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#### **WELCOME TO THE MRD NEWSLETTER 2022.**

The Communication and Public Relations Unit (CPRU) of the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) is honoured and pleased to present to you the third issue of MRD's newsletter for 2022.

CPRU is also delighted to announced that we are now moving into monthly publication than the initial quarterly publication. And this is our first monthly issue which covers the month of July and August. Slowly but surely, we will produce per issue, per month. CPRU decided to go into monthly publication due to the increasing number of success stories from MRD's programs. This newsletter is one of the various initiatives the ministry through its Communications Unit is effecting to increase its community awareness and raise the visibility of the ministry regarding its core mandates and programmes being implemented in the 50 constituencies via the CDF programme to improve social and economic livelihoods of all rural Solomon Islanders.

Despite, the diverse challenges faced by MRD through its programme implementations, MRD is remain committed to deliver to fulfill its vision and that is to ensure ALL rural Solomon Islanders become meaningfully participated in development activities to improve their social and economic livelihoods. In this publication we highlighted achievements of the ministry for the month of July -August 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity for MRD to embrace this communication medium and to fully maximize its capacity to disseminate accurate information and success stories about its programmes to policy-makers, its stakeholders and the general public. We are grateful that you're taking your time to read this publication. Please share this newsletter with your friends, work colleagues and disseminate it through your respective networks. This publication is produced by the MRD Communications (CPRU) team. Our September issue is coming out soon. Tagio Tumas!

ABOVE PHOTO Seated from left to right is MRD
Deputy Secretary Technical Hugo
Hebala, Permanent Secretary
Dr. Samson Viulu, MRD Minister Hon.
Duddley Kopu, MP and Deputy
Secretary Coorporate Constance
Wane flanked by staff of the Ministry
of Rural Development.

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# \$5 million worth of project shipped to Lau/Mbaelelea Constituency



Member of Parliament and Minister for Agriculture and Live Stock Honorable Augustine Auga shook hands with MRD Principal Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

Officer Agnes Tanihorara flanked by his people from his constituency prior to the departure of project materials on MV Zaraly.

A total of SBD\$5 million worth of projects funded under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) programme of the government were shipped to Lau/Mbaelelea Constituency in August, 2022.

"What belongs to the people of my constituency must be given to them at all costs, because this is not my money," Honourable Member of Parliament (MP) for the constituency Augustine Auga who is also the Minister for the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL) said.

He said the projects are part of the government's ongoing support through the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) for his constituency.

"Therefore, I would like to thank the Solomon Islands Government, tax payers and our only donor partner, Peoples Republic of China (PRC) who contribute directly to the CDF program and made this huge support possible through MRD towards Lau/Mbaelelea and our constituencies throughout the country," Honourable Auga said.

Some of the project recipients who traveled with their materials in the vessel had also expressed their appreciation after receiving their support from the government through their MP.

MRD Principal Rural Development Officers Kejoa Para and Agnes Bopi Tanihorara were on the ground to witness the loading of the project materials before the vessel departed Honiara on Friday 16th August.

In terms of project and cost breakdown, Lau/Mbaelelea Constituency projects fall under two main sectors.

For this year 2022 the Constituency main sectors include Infrastructure and Income-generating activities.

The infrastructure sector includes; housing projects of (roofing Irons, Pallets of cement, roofing nails, steel rods, ring and tie wires, Masonite etc.

Housing projects will include support for clinics, churches, and schools in various wards of Lau/Mbaelelea Constituency.

The Lau/Mbaelelea income-generating projects focus mainly on Agricultural activities (Poultry & Piggery).

Apart from having these important rural development initiatives in place at the constituency level, Lau/Mbaelea also embarked on road development of 23 Kilometer that connects West and East Mbaelelea. Important types of machinery were also shipped to the constituency for



Lau/Mbaelelea constituency building materials for housing projects loaded into MV Zaraly.

this road development which included; 1 loader, 1 excavator, 2 bulldozers, and 200 drums of fuel.

These projects were aligned with the LMBC Development plans and priorities for 2019-2023. Having these additional projects will further enhance the socio-economic developments of the constituency which is the key objective of the CDF programme.

A total of \$ 5 million plus worth of CDF project materials was transported to the constituency in the shipment, thus, it was a milestone achievement by the LMBC office and the Ministry of Rural Development would like to commend Hon. Auga's great leadership and commitment toward these achievements.

MRD continues to make sure that all Solomon Islanders become meaningfully participated in development activities to improve their social and economic livelihood.

CDF Programme is administered by the Ministry of Rural Development and is supported by the Solomon Islands Government (SIG) and the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) as donor.

# Road infrastructure development in East Malaita Constituency

The government through East Malaita Constituency Office (EMCO) is committed towards implementing road infrastructure development in East Malaita to improve constituents' accessibility to basic services.

This is obvious through a number of new feeder road infrastructures constructed by the government through EMCO in the region.

These new feeder roads area include;

- Baunakunu 6 kilometres feeder road (New 2022)
- Fauia 4 kilometres feeder road (New 2022)
- Naoasi to Taba'a feeder road (estimated 8km, built in 2019, ongoing)
- Faumamanu to Taba'akwaru estimated 4 kilometres feeder road (Built in 2018)
- Faumamanu to Kereth Market 3 kilometres feeder road (Built in 2014)

"Road infrastructure plays a critical role by providing flexibility for the efficient movements of people and goods, as well as providing accessibility to a wide variety of social and economic activities," Constituency Project Officer (CPO) William Kwalemanu said.

Mr. Kwalemanu said East Malaita is one of the constituency's in the country where most of its people reside inland and accessing road infrastructure and other government services remain a challenge.

"So, our aim is to help people inland have access to the government services and connecting them to the outside world through road infrastructure which is one of our top priorities as aligned to our constituency office development plan."

He said that to make sure people meaningfully participated in the social and economic activities, road access should always remain the top priority.

"Life is tough for our people with the fact that they have to travel the mountainous and dangerous bush paths to access basic services such as health, markets, education and trade. So, these roads will make life easy for people in our constituency," Mr. Kwalemanu said.

Baunakunu and Fauia feeder roads are new roads and construction work is still progressing at the moment.

Faumamanu to Taba'akwaru feeder road was built in 2018 while Faumamanu to Kereth Market feeder road was constructed in 2014.

Naoasi to Taba'a feeder road was built in 2019 and construction is still ongoing with plan to reach Magwaru community.

