



Reducing Poverty through Improved Infrastructure

Community Consultations:

Meeting Minutes

Date	20 September 2007
Venue	Bwatnapni, Central Pentecost, Penama Province
Time	11:40am

Organisation	Representatives	Status	
MCA Vanuatu	Allen Faerua	Infrastructure Analyst	
	Tony A Sewen	Economics Analyst	
	Catherine Malosu	Environment & Social Officer	
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	John Brown Tabi	Area Administrator CP1	Leravinan
	George Bule	Cathecist	Vasalal
	Reuben Tabi	Head Teacher	Bwatnapni
	Lizzie Rose Tias	Teacher	Bwatnapni
	Rachel	Housewife	Bwatnapni
	Arnold Tabi	Gardener	Naruwa
	Cain Tabi	Gardener	Lera vinan
	Daniel Bule	Gardener	Varevrev
	Pedro Bule	Gardener	Bwatnapni
	Philip Bule	Assistant Handyman	Lebetamase
	Micahel Tari Guru	Handyman	Enkul Village
	Arthur Tabi	Chief	Kumreut
	Senior Priest Rev Titus	Priest	Bwatnapni
	Jimmy Tabi	Gardener	
	Siro Bule	Gardener	Leckal
	Bruce Tabi	Fil Woka VKS	Wujunmel
	Kendy Tabi	Gardener	Lekal
	Godden Bule	Fisherman	Bwatnapni
	Danstan Bule	Gardener	Bwatnapni
Fredrick Tabi	Gardener	Bwatnapni	
Nelosl Tabi	Gardener	Lemamlege	
Gatavan Ragu	Gardener	Bwatnapni	
Jabu Bule	Gardener	Bwatnapni	
Ben Bule	Gardener	Bwatnapni	
Maricel Bule	Gardener	Lebul	
Jim Bule	Gardener	Tanbok	

	Ezekiel Tabi	Area Administrator CP2	Lebeta
	Manley Tari	Principal BJSS	Bwatnapni
	Dickson Bule	Gardener	Bwatnapni
	Willie Bule	Gardener	Varewerek
	Mathias Tabi	Gardener	Bwatnapni
	Philip Bule	Handyman	Lebetamase
	Dorothy Mabon	Gardener (Mothers Union)	Bwatnapni
	Naomi Mabon	Student	Bwatnapni
	Tabitha Mabon	Gardener	Vasalal
	Precilla Mabon	Gardener	Bwatnapni
	Henry Wass	Teacher	Bwatnapni
	Sylvie Gihiala	Teacher	Bwatnapni
	Estella Tabi	Housewife	Bwatnapni
	Jully Tevanu	Teacher	Bwatnapni
	Keith Bule	Gar	Bwatnapni
	Henry Tabisari	Driver	Ena
	Rexly Bule	Student	Bwatnapni
	Renold Bule	Gardener	Bwatnapni
	Hope Tabi	Student	Bwatnapni
	Florence Liu	Student	Bwatnapni
	JerolynTevi	Student	Bwatnapni
	Premilla Hinge	Student	Bwatnapni
	Anolyn Tias	Student	Bwatnapni
	Jerry Gaina	Student	Bwatnapni
	Chris	Student	Bwatnapni
	Michael Boe	Student	Bwatnapni

Purpose:

- To provide an update of the MCA Vanuatu Project
- To identify the risks involved in the Project
- Identifying responsibilities and functions of all stakeholders
- Identifying any Environmental and Social Issues

Discussions:

- 1.0 Introduction by MCA Vanuatu
 - Purpose of Consultation
 - Introduction of Team Members

- 2.0 Presentation of Eligibility Criteria by MCA Vanuatu
 - History of Vanuatu's eligibility
 - Due Diligence phase
 - Economic Overview

- 3.0 Update of Project by MCA Vanuatu
 - Presentation of MCA Program
 - Status of Design Build Contract
 - Scope of Works of Pentecost Projects (Loltong Wharf and North South Road)
 - Project is a timely Project and no extension to Compact Term
 - Request for Cooperation, understanding and support from Communities
 - Explanation that team is here to carry out EMP



4.0 Question and Answer Session

Q: *Where are the starting and ending points of the Highway?*

A: Clarification that the Project road is not a highway. Works will start at Lekasubu and end at Tansip (traversing the Enkul area).

