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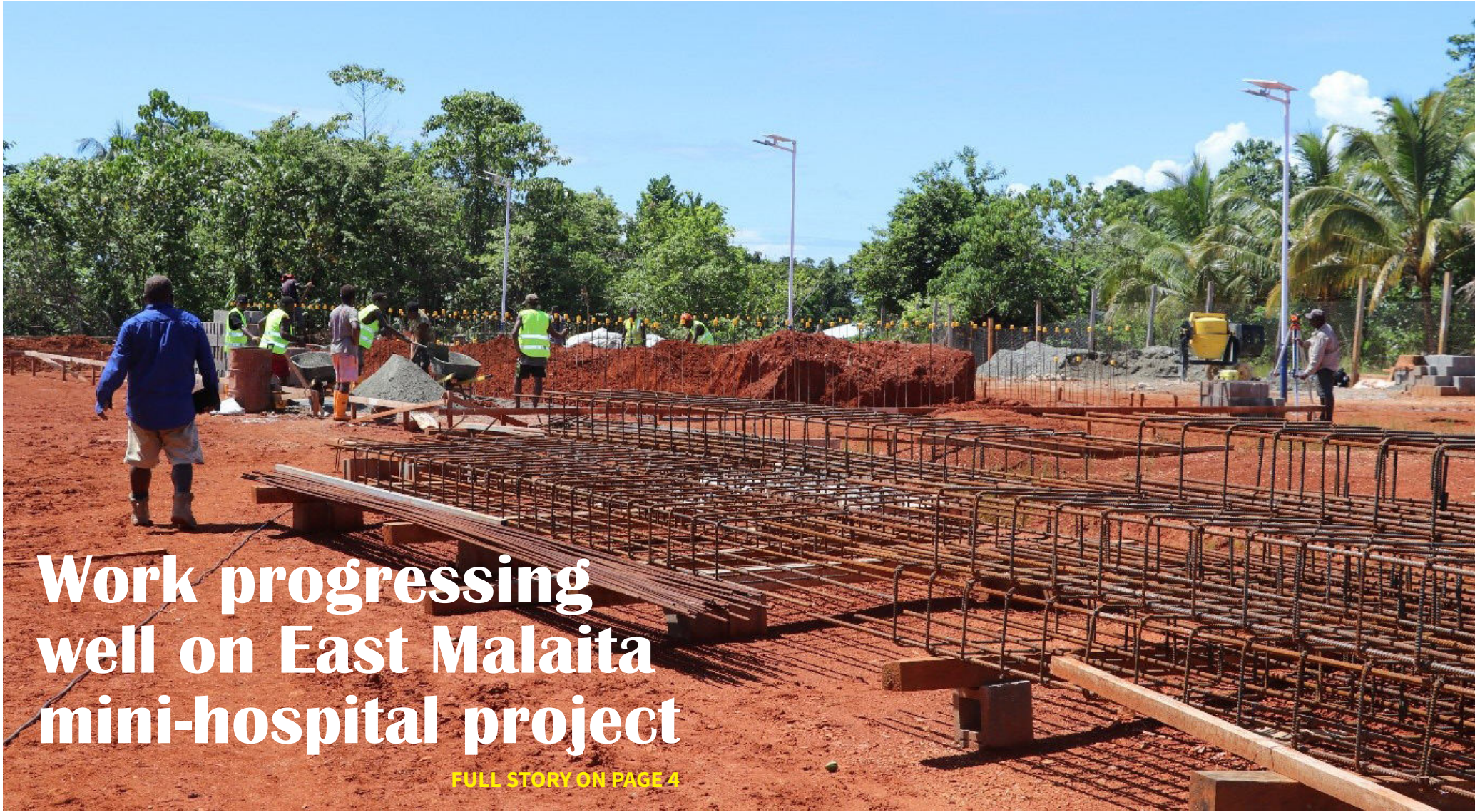
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WELCOME TO THE MRD NEWSLETTER 2022.

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

In this September publication, we featured a lot of stories on the positivity of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) on rural lives in our 50 constituencies.

This newsletter publication 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.

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.

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Communities' benefits from CDF-funded school projects

Three communities on Rendova Island in South New Georgia (Renvoda-Tetepare) Constituency (SNGC) is benefiting from school projects funded by the national government under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) programme in partnership with community support.

The communities are Baniata, Havila and Retavo.

Tirongo Adventist Primary School is located on Rendova Island. For decades its students have no conducive learning space until in 2019 that the government through the Member of Parliament for SNGC Honourable Danny Philip stepped in and funded the school projects.

The million dollar funded projects included a building complex of four-classrooms with an office space plus three permanent staff houses.

Coordinator of the CDF projects, Manoka Havea from Baniata community acknowledged government for the generous assistance with the provision of all necessary hardware materials while communities support in kind through manpower/labour, gravel, sand and timber (s).

“The future of our children is paramount and making sure they are provided with such clean, spacious and conducive learning environment is crucial,” he said.

However, Mr. Havea explained that finishing jobs on the classroom building is yet to be completed but due to the urgency for their children to study in an environment that is spacious, clean and conducive they allowed the school to use the classroom building while finishing work continues.

“Our students are enjoying the new classroom. They are so excited and happy. Thank you government for funding such important school infrastructure like this to guarantee a conducive learning environment for our children (students) now and into the future,” Mr. Havea said.

For the staff houses Mr. Havea said he was pleased with the tremendous support by the government and say the new staff houses and the classroom building are great achievements for the school and the communities as a whole.

He said teachers are playing a pivotal role in the development of our children education and making sure they are provided with such secure accommodations are of utmost importance.

“Having strong and comfortable houses for our teachers and their families is significant. Therefore, I would like to thank the government’s commitment and the efforts of everyone who are behind the success of these school projects.

“The school and our communities are proud beneficiaries of these important school infrastructures which are made possible through the CDF programme of the government through the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD).”

Mr. Havea also thanked MP Philip for his leadership and his constituency office in facilitating the projects.

Meanwhile, Constituency Project Officer (CPO) John Dokese said supporting education sector is one of the top priorities of SNGC under the leadership of MP Philip.

He said it is the commitment of the constituency office to support community-based projects like schools, clinics and churches to make sure it benefits everyone.

Mr. Dokese then acknowledged the communities for their firm support and collaboration with the constituency office which now replicated in the success of the projects and MRD for its continuous funding support to SNGC office to ensuring the office implement its priority programmes towards improving social and economic livelihood of its rural people.

Other sectors that SNGC continue to support include fisheries through delivery of boats & OBMs, income-generating, health and housing projects. MRD is administering the CDF Programme.



Tirongo Adventist Primary School classroom building complex funded by CDF in partnership with community support. Finishing works on the classroom is yet to be completed and is progressing.



One of the three staff houses that is funded by CDF with community support.



Coordinator of the CDF projects, Manoka Havea from Baniata community third from left with the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) officers from the Ministry of Rural Development and a community elder during a trip to monitor CDF funded projects in the constituency in September. Photo was taken at Baniata community.