A recent visit by the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) team to the area saw people traveling by trucks, bicycles and others even enjoy walking on foot on the dry land to access basic services such as health, education, market and trade without any problem.

A constituent who is a Pastor, Silas Labukwasi from Naomanasao village in ward 16 said these developments of roads were positive changes in the area which has never seen before.

"Our people in the highlands have struggled for so long. Before they have to carry their produces to the market and stuffs whether big or small on their shoulders and climbed up the mountains to reach their homes. Even building materials have to be carried on shoulders over long distances to our homes in the interior of East Malaita. To bring a very sick person to the nearest clinic used to be very difficult before the roads were built. Life is hard that time.

"But today life has changed. People just travel by trucks to reach their homes, thanks to our Honourable Member of Parliament Manasseh Maelanga for his leadership in ensuring such important infrastructure development is eventuated in our constituency to help us rural people access government services at ease," Pr. Labukwasi stressed.

"Our cries and prayers have now been answered. This is what we have been waiting and hoping for it too long now. To have proper road infrastructures.

"With these roads and the help from our government through our



Taba'akwaru road that will be extended to reach Namoia Community High School within Kwaibaita region connecting East Kwaio Constituency.

MP we believe this will help people from the highlands and seashore to travel on dry land with their produces to sell at the markets. Everyone will benefit from these new roads.

"These roads are a real boost for East Malaita and we acknowledge our MP Maelanga," he said.

Faumamanu to Kereth Market feeder road was constructed by Trades Transformation Company (TTC) while Eastern Esteem which is the constituency's construction arm provided construction work on the other roads as well as providing maintenance work to the roads in East Malaita.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development (MID) is supporting the constituency with machineries.

Priority for EMCO now is to extend the Taba'akwaru road to reach Namoia Community High School in the Kwaibaita region connecting East Kwaio Constituency with plans to also pursue implementation of the new road construction to link East Kwara'ae and Central Kwara'ae.

The new road will begin from Okwala village and ran through Busuoneh village, Taba'a, Fulisango, Kilusakwalo, and to Auki town. This road which will run along the mountain ridges and descend down to Kilusakwalo village is a shorter route and would only take an hour from East Kwara'ae to reach Auki town than the current Dala-Atori route.

Apart from the new feeder roads the East Malaita Constituency is also utilizing its CDF allocations to patch road sections from Dala in West Kwara'ae to Atori. This road is regularly used by travellers from West Kwara'ae, East Malaita, Fataleka, East Kwaio and East Are'are.



Kwaiafa bridge along East Road repaired by East Malaita Constituency Office through its CDF allocations.



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### Bice praises gov't through Maringe-Kokota Constituency Office for water project



Chairman of Pisage community Charles Bice.

Chairman of Pisage community within Maringe-Kokota Constituency (MKC) in Isabel Province has thanked the national government through MKC Office for funding their community water supply project.

Charles Bice said access to fresh water has been their long time need.

"Before, we have to travel some distances to fetch fresh water for drinking and cooking. We also rely very much on rain water from tanks. But when the season is dry and there is no rain, we have to carry our containers and walk through the bushes to collect water from the nearby sources,"Mr Bice said.

But today Mr. Bice excitedly said their children, mothers and elders now enjoy collecting fresh water from running tubes (stand-pipes) just at their doorstep thanks to the Democratic Coalition Government for Advancement (DCGA) through the MKC Office under the leadership of their Honourable Member of Parliament (MP) Dr. Culwick Togamana who is also the Minister of Health and Medical Services.

Mr. Bice acknowledged the government and their MP, for the generous livelihood support.

"This is one of our greatest needs and seeing our children and mothers collecting fresh water at our doorstep now is something we are thankful for."

He also recognized DCGA for the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) programme support through their constituency and at the same time calls on the government to continue with the CDF because it is the only support that reach and touches rural lives.

Meanwhile, Constituency Project Officer (CPO) Terence Loha said MKC Office is committed and will continue to render livelihood support to communities and people of the constituency to improve their livelihoods.

He said that water project is one of MKC office priorities apart from housing project, income generation, education and fishery and other livelihoods assistance programmes.

Mr. Loha then thanked communities and constituents for their continuous support and cooperation towards his office as they continue to work together in developing their constituency.

The water supply project was built in early 2022 and fully funded by MKC through its CDF allocation at \$179, 884 .00 in partnership with community support.

CDF is a programme of the national government and is administered MRD.

CDF aims to help communities in areas like income generation, encourage and bring about development in constituencies and generally to improve the livelihoods of all Solomon Islanders.



Principal Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) officer of the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) Timoly Carter take a drink at the water supply at Pisage community. The water project is fully funded by CDF.

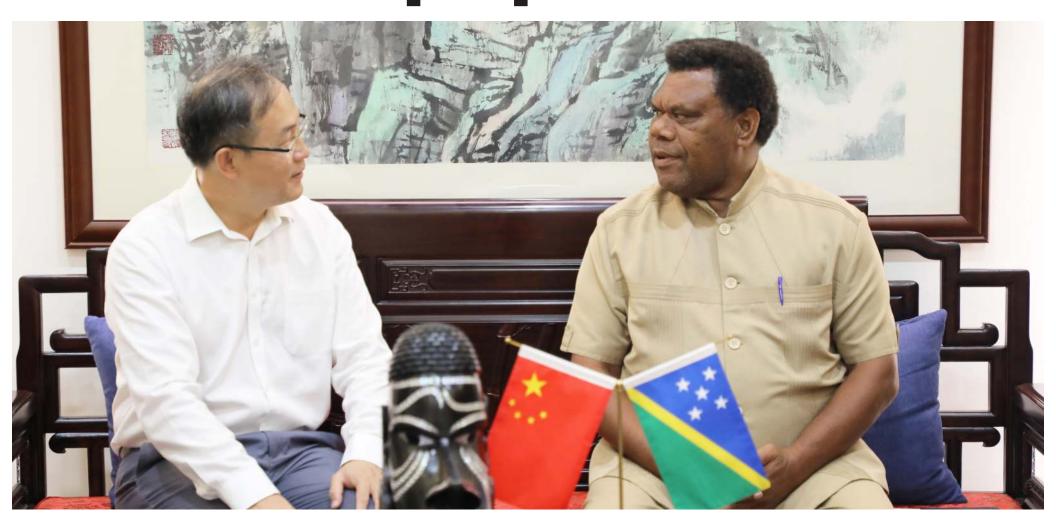


Principal Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) officer of the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) Timoly Carter during a recent visit to the community to assess CDF funded projects in the constituency.