Q: *Will there be funds to build a tar seal road leading to Lol tong Wharf?*

A: Under the project road construction down the hill to Lol tong Wharf is not a part of the scope of works. PWD will note the concern

Q: *There are creeks along the project area. How will these be dealt with?*

A: If creeks are source of water and are important to the communities, they will have to be identified and designs will take into consideration the location of creeks. The MCA Vanuatu program carries a lot of emphasis on protecting the Environment in particular the water sources will be ensured not to be polluted.

C: Supporting comment by a participant encouraging people to speak freely and share their concerns if any.

C: Comments by a Field Worker for Cultural Centre that there are sites of cultural importance within the Project area. He can assist to identify them when design and construction starts. (Note: MCA Vanuatu has discussed with him after the meeting to utilize his network when at the appropriate time)

Q: *Can the location of the Wharf be shifted further south beyond Lol tong so as to be in the centre to enable full use by farmers from the East to bring their produce down to the coast?*

A: The location of Lol tong Wharf was justified by studies that satisfy MCCs criteria. A change in location will be difficult as new studies will have to be carried out and it will cost time and money.

Q: *Will the Contractor want to use carrierre (gravel)?*

A: The Contractor will want to use locally available material as much as possible as long as it qualifies to specifications. PWD will be negotiating with land owners and the contractor on volumes needed and appropriate rates. If there are also other road construction material needed the contractor will ask for and we expect the communities to identify sources if available.

Q: *The wharf at Lol tong is for the people at Lol tong. Why can't a wharf be built in Bwatnapne?*

A: The communities are encouraged to consider projects on Lol tong or Bwatnapne as for all man Pentecost, and not to be narrowly sighted to say that it is for man Lol tong only as one way or the other these projects will have an impact on their lives in future. The Pentecost population should be proud to have a wharf as many islands still do not have a wharf.

Q: *Will the maintenance on the Road from Bwatnapne to Lol tong be maintained?*

A: Maintenance of this lies under the responsibility of PWD. (Note: PWD official in delegation noted the question).

C: MCA Vanuatu wants Communities to setup "Working Committees" to assist the Program Management Unit with matters on the ground. An explanation of the possible roles of such committees was explained to the participants.

Q: *Can Communities also request contractors to do "small works" for them?*

A: As far as the MCA Vanuatu is concerned the Contractors are here to build a road according to their contract. We will check work progress. The decision to assist a community is up to the Contractor. They will judge whether they have time or not to assist a community.

Q: *What will happen to trees? Will the community claim for trees?*

A: The people need this road. They carry bags of kava and taro on their backs to the main road and it is a very bad experience. If you can build the road providing shorter walking distance to the gardens, more bags will make it to Bwatnapni. Those trees in the project area are not planted. It will be up to MCA Vanuatu to indicate which trees to cut and the community will agree on.

LUNCH BREAK

R: A working committee can not be formed at the moment. Representatives of all chiefs present at the meeting will return to the villages and let all the chiefs know about this and then a Committee will be formed later. (Note: Present at the meeting were represents from all inland villages around the Enkul area)

CLOSING REMARKS:

Chief Allen Bule:

- Thanks the team for visiting
- Projects will benefit Pentecost
- Lol tong Wharf location is a concrete agreement and cannot be changed
- Chiefs of CP1 and CP2 support to have this project on their land.

PROGRAM CLOSSES AT 14:10HRS

Recommendations:

1. *Working Committee still to be set-up needs following up on names etc.*

Annex 1: Map of Pentecost