Construction work progressing well on East Malaita Constituency Mini-Hospital project



Works are progressing well on the new modern-style mini-hospital project in East Malaita Constituency (EMC) despite challenges posed by bad weather.

The hospital project is located adjacent to Tatali clinic, Atori in East Malaita.

Peoples Republic of China (PRC) through its Honiara Embassy is funding the million dollar project through the government CDF programme administered by MRD.

On Tuesday 13th September, 2022, the Permanent Secretary of MRD Dr. Samson Viulu led a team from his ministry to the project site and were impressed with the progress.

Harly Designs Consultancy Ltd is constructing the project.

Construction supervisor Walter Pado said work on the first phase is in full swing and he is happy with the progress so far.

However, he said the only challenge for them is weather condition – especially rainy seasons which would disturb work.

He said their target is to complete phase one of the project in three months' time as aligned to their timeline.

“We are looking forward to complete the foundation and slab in that three months. But taking into account the uneven weather situation as often experienced in East Malaita, and should it happen, we have to do some adjustments,” Pado emphasized.

The hospital once fully completed and operational will serve the Eastern Malaita Region as far as East Fataleka to East Kwaio and even to East Are'are.

MRD Permanent Secretary Dr. Viulu applauded the contractor and hoping that work is progressing well.

“This is a clear indication that CDF is still touching the lives of our rural people and will have a positive impact in East Malaita Constituency and its surrounding communities,” he added.

Dr. Paulson P. Bosawai the Managing Director of SAPE Medical clinic and SAPE Farm in the Guadalcanal Plains who was also part of the MRD team also overwhelmed by the progress.

Manasseh Maelanga who is the Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) of Solomon Islands and also the Minister for the Ministry of Infrastructure Development (MID) is the current Honourable Member of Parliament (MP) for EMC.

Construction work on the East Malaita Constituency mini-hospital million dollar project is progressing well.



Construction workers in full swing with work on the hospital project.



Hospital project taking shape as construction on the foundation underway.

East Makira Constituency development challenges

The Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) has successfully completed Monitoring & Verification of Constituency Development Fund (CDF) programme funded projects in East Makira Constituency (EMC) and acknowledged the challenges and issues causing slow progress in terms of development in the constituency.

The monitoring activity commenced around end of August and ended early September, 2022.

Most projects visited are those of 2019 and 2021 which was facilitated by MRD through EMC.

According to the Solomon Islands Constituency Development Fund Act 2013 (s. 5) “funds may allocate for development purposes to individuals, groups income-generating projects or community projects.”

The CDF aim to help communities in the 50 constituencies in terms of income generation, encourage and bring development in constituencies and generally to improve the livelihoods of all citizen of Solomon Islands.

The team also interviewed constituents to get their views on CDF and how it impacted their lives and the challenges that they continue to face in terms of development.

It was obvious that like any other consiteuncy, EMC also has its own challenges and issues relating to development that need addressing.

The team acknowledged that infrastructure remain one of the main problems that hinders development in the constituency.

EMC is one of the largest constituencies in the country with 8 Wards wishing for government services to go down to the rural people.

EMC Constituency Development Officer (CDO) Marcel Gapu recognized the challenge while acknowledging the fact that every constituencies has their own challenges too.

Mr. Gapu thanked the monitoring team for the visit and assesment of the EMC projects.

“This is the first time for EMC to have a Monitoring and Communication team from the ministry came down to our constituency and do assesment of projects and capture stories on how CDF impacted rural people especailly in our constiteuncy.”

He believed the activity was a good experience for the team to explore and feel the difficulties often faced by the constiteuncy office in terms of project development and implementations.

The outcome of the monitoring activity will help the constituency office and government through MRD to identify gaps and came up with recommendations that will lead to the improvement of the CDF programme with the resolve it met its purpose that is to improve livelihood of all rural Solomon Islanders.

The team travelled mostly via boat during the course of activity. Despite the bad weather (rough seas and rain) they managed to complete the task.

CDO Gapu on behalf of Honourable Lily Maefai, MP for EMC thanked MRD for facilitating the tour.

He also acknowledged especially the hard-working team led by Gabriel Manetiva for their sacrifice, patience and commitment in assisting EMC Office in conducting the monitoring task.

Meanwhile MRD team Leader Mr. Manetiva thanked villages and communities visited for their working together and cooperation in making sure they carry out their work smoothly despite the bad weather and other work related challenges.

“I would like to acknowledge community leaders, elders, chiefs, church leaders, women leaders and individuals from villages and communities that we have visited during the monitoring task for their assistance and working together which resulted in the success of the activity.



Fishery Income generating project- few recipients of fiberglass canoes funded under CDF in Aorigi, EMC.



Housing scheme project in EMC. This is just one of the houses in Parego village funded under CDF fund. Work on the project is progressing.



A beneficiary of Income generating project with her solar deep freezer supporting her rest house in Aorigi.



Infrastructure Project- Geta village church building recipient of building materials under CDF fund, EMC. Work on the project is progressing.



Photo of MRD team officials together with participants outside Tulagi Island Lodge.

A five- member team from the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) has successfully conducted two-days consultations on the first ever Solomon Islands Constituency Development (SICD) Policy concept, at the Tulagi Island Lodge in Central Province (CIP) from 6th – 7th September, 2022.

The team was led by MRD Director Governance Hickson George and include Deputy Director of Rural Development Division (RDD) Danny Lehe, Principal Rural Development Officer and Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Agnes Bopi Tanihorara, Legal Intern Angelina Nunumae and MRD Data Officer Anneth Rianafaka.

The team began the consultation by paying a courtesy visit to the Premier of Central Province Government (CPG), Hon. Polycarp Galaigu on the afternoon of Monday 6th September, 2022.

Premier Galaigu praised MRD for undertaking this important policy reform that will lead towards reforming the constituency developments.

He emphasized the need to streamline the linkages between constituency development supports with the provincial government systems like the Ward Development Committees and others.

20 participants from wide sections of both public and private sectors including chiefs, women & youth reps representing communities of Central Islands Province attended the two-day consultation.

The consultations identified issues and problems under the current constituency development practices through the Constituency Development Funds (CDFs) and recommendations to improve or include in the new SICD Policy, in the following areas: Guidelines & Regulations, Governance, Planning, Implementation, Management, Monitoring & Evaluation, Reporting, Constituency Development Centers and Committee and, the General Recommendations on the CDF Reform Act.

In his opening remarks on Tuesday 6th September to officially open the consultation, CIP Provincial Secretary Alan Chris Siale thanked the MRD team to include CIP in the consultations to develop this important SICD Policy, through which their voices and ideas can also be included and considered in the development of the policy.

PS Siale also highlighted that the end product of the SICD Policy framework will be interesting to note how best the policy will serve the people in rural areas through CDF and how the policy can link to the other development mechanisms such as the PGSP/ PCDF under the Ministry of Provincial Government & Institutional Strengthening (MPGIS) and the Provincial Governments.

