will be moving the respective activities to the other project sites such as the rest of the outer islands in the Tafea province, South Malekula, South Santo and Torres islands in 2017.

VCAP Project Board Meeting At Rovo Bay, Epi.



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Quad Bikes Help Reduce Transportation Cost

This quarter four of 2016, two (2) quad bikes has been purchased by the upland component to be used on two project sites on Epi and Pentecost. These quad bikes were purchased mainly for the site coordinators and the agriculture field assistant (AAO) to use in facilitating activities for the project and also help in transportation from one site to the other. However it will also use in disseminating information from an extension perspective (agriculture, forestry, livestock & water resource) so as the information flows from a top down approach to the farmers and communities level as a whole.

Any new technology either in farming system or other adaptation measures used should be easily passed on with the help of these quad bike in our project sites by our site coordinators and Agriculture field assistant.



Two Quad Bikes To be used on Epi and Pentecost Project Sites.

South Santo Mission Trip

Overall Lesson Learnt from the Mission

•VDC's not established at sites previously by Site Coordinator

•Water security a highest priority across every community at South Santo site

•Limited Fisheries activities at site (exception of Tangoa Island which suffers from over-fishing, heavy use of nets with small diameter, no fishing regulations or protected areas). There is almost no coral reef located within site. Danger from tiger shark attacks present throughout site- especially at landing close to Tangoa Island.

•FAD's or fishing rafts previously deployed have gone adrift but were valued by community members when they were functional.

•Chiefly leadership reported as semi-functional on Tangoa Island – organisational challenges here, may require strengthening VDC and partnering with church leadership

•Potential activities for PWD component such as pedestrian crossings for rivers ranked high as a priority at the site. Main roadway in relatively good condition. River crossing at Naone viewed as a priority in particular.

•Awareness of VCAP was extremely low by community members due to the considerable time that has passed since PPG phase and design team missions.

•Community of Wailapa has serious organisational challenges in particular and Site Coordinator may need to spend additional time in strengthening VDC here

•Transport within site relatively easy except during times of heavy rain when rivers block access.

•Area Secretary given 3 months notice by provincial council and may be replaced by a person unfamiliar with VCAP and who lives outside the project boundaries. Current Area Secretary has been unable to produce financial reports for the province, training required for new replacement once their employment begins.

•Land disputes occasionally lead to physical violence within sites and there is a repeated history of destruction of property such as water supply projects by other communities.

•Protection of water catchment dependent on many communities in upland area not included within the project site, much logging and livestock activities taking place in upland areas close to rivers

•Disaster prone area with large rivers that change course with heavy flooding that causes much erosion

•Limited amount of agricultural land as compared to upland communities

•Individual on Araki Island with value-added skills of agricultural produce who may be used to train interested parties in other communities

•Site selected for Area Council reportedly safe from cyclone activity (one tsunami affected the site decades ago). Area Council and province have approved site for office construction.

•Area Council not functioning and clarification of role of AC needed - AC members requesting implementing budget to perform work in the field like contractors instead of acting as a governance body. Area Council selection process needs review so that the Area Secretary does not allow politics to influence the process.

Recommendations

- Continue to engage VDC's in future VCAP assessment missions. Develop training opportunities for VDC's for their participation next year.

- Start construction of AC office soon as the current temporary office is located at the house of the Area Secretary who has received 3 months notice that his contract will not be renewed with the provincial government

- Focus on water security support – engage Water Resource Dept with working budget to implement some activities within site

- Outreach to upland communities required to protect water catchment and water security projects

- Focus on Naone pedestrian crossing as a priority as

currently this community is very isolated and at risk during flood conditions

- An opportunity for Area Council capacity building could be achieved through trainings/workshops with the DLA and provincial governments.

- Push for training of Site Coordinator to submit reporting electronically by email, as there is Internet connectivity available.

