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Consultation in Savaii with Building Practitioners and Contractors, 16th October 2019

PROJECT UPDATE

Vaisigano Catchment Project



“Strengthened adaptive capacity and reduced exposure to climate risk of vulnerable livelihoods and infrastructure in the Vaisigano Catchment”

TALOFA LAVA,

Welcome to the Fourth edition of the Vaisigano Catchment Project (VCP) monthly Newsletters for October 2019. In this issue, you will find updates on activities implemented under funding of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) by the leading Implementing Agencies (IAs) of the VCP. You will also find brief updates on public consultations and other meetings held with relevant VCP stakeholders

Malo le galulue ma le onosa'i. May the good Lord continue to bless each and everyone of you throughout November.

Happy Reading!!



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SUMMARY

Smooth and steady progress made on activities planned for October, a few have been delayed as they are dependent on completion of their necessary procurement actions and pace of implementation of current feasibility studies.

The GCF-VCP held its second meeting of the Infrastructure Technical Advisory Group (I-TAG) on the 18th October, where progress updates on activities implemented by each of the Infrastructure IAs were discussed and noted.

Updates

Output 1, Activity 1.4.4

MOU WITH BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION ON FLOOD-PROOF BUILDINGS.

The Ministry of Works Transport and Infrastructure (MWTI) is leading implementation of this activity. Two consultations were held on 16th and 17th October in Savaii and Upolu respectively with the Building Practitioners and Contractors to consider and obtain inputs to improve the Draft Policy on Building Practitioners' and Contractors' Registration (BPLCRP). The other aim for the consultations was to assist and support the building practitioners to initiate a Builders and Contractors Association.



Output 2, Activity 2.1.4

CONTRACTING MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR EXECUTION OF ACTIVITIES WITH REGARDS TO BUILDING AND LANDSCAPE RESTORATION ALONG THE VAISIGANO RIVER



The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), lead IA, successfully engaged the Apia Taulele'a under the auspices of the Apia Village Council of Chiefs, to undertake weekly clearance of water ways from excessive sedimentation and water lilies. The MNRE signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Apia Village Council which outlines the activities to be undertaken under this partnership including provision of tools and equipment for field works within the Vaisigano River Catchment Area (VRCA). This activity ensures natural water ways are safely and effectively cleared, minimize impacts and improve water drainage as well as ecosystem services.



Output 2, Activity 2.3.1

REVIEW CURRENT DESIGN OF LELATA BRIDGE

The Land Transport Authority (LTA), lead IA, engaged twenty seven (27) property owners within the Lelata Bridge area to discuss the preliminary design for the replacement of the current bridge which will be constructed in 2020 following the completion of detailed design and procurement of a construction contractor. These families were pre-identified as the most affected during and post construction, as such their concerns and views are important as raised the consultations on 22nd and 23rd October in the finalization of the detailed design of the bridge.

These consultations were led by LTA supported by BECA International Ltd and its local partner OSM consultants, including the collaborating partners: Ministry of Women Community and Social Development, MNRE, MWTI and Green Climate Fund-Project Management Unit (GCF-PMU).



Output 3, Activity 3.1.1

REVIEW THE CURRENT DRAINAGE SYSTEMS EXISTENT IN THE VAISIGANO RIVER FLOOD PLAIN

The invitation for tenders for the upgrade of the drainage priority sites within the Apia Urban Area (AUA) involving 3 priority sites was launched on 11th October and will close on 25th November. The 3 priority drainage sites No.5-7 includes: No.5 Beach Road – Sogi Outfall, No.6– Beach Road, Opposite the Australian High Commission and No.7—Leififi Street (Opposite Old Court House). Interested bidders were invited to submit tenders to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the LTA by the closing date.



No. 5 Site— Beach Road Opposite Tanoa Tuisitala.



No. 7 Site—Beach road Opposite the Australian High Commission



No. 7 Site—Beach Road at Old Court House.



Upcoming events:

- ◆ MNRE Environment Week - 4th-8th November 2019
- ◆ GCF-PMU Retreat/Workshop on MYWPB - 5th November 2019
- ◆ UNDP Project Management Workshop - 6th-8th November 2019
- ◆ Pre bid meeting—Stantec on Drainage Priority Sites 5-7 - 7th November 2019
- ◆ UNDP HACT Assessment/Spot Check for GCF-VCP - 11th November 2019
- ◆ GCF-VCP Combined IAs/MOF/UNDP Retreat/Workshop MYWPB - 12th-13th November 2019
- ◆ CSSP Steering Committee Meeting on GCF-VCP Call for Proposals Report - 15th November 2019
- ◆ Central Cross-Island Road Upgrade (CCIR) 4th Progress Meeting - 19th November 2019
- ◆ I-TAG Third Meeting - 19th November 2019

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