Team leader of the Consultations Mr. George highlighted that the SICD Policy key goals are to support and provide a policy frame-



MRD SICD Policy Concept consultation team members. Sitting from L – R: Agnes Bopi Tanihorara, PRDO M&E Officer, Anneth Rianafaka, Data Officer, Angelina Nunumae, Legal Intern & Team Rapportuer. Standing from L-R: Danny Lehe, Deputy Director of Rural Development Division and Hickson George, Director Governance and Team Leader.



Director Governance Hickson George did a presentation on the SICD policy.

work to review the 2013 CDF Act; and it will enhance and contribute towards empowering all Solomon Islanders to participate meaningfully in constituency development activities to improving their livelihoods. In doing so, the SICD Policy shall focus on the following key thematic areas: socio-economic infrastructures, livelihoods income generating projects, essential services such as health, education and police- security, and downstream processing and value adding.

The participants were really happy to participate in the 2 days consultations as CDF has been a major issue of development concern in their respective communities.

Both women and men’s representatives thanked MRD for giving them that vital opportunity to participate in the consultation discussions, where they can share their ideas and views on the current CDF practices and recommendations to be included in the first ever SICD Policy.

Bara community to benefit from CDF funded poultry project

Bara community within Maringe-Kokota Constituency (MKC) in Isabel Province will soon benefit from a poultry project worth \$89,035.00.

Located at Tirofihi, a site less than a kilometer away from Buala station, the national government through MKC Office is funding the poultry project with its Constituency Development Fund (CDF) allocation.

Constituency Project Officer (CPO) Terence Gnokro said the purpose of the project is to make sure members of Bara community participate in in-come generating activities to improve their social and economic livelihoods.

He said revenue that will be generated from the project will assist families who are members of the project to meet their basic needs as well as pay for their children school fees.

“This project will certainly help the community generate income on a regular basis which will impact their economic lives positively. Bara community is one of the many communities in the constituency that are well organized, therefore, the constituency office is pleased to support them with this livelihood project,” Mr. Gnokro emphasized.

CPO Gnokro further said that the project is a demonstration of MKC office continuous commitment under the leadership of their Member of Parliament Honourable Dr Culwick Togamana to continue empowering communities with such in-come generating undertakings to make sure they are self-reliant.

He said that MKC will continue to support and fund community base projects which will benefit everyone.

“Construction work on the project is progressing with materials for the project finishing works already delivered at Jejevo except for the 100 layer chicks and the stockfeed which will be shipped to the project site as soon as the project is fully completed.”

The project is worth \$89,035.00 with the cost covering materials like; stockfeed, feed material, poly pipes and fitting for water supply, 5,000 litre water tank, cages and 100 layers.

The project was started in April 2022 and is now into its finishing stage.

CDF is a programme of the national government and is administered by the Ministry of Rural Development (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 citizens of Solomon Islands.

MRD is fully committed to see that all rural Solomon Islanders become meaningfully participated in development activities to improve their social and economic livelihoods.



The poultry project house funded by CDF. This photo was taken on August 2022 when a team from the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) conducted a monitoring activity on CDF funded projects in the constituency.

“This project will certainly help the community generate income on a regular basis which will impact their economic lives positively.”

CPO Terence Gnokro



Part of the poultry project house from inside that is under construction. Construction work is progressing.



Work progress on the project as of August 2022. Work is progressing and now into its completion stages.

Schools, churches get more of South New Georgia CDF

South New Georgia (Rendova-Tetepare) Constituency (SNGC) office says an immense portion of its Constituency Development Fund (CDF) allocations were expended into education and church projects.

This was confirmed by the Constituency Project Officer (CPO) John Dokese.

He said a big share of the CDF allocation over the years are invested into the education sector which include building of new classrooms, staff houses and school fee subsidies. “The same goes to church projects like construction of new church buildings, provision of building materials and instrument sets and financial assistance to church programmes.”

Dokese said that it is the commitment of the constituency office under the leadership of their Member of Parliament (MP) Hon. Danny Philip to support the education sector to make sure their children continue to access better education as they prepare their future.

CPO Dokese further said that the constituency is pleased to continue its support to churches regardless of whatever denomination because churches play an important role in the spiritual and social development of our country, Solomon Islands.

He also shared SNGC achievements over the two years (2020-2021) which include the funding of Tirongo Adventist Primary School classroom project including three permanent staff houses, co-funding of Vancouver secondary and primary new classroom buildings, provision of building materials to Buruku SDA church building which is almost completed and funding of instrument sets to six various churches/religions.

Headmaster of Vancouver Primary school Nelson Amo Lambu said he was grateful for the support rendered by the government through SNGC office which enabled them to build a new primary classroom.

He said have it not for the constituency office co-funding support through the provision of building materials they would have struggled all alone to build the new classroom complex.

“Education is the key to success and seeing the constituency office stepped in with the support and continue to investing in this sector is encouraging and I must applaud the SNGC office under the leadership of our Member of Parliament (MP) Danny Philip for the generous assistance.”

Headmistress of Vancouver Secondary school Mavis Bero Etupioh also shared the same sentiments.



Buruku SDA church co-funded by CDF through the provision of building materials. The church is now nearing completion.

She said the school has faced a lot of challenges because of its remoteness and rural state but with the support provided by government through CDF it helps them a lot to build new classrooms that would provide conducive learning environment for their students.

Mrs. Etupioh said education is the key to everything and she reminded Members of Parliament (MPs) to always prioritize it.

She then thanked the government through the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) for the CDF programme and encourages them to continue with the programme to improve social and economic livelihoods of rural dwellers.

Meanwhile, Manoka Havea Coordinator of the CDF projects in Baniata community also acknowledged the national government for the generous assistance in funding of a classroom building and three staff houses for Tirongo Adventist Primary School in partnership with communities support.

The school is located on Rendova Island and for many years’ students do not have a conducive space to learn until in 2019 that the national government through the MP for SNGC Hon. Danny Philip stepped in and funded the school project through the CDF programme.

Three communities including Baniata, Havila and Retavo is benefiting from the school project.

The million dollar funded project includes a building complex of four-classrooms with an office space plus three permanent staff houses.

Havea said the future of our children is paramount and making sure they are provided with such clean, spacious and conducive learning environment is crucial.

Mr. Havea also thanked their MP Hon. Danny Philip for his leadership and his constituency office in facilitating the projects and every communities and individuals who contributed towards the success of the project.



Vancouver new primary classroom that is co-funded by CDF through the provision of building materials. The project commenced in 2021 and construction work is progressing.

“Constituency development is the responsibility of everyone and your participation in this consultation process reflects your commitment to move our constituencies on Guadalcanal Province a step further into the future.”