"This is one of our greatest needs and seeing our children and mothers collecting fresh water at our doorstep now is something we are thankful for."

Charles Bice

# Minister Kopu praises PRC for



Chinese Ambassador Li Ming and Minister Duddley Kopu in discussion during the courtesy visit to the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) Embassy in Honiara.

The Minister of Rural Development (MRD) Honourable Duddley Kopu made a courtesy visit to the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) Embassy in Honiara on Wednesday 10th August 2022 to thank and acknowledge PRC's continuous support to the Solomon Islands Government since both countries formalized diplomatic relations on 20th September 2019.

MRD's Permanent Secretary Dr. Samson Viulu and Deputy Secretary Technical Hugo Hebala accompanied the Minister.

Their brief meeting began with an exchange of gifts from both Honorable Kopu on behalf of the Ministry and His Excellency (H.E) Li Ming.

Minister Kopu thanked H.E Ming for accepting his Ministry's invitation to meet him and his esteemed officials.

"I would like to register our sincere gratitude and thank you to you and your hardworking staff.

"I also like to acknowledge PRC support towards Constituency Development Fund (CDF) programme since 2019 after we entered into the new diplomatic relationship. Your support has been greatly appreciated by our 50 constituencies," Honorable Kopu said.

"The 50 constituencies have benefited a lot from PRC CDF support since 2019, particularly in the area of small-scale infrastructures, income generating activities, and water and sanitation.

He further told H.E Ming that the support demonstrated true friendship care and concern for the livelihood of our rural people.

"On behalf of the Government through my Ministry, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Peoples Republic of China through your Embassy office for this great support," Honorable Kopu expressed.

Honorable Minister Kopu also took the opportunity to brief H.E Ambassador Ming on his ministry's key reforms.

On Constituency Development Policy the Minister told H.E Ming that a task force has been established to provide oversight and design and development of this new policy.

"Already concept notes and consultation timetable has been developed including MRD selected staff to travel to selected provinces have been identified.

"This policy will help inform the review of the CDF Act 2013 and the development of the CDF regulation," he added.

In terms of 2021 PRC Acquittals, Honorable Kopu told H.E Ming that a Caucus paper was prepared and already sent to the Prime Ministers

Office (PMO) to validate the 2021 water and sanitation projects.

Other key reforms discussed are;

- 1. Restructuring and Functional Review
- 2. Constituency Strengthening Planning Projects
- 3. MRD Management Information System
- 4. Monitoring and Evaluation Standards

With the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), Honorable Kopu told H.E Ming that MRD is now working on establishing standards for effective M&E of the CDF and possible donor-funded projects.

"My Ministry has reached out to UNDP for technical assistance and they have agreed to provide assistance.

"MRD is of the view that a stronger M&E will hopefully attract additional assistance from willing friends to further develop our rural areas," Honorable Kopu said.

On that same note Minister Kopu further discussed some possible areas MRD needs support from PRC from next year and beyond.

He told H.E Ming that specific training in rural development, research, monitoring and evaluation, entrepreneurship, and small-scale value-added training (agriculture, fisheries, forestry) is a need for MRD.

He also added that MRD is planning a study tour on selected Asian countries as part of its initiative to develop the Constituency Development Policy.

"This study tour aimed to learn from PRC rural development model, its history, critical success factors, experiences, and the model itself," Honorable Kopu added.

In Project Management Unit (PMU), the Minister said that MRD is currently tasking a team to design this PMU specifically to look at its mandate, scoop, functions, governance arrangements, staffing, and key tools to support this proposed establishment.

"This is in anticipation of your government rendering assistance under the Rural Sustainable Development Program (RSDP). We hope Beijing will grant approval for funding of the RSDP," Honorable Kopu said.

In response to the Minister, H.E Ming thanked Honorable Kopu, Permanent Secretary, and Deputy Secretary Technical for the courtesy visit and MRD's continuous support.

"The Chinese Embassy has been receiving a lot of support from your Government through various Ministries and also I would like to thank you very much for this invaluable gift (Nguzu, Nguzu) which symbolizes

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## support towards government



Minister Duddley Kopu and the Chinese Ambassador Li Ming flanked by Permanent Secretary Dr. Samson Viulu and Deputy Secretary Technical Hugo Hebala inside the Chinese Embassy in Honiara.

the pride of Solomon Islands," he added.

He said such a gift represents your longstanding culture and tradition similar to the Chinese people whose cultural heritage is the paramount part of their lives.

H.E Ming further reiterated that in the past 3 years Solomon Islands and PRC have worked together and achieved tangible results.

He mentioned the PG2023 stadium infrastructures, SINU dormitory, and the Comprehensive Medical Centre, a big compliment to the current National Referral Hospital.

With regards to Rural Development H.E Ming said PRC will continue to support implementation programs under MRD.

"When we address our peoples' needs in our rural places, we also help to eradicate poverty," he added.

H.E Ming further admitted that for 3 years Chinese Embassy has supported MRD and they will continue to show that same support and cooperation now and into the future for the benefit of the Solomon Islands.

"I am very happy that this cooperation has benefitted our rural people. For example, I have just witnessed the handover of various projects in the Marovo constituency and I was deeply impressed," he expressed.

H.E Ming told the Minister that PRC respects fully the sovereignty and internal decisions of the Solomon Islands Government.

"We will continue to honor our commitment to support MRD and continue to work together to achieve the Ministry mandates and also for our future cooperation," he added.

H.E Ming also told the Minister that he understands the proposal from MRD focus on two areas that is economic and social infrastructure and income-generating projects.

"I see a very clear and standard proposal and I can confirm we will work hard together to make sure our cooperation in rural development will benefit all 50 constituencies."

H.E Ming also supported the Minister in the area of specific trainings as one of the important areas that need to be addressed.

He further expressed that this specific training idea is a good one and his office will work on that along with the MRD study tour for its Constituency Development Policy.

H.E Ming confirmed that these are important issues and he believes there is a bright prospect that can be achievable.

Minister Kopu again thanked H.E Ming and his staff for accepting the visit and acknowledged their support through the CDF programme.

Honorable Kopu said MRD will continue to work together with the PRC support program to achieve the MRD's development program in the 50 constituencies.

