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Reducing Poverty through Growth

MCA-Vanuatu Steering Committee Meeting No. 11 112009

Type of Meeting: Special Steering Committee Meeting

10am 20th November 2009

MCA Vanuatu Conference Room

Board Members:

Present: Chairman, DG, PMO, Simeon Athy
DG, Finance, George Maniuri
Director, Dept of Finance, Benjamin Shing
Representative, DSPP, Jonas Arugogona

MCC Representative
Chris Cookson, MCC-Vanuatu Country Resident Manager

NZ Aid Representative
John Claasen, NZAID Manager

MCA Vanuatu Program Management
Johnson Wabaiat, Director MCA
Hans Euscher, Project Advisor
Catherine Malosu, Environment & Social Impact Officer
Marie Jo Bani, Administrative Personnel

Absent:
Gregoire Nimbtik, Director DSPP
Russel Nari, DG, Lands
Wilson Tari Vuti, DG, MIPU

Quorum present? Yes

PROCEEDINGS

The Meeting was called to order at 10am by the Chairman of MCA-Vanuatu Steering Committee.

Welcome by Chairman

SC Chairman welcomed all members and representatives present at the meeting and outlined the Agenda Items for discussions as detailed below.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meetings no. 11**
2. **Road Infrastructure Development Project Progress**
3. **Eligibility Scorecard**
4. **MCA-V Staffing**
5. **Audit Report : January- June 2009**
6. **AOB**
7. **Date of next meeting**
8. **Establishment Fixed Dates for SC Meetings.**

1. SC endorsed that the Minutes be circulated to all members for comments and to be corrected for next SC meeting.

2. Road Infrastructure Development Project Progress

SC was updated on the 2nd projects currently being MCA-V Road infrastructure Development Projects progress for the two projects, Efate Ring Road and the Santo East Coast Road. The report stated that there is sufficient funding to cover both project with some cost variations.

Discussions:

The SC members noted and accepted the report presented however, issues were also raised to seek further clarifications on the potential costs implications for contracts and the associated liabilities related to the proposed amendments to sub-clauses 4.13, 4.14 and 4.18 as per the Particular Conditions of the Design and Build Contract. Based on the issues raised and the explanations given, the cost implications have been considered and that there would be no changes to the current agreed cost, but the amendment is necessary to comply with the mandatory requirement from World Bank OP 4.12.

Recommendation:

The SC noted and endorsed the Report.

2. Eligibility Scorecard

The SC invited MCC to elaborate on the eligibility score cards and the requirements for Vanuatu to continue to monitor and to improve on the ratings as presented. Areas for improvements which requires intense reporting for Vanuatu is centred in Investing in People and Economic Freedom.

SC noted that a lot of effort is required through the whole of Government approach in order to improve the current score cards ratings.

Recommendation:

SC endorsed for MCA-Vanuatu to liaise and work collaboratively with the Prime Minister's Office to make improvement on the current score card and to facilitate with the preparation as scheduled.

Meeting Closed at 11.30 am with remaining items to be carried to the next meeting.

Certified by: _____/S/_____
Secretary, MCA-Vanuatu

Acknowledged by:: _____/S/_____
Chair of the Steering Committee