Hon. Seleso who is also the Member of Parliament for South Guadalcanal Constituency spoke at the official closing of a two-day consultation program organized by the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) for representatives from eight constituencies in Guadalcanal on the first ever Solomon Islands Development (SICD) Policy held at Kaptens' Point from 8th- 9th September, 2022.

“It is time we all must positively engage together as partners to map the future of our development aspiration to ensure we have a strong and vibrant communities that can be able to participate meaningfully in all development processes. This consultation was a major step in the right direction as far as rural development is concern,” he added.

“However, there is a need for some stringent measures in place to govern the disbursement of the funds. It is a priority of our Democratic Coalition Government for Advancement (DCGA) to support MRD to review and amend the current CDF Act (2013) basically to suit our development aspirations now and into the future. Our ruling government (DCGA) remain committed to support MRD programs and activities that will have positive impacts on our rural population, promoting self-reliance and standard infrastructures,” he said.

SICD Policy will complement the other rural development approaches used by SIG to deliver services to all Solomon Islanders. This Policy reform once come into effect will be a vital mechanism to improve the delivery of the CDF.

Permanent Secretary Dr Samson Viulu acknowledged Hon. Seleso for gracing the program and thanked DCGA for its support to the policy.



A photograph of four men seated at a table covered with a red cloth. The man in the center is speaking into a microphone. He is wearing a blue t-shirt with 'LAS VEGAS' and 'Nevada SIN CITY' printed on it. To his left, a man in a white 'Quiksilver' t-shirt and a grey baseball cap looks on. Behind the speaker, a man in a green t-shirt and a tan baseball cap is visible. To the right, a man in a dark blue t-shirt with 'EVERLAST' printed on it looks towards the camera. The table has several papers, a blue pen, and two plastic water bottles. The background is a plain white wall.

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Government officials and participants who attended the consultation in Munda, Western Province.

FRUITFUL CONSULTATION ON SICD POLICY IN WEST

The Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) has successfully conducted a two-day consultation on the first ever Solomon Islands Constituency Development (SICD) Policy at Munda, Western Province from 8-9 September, 2022.

The consultation task force/team was led by Deputy Secretary Technical (DST) Hugo Hebala and included Deputy Secretary Corporate (DSC) Constance Wane, Director of Rural Development Division (RDD) Milfred Delemani, Principal Research and Rural Development Officer, Kejoa Para and Legal Intern Aroma Ofasia.

It was a successful consultation as participants contributed constructively with invaluable ideas and views to the important policy reform undertaken by the government through MRD.

Recommendations from the consultations will assist the MRD task force towards reforming constituency developments.

Participants expressed their support towards the undertaking and said that the consultation is a major step in the right direction as far as rural development is concern.

They said that having a robust framework to safeguard the use of CDF is of paramount importance to guarantee meaningful developments are realized in our constituencies.

Participants further expressed that a need for better safeguards, systems and processes and accountability frameworks to ensure Members of Parliament (MPs) and responsible officers are accountable for such public funds is significant and perhaps most importantly funds are actually utilized for its intended purpose.

The participants were really happy to participate in the two-day consultation as CDF has been a major issue of development concern in their respective constituencies and communities.

DST Hebala acknowledged participants for their participation and helpful contributions during the course of the consultation.

He said recommendations and ideas gathered from the consultation will really help MRD as it embarks on reforming constituency developments to guarantee rural people meaningfully participates in social and economic activities to improve their livelihoods.

Mr. Hebala highlighted that the SICD Policy key goals are to support and provide a policy framework towards the review of the 2013 CDF Act; and it will enhance and contribute towards empowering all Solomon Islanders to participate meaningfully in constituency development activities to improving their livelihoods.

He further said that SICD Policy shall focus on the following key thematic areas: socio-economic infrastructures, livelihoods income generating projects, essential services such as health, education and police-security, and downstream processing and value adding.

“This policy framework overall intends to guide the management



Above and below are photos of the consultation held at Munda, Western.



and enhance the delivery of the Constituency Development Funds.”

Minister for the Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening (MPGIS) Rollen Seleso previously said the ruling Democratic Coalition Government for Advancement (DCGA) government remain committed to support the MRD programs and activities that will have positive impacts on our rural population, promoting self-reliance and standard infrastructures.

He was speaking during the official closing of a similar consultation organized for Guadalcanal Province participants held at Kapten’s Point in West Guadalcanal also from 8-9 September, 2022.

Minister Seleso said that the SICD Policy is an important undertaking by MRD and is fully supported by the Democratic Coalition Government for Advancement (DCGA).

Both women and men’s representatives acknowledged MRD for giving them that vital opportunity to participate in the consultations discussions, where they can share their constructive ideas and views on the current CDF practices and recommendations to be included in the first ever SICD Policy.

TOIRAENA: ROBUST FRAMEWORK NEEDED TO ACHIEVE BETTER OUTCOMES IN CONSTITUENCIES



Participants who attended the consultation in Munda, Western Province.



Deputy Provincial Secretary (DPS) Patrick Toiraena.

Deputy Provincial Secretary (DPS) who is also the Provincial Secretary (PS) Acting for Western Provincial Government (WPG), Patrick Toiraena says Solomon Islands needs a robust framework toward achieving better outcomes in terms of Constituency Development.

Mr. Toiraena was speaking at the two-days consultation on the first ever Solomon Islands Constituency Development (SICD) Policy held at Munda, Western Province from 8-9 September 2022.

Officials from the Ministry of Rural Development led by the Deputy Secretary Technical Hugo Hebala facilitated the consultation.

“If we (country) to have any meaningful development in our constituencies, such intended funds through the Ministry of Rural Development must have a robust framework to ensure we achieve better outcomes in so far as developing our constituencies are concerned,” Mr. Toiraena emphasized.

He said the government has injected a lot of money through the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) but there is lack accountability and safeguards to guarantee Members of Parliament (MPs) and responsible officers held accountable for such public funds.

Therefore, Mr. Toiraena said there is a need for better safeguards, systems and processes and accountability frameworks to ensure MPs and responsible officers are accountable for such public funds and perhaps most importantly funds are actually utilized on what they are intended for.

Mr. Toiraena also used the opportunity and urged all the participants to contribute constructively with ideas and suggestions to support MRD in its effort towards the formulation of the SICD Policy which will possibly bolster and strengthen pathways towards boosting service delivery and development in our rural areas.

Mr. Toiraena then thanked the MRD team for the opportunity to be part of the consultation.

Deputy Secretary Corporate (DSC) on behalf of MRD delegation/Task Force thanked the participants for responding positively to the ministry’s invitation to be part of the consultation. “We highly appreciate your commitment.”

DSC Wane told participants that the consultation is organised purposely to engage with the ministry’s stakeholders to gauge their invaluable contributions towards the development of the Policy.

“This policy framework overall intends to guide the management and enhance the delivery of the Constituency Development Funds,” she said.