H.E Ming also took Minister Kopu and his officials for a brief tour in the PRC Embassy office.



Minister Kopu and his officials during a brief visit inside the Chinese Embassy led by Ambassador Li Ming.



Principal Communication and Public Relations officer of MRD, Andrew Fanasia Jr. having a chat with His Excellency Ambassador Li Ming.

# Fataleka Constituency road project progressing well

Construction work on the Fataleka Constituency (FC) major road infrastructure project is progressing well and is nearing completion.

Director Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Development for the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) Allan Lilia who inspected and assessed the road project in August said.

The road is about 35.5 kilometres and is one of the important projects and top priorities of the constituency for this year as aligned to its road infrastructure development plan.

Construction work according to the constituency plan includes construction of road carriageways, drainages, culverts and bridges which includes maintenance of the 6.6 kilometre East Malaita Constituency road, manpower road from Aluta bridge to Amenia camp including new road construction from Amenia camp to Ata'a head road.

The road infrastructure project also includes construction of additional access roads along the planned route alignment to Sangori villages and communities along the coastal area of East Fataleka constituency.

"Objective of the road infrastructure project is purposely to improve the viability and accessibility of rural industries especially within Fataleka constituency which is crucial for social and economic development and political stability. The road infrastructure project has got all the potentials that can fulfil this objective," Mr. Lilia said.

He said that since most of the potential rural commodities are inaccessible in the interior of East Fataleka Constituency with potential sites for industrial and commercial developments, this project will minimize such long-standing problem and that investments opportunity for all stakeholders, especially the rural population will be viable and manageable.

"The travelling public, especially those on the inland of East Malaita constituency and coast of East Fataleka constituency will experience easy access and also witness an immediate improvement in the mechanism of service delivery to their communities once the project is completed and serviceable," Mr. Lilia added.

Mr. Lilia said road maintenance including clearing and grubbing, grade to reform and re-compaction, re-gravelling of worst road surfaces with sub-base and road base including reinstatement of earth drains has completed adding other outstanding specific work required is the maintenance of bridges which are part of the ongoing road works project

The bridges will be constructed in due course when all materials are available.

The project is funded by the CDF programme of the national government through the Fataleka Constituency Office.



A stretch of road that leads up to Ata'a head road.



Fataleka Constituency Road Map.

Solomon Islands Government (SIG) is supporting the CDF programme together with the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) as donor.

Rexon Ramofafia who is the Minister for the Ministry of National Planning and Development Coordination (MNPDC) is the current Member of Parliament for Fataleka Constituency. He entered Parliament after he successfully contested the 2019 National General Election.

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## Central Honiara Constituency help gives 'SSEC Head Office' a facelift



Previous look of the SSEC head office. On top the building are Carpentry workers doing replacement of the roof.



The new look of SSEC Head Office in Central Honiara after the renovation work

The South Seas Evangelical Church (SSEC) in Central Honiara got a facelift after the Central Honiara Constituency (CHC) office supported the much-needed maintenance and renovation work to its 'Head Office' building in August, 2022.

This was part of an ongoing commitment and support of CHC office for churches within the constituency.

"As part of the CHC office ongoing support for churches within the constituency, we decided to assist the church (SSEC) by funding the replacement of the old and rusted roofing sheets and exterior paint work to give the office building its much-needed facelift," Constituency Development Officer (CDO) Keyon Ronia said.

Carpentry workers were also provided by CHC office.

Mr. Ronia said there was no major repair works done on this important building since it was constructed in the late 60s and early 70s and with its close proximity to the sea and exposure to the elements over time led to the much-needed urgent repair and renovation work provided by CHC office.

"The worn-out exterior paint and the rust and corrosion of the roofing with leakage everywhere almost made the building unusable during rainy season. This has caused a lot of inconvenience for SSEC staff serving the church organization."

CDO Ronia added that his office (CHC) is pleased to assist churches

because churches played an important role in the spiritual and social development of our country, Solomon Islands.

Receiving the assistance was the head of SSEC Reverend Bishop Eric Maefonea.

Rev Maefonea expressed his utmost gratitude to CHC office under the leadership of Member of Parliament (MP) for Central Honiara, Honourable Alfred Efona and his team for recognizing the need of the church and stepping in with the much-needed assistance.

Rev Maefonea together with his vice bishop and staff of the SSEC head office also acknowledged Hon. Efona, MP and his constituency officials for seeing the important role our churches played in the spiritual and social development of our country.

"It is our responsibility to look after our churches and if we are to lead, then we must serve," Hon. Efona gently said with regards to the assistance.

The maintenance work was supervised by the CHC office and made possible through the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) programme of the government administered by the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD).

CHC is committed to its mandated responsibility and that is to serve its people. Current MP for CHC is Alfred Efona.

### New Fishery Centre for Temotu Pele on the way

ery Centre which was built in the 80s at Nyialo village in the Reef Islands. wise, Vanuatu is one of our closest neighbours.

Initiated under the TPC development priorities for this year, the fishery project initiative is aimed at boosting local fishery within the Reef Islands where fish are abundant with potential benefits to the people of the constituency.

TPC and TPG has already conducted three consultations with communities on the island and have proceeded initial work towards the initiative with four landowning groups on the Island all agreed for the project to progress.

"This fishery project is one of the top priorities for the constituency for this year," Constituency Project Officer (CPO) John Knox Ikaoeo said.

He said the idea is to have the fishery centre establish to guarantee fishermen and women in the constituency have a proper house or centre to store their fresh fish and other perishable products before going to the markets for sale.

Mr. Ikaoeo said once the centre is operational, their initial market

Temotu Pele Constituency (TPC) is progressing work in collabora- is to supply to the Lata Fishery Centre and to Honiara Markets while tion with the Temotu Provincial Government (TPG) Fisheries Division they are eyeing to explore and utilize the Melanesian Spearhead Group towards establishing a new fishery centre to replace the previous Fish- (MSG) trade agreement to supply into Vanuatu markets, since proximity

> "Fishery is one of the priorities of the constituency under its development programme. Government through TPC have assisted constituents with fishery projects like boats and engines (OBM) and canoes including solar deep-freezer sets.

> "We will continue to support this sector because most of our people in Reef Islands depend much on sea resources for their livelihoods."

> Reef Islands in Temotu Province is located in the Eastern part of the Solomon Islands.

