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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)**

**Final Report on Completion of Project Work and 100% of Small Grant Funds for Safata District
Conservation Committee for Marine Protected Area (MPA)**

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 Safata District Conservation Committee for Marine Protected Area (MPA) submitted a proposal for funds to implement their project listed as; (i) Repairs and replacement of conservation signs and floats.

• **Amount Approved**

The Grant Operations Committee (GOC) at its meeting on 22 March 2005 approved the total amount of **\$12,380.00 SAT** to the Safata District Conservation Committee for Marine Protected Area (MPA) to proceed with the project named above.

• **Disbursement**

The first 50% of \$6,190.00 SAT was disbursed to the Safata District Conservation Committee for Marine Protected Area (MPA) after signing the Contract agreement with MNREM on behalf of the Government of Samoa. The first instalment was deposited directly into the Safata MPA's bank account at the National Bank of Samoa (Account Name: Komiti Faasao o le Gataifale Safata, Account No: 100893-003).

The last 50% of \$6,190.00 SAT was disbursed to the Safata MPA in March 2006 after the GOC was satisfied with progress work of the MPA's project.

3. EVALUATION OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

• **Procurement**

All materials, equipment/tools required for the project have been procured and used up for the project work in, (i) Repairs and replacement of conservation signs and floats. Materials bought for the project included Samoan thatches, timber, cement bags, nails, timber, ropes, paints, conservation signs, ocean buoys, steel rebars, steel nuts and steel rods.

Assistance for the use of a boat to carry the buoys out to the ocean to depict areas that have been set aside for marine conservation have been met by the MPA committee themselves at no cost.

- **Constructions**

Interviews with the Safata District Conservation officer reveals that all constructions and work for repairs and replacement of conservation signs and floats were done by selected people in the respective villages in consultation with the village mayors. The laying out of ocean buoys to depict conservation areas was done under the supervision of the district conservation officer himself (Pulea Ifopo) and his assistant. In addition, constructions of cement anchors or stay with attached ropes for the buoys were also done under the supervision of the district officer.

Some conservation signages in the villages of Nuusuatia, Lotofagā, Sataoa, Mulivai, Saanapu, Tafitoala, Fausaga and Fusi had to be re-thatched under this funding as they had been damaged.

- **Issues**

(i) The use of Samoan thatches to cover the housing of conservations signs was rejected at first but was later accepted. The MPA should be seriously looking at using iron roofing as it lasts longer than thatched leaves.

(ii) The local companies making conservation signs have been increasing their prices recently in making sign boards and the district conservation officer feels that the villagers in the Safata area are unable to match this unless it is a donor funded signage. As a result of this, most old signages that are needed replacing are just repatched/re-brushed or displayed as they are.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- The committee for the Safata MPA had submitted a final report outlining the expenses of funds allocated to them.
- All tasks or project work have been completed with the funds they had applied for and the MPA committee must be commended for this effort.
- Attached are photos of the projects that the committee had carried out and inspected by the district conservation officer. I therefore recommend to the C6 Grants Operations Committee (GOC) for final approval of the Safata District Conservation Committee MPA financial statements and reports.

Yours faithfully



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5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

• Expenses

Safata District Conservation Committee Marine Protected Area (MPA) Acquittal Report for Last 50% of Funds.					
(Total 100%)		6,190.00		6,190.00	
EXPENSES					
Date	Items	Supplier	Committee Report Amnt (as it appears on inv incl tax)	VAGST	MoF Report amnt (b4 tax)
24/04/2006	Poly Rope	Agriculture Store	541.00	60.11	480.89
24/04/2006	15 Rebars 3/8" D10	Bluebird Lumber Hardware	141.75	15.75	126.00
18/05/2006	12 Cement Bags	AST Industries	264.21	29.36	234.85
17/06/2006	1 cement bag	Bluebird Lumber Hardware	20.00	2.22	17.78
12/05/2006	80 Buoys & Poly Rope	Agriculture Store	2,953.00	328.11	2,624.89
12/05/2006 & 18/05/2006	Transportation fee	Falefata & Tiumalu Sale	250.00 250.00	- -	250.00 250.00
28/05/2006	Thatches for Safata MPA	Nuusuatia, Lotofaga, Sataoa	240.00	-	240.00
29/05/2006	Thatches for Safata MPA	Mulivai	120.00	-	120.00
25/05/2006	Thatches for Safata MPA	Tafitoala, Fausaga, Fusi.	240.00	-	240.00
20/04/2006	Thatches for Safata MPA	Saanapu Big Signage	120.00	-	120.00
14/05/2006	20 Cement Bags for Buoy anchor	ACP	510.00	56.67	453.33
09/12/2005	10 pieces of timber for conservation sign	AST Industries	440.00	48.89	391.11
		Total Expenses	6,089.96	541.11	5,548.85
		Funds Left over	(100.04)		(641.15)

Tafitoala NTZ



Fausaga NTZ



Nuusuatia NTZ



Fusi NTZ



Saanapu NTZ