This Policy Framework will set the bases for MRD internal Taskforce to:

1. Develop the drafting instructions for the proposed review of the CDF Act 2013.
2. It will also further enhance the planning, coordination, imple-

mentation and management of the CDF

3. New Policy should also address issues of ownership of properties, equipment’s and machines purchased from CDF, which are often taken over by sitting MP after they vacate the seat.

She further said, the policy will explore the establishment of constituency Development Centres to bring government services closer to rural people to grow the economy.

“The policy will try to narrow down the focus of CDF because as it is now, the scope is quite broad.

“The focus may concentrate on the Social Economic, infrastructures or livelihoods. The policy will also look at the governance of CDF, to address the accountability and transparency issues with regards to the delivery mechanism. This is to ensure the CDF aligns to the Constitution of Solomon Islands, Public Financial Management Act 2013, Public Service Regulations and other relevant regulations,” DSC Wane explained.

The Policy vision statement is to create stronger and vibrant livelihood development for all Solomon Islanders.

“The policy also seeks to establish strong and effective collaboration with other line ministries and key stakeholder on delivering the projects. So, these two days’ consultation will enable us (MRD) to gather invaluable inputs and recommendations from you our stakeholders to assist towards the formulation and design of the SICD framework,” she stated.

The objectives of this consultation are:

1. To introduce and understand the background of the Current Constituency Development Practices.
2. To receive information about issues to be addressed.
3. To understand the Pros and Cons of existing CDF practises
4. To discuss issues and concerns and contribute to potential solutions
5. To receive feedback on options.
6. To communicate and validate decision and how participation inputs were used.

Ms Wane said they are looking forward to receiving invaluable inputs and recommendations from participants through discussions and presentations during the duration of the consultation to help MRD towards the formulation and design phase of the SICD Policy Framework.

Provincial Secretary Acting for Western Province, Patrick Toiraena, Senior Government Officials, Chiefs, villages Elders, tribal leaders, Church Leaders, Women’s Rep, Youth Rep, Fishers Rep, Farmers Rep and other MRD key stakeholders’ members attend the consultation. ■



Some of Sausepe Community members happy with their water supply.

Neva Benjamin in her late 60s cannot hold back her joy when she turned on her standpipe water supply right next to her home a feeling she described as a ‘blessing and life saver’ for her family and her community.

“For more than 20 years I live in my home village, I never access fresh and safe drinking water like today.

“This water project has changed our lives and we are very happy that we can access the clean water like this next to our houses in our village and community,” she expressed.

The water project is a top priority in Sausepe community and for more than 20 years it never happens as they wanted.

“We waited so long to have access to fresh drinking water in our village and communities.

“We use to travel far to fetch our drinking water and mostly it’s us the women and children collecting water for our houses,” she said.

They used to travel by dugout canoes with bottles, buckets, pots, containers, and dishes up the river to fetch clean water for drinking.

“But it’s not that safe for drinking,” Ms. Benjamin recalled.

Asked how did they get that water supply project, Ms. Benjamin told the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) Communications Unit that their Member of Parliament (MP) did this for them through the Constituency Development Fund (CDF)

But she said it did not come easy for us because our communities have to prepare all the required materials to start working on our Water Supply Project.

“Both men and women, old and young work together to collect sand, gravel, and other materials to prepare the site to build the dam.

“Our men and young boys have to go inland far from our villages’ to identify the water source and build the dam, the whole community carried loads of sand and gravel to the sites, quite a distance inland,” she added.

After they prepare the site to build the dam their MP Honourable Lanelle Tanangada shipped the materials to kick start the project.

The whole community worked together and eventually they man-



Neva Benjiman in an interview with MRD Media.



New Water supply project boost school sanitation Vao-Sausepe Primary School, Ward 12, Gizo/Kolombagara Constituency.

CLEAN WATER SUPPLY AT THEIR DOORSTEP

age to complete their new water supply project.

“All the people both old and young knew that accessing water is our main issue so they gave their time and effort to support the project one way or the other,” she said.

She further expressed that for women and children in their communities this a huge blessing because they cannot travel far anymore to get fresh water.

“Today I can just walk out from my house take a few steps and turn on the tap to get my water in any weather, “ Ms. Benjamin expressed.

The water supply not only benefitted the Sausepe village but two other communities next to Sausepe also received the water supply.

Edward Ili from Sausepe also told MRD Monitoring & Evaluation team that with the support of their MP and their Constituency Office they manage to complete this project.

“When we finally completed the whole project, the whole community was very happy, we waited for years to access very reliable water in our villages,” he added.

Ms. Benjamin cannot hold back her joy but finally thanked their MP Hon Lanelle for prioritizing their need and helping them make their dreams finally come true in the year 2021.

“Thank you, thank you Honorable Lanelle and the government for the great support, we will never travel far away again to get drinking water.

“Our women and children will never travel long distances by dug-out canoes to fetch drinking water again,” she expressed.

Mr. Ilu also thanked the government through their Gizo/Kolombangara MP.

“Our communities made a formal request to our MP and she listens to our cries to access such sustainable water supply.

“There was a true spirit of community, as we all work together to make access to clean water a reality.



The supply Tank. This project was funded by the government through the CDF program administered by MRD.

“Everyone in the community had a role to play and to keep the project on track,” he added.

The Sausepe Water Supply Project was funded under the Constituency Development Fund (CDO).

The water supply project also boosts water and sanitation development in Sasepe and the surrounding communities including Sausepe primary school.

The project was successfully completed last year.

MRD Monitoring and Evaluation Team successfully since Wednesday completed Kolombangara yesterday and will tour Gizo communities today and Saturday.

MRD vision is to ensure all rural Solomon Islands become meaningfully participated in development activities to improve their social and economic livelihood.



Men, Women and Children enjoy their water supply.

MRD monitoring team assess CDF projects in South New Georgia Constituency



Bangopingo Seventh Day Adventist Church project site at Lokuru community on Rendova Island. Foundation work on the million-church project started in early 2022 and is funded by CDF. Construction is progressing.

The Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) team has conducted an assessment on the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) funded projects within South New Georgia (Rendova/Tetepare) Constituency.

The three-day monitoring activity runs from 8th-10th September, 2022.

The team consisted of five officers which include team leader and Principal Monitoring and Evaluation Officer Timoly Carter, Principal Project Planning Officer Brian Douglas, Data Officer Crystal Arifanata Waiwori, Principal Procurement Officer Kerly Arthur. Kemaiki and Director of Communication & Public Relations Stephen Diisango.

The monitoring team visited most of the 2020 and 2021 projects funded under CDF and also interviewed project beneficiaries to get their views on how CDF impacted their lives.

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

M&E team leader Timoly Carter said relevant data and information collected will support the ministry in its responsibility 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 for its intended purpose is paramount. There are helpful and adverse responses we have received and that is the main purpose of the activity, to get comments or feedbacks and listen to challenges faced by constituents so that MRD can draw up recommendations for improvement and consider a way forward for the CDF programme to guarantee every Solomon islander participated meaningfully in socio-economic development activities,” she said.