> The islands are rich in sea resources especially fish but due to market challenges, people are finding it hard to bring their catch to the bigger markets to earn good money to support their livelihoods.

> TPC is supporting the fishery project in collaboration with the Temotu Provincial Government with funding support from the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) which is administered by the national government through the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD).

# Temotu Pele brings fresh water to communities' doorstep

Government through Temotu Pele in the Reef Islands in Temotu Province is committed to make sure communities and people of the constituency access fresh and drinkable water at their doorstep.

This is made possible through the national government Constituency Development Fund (CDF) programme administered by the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) and implemented by constituency office.

"Water project is one of our constituency priorities since Honourable Minister Duddley Kopu was elected to the national parliament," Constituency Project Officer (CPO) John Knox said.

"We have clean and natural fresh water sources but our people have to walk long distances to access those water sources for household consumption. So, to address that we have to support our people by funding water projects for our communities.

"These water projects are quite challenging because the water sources are not straight running sources/waters but they are natural wells. So, each project has to have its own generator, water pump, feeder gravity tanks, 800 watts solar panels and pipe connections to reach communities. Also, we have to hire a private engineer to assess and do installation but it is for a worthy course since it is for the betterment of our very own people to improve their livelihoods."

MRD team led by the Permanent Secretary Dr. Samson Viulu had the opportunity to have visited at least six natural water sources that the constituency is utilizing for the water projects.

From the eight communities visited the MRD team observed that water project for Nyialo village and nearby communities is about to complete while, Nopali village and other nearby villages already accessed their water supply.

Nymoa village and nearby communities already accessed their water supply since 2016 including Nivale community water project since 2018. Laro and the other neighbouring communities also have water supply but needs water pump replacement which they are now working on replacing it.

Walter Kuligi of Nyialo village said he is happy for the great support that the government through their constituency continue to render especially by funding their water project that is soon to be completed.

He said for so long villagers have to walk long distance to collect water and most of the times depend on rain water stored in storage tanks for daily household use. "Now that our water project is on the way and soon to be completed, we cannot wait for that day that we will turn-on our tubes and get fresh water at our very own doorsteps."

Mr. Kuligi then acknowledged government for the CDF programme



A happy constituency's now access fresh water at her home at Nopali village, Reef Islands in Temotu Province. This is fully funded by CDF.

support through their constituency and at the same time calls on the government to continue with the CDF because it is the only support that reach and touches rural lives.

Mathew Maake of Nopali village shared the same sentiments.

"Before, we have to walk distances to fetch water. But since government through our Member of Parliament Duddley Kopu funded this water project, it makes our life easier now. Thank you, government, for the generous support through the CDF programme," Maake said.

"Previously our mothers and children have to travel distances to collect water but with the support of our government through our current MP, one of our main struggles and needs is now over," Chief Eric Peniopu of Nopali village attested.

Lomlom Island alone has six existing water supply projects funded through CDF by the current MP Kopu, all sourced from natural fresh water wells and consist of 800W solar powered water pumps that pump to a 5000L water tank which then feeds the nearby villages, sitting one to two kilometres away from the source. .

Honourable Duddley Kopu who is the Minister for MRD is the current Member of Parliament for Temotu Pele Constituency. He was elected to the national parliament after he successfully contested and won TPC seat on 19th November, 2014 in a national by-election.



One of the 5000 litre feeder gravity tanks that supply to communities. The project is fully funded by CDF.



Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Rural Development Dr. Samson Viulu takes a drink at one of the water supply projects fully funded by CDF at Otambwa village. Looks on is Project Officer for Pele Constituency John Knox.

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# CDF continue to transform rural Pele constituents living standard



Permanent Secretary of MRD Dr. Samson Viulu and a constituent check on one of the houses fully funded by CDF at Nyialo village.

The Constituency Development Fund (CDF) programme of the national government administered by the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) is continuing to transform living standards in Temotu Pele Constituency in Temotu as constituents benefit from the CDF by owning permanent dwelling homes.

Pele Constituency is located in the remote Reef Islands in the Temotu Province. Despite the remoteness, the Constituency (TPC), under the leadership of their Member of Parliament (MP) Hon. Duddley Kopu is continuing to deliver basic social and economic infrastructure services and other projects to its people through the CDF programme to improve their livelihoods.

"Housing Scheme Project is one of our constituency priorities. And it is an ongoing project since Honourable Kopu was elected to the National Parliament," Constituency Development Officer (CDO) Annie Gaudo said.

She said it is the constituency's office commitment that constituents who have applied were given housing projects to own and live in good houses.

"The constituency does not only support housing project alone but also funded church organisations by funding the construction of their church buildings. Most of the projects are fully funded. They are two and three bed room dwelling houses. Only few dwelling houses or projects are supported or assisted with roofing materials but most of the housing projects are fully funded by the constituency with CDF money."

"Each dwelling home cost the government through Pele constituency office over \$300,000. It is very expensive because we are not just giving copper and roofing irons or materials but we provided full complete projects – from foundation to the roof. The dwelling homes are fully funded including labour. Carpentry and construction equipment are also purchased by the constituency and provided to project recipients to construct their projects," Ms. Gaudo said.

"We also purchased sawn timbers from other provinces as well as from timber yards in Honiara and shipped over on charged vessels to the constituency. It was a very expensive exercise because one charter alone can cost us over \$1 million. But that is the only option for us to take since Reef Islands has no big forest or jungles like other bigger provinces and most of the trees grown on the islands are fruits trees which everyone depends on it for their daily livelihoods.

"So, for us to save and protect those fruit trees and the partial forest we have to order timbers and logs outside or somewhere.

"It is TPC office commitment to ensure constituents are supported and provided with much needed assistance to improve their livelihoods," Ms. Gaudo explained.

"I am very happy and thankful for the government through my



A complete CDF fully funded house at Otelo village.

Member of Parliament Hon. Duddley Kopu for giving me a permanent house," Chief Eric Peniopu expressed his gratitude when interviewed by MRD Media at his village, Nopali in the Reef Islands.

Chief Peniopu said life has changed after he has a permanent house fully funded by the government through CDF.

"Before, I and my family struggle a lot. We have to walk distances to collect bush materials like sticks and sago palm leaves when our house is leaks and needed repair or for building of new houses. Sometimes we got wet from roof leaks when there is heavy rain. But today, I am a happy man. Life has changed. There are no more leaks from the roofs and no more long-distance walk to collect bush materials. I can sit down relax and enjoy my cup of hot water under the roof of my new permanent house without worrying about heavy rain," Mr. Eric attested

Chief Peniopu then asked the government to continue supporting the CDF programme because it is the only assistance that touches rural lives as well as improving the livelihood of rural people.