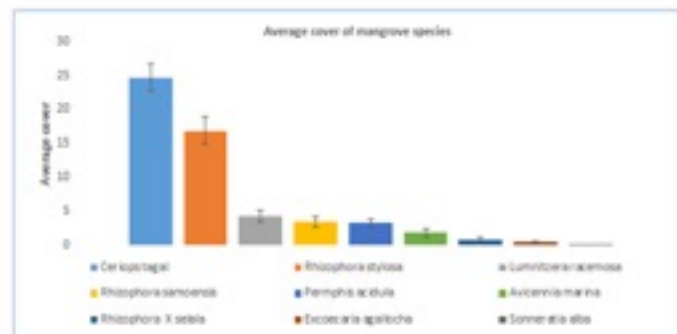
- Readvertise locally Site Coordinator position in 1 year, after the expiration of current contract and ensure that all local stakeholders are aware of the position and have a chance to apply.

- Utilise leading farmer on Araki with much value-added experience of agricultural goods to train other communities and VCAP sites



Tahasi Vuti - Area Secretary South Santo

Mangrove Assessments on Aniwa



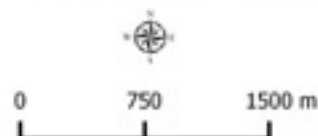
USES OF MANGROVES



Invasive species



Terebralia palustris



The image is the whole summary for what have been done at Aniwa Island. Final Assessment results. Note that the yellow dots are the area of assessment site for Mangrove at Aniwa Island. The graph therefore shows the average cover of mangrove species on the Island. Uses of Mangroves by the natives also were being illustrated as coastal protection, Habitat for wild-life, Fisheries products and forestry products. Lastly, results have also shows that there are existing invasive species *Terebralia palustris* that have negative impacts on the ecosystem of mangroves crabs.

Upland And Water Catchment Assessment And Management Plans



Assessing Water Sources and Catchment Areas

In the months of October through 2016, the Upland team went to review their assessment and developed the UMCCAP with the communities of concern at the project sites in the following islands; Aniwa, Epi, Pentecost and South Santo Island. In Aniwa it involves 3 communities: (Ikaukau, Isavai and Imatu), Epi Island (6 communities: Malvasi, Yupuna, Ruwo, Bonkovio, Burumba and Mabfilau), Central Pentecost (6 communities: Melsisi, Ilamre/Ila, Gunn, Bwatnapni and Waterfall/Ranwandi), East Pentecost (6 communities: Savat, Levetlis, Laringmat, Vanrasini, Livetnabal and Lalwok) and lastly South Santo (4 communities: Asevae, Wailapa, Tangoa and Ararki).

The baseline assessment involves information related to Agriculture, forestry, livestock and water catchment. The project is supporting local communities in the development of the Upland Management Climate Change Adaptation Plan (UMCCAP) at the community and area council levels. The development of the UMCCAP involves a comprehensive baseline survey which has focused on information relating to the locations of erosions, water sources, riparian vegetation,