The team also used the opportunity to explain the roles and mandates of the Ministry and how they collaborate with their Constituency Office to implement such needed services. Informational materials (brochures) were also distributed by the team to communities visited and community members as part of MRD’s awareness effort to inform and educate rural people about the ministry’s functions and the purpose of the CDF.

Ms. Carter thanked communities, recipients and individuals who have supported the team one way or the other during the three-days activity. She also acknowledged South New Georgia (Rendova/Tetepare) Constituency office for their support towards the team.

The team also conducted similar activity on the West New Georgia Constituency.

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.’

MRD is fully committed to see that all rural Solomon Islanders become meaningfully participated in development activities to improve their social and economic livelihoods.

Danny Philip is the current Member of Parliament for South New Georgia Constituency.



One of the houses funded by CDF at Ughele community. Work on the project is ongoing.

Kwai Island beach soccer development program boosted

The Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) has supported Kwai Island beach soccer development program in East Malaita with the donation of 15 beach soccer balls.

The support is part of MRD's rural community engagement toward the sport development in rural areas.

MRD Permanent Secretary Dr. Samson Viulu and his staff travelled to Atori in East Malaita on 13 September 2022 and donated the gifts to Martin Farobo. Martin was a former Malaita Kwikwi beach soccer player.

Farobo leads his community (Kwai) to run the beach soccer development program. Farobo and his other community colleagues were part of the Eagle's team that represented Malaita Province in several national beach soccer competition in the country. They also represented Solomon Islands in the Beach soccer world cup in Qatar few years back.

Farobo said that after Kwai Island become one of the powerhouses in beach soccer in the country they did not sit back and relax. They took the initiative and start developing the sport.

"We even organized beach soccer leagues on our Island.

"With the help of SIFF we manage to train our former players and start engaging our youths and children to be part of our beach soccer development," he said.

Farobo appreciated the donation.

He said the support was timely and will contribute significantly to beach soccer development on the Island (Kwai).

Farobo also recalled when he approached PS Viulu in October



Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Rural Development Dr. Samson Viulu hands over the 15 beach soccer balls to Kwai Island Beach Soccer development leader Martin Farobo at Atori wharf.

to sought support from MRD for the beach soccer program.

"Our aim is to develop more top beach soccer player for this country. We want our youths to be engaged in sports. Developing our youths to become good sportsmen and women in our community and the country is our priority," Farobo said.

He said sports should be considered as one of the main developments in our rural areas to keep youths engaged.

Meanwhile, PS Viulu said MRD was pleased to help.

He said seeing rural communities engaged in such development programs and initiatives is encouraging.

PS Viulu wishes Kwai Beach Soccer program and league a success now and into the future.

He also thanked JQY Enterprise for donating the beach soccer balls after MRD sought support from them.

South New Georgia Constituency embarks on sanitation project

Sanitation is amongst South New Georgia (Rendova-Tetepare) Constituency (SNGC) priorities as it takes necessary steps toward implementation of the project.

Constituency Project Officer (CPO) John Dokese said implementation will target households, schools and churches.

He said their constituency office team is taking serious steps toward its implementation to guarantee access to proper sanitation by constituents.

Mr. Dokese said they should have implemented the project in recent years but due to other competing key projects they have to reprioritize for later part of this year (2022) and next year (2023).

He explained that the project is categorized into different categories like water supply sanitation, household toilet sanitation systems and water tanks.

CPO Dokese said the constituency under the leadership of their Member of Parliament (MP) Danny Philip is committed to implement this project to make sure constituents have access to clean and safe water supply and proper toilet sanitation systems.

Meanwhile, Dokese acknowledged the government through the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) for its continuous funding support to SNGC office to ensuring the office implement its priority programmes towards improving social and economic livelihood of its rural people.



Constituency Project Officer (CPO) John Dokese.

Sectors that the constituency continue to support include: fisheries through delivery of boats & OBMs, income-generation, education, health and housing projects.

Women acknowledges MP



Minister and MP for Gao-Bugotu, MRD officers together with some of the Tanade mothers Unit women and community chiefs.

Women of Tanade community has expressed their profound gratitude to the government through their Member of Parliament (MP) Honourable Samuel Manetoali for supporting them with a new Market House Centre.

This was after Member of Parliament for Gao-Bugotu Constituency (GBC) Honourable Samuel Manetoali who is also the Minister for the Ministry of Traditional Governance, Peace and Ecclesiastical Affairs (MTGPEA) officially opened and handed over Koloteve Market House Project which is fully funded by the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) to Tanade and surrounding communities within Bugotu District on Wednesday 28 September, 2022.

“This new market house Centre is a bonus for us. The first of its kind and a history that would be long remembered for all of us – especially women,” Annie Kenly who spoke on behalf of Tanade Mothers Union women said.

She described the market house as a generous gift by the government as it will benefit every communities in the constituency to participate in in-come generating activities like marketing to improve their social and economic livelihoods.

“This market Centre will greatly benefit all of us and surrounding communities inside GBC.”

She said their women often travelled very far to sell their produces at Tatamba market. But now that they have a proper market place to sell their produces, traveling to Tataba would be now a thing of the past.

Agnes Kou also shared the same sentiments.

“This is a dream come true. The first of its kind to happen in our constituency, especially in terms of projects that would benefit the whole community or people of GBC.

“I am really happy for this livelihood project and would like to thanked the government through our MP Manetoali for his honest leadership in ensuring such projects that would directly benefit us women and everyone in the constituency especially in the rural areas is established or recognized,” Mrs Kou said.

She said for decades, they were without a proper market house, forcing their women and children to travel to Tataba to sell their agriculture and fishery products.



Another women rep, Agnes Kou appreciates government through MP Manetoali for the Koloteve market house project.



Hon. Minister and MP for GBC together with MRD officials and community chiefs and reps cutting the ribbon to official open the market house project.

Manetoali for new Market



A show of appreciation as constituents carry their MP Hon. Manetoali on a Siakakai to the handing over venue at Koloteve, Isabel Province.



Tanade Mothers Union rep, Annie Kenly delivers her address on behalf of the Tanade Community Mothers Union.



Some of the women of Tanade community who attended the handing over program.

“Now that we have this market centre, we do not have to worry any more to travel to Tataba which would be now a thing of the past. This is a tremendous gift so thank you government,” she expressed.

Constituency Project Officer (CPO) Francis Pilau said the project is fully funded by the Solomon Islands Government (SIG) through the constituency CDF allocation and cost the constituency over one hundred thousand dollars.

Pilau said GBC key priority as aligned to its annual work plan is to progress economic development and invested in projects that can provide avenues for every constituent to participate meaningfully in economic activities to improve their social and economic rural lives.

“It is GBC commitment under the leadership of our MP Manetoali to continue to deliver to our people the services that they need to help improve their livelihoods.”

Hon. MP Manetoali also used the opportunity and encourages everyone to take ownership of the market house and look after it well.