Walter Kuligi of Nyialo village also shared the same sentiments.

He thanked the national government through their constituency office which is under the leadership of MP Kopu for the housing project assistance.

"I and my family are happy to live in a good house than before," Mr. Kuligi said.

"Thank you, DCGA government and our MP Hon. Kopu for the great support."

Other assistance provided through CDF and witnessed by the MRD visiting team include water supply and OBMs and canoes.

MRD team led by the Permanent Secretary Dr. Samson Viulu was in Reef Islands for the ground breaking ceremony on Monday 11 July 2022 for the commencement of the construction work on the Lomlom coastal ring-road, and got the opportunity to observe and verify developments that are happening in the constituency through the CDF programme.

Housing scheme project and funding of church buildings come under the Infrastructure program, an ongoing project of TPC office. Over 50 completed dwelling homes were fully funded by TPC while construction on their new housing projects for year 2020/2021 is still progressing. Honourable Duddley Kopu who is the Minister for MRD is the current Member of Parliament for Temotu Pele Constituency.

He was elected to the national parliament after he successfully contested and won TPC seat on 19th November, 2014 in a national by-election.

CDF Programme is funded by the national government (SIG) and the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) as donor.

## Gov't brings development right

Most wanted developments has reached the shores of Lomlom people in the Reef Islands of Temotu Pele Constituency (TPC) from the National Government through their Member of Parliament and Minister for the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) Honourable Duddley Kopu.

This followed a successful historic ground breaking ceremony to commence construction work on the 17 kilometres Lomlom Coastal Ring-Road held on 11th July 2022 at Nyialo village in the Reef Islands of Temotu Province.

The occasion proved the close collaboration and firm partnership between the National Government through the Ministry of Infrastructure Development (MID), Temotu Pele Constituency of the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD), Temotu Provincial Government (TPG), Landowners, and communities in the reef Islands.

Speaking during the event, Acting Prime Minister and Minister for the Ministry of Infrastructure Development (MID) Manasseh Maelanga hailed Member of Parliament for Temotu Pele Hon. Duddley Kopu and his constituency for the remarkable achievement.

"The Lomlom Ring Road has been a dream for the people of this constituency for a long time and I am glad to inform you all that it was through the vision of your MP that this dream is going to be realized to-day," Hon. Mealanga said.

He further echoed that the DCGA government recognizes the need to support remote parts of our country and through its policies encourages resource owners to support the government by allowing their resources for such infrastructure development to make life easier and boost economic development through sectors like agriculture, fisheries, and tourism.

Hon. Maelanga further stressed that Temotu Pele Constituency is one of the luckiest constituencies in the country. "This was because of the working together of the landowners, the provincial government, and your hardworking MP," he further added.

The road once completed will directly pass through ten villages, settlements and schools. Villagers from neighbouring islands of Pileni, Nifiloli and Fenualo Islands will also use the road to access the Manuo-



Minister Kopu and delegation welcomed by worriors at Nyialo village.



Garlanding of official guest.



(L-R) Project Administrator and AJ Enterprises Ltd (Contractor) rep, Ellen Tekula, Temotu Premier Clay Forau, Acting Prime Minister and Minister for MID Manasseh Maelanga, Minister for MRD and MP for Temotu Pele Hon. Kopu and Member of Parliament for Temotu Nende, Hon. Commins Aston Mewa cuts the ribbon to officially launch construction work on the Lomlom ring-road. Looking on from behind is Permanent Secretary of MRD Dr Samson Viulu.



Constituents who attened the event.



DPM Manasseh Maelanga, government officials and invited guest.



Temotu Provincial members and national government officials.

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### down to rural Temotu Pele



Acting PM Manasseh Maelanga and MRD Minister and MP for Temotu Pele get on one of the excavator machines during the ground breaking ceremony.



Minister Duddley Kopu delivers his remarks.



DPM Manasseh Maelanga and a community leader.



A youth group from Reef Island presents a farewell song to the government delegation.

po Area Health Center, Lomlom Airstrip, Balipa Community High School and Nyialo Fisheries Centre.

Meanwhile, Hon. Kopu, MP said the rehabilitation of Lomlom Ring Road is aligned with the current National Transport Plan of MID.

"The Government is willing to develop our rural areas and is willing to collaborate with landowners on priority community projects such as roads and other infrastructure," he said.

Hon. Kopu then called on communities and people of his constituency to render the much-needed support towards the project.

Rehabilitation work on the Lomlom Coastal Ring-Road in the Reef Islands is one of the national government's major road infrastructure projects for this year.

The project is co-financed by MID and Temotu Pele Constituency under the Constituency Development Fund, a program administered by the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD).

The contract was awarded to AJ Enterprise Ltd on 4th November 2021 through the Central Tender Board (CTB), however, due to the threat posed by COVID-19 in the country the project was delayed.

Other major ongoing projects that are also supported by the government through the partnership agreement between Temotu Pele Constituency, and Temotu Provincial Government include Manuopo Area Health Centre, Nyialo Fishery Centre, and Water Supply.

"These projects demonstrated strong partnership between our rural people, the relevant government ministries, constituency, the Temotu Provincial Government and the Temotu Pele landowners," Hon. Kopu added.

The ground-breaking ceremony was attended by the Acting Prime Minister and MID Minister as guest of honour Hon. Maelanga, Minister of MRD Hon. Dudley Kopu, MP for Temotu Nende Comins Aston Mewa, MID Permanent Secretary Stephen Maesiola, MRD Permanent Secretary Dr. Samson Viulu, Temotu Provincial Premier Clay Forau and TPG Executive, government officials, chiefs and communities within the Pele constituency.

The event was held on the theme, "Togetherness brings Development for Reef Islands".



This little kid got the opportunity to shakes hand with DPM Maelanaga.



AJ company machineries for the road work.

# MRD holds successful inaugural consultation on SICD Policy in Isabel



Ministry of Rural Development Permanent Secretary Dr Samson Viulu, far right front row with his SICD task force members together with participants.

The Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) has successfully conducted its inaugural nationwide consultation on the first ever Solomon Islands Constituency Development Policy (SICD) in Isabel Province from 24-25 August, 2022.