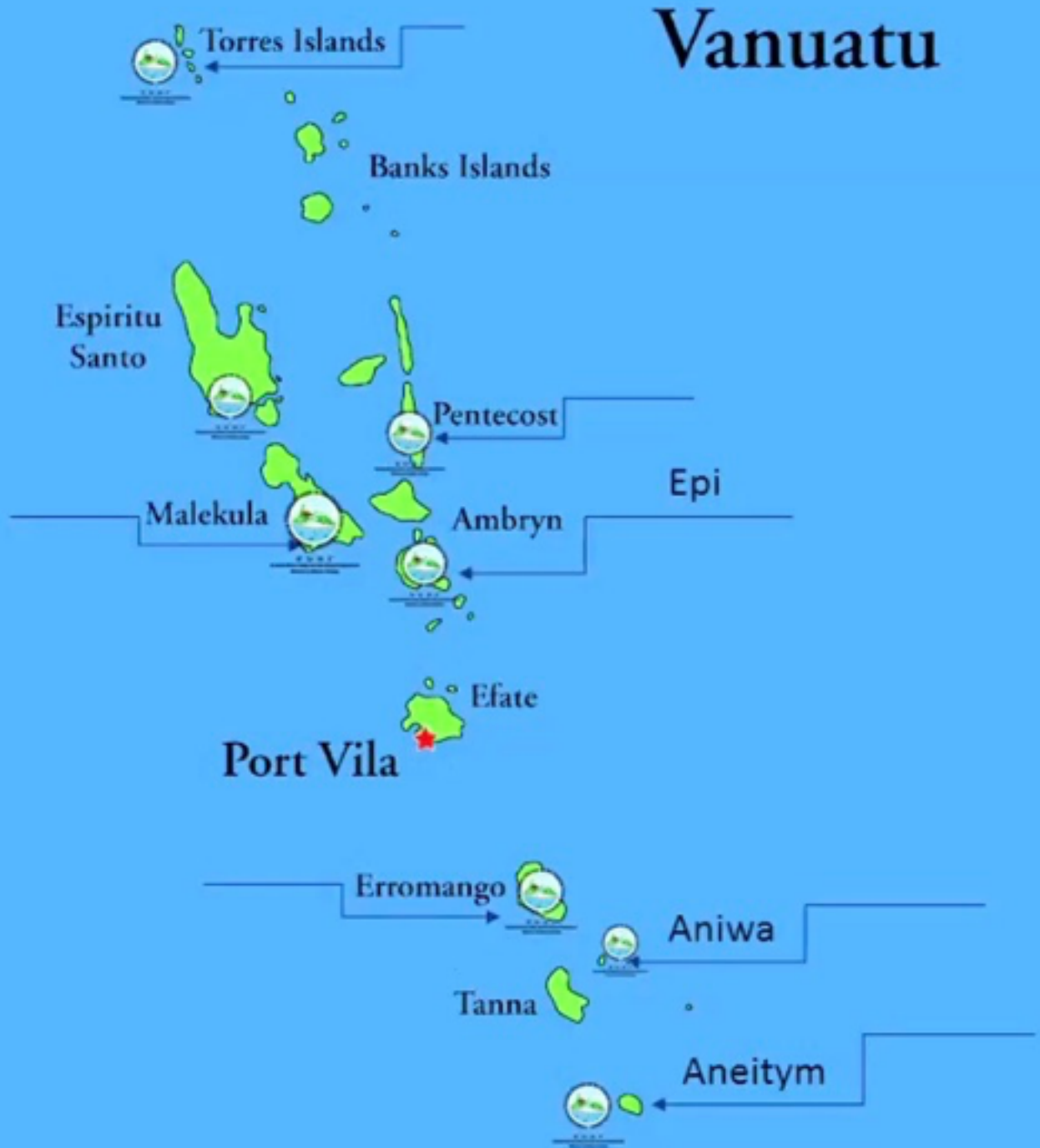
water sources and their management, resource management and conservation areas (both traditional and formally recognised).

However earlier in quarter 1 of 2016 an initial baseline assessment was conducted by the project coordinator, forestry, livestock and agriculture officers. During the baseline assessment a number of issues and problems have been identified related to the current upland management related to: Agriculture, forestry, livestock and water catchment. The further assessment was carried out during the last quarter of 2016.

The purpose of this further assessment is to review the previously carried out baseline assessment and confirm issues and threats affecting terrestrial upland ecosystems with a particular focus on impacts of climate change on agriculture, forestry and protected area management with water catchment areas at Aniwa, Epi, Pentecost and South Santo, and to identify key points of attention to inform the development of UMCCAP.



Erosion on Aniwa

MAP INDICATING VCAP PROJECT SITES IN VANUATU

Minute Of VCAP Project Board Meeting, Rovo Bay Epi

Adaptation to Climate Change in the Coastal Zone in Vanuatu (VCAP) Second Project Board Meeting for 2016

Venue: Rovobay West Epi

Date: October 20, 2016 Time: 8:30am to 4:20pm

Meeting Attendance

Voting members present:

1) Acting Chair PMU Manager Brian Philips 2) William Naviti Acting Director – Department of Fisheries 3) Sam Namuri Director – PWD, Director DLA, Ian Abbil Deputy Director DLA, Charity Alick Principal Agriculture Officer, Department of Agriculture, Godfrey Bome Principal Forestry Officer, Department of Forests, Donald Wouloseje, Loraini Sivo, Sebastian, Long - UNDP

Non-voting persons present:

Shefa Province SG, Anna Bule – NAB Secretariat, Jackson Tambe, Rensley Aka, Nettie Joseph, Ellian Bangtor – VCAP, VCAP Coordinators; Raysen Vire (PWD), Pakoa Leo (Agriculture), Samuel Tapo (VMGD), Noel Jacob (DLA)

Welcome, Opening comments and Endorsement of Agenda

The Project Board Meeting was chaired by the Manager Project Management Unit for Department of Meteorology and Geo-hazards, Mr Brian Philips.