He then thanked carpenters and every individuals and communities that put hands together towards the successful completion of the project.

Principal Research and Development officer Kejoa Para on behalf of the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) congratulated GBC for the milestone achievement and for investing its CDF money into projects that will benefit everyone.

He also calls on constituents to continue supporting GBC and acknowledged MP Manetoali for his vision and wisdom in delivering services that can benefit everyone.

The whole project comprised of a market house building, a canteen located inside the market Centre which is also opened yesterday for customers, water (water tank) and sanitation. The project is managed by Tanade community with a particular person delegated to look after.

Chiefs, community elders, and people from all the zones over GBC attended and witnessed the handing over program.

CDF is implemented by the 50 constituencies through the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) purposely to improve the livelihood of people in the rural areas.

Gao-Bugotu acclaimed for investing CDF into communal projects

The Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) has applauded Gao-Bugotu Constituency (GBC) for its ongoing commitment and resolute support towards communal projects.

Principal Research and Rural Development officer Kejoa Para was speaking on behalf MRD during the official handing over of the Koloteve Market House Project which is fully funded by the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) to Tanade and surrounding communities within Bugotu District on Wednesday 28 September, 2022.

“MRD is proud to witness this milestone achievement which demonstrated GBC’s unremitting commitment under the leadership of your Member of Parliament Hon. Samuel Manetoali to developments that would benefit everyone.

“Investing CDF allocation into community projects like this is encouraging as it will bring unity amongst communities and also encourage community participation into such undertakings,” Para stressed.

At the same time Para calls on constituents to continue supporting GBC towards the implementation of its development aspirations which aimed at advancing rural livelihoods in the constituency.

He also acknowledged MP Manetoali for his great leadership, wisdom and vision in delivering services that can benefit every constituent.

“MRD is proud to witness what is happening today. This shows the wisdom, vision love and passion that you have for your people. A fine example for other Solomon Islanders to follow.”

Para then urged mothers and constituents to take ownership of the market house and look after it well.

“You are lucky to have such important livelihood project like this than other communities out there that that are so unfortunate to have, so be responsible and take good care of it.”

CDF is a programme of the national government and is administered by the Ministry of Rural Development (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 citizens of Solomon Islands.

MRD is fully committed to see that all rural Solomon Islanders become meaningfully participated in development activities to improve their social and economic livelihoods.



Principal Research and Rural Development officer Kejoa Para, speaking on behalf MRD during the official handing over of the Koloteve Market House Project.



The Koloteve market house project funded by CDF.

New market house project for Sigana community on the way

Gao-Bugotu Constituency (GBC) is now taking necessary steps towards building a new market house for Sigana community in Isabel Province to make sure constituents participate meaningfully in in-come generating activities to improve their rural livelihood.

This will be the second market house to be built by GBC under the leadership of their Member of Parliament Honourable Samuel Manetoali with the constituency’s CDF allocation.

Hon. MP Manetoali made the assurance during the official handing over of the first market house which is the Koloteve Market House Project to Tanade and surrounding communities within Bugotu District on 28 September, 2022.

He said Sigana market house is next and is one of GBC top priorities and they will build the market Centre to guarantee women, children and everyone have a proper place to trade their produces for money to support their families as well as enable them to meet their basic needs.

Hon. Manetoali also used the opportunity and acknowledged caretakers of land (landowners) within GBC for their ongoing and unwavering support towards development aspirations of the constituency which aimed at advancing everyone’s rural livelihoods.

Constituency Project Officer (CPO) Francis Pilau said GBC key priority



Honourable MP Samuel Manetoali.

as aligned to its annual work plan is to progress economic development and invest in projects that can provide avenues for every constituent to participate meaningfully in economic activities to improve their social and economic rural lives.

“It is GBC commitment under the leadership of our MP Manetoali to continue to deliver to our people the services that they need to help improve their livelihoods.”

Constituents were appreciative of the assurance and said that they are looking forward to working closely with MP Manetoali and his office to make sure the project is implemented.

Central Honiara Constituency supports natural disaster victim

Central Honiara Constituency (CHC) on 21 September 2022 delivered emergency assistance to support a victim affected by a strong wind in Honiara.

The victim was a registered voter and a constituent of CHC. She resided at April Valley, East Honiara.

She lost the whole roof-top of her family dwelling home from the strong winds that struck Honiara on Sunday 18 September, 2022.

Constituency Development Officer (CDO) Keyon Ronia said the constituency office through Honourable Alfred Efona facilitated the support immediately upon receiving the victim’s request for materials.

The emergency assistance comprised of 24 sheets of 12 feet roofing iron, 3 ridge caps 14 feet, 2 Kg roofing nails, 2 Kg 3-inch nails and 2 Kg of 4-inch nails.

Ronia said the support will help the family to rebuild their home.

“CHC under the leadership of Hon. Efona is pleased to support the victim. It is CHC’s commitment to serve its people and therefore, we are committed and will continue to serve our people and attend to their critical needs whenever the need arises to make sure they live a secure and happy life.”

The victim expressed gratitude to Hon. Efona and his officers for the generous and immediate support.

The victim mother survived with four children. She is a grandmother of two children. They accommodated at a (their) close relatives’ home after their dwelling home was devastated by the strong winds.

“Since the incident, the victim was unable to eat or sleep, due to the stress of having to see her home destroyed and her children suffering. The timely assistance by CHC gave her the much-needed peace and security she so desperately needs to rebuild her family again,” according to CDO Ronia.

CDO Ronia and his team handed over the materials to the victim on behalf of MP Efona.

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



Above CDO Keyon Ronia hands over the building materials to the victim of the national disaster. Pictured below is the the victim’s family home which was destroyed by the strong wind on 18 September 2022.



Minister Manetoali encourages constituents to focus on Agriculture

Constituents of Gao-Bugotu Constituency (GBC) are encouraged to focus more on agriculture.

Member of Parliament for GBC Samuel Manetoali who is also the Minister for the Ministry of Traditional Governance, Peace and Ecclesiastical Affairs (MTGPEA) was speaking during the official handing over of the Koloteve Market House Project which is fully funded by the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) to Tanade and surrounding communities within Bugotu District on 28 September 2022.

“Agriculture is the sector that we should focus more on,” he said.

He said there are mining companies operating in the constituency which include Pacific Nickel and Win Win mining company so they will need food to feed their workers every time.

“We should capitalize on this sector to meet the demand by supplying root crops and vegetables to those companies. We need to prepare and focus more on this sector to meet those demand,” he said.

Meanwhile, he said Koloteve market is for everyone.

“Whether you from Hongrano, Gao, Maringe, Bugotu and Isabel Province as a whole this market is yours. It is for everyone. Others will sell, others will purchase. People who are visitors will come and go and this market will be the place that they would visit to get fresh root crops, fruits and vegetables. And also, we will meet and know more people through this market.”

He said there are other market house projects coming up which include Lepi market and Sigana to serve the traveling public to and from Honiara as well as communities there.

