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MEMORANDUM TO THE C6 GRANTS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (GOC)

**SECOND INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT PROJECT: (Cr. 3848-WS)
COMPONENT C6: RISK ADAPTATION MEASURES SMALL GRANT SCHEME (RAMSGS)**

**MID-TERM PROGRESS REPORT OF 50% GRANT FUND ON WATER POOL
CONSTRUCTION & REHABILITATION WORK BY MOATA'A VILLAGE WOMEN'S
COMMITTEE**

1. INTRODUCTION

Strengthening the resilience of local coastal communities to withstand the impacts of natural hazards often require a mix of structural measures as well as non-structural solutions that are low-cost, small scaled and low tech. The non-structural measures involve the restoration of shoreline assets and marine natural resource systems that play key roles in coastal protection at the same time providing economically to community livelihoods.

The low-cost and small-scale nature of many soft options makes it appropriate that local communities implement them. Under the Samoa Infrastructure Asset Management Project Phase 2 (SIAM-2), a Small Grant Scheme is established as the mechanism for financing these.

2. BACKGROUND

• **Project Title**

The Moata'a Women's Committee submitted a proposal for funds to implement the rehabilitation on one of the village's water pool and the construction of two other pools one for bathing and one for drinking.

• **Amount Approved**

The Grant Operations Committee (GOC) at its meeting on 17 February 2006 approved the total amount of **\$15,000.00 SAT** to the Moata'a Women's Committee to proceed with the projects named above.

• **Disbursement**

The first 50% of \$7,500.00 SAT was disbursed to the Moata'a Women's Committee after signing the Contract agreement with MNREM on behalf of the Government of Samoa. The first instalment was deposited directly into the women's committee bank account at the Samoa Commercial Bank (Account Name: Komiti Atina'e o Tina Moata'a 2, Account No: 009 5125202).

MOATA 'A WOMEN'S COMMITTEE AQUITTAL REPORT FOR FIRST 50% GRANT FUND.

Funds Received

First 50% 7,500.00 7,500.00

EXPENSES

Date	Items	Supplier	Committee Report		MoF Report amnt (b4 tax)
			Amnt (as it appears on inv incl tax)	VAGST	
13/04/2006	Water Testing	Samoa Water Authority	102.00	11.33	90.67
31/05/2006	Timber, Roll, chicken wire, strap, nails, etc	Samoa Builders Supplies Ltd	2,284.00	253.78	2,030.22
06/06/2006	Excavator & Supplies of Rock stones	Bluebird Transport Company	3,000.00	333.33	2,666.67
09/06/2006	Excavator & Supplies of Rock stones	Bluebird Transport Company	2,700.00	300.00	2,400.00
09/06/2006	8 Galvanised Pipe 2" LGT	Bluebird Lumber Hardware	1,033.80	114.87	918.93
		Total Expenses	9,119.80	1,013.31	8,106.49
		Overspend	(1,619.80)		(606.49)

3. EVALUATION OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- **Procurement**

Materials such as mesh wires, local timber, galvanised pipes, nails, iron roofing and cement bags have been bought for the project work. Much of the costs are for the hirage of an excavator to clear the area for the newly constructed pools and the costs of bringing in large stone rocks to wall-out and strengthen the newly excavated pools.

- **Constructions**

As indicated by the report (in Samoan) from the Moata'a Women's Committee and verbal conversation with their representatives, construction work (labour) involved the input from the aumaga of the village with full support from the village council. The two newly constructed bathing pools is now about 50% completed (refer to photos attached) with more work in cementing all around the pool yet to be done. A well constructed house caters for the drinking pool of one of the established pools which will be fenced off and be used for drinking.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Moata'a Women's Committee has worked very hard to try and complete their project work.
- They have used up the first 50% amount of the grant fund and I recommend that they should be given the next amount to pay for the outstanding costs of the work not yet paid and to purchase some more materials to strengthen their project work..
- Attached with this short report are photos of the work in progress.

Yours faithfully



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Moata'a Women's Committee work in Progress (50% Funds Completed)