Decision

Decision
The meeting agenda was endorsed by the Board.

Agenda item 1: Review of Previous Board Meeting minutes:

Voting members present needs to reflect that the UNDP is part of the Board as per Project Document (PDoc), Quorum requirements need to be met to ensure decisions reached are sound and just (again, as per PDoc)

Progress updates:

- Loraini clarified to members the tranche requirements of the UNDP (80% of funds must be spent before a request can be made for the next tranche)
- Clarification on extension of project: under GEF/UNDP rules, the project can only be extended once, for 18 months. The extension is a no-cost extension. Noted that this will have an impact on existing funds, as these will be needed in order to retain project staff.

- Procurement plan was circulated to Board members
- Rensley is currently working closely with the M&E officer for the PMU for capacity building
- Vanuatu Resilience Project request for assistance, although approved by the board there were insufficient funds available to process the request.

Agenda Item 2

Component 1 Output 1.1 - Integrated Community Level CC Adaptation Plans mainstreamed in the Coastal Zone / Noel Jacob, DLA VCAP Coordinator

Discussion

It was recommended that for the activity targets presented; insert the activities being implemented to achieve the target rather than a final comment on whether the target has been reached or not.

Output 1.2 - Improved Climate Resilience of coastal Areas through Integrated Approaches / Jeremy Kaltavara, on behalf of Fisheries VCAP Coordinator

Discussion

- In the case of baselines reporting, please ensure you report on the methodology used. Please be consistent with methodology across all project sites
- Questions raised as to whether a community's management plan will work in the long run. SPC and the Fisheries has engaged the use of tablets to monitor numbers of catch are being caught by the FADs. Numbers are entered onto a database hosted by the OGCIO
- To ensure coordination across all sectors; must take stock of what local authorities have in place already to ensure sustainability by communities.
- Fisheries department requested a marine scientist specialist rather than a marine management specialist. Clarification given that the TOR has already developed for an international Consultant. The TOR will be circulated for comments and adjustment with the approval from the Vanuatu Fisheries Department. Recruitment will be done through UNDP process. Assessment for recruitment will be done in close consultation with the local coordinator (Local agency coordinator).
- Coordinators identified problems with engaging with communities; Board member suggested problem with engagement may not be community participation level - but at coordinator level; they need to have some planning in place so that all sit together and all go at the same time as they are all engaging with the same group of people. Ensures a collective.
- Technical Advisory committee(TAC) - meets every month for implementation of activities at the provinces. Recommended to tap into this resource to assist with coordination.
- Fishermen's association needs to be strengthened as they will be relied on to sustain FADs (Fisheries working with Cooperatives for distribution)
- Boards members to please note: The National integrated Coastal Zone Management Framework (ICZMF) - is included in the quarter 4 VCAP Implementation Plan. The Community - Based upland Management Plan (Developed by Sebastian) will feed the ICZMF.

Output 1.2.2 Coastal areas stabilised through re-vegetation and other ‘Soft’ approaches to complement ‘hard’ measures / Pakoa Leo, Sebastian, Mr. Long

