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CDC Project Progress Report

1. Project Title

Water Sector Support Programme (WaSSP)

- (i) Component 1: Sector Orientation
- (ii) Component 6: Sustainable Water Resources Management

2. Purpose of Submission

To inform the Cabinet Development Committee of the progress to date of components 1 & 6 of which MNRE is the lead agency under WaSSP.

3. Executing Agency

Ministry of Finance (MOF)

4. Implementing Agency

Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (MNRE)

5. Background

A \$60 million tala grant was received from the EU to support the implementation of the Water sector support programme (WaSSP) in September 2005. The programme targets improvements to water supply services, sanitation facilities as well as strengthening the sustainable management of water resources identified as key priority areas in the government's SDS 2005-2007.

The overall goal of WaSSP is "to improve the quality of public health through the development, management and conservation of water resources and the disposal of waste water, in the environment framework of sustainable development of Samoa's economic and social environment". Six components have been established to achieve the overall goal of the programme of which 1 & 6 are currently the responsibility of MNRE.

Component 1 is responsible for sector orientation and looks at developing a comprehensive institutional framework, improving performance monitoring and coordination within the water sector. Sustainable management of water resources (component 6) involves strengthening of the water resources division, development of a national water resources management strategy, promoting environmentally sensitive development of water resources, improving conservation & protection of water catchment areas and assessment & monitoring of water resources.

6. Funding Sources and Conditions

Project is funded by EU and are allocated in Programme Estimates 1, 2, 3 and 4 and runs parallel to the financial year.

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Programme Estimate 2 (PE#2) is yet to complete by end of June, 2007 and has been reviewed for the upcoming PE#3.

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| | Component 1 | Component 6 |
| PE#2 | 106,600 | 380,000 |
| PE#3 | 273,000 | 650,000 (Proposed) |

7. Duration

2005 - 2010

8. Implementation Progress

Component 1: Sector Orientation

Develop a comprehensive and coherent institutional framework

- OSM is contracted to conduct a situational analysis including a review of existing legislation, policies etc. Findings were presented in a workshop held on 18 April, 2007 with the final report including Action Plan to be submitted in June of this year.

Improve performance monitoring and client consultation systems

- A PPMS report was compiled following a workshop held in October 2006 to review existing water sector (WS) performance monitoring systems and procedures. A newly designed system is now in place awaiting data to be finalized from implementing agencies.

Improve coordination for water sector management and development

- Meetings of the WSSC are held every 3 months to discuss emerging issues and assess current progress of the project. Special meetings are held when the need arises.
- Betham & Co. is contracted to develop a medium term expenditure framework (MTEF). A report will be available by June 2007. A special meeting of the WSSC will be held to endorse the Water for Life document once MTEF is ready.
- Finalized format for the Water Sector Status Report. Currently awaiting information and data from implementing agencies.
- Water Sector Newsletter is expected to be published by early May 2007

Component 6: Sustainable water resources management

Strengthen WRD

- PSC has endorsed proposal for WRD to be officially recognized as a division of MNRE
- All staff have been recruited except for a PO-Watershed who will be recruited once the new financial year 07/08 starts
- Completed flood modeling training.
- Formulation of water safety plan in progress, awaiting further training with NZ-MOH experts
- WRD is now the focal point for Pacific-HYCOS (Hydrological Cycle Observing System) project and the Pacific Water Partnership Steering Committee.
- Finalized draft Diagnostic report, Hot spot & full demonstration reports for Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) project.

To agree on a water resources strategy

- The National Water Resources Management Strategy (NWRMS) was endorsed by WSSC in its meeting held on 1 May 2007. Next step is to submit to cabinet for approval.

Promote environmentally sensitive development of water resources

- Baseline data collection of water resources is an ongoing process

Improved conservation & protection of water catchment areas and water resources

- Currently renovating plant nursery at Vailima used for watershed rehabilitation purposes

- Digitized maps for 8 catchment areas, boundaries identified
- Lessons learned from IWP project applied to Letogo catchment

Improve the assessment & monitoring of water resources

- Identified and surveyed six surface water monitoring sites
- Conduct baseline water quality tests for the identified 6 sites
- Procurement of hydrological measuring equipments still in progress
- A national flood management guidelines and action plan have been finalized to be submitted to cabinet for endorsement

9. Remaining Activities

Component 1

- Draft water related legislation including the proposed water resources bill
- Review existing policies (National Water Resources Policy, National Water Services Policy etc)
- Formulate new policies (Conservation of Watershed, Allocation of water resources & Ownership of water resources)
- Implement performance monitoring systems and procedures
- Implement and review MTEF
- Annual reviews of Water for Life document

Component 6

- Implement more trainings (local/regional/international)
- Publication of the NWRMS
- Implement NWRMS
- Identify and rehabilitate critical watershed areas
- Installation of hydrological recording equipment to key watershed areas.
- Identify sites for drilling observation bores

10. Project Implications for Samoa

The successful implementation of Components 1 & 6 will contribute to the overall goal of the Programme. Capacity building, skills and knowledge transfer will benefit staff in the duration of the project.

11. Signature of Executing Agency

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12. Date: **04 May 2007**