Held at the Ghaseali Island Resort, the two-days consultation enabled MRD to gather invaluable inputs and recommendations from its stakeholders to assist them (MRD) towards the formulation and design of the Constituency Development policy framework.

The policy framework will set the bases for MRD internal taskforce to develop the drafting instructions of the proposed review on the CDF Act 2013. It will also further enhance the planning, coordination, implementation and management of the CDF.

"Vision of the SICD policy is to achieve safe, clean, healthy, friendly, peaceful and vibrant rural communities all throughout Solomon Islands by 2035," Permanent Secretary for MRD Dr. Samson Viulu said.

He said this is the first consultation and will be extended to other provinces.

PS Viulu said that views from the wider pubic including from rural folks will be gathered from these consultations and a policy working draft will be distributed to all the relevant stakeholders for their invaluable inputs.

Other main features of the policy are identification of main thematic focus areas, allocation of financial resources, constituency governance, improved and more focused delivery mechanisms and proper coordination, planning and sustenance of income generating projects.

PS Viulu further stated that the SICD policy is intended to guide how development can be sustainably implemented and harnessed throughout all constituencies in collaboration with relevant line ministries and other stakeholders.

"The new development policy will make more emphasis in the productive and resource sectors including essential services to address the issues and challenges faced daily by rural dwellers thereby activate an additional percentage of the productive population to contribute to the national revenue consequently grow our local and national economy."

In her brief closing remarks on behalf of the MRD task force team, Deputy Secretary Corporate (DSC) Constance Wane acknowledged all the participants for their important and invaluable contributions and inputs during the course of the consultation.

She said that the inputs and recommendations from the consultation will really help the ministry towards the formulation of the SICD policy.

Ms. Wane added that SICD Policy is an overarching policy of the ministry where other strategies of MRD will be formulated.

She said that MRD is looking forward to working closely with its stakeholders in such undertakings and priorities of the ministry to ensure service delivery and development in rural areas impacted our rural people.

Speaking on behalf of the participants is Paramount Chief Clement Rojumana.

Mr. Rojumana also thanked MRD for giving them the opportunity where they can contribute towards the development of the policy.

He also acknowledged the reforms that MRD is undertaking and wishes the ministry all success through the course of the consultation.

More than 30 participants participated in the two-day consultation.



MRD Deputy Secretary Corporate, Constance Wane raises a point during discussion session.



A group presenting thier views and recommendations on the SICD policy.

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### MRD M&E team assess Central Makira CDF funded projects

The Monitoring & Evaluation Team from the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) had successfully completed the monitoring and verification of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) funded projects in Central Makira Constituency (CDF) after they last visited Three Sisters Island on Wednesday 25th August 2022.

The team started with communities at the Warirato basin, Bwa'ro and other communities on Ward 11-East Bauro on the 16th August 2022.

They later visited communities in ward 10- Central Bauro in and around Kirakira provincial capital.

The team then travelled to ward 11 in West Bauro before returning to Kirakira for their final trip to Three Sisters Islands.

Team leader Gabriel Manetiva said even though thier monitoring activity was slightly disturbed by the bad weather, they managed to reach all communities as scheduled and interviewed the beneficiaries of the CDF projects.

Mr. Manetiva on behalf of the MRD team took the opportunity and thanked all those who supported them in the successful completion of the monitoring activity especially the following;

- Central Makira Constituency -For supporting the team, planning, and arrangements of logistics, focal villages and communities and beneficiaries during the M & E visits.
- Faith based organizations, chiefs, community leaders, men, women and children, Hosts in visited communities, Village protocol officers, Special thanks goes to MPA –Ward 9 Hon. Kira –for invitation to attend the Makira /Ulawa 2nd Appointed day celebration at Manita. MPA Jackson- Dinner and Hon Premier for the late courtesy at Macedonia village, Transport owners, Boat driver and crew, Our hosts in the communities, And all those who assist the team during the visits.

"Thank you all for your welcome, time, cooperation and participation in the discussion and interviews on the implementation of the CDF Program in Central Makira constituency. Your participation and



A boat project recipient funded under CDF in Ward 9 interviewed by Senior M&E officer and Team Leader Gabriel Manetiva.



MRD Media Officer Andrew Fanasia Jr. getting photos of a happy constituent and his children enjoying their fresh water hand pump funded under CDF.



Malau Paina (Three sister island) children enjoying their fresh water hand pump funded under CDF.

cooperation had enabled us to successful complete our work."

The team also spent 10-days and conducted simliar activity on CDF projects in East Makira Constituency (EMC).

The objectives of the M&E were:

- To verify the implementation status of projects funded by CDF program in the constituency from 2021.
- To establish community participation in the CDF funded projects in the constituency.
- To investigate the level of awareness of CDF among community members.
- To determine the level of satisfaction of community members in CDF funded projects.

Constituency monitoring of CDF projects is part of the MRD's ongoing activity on CDF funded programmes being implemented within the 50 constituencies.

"Relevant data/information collected will support the ministry in its undertaking to assess status of projects and impact's the fund (CDF) have on the lives of constituents.

"Not only the data collected is important but gathering evidences on the ground by officers that constituencies utilized the funds as intended is paramount.



CDF funded Community Hall in one of the Community in Nukukaisi.



MRD M&E team arrived at the border separating Central Makira and West Makira Constituency to do project verification in Ward 9, West Bauro.

# Work on East Malaita mini-hospital underway

Construction work on the East Malaita Constituency (EMC) modern style mini-hospital has commenced after building materials for the project were delivered onsite on 19 August 2022.

Member of Parliament for East Malaita Constituency Hon. Manasseh Maelanga who is also the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Ministry of Infrastructure Development (MID) made the declaration as he officiated the unloading of projects materials from MV Zaraly on 19 August at Atori wharf, East Malaita.

Over 300 hundred of constituents including paramount chiefs, community respected leaders, women, youth, children and contractor representatives witnessed the significant event with delight.

A former diplomatic partner should have funded the project but due to the country's diplomatic switch in 2019 to the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) it delayed its progress until EMC office reached out to PRC for support.

PRC is providing building materials and funding support towards the development of the hospital project which when completed and operational will serve the people of the Eastern Region of Malaita as far as East Fataleka to East Kwaio and even people from East Are'are.