Discussion

- Expenditures for Quarters 1-4 have not been approved yet. Proposed amount of more than 27 million.
- Activities carried out so far include an agro - forestry nursery established with assistance from the forestry department on Epi (training on agro - forestry delivered, as well as an agro forestry committee set up to assist with monitoring and evaluation) vetiver grass planting, rehabilitation to coastal sites, fence, cattle and pig distribution on Pentecost, quad - bikes purchased for site coordinators and field assistants to facilitate work on the ground.
- Up - coming activities for next quarter include water scoping mission on Pentecost and Epi, agro - forestry nursery to be established in Pentecost (in addition to plumbing system training), development of curriculum of RTC on Ambae.
- Carrying out baseline assessments for the water catchment management plan
- Actions plan will be developed by communities to implement the upland management plan.
- Upland Management Plan needs to consider buffer zones; perhaps include measures that penalise farmers and logging operators. There are existing codes of practises in place for operators. Awareness on codes needs to be raised by Upland Coordinators.
- Comment made by DLA; since this is a baseline presentation, perhaps the TOR of consultants needs to be reviewed.
- TOR for consultants is to develop action plans and identify interventions the communities will take lead on, then VCAP will fund the implementation of the interventions. DLA Coordinator must work closely with their Department

• Output 1.2.3: Improved resilience through climate proofing of selected public conveyance infrastructure in the coastal zone in at least 6 priority vulnerable coastal communities/ Raysen Vire

• Discussion

- Coordinator informed the Board that if the VCAP PWD component wanted to implement the activities that the Project Document (PDoc) specified using the new baseline, they will need an additional USD 3 million; however it is important that we deliver some infrastructure to these areas
- We will not be able to receive additional funding from GEF
- The new baseline requires a higher budget, but that isn't possible. The options available are :
 1. We have are to reduce the scope of the project or
 2. We reduce the target. Our justification is that the PDoc overestimated, so we will need to reduce the target or
 3. We can sacrifice some of the deliverables in the whole project and redirect the money
- The PWD Director has posed that perhaps the VCAP costing needs to be revisited; we need to prioritise what the PWD can do and what the VCAP can do, as the PWD is relying heavily on the VCAP project for synergies so they can proceed with their work (such as building bridges)

Conclusion:

The Chair has suggested to the Board that an Extra-Ordinary Meeting needs to convene to discuss ways forward given the situation the PWD has advised the Board of.

Decision

	Decision
	The current tender process to be put on hold until such time as the PWD has had a chance to review the budget
	<i>An Extra-ordinary meeting to be convened to revisit the PWD component. In the meantime, the Epi work is to continue as planned.</i>

Component 2: Information and early warning systems on coastal hazards/ Sam Tapo*Discussion*

- Communities/areas project sites are based on where the weather stations are so; Aneityum, White-grass, Lamap, Sola, Saratamata. Also refurbishment for Bauerfield and Pekoa airport)
- The PDoc allows for the installation of five (5) Automated Weather Stations (AWS) VCAP has been liaising with the OGCIO to extend Internet connections to all the areas that have the AWS installed (Aneityum, White-grass, Lamap, Sola, Saratamata). However **six (6)** were purchased (Norsup and Lamap get different readings) as per directions of Director VMGD
- Challenges: prices of some of the equipment that were originally quoted at the start of the project have gone up. This means additional funds are being spent (outside of what was previously decided on), delays in shipment to outer islands due to weather.
- Buildings at the 5 project sites were renovated; an activity **not** included in the PDoc
- Board members were asked to be mindful of the programme. The Board must agree upon the development of the programme and any activities that are carried out. If there are any other activities that are carried out in surplus of the project document, the implementing agency must support at their own cost.

Conclusion:

The implementation agency cannot drop some targets on your own; there must be a Board decision that allows that to happen, as it ensures consistency and alignment with the project document.

Component 3: Climate Change Governance**Output 3.1.1 Climate change adaptation enabling policies and supportive institutions in place/ Jackson Tambe***Discussion*

- The VCAP project has supported the National Fisheries Policy which will be launched next month (November)

- Fruits and Vegetables Strategy consultations were supported by the VCAP
- Stock taking of current policies with NAB Sec.
- The National Integrated Coastal Zone Management Framework will be implemented in the last quarter of the year (local consultant to be recruited to review the Framework) and reported on in the first quarter of 2017
- The stocktake is continuing; Donald (UNDP) informed the Board that the DSPPAC and donor partners are also meeting today to discuss how they can provide assistance so that they are better able to align policies with SDG indicators (so that we can localize the SDGs). The DSPPAC wanted to make sure that the NSDP objectives are reflected in the donor parties' priorities both now and in the future.
- The query raised was as to whether there is room for VCAP to support this venture.
- The NSDP Summit will be held on 16 November; this is where the NSDP will be approved. The M&E Framework needs to be linked with policies, and also the SDGs
- Query posed as to whether VCAP/PMU/NAB can use the opportunity to ensure the SDGs and NSDPs are also streamlined into the policies etc.