MP Manetoali told his constituents that Koloteve market house might perceive as small but he said there are plans for extension in the future when the need arises.

He urged constituents to take ownership of the market and look after it well.

He also acknowledged landowners for their ongoing support towards the development aspirations of GBC by allowing their land for the constituency to build markets, roads, fishery Centers, schools and clinics which is for the benefit of every constituents and communities within GBC.

Hon. Manetoali also thanked builders, individuals and communities who have collaborated together to build the market house.

“It is because of your collaboration that bring us here today to witness success of this project.”

Chairman for zone eight (8) Lonsdale Bako said the establishment of the market house is a milestone achievement for GBC.

“This project will certainly help the community specifically women to generate income which will impact their economic lives positively.

“This project is a demonstration of GBC office continuous commitment under the leadership of our MP Manetoali to continue empowering communities with such in-come generating undertakings to make sure they are self-reliant.”

He assured MP Manetoali of their zones and communities continuous support towards the implementation of GBC ongoing and future development aspirations.

Malaita displays strong support for SICD Policy and CDF reforms



Malaita Province participants from the constituencies in Malaita who attended the Solomon Islands Constituency Development (SICD) Policy consultation in Auki with MRD PS Dr. Viulu and his staff.

Representatives from constituencies in Malaita Province has expressed strong support to the first ever Solomon Islands Constituency Development (SICD) Policy intentions and the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) Act reforms.

This was articulated in the two-day consultation facilitated by a task force team from the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) on the SICD Policy consultation held in Auki from 14-15 September 2022.

Frenzied discussions were centered on the current CDF Act 2013 and the management of it.

The consultation included presentations on the ministry’s core mandates, functions and how MRD conducts its operation.

“This is the first time in the history of Solomon Islands since the establishment of MRD that we heard some very useful information about the ministry’s operation and CDF. These are very vital information that needs to be known by us the rural population who are at the receiving end of this so call CDF fund,” one participant expressed.

Most of the participants voiced the need for the National Government through MRD to seriously looking at amending the CDF Act 2013 and brings in with its required regulations.

MRD Permanent Secretary Dr. Samson Viulu while acknowledging participants for their concerns, assured them that this is the path the ministry is taking, and in doing so, he said the formulation of the SICD Policy framework would be a gain for the ministry as it will provide the basis for MRD to review the CDF Act 2013.

He further said that the policy framework will also enhance and contribute towards empowering all Solomon Islanders to participate meaningfully in constituency development activities to improving their livelihoods.

SICD Policy focus is centered on the following key thematic areas: socio-economic infrastructures, livelihoods income generating projects, essential services such as health, education and police-security, and downstream processing and value adding.

Participants also stated that the current CDF governance structure needs to be improved so that transparency and accountability must be upheld by the Members of Parliament and their Constituency officers.

PS Viulu in response to the participants concerns reassured them that their concerns, ideas and suggestions have been noted and will be consolidated in the final report of the consultation.

“Very genuine and valid concerns you all raised and they will be certainly be the main driving force behind this SICD policy.

“Your views and recommendations gathered from the consultation will really help MRD as it embarks on reforming constituency developments to guarantee rural people meaningfully participates in social and economic activities to improve their livelihoods,” PS Viulu said.

He reiterated that this policy framework overall intends is to guide the management and enhance the delivery of the Constituency Development Funds.



Participants presents their recommendations during group presentation session.



A participant from West Kwaio making his contribution during the open discussion session.

CHC supports KGVI school new study hut project

The Central Honiara Constituency (CHC) office on Wednesday 21st September, 2022 assisted King George Sixth (KGVI) National Secondary School with materials towards the construction of its new study hut project.

The project is spearheaded by KGVI class of 1986, Alumni students.

Constituency Development Officer (CDO) for CHC Keyon Ronia said the assistance given by CHC office under the leadership of Member of Parliament Honourable Alfred Efona were in the form of building materials which comprised of, 8 sheets of roofing iron 26 Gauge 15 feet, 16 sheets of roofing iron 26 Gauge 12 feet, 8 sheets of roofing iron 26 Gauge 5 feet, 8 pieces of ridge cap at 15 feet, 2 rolls of chicken wire, 2 rolls of sisalation paper and 1 Kg of roofing nail.

Donald Temoana and Pride Teika who are members of the 1986 Alumni executive committee received the assistance on behalf of the school and the committee spearheading the project.

Chairman of the committee Peter Soqoilu expressed his profound gratitude for the timely assistance.

He said that the project was done on voluntary basis as a means of showing gratitude and giving back to the school.

“Our committee’s biggest challenge all along was on how to address the materials needed to provide for the roofing top of the new study hut, but now that MP Efona came to our rescue with the timely and generous assistance, meant that we can now able to finish off in time and hand back to the school a brand new study hut for the students,” Mr. Sogoilo said.

He said guaranteeing students a spacious and conducive environment to study is important.

“This new study hut, would go on to serve a worthy cause for the future of our children, who will then, go on to become future leaders of our country one day. MP Efona’s assistance shows that he cares a lot about the future leaders of this country.

“This study hut would also give students additional study space, that the children need. Excellence is expected from our children enrolled at KGVI and in order for the students to accomplish this, it would require enough space and a good environment, for them to study in,” Mr. Sogoilo emphasized.

Meanwhile, Hon. Efona, expressed utmost gratitude for the work done by the committee of volunteers.



The new study hut project taking shape.

He said that indeed education is a priority.

“King George Six school, is one of the few institutions among others, that this country already has, that have helped many students and citizens of this country become exceptional students and productive people in our society.

“Many children from Central Honiara Constituency, are also, at present, enrolled and taking up studies at the school. Therefore, by supporting this project, allows the Constituency Office, the opportunity, to also show our appreciation to the National State School and administrative staff, for the work they are doing, towards many of these children from the Constituency, as some of our CHC staff are also ex-King George students.”

He then acknowledged chairman Mr Soqoilu and his committee and the 1986 Alumni team for the work done through the initiative to make sure students are provided with good learning/study environment.

“On behalf of CHC team, I am happy indeed to have lent assistance to this project. This is our small token of appreciation and recognition for the impact the school has had on the lives of many countless others, who have then gone on to become important assets and leaders to this nation, in their respective areas and line of work.”

He also thanked all partners and individuals who have put hands together towards the construction of project. “It is only by working together can we achieve much.”

The materials were presented to the executive committee, by CDO Ronia and Andrew Naumalefo of CHC, on behalf, of Hon. MP Alfred Efona.

The materials were purchased by the CHC Constituency Development Fund (CDF) allocation.

CDF is implemented by the 50 constituencies in the country through the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) purposely to improve the social and economic livelihoods of all Solomon Islanders.



CDO of Central Honiara Constituency Keyon Ronia hands over the materials to the committee representatives.



Central Honiara Constituency team delivering the materials at the project site.

INFORMATION 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)?

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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 consituency 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.