In his brief remarks during the delivery of project materials, Hon. Maelanga acknowledged his people for their continuous cooperation and support especially towards such livelihood projects that will help their lives.

"Getting such projects together is not easy but through our togetherness we can achieve our vision and greater things that will help our livelihood."

Maelanga then thanked PRC for their continuous support towards the government development programmes and policies and particularly support towards the development of the mini-hospital project.

He further stated that his constituency will continue to work in partnership with PRC and other donor partners to help develop his constituency now and into the future.

"I further call on other constituencies in the Solomon Islands to embrace this development partnership with PRC and other donor partners as we strive to improve the lives of our people," Hon. Maelanga said.



Harrison of Harly Designs Consultancy Ltd showing the architectural design of the mini-hospital project.



DPM Manasseh Maelanga, PS MRD Dr. Samson Viulu and East Malaita Constituency officials together with constituents during projects delivery at Atori wharf on 19 August, 2022.

Chief Arnon Ketei who is the Chairman of the Ward Development Committee (WDC) for Ward 15 thanked the government and PRC for such livelihood support.

He said this is a dream come true for Eastern Region.

Meanwhile, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) Dr. Samson Viulu acknowldged Landowning groups in East Malaita for their support and for allowing their land to accommodate such livelihood project and development that will help constituents for many years to come.

He also congratulated the leadership of DPM Maelanga for delivering such lifesaving projects through the EMC office for seeking assistance from PRC and also acknowledged PRC for their funding support towards the development of the hospital project and other livelihood projects in EMC and other constituencies in other provinces.

"We can only achieve development if we work together and support each other," PS Viulu added.

He also thanked Malaita Provincial Government for their continuous support towards development within Malaita Province.

PS Viulu then called on constituents of EMC to continue to support the work of their MP and his constituency office officials.

Other projects that were delivered also include;

- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project (WASH) which include 69 water tanks of varied capacity (1000-3000litres) also funded by PRC.
  - Boats under the fishery project.
- Delivery of machineries for construction of new feeder roads in East Malaita and maintenance work.
- Gravels, bricks, steel rods, fuel drums and other materials for the mini hospital.
  - Machineries to construct the mini hospital.

Harly Designs Consultancy Ltd is building the hospital with support from communities in East Malaita.



Profiling and pegging work on the mini-hospital project.

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### East Malaita supports communities, schools & churches with WASH project

About 24 communities in East Malaita Constituency (EMC) will benefit from a project on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) which is being implemented by the constituency in schools and churches.

These communities, schools & churches are located in ward 15 and 16.

Peoples Republic of China (PRC) funded the project through the national government Constituency Development Fund (CDF) programme administered by the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD). The same funding is provided equally to all the other 49 constituencies.

Constituency Development Officer (CPO) William Kwalemanu said the project aims to improve Water, Sanitation and Hygiene – also known as WASH – in East Malaita.

The project consisted of 69 water tanks of varied capacity (1000-3000litres).

Mr. Kwalemanu said distribution and installation of the WASH projects are condcuted by the constituency team with support of communities concern.

Allan Olosua from Ngongosila Island was one of the beneficiaries of this WASH project," Mr. Olosua said. the WASH project.

In an interview with MRD Media Mr. Olosua expressed appreciation to the government through EMC office and PRC for the funding support towards the project.

He said life on an island is very challenging and tough.

"We need such project of this kind to make sure it alleviates our burdens. As someone who was born and grow-up on an Island, we experienced a lot of challenges and one of those is access to water. Our only means to get clean water for cooking and drinking is rain water from tanks. During dry seasons we have to travel to the mainland to get fresh water for consumption. Life is hard. But thanks to the government and PRC for addressing one of our greatest needs through the support of



Water tanks under the WASH project upon arrival at Atori on MV Zaraly.



Paramount Chief of Leli Island Bobby Kwaiaradonga.

Chief Arnon Ketei also shared the same sentiments and commended honourable Maelanga, MP for his leadership and continuous commitment towards its constituency development programmes.

He said such livelihood assistance is not only important but life touching to improve rural peoples livelihood and guarantee they (people) have access to clean water for domestic use/consumption.

Paramount Chief of Leli Island Bobby Kwaiaradonga while acknowledging the government and PRC for the WASH project calls on the government to continue with the CDF programme.

He said CDF is the only programme that touches ordinary lives and many constituents are directly benefiting from it.



Water tanks under the WASH project delivered at Atori in East Malaita.



MRD Permanent Secretary Dr. Samson Viulu watches as water tanks for the WASH project offloaded on MV Zaraly at Atori port, East Malaita.

# INFORMATIONA ABOUT CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)



A permanent classroom at Soranamola community high school in East Choiseul Constituency. This CDF project is implemented by Soranamola in partnership with the constituency office.



United Church building at Kio Community in East Choiseul Constituency. This CDF project is implemented through community partnership with the constituency office.

### What is Constituency Development Fund's (CDF)?

CDF's are allocations of public development funds provided to Constituencies to support rural development initiatives as per constituency development priorities. According to the Solomon Islands Constituency Development Fund Act 2013 (s.5) 'funds may be allocated for development purposes to individuals, group income-generating projects, or community projects.'

#### Where does CDF Funds comes from?

The money comes from the Solomon Islands Government (SIG) budget and donors to help communities.

#### CDF Goals and Objectives?

The CDF aims to help communities in these areas:

- Generate income;
- Encourage and bring about development in constituencies;
- Generally to improve the livelihoods of ALL citizens of Solomon Islands.

#### Who is entitled to access CDF?

The funding assistance is targeted at alleviating poverty and improving livelihoods of rural Solomon Islanders. This means every Solomon Islanders are entitle to access this fund for its intended purposes. Your consitiuency offices will draw up a Constituency Plan to help you access your priority projects to be implemented in your communities. This plan would outline the priority projects identified by the rural communities under different sectors, such as education, health, water supply and sanitation, infrastructure, telecommunications, energy, women and youth, and village development.

Ministry of Rural Development annually through its development budget has been allocated funds under the Constituency Development Funding (CDF) programme to implement the SSCD (SIG Support to Constituency Development Fund), and PRCSCD (People Republic of China Constituency Development Fund).

The CDF program consist of four main sub-projects:

- Cash Grant or Constituency Administration Funding.
- Income Generating projects.
- Water and Sanitation, Hygiene projects (WASH).
- Social Infrastructures Projects.

Water project in Temotu Pele Constituency funded by CDF.