Component 4: Knowledge Management

Output 4.1.2: Awareness, training and education programs developed and implemented/ Ellian Bangtor

Discussion/Updates: Q3 of 2016

- *Draft budget for activity: 22,248USD*
- Activities to be achieved include:
- Facebook account, an updated quarterly newsletter, carry out community awareness, conduct a short media-basic skills training for VCAP Coordinators
- Communications officer requested that information has to come from different component coordinators, project manager as well as community areas
- Updates: Facebook page created for VCAP has more than 200 viewers; it contains updated information about each project site. Viewers increased during Fes Napuan
- NAB Portal is used to upload information about VCAP. VCAP has contributed to the upgrading of the NAB portal by purchasing a server
- Branding: VCAP has a logo, stickers, t-shirts, business cards,
- TV – over 7 interviews conducted to date Educational programmes need to be explored. Perhaps team up with other international days

Decision

	Decision
	Project Implementation Unit (PIU): submit an analysis of the cost of creating your own website
	Logo of funding and administering agencies needs to be captured in all materials produced

Financial Report/Nettie Joseph

Discussion

- From Quarter 1 to Quarter 3 2016, the project has spent: 674,970USD (35%)
- Remaining funds for Q4: 320,125USD
- Annual Work Plan was signed with 2.8mil in September – this budgeted amount was reduced from 2.8 to 1.9 (because the amount of money spent to September was very low)
- There is 1.2mil that is still left. Towards the end of November to the beginning December, amount will be spent so that end of financial year of UNDP, project shows 99% spent.
- Any remaining money from this year will be moved to the following year, under the same component.
- There have been delays in activities and a lack of the use of allocated funds because there is no implementation on the ground. This is because during the first Quarter, project personnel were recruited; in Quarter 2 the project facilitated the tender processes for the different components. Actual project implementation did not begin till Quarter 3

Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism / Rensly Aka

Discussion:

- To date: there are five Component Coordinators based in government departments, and 8 Site Coordinators (Site Coordinators in project sites who work with Area Secretaries)
- All Coordinators regularly feed project updates to Rensly so he is able to monitor the progress of each component, according to indicators and targets of each
- Two monitoring tools are used to monitor progress of project activities in each component; the *implementation progress summary tool* (updated every quarter) and the *performance tracking tool* (updated every year)
- Coordinators request cooperation of departments so that activities can be completed.

Decision:



Decision	
	Make sure there is a clear reporting line to the technical working group
	Ensure that the reports are relayed to the Directors of the relevant Departments as well
	Project Manager to ensure he meets with the Directors for regular updates (and not rely on Coordinators only to provide regular updates); tools used by Rensly would be useful to use to show case progress to the Directors

Agenda 3: Presentation of 2017 AWP and Budget by Component/Jackson Tambe

Discussion:

- Budget for Component 1: 2mil 751000 USD
- Budget for Component 2: 573,100 USD
- Budget Component for 3 amounts to: 210,400USD
- Budget for Component 4: 164,230 USD

- The amounts for activities for each component committed to the project already, are being implemented
- In the last 2 years overall project spending has been very low. Coordinators need to work hard to implement the activities. September/October every year, budgets are cut
- Coordinators must summarize their work plan and budget and present it to the Board for 2018. The PIU works collectively with all agencies to develop the next AWP.
- It is much better for each Agency to come to the October Board meeting with work-plans and an amount of money requested. This money is accessed in December and you roll out in January following year

Decision:

	Decision
	The Board adopted the Annual Work Plan Budget for 2017

Terms of Reference for Mid Term Review/ Loraini UNDP

- A mandatory GEF requirement
- The Mid Term Review will take place in Quarter 4 2017, and the results presented at the first Board meeting of 2018
- MTR is to look at progress of project to date. It includes, monitoring, implementation, adaptive management
- Also an early identification period where we identify any risks or challenges that the project has encountered so we can identify ways to ensure that in the remaining period of project, we will be able to successfully achieve our targets
- During the MTR, we also take on recommendations on what has not worked to be able to improve our implementation of the project for the remaining year
- Midterm review will be submitted at the same time with the progress implementation review (PIR) which spans July 2016 to June 2017
- Budget for the midterm review is approximately 30 to 40,000 (already costed into the project budget)
- TOR for the midterm review is currently in draft form and needs to be finalized before the second PIR is submitted
- Four phases to carry out the midterm review. At this stage one international consultant only will be carrying out the review (unless the Board feels a local consultant needs to be engaged to assist the international consultant)
- Midterm review will determine whether we have to extend the project or not
- There will be site visits to assess implementation progress|
- Coordinators need to keep activities (such as field reports, training reports) documented so that there is evidence available.
- MTR can be delayed to towards the end of 2017 or early 2018
- Board Members pick sites for the consultant to visit (Epi, Aniwa and a third site) but this can be done at the first Board Meeting of 2017

Decision:

	Decision
	UNDP will circulate an updated version of the TOR for final review and endorsement by the Board before the consultant is engaged
	The decision as to whether to delay the MTR until a later date will be taken at the next Board meeting (May 2017)

VCAP Phase 2/ Joe Padila

- GEF Focal Point for Vanuatu (DG Benjamin) requested UNDP to begin work on a proposal for a new proposal for a project worth 10mil USD. Concept will be put into GEF/LDCF project pipeline for prioritisation once LDCF has been replenished, big focus will be on *livelihoods*
- Tentative title: Improving climate resilience in Vanuatu; objective is to Support/increase Community and Household-level resilience in Vanuatu; lead is MoCC; duration to be for 5 years; outputs – such as, micro-grant funding window is created to support livelihoods with clear and transparent guidelines, measureable improvements in household incomes
- 8.35mil is the programmable amount (amount that can go into projects) quoted by GEF. Max. of 300,000USD will be allocated to project preparation grant (consultations with communities, agencies and partners by a project team to prepare the project document). Agency fee also comes out of the 10mil (e.g. UNDP is the agency used here)
- Draft will be circulated so that Board member can make any additions or comments so that next draft has agencies' inputs.

Decision:

	Decision
	M. Padila to circulate the concept paper to Board members for additional input.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Board Meeting to be convened in **May 2017 (Exact date, venue and time TBC)**

An extra-ordinary meeting will be held as soon as PWD has completed review of budgets and activities.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Chair, Brian Philips at 4:21pm

On behalf of Executive Agency - Ministry of Climate Change and Natural Disasters

Approved by-

Signature:



Date: 30th November 2016

Name: Mr Jesse Benjiman

Title: Director General of Ministry of Climate Change



Participants of VCAP Project Board Meeting at Rovo Bay, Epi.



ROAD REPAIR ON WEST EPI



Road repair on Pollen Hill, Epi.

Road repair under the Vanuatu Coastal Adaptation Project (VCAP) has already begun in Epi on October this year, PWD Technical Coordinator Raysen Vire Confirmed.

Mr. Vire says the project includes repairing of primary roads, creek crossings, fixing slopes and creating drainages for road

People on Epi are looking forward to improved infrastructure that will enhance accessibility to services such as bank, markets, airports, shipping hubs, police force and judicial services.

Chief Tom Of Yopuna Village said the important thing about VCAP differing from other projects is that it "does not focus on infrastructure alone but also work with communities to encourage sustainable resources management".

"The project also help communities on Epi to understand the importance and responsibility to manage and care for their environment.

Many years now, south Epi is not yet link to existing road in the north. Efforts were made in 2013 and again last year to create feeder roads. The government has performed scooping missions to analyse possible support to these efforts.

Project funding comes from the Global Environment Facility as facilitated by UNDP through the Least Developed Country Fund.

VCAP RANDOM SHOTS OF 2016



PARTNERS

