

## Report on Quality at Entry and Next Steps to Complete Design for Solomon Islands Rural Development Program

<b>A: AidWorks details</b> <i>completed by Activity Manager</i>			
<b>Initiative Name:</b>	Solomon Islands Rural Development Program (SIRD)		
<b>AidWorks ID:</b>	Initiative - INH615 Activity - 07B293	<b>Total Amount:</b>	\$8,560,000
<b>Start Date:</b>	14 September 2007	<b>End Date:</b>	15 November 2012

<b>B: Appraisal Peer Review meeting details</b> <i>completed by Activity Manager</i>	
<b>Initial ratings prepared by:</b>	Michael Constable
<b>Meeting date:</b>	6 June 2007
<b>Chair:</b>	Rahul Raturi, Section Manager EASRE World Bank
<b>Peer reviewers providing formal comment &amp; ratings:</b>	– Geoffrey Fox, (Principal Adviser, Rural Development) Paul Greener (Rural Development Advisor, RAMSI), Penny Bond, (Senior Development Program Specialist), Marjorie Sullivan (AusAID Environment Consultant) Michael Constable (Development Program Specialist), Greg Ellis (AusAID Design and Procurement Advisor)
<b>Independent Appraiser:</b>	– Marianne Grosclaude (Team Leader, W. Bank), David Chandler (Snr. Financial Management Specialist, World Bank), David Whitehead (Financial Management Specialist, Consultant), Christophe Ribes-Ros (Community-Driven Development Specialist, Consultant), William Cuddihy (Economist, Consultant, W. Bank), David Smith (Finance Specialist, consultant, W. Bank), and Nuno Santos (Economist FAO), Geoffrey Fox, (Principal Adviser, Rural Development) Paul Greener (Rural Development Advisor, RAMSI), Penny Bond, (Senior Development Program Specialist), Michael Constable (Development Program Specialist). [AusAID staff independence arises from the design being driven/owned by the World Bank]
<b>Other peer review participants:</b>	– Rahul Raturi ( Sector Manager East Asia Region WB), Nigel Roberts (Country Director East Asia CNF WB), Guzman Garcia-Rivero (Operations consultant East Asia Region WB), Oliver Braedt (Natural Resources Management Specialist, East Asia Region WB), Melinda Good (Senior Counsel LEGEA WB), Xinixin Yang (Consultant LEGEA WB), Luc Lecuit (Senior Operations Officer EAPCO, WB), Bruce Harris (Social Scientist, Consultant), Marianne Grosclaude (Task Team Leader East Asia Region WB), David Chandler (Senior Financial Management Officer, EAPCO WB), William Cuddihy (Agriculture Economist, Consultant, WB), Christophe Ribes-Ros (Community Development Design Specialist, Consultant WB), Jenny Brown (Rural Advisor, EC Delegation Honiara), Paul Craig (Manager EC Programme Management Unit Honiara), Leonard Paia (Program Officer, EC Project Management Unit, Honiara), Geoffrey Fox, (Principal Adviser, Rural Development) Paul Greener (Rural Development Advisor, RAMSI), Penny Bond, (Senior Development Program Specialist), Marjorie Sullivan (AusAID Environment Consultant) Michael Constable (Development Program Specialist).

**C: Quality Rating Assessment against indicators***completed by Activity Manager / Peer Reviewers / Independent Appraiser*

Quality	Rating (1-6) *	Comments to support rating	Required Action (if needed)
1. Clear objectives	4	The new SIRD design has clear objectives, and expectations are high. The higher level (overall) objectives will only be achieved if there is broad cross-component cohesion of activities in locations. i.e. if the activities in a given area are not sufficiently complementary the project will not achieve sufficient 'critical mass' of development to achieve higher level objectives as set out in the PAD.	Encourage SIRD's communications program to adequately canvass issues at community, provincial and national levels with relevant stakeholders. Reduced extent of geographical target at start up.
2. Monitoring and Evaluation	4	M&E frameworks have been considered as part of the design of new activities in rural development, and will be further developed in the next six months including conduct of a baseline survey.	Review indicators in SIRD activities and update the RAMSI Performance Framework. Conduct baseline survey.
3. Sustainability	4	Recurrent funding, including maintenance issues, plus entrenching institutional capacity building in SIG, NGOs and private sector, remain long term challenges for rural development activities. Delivery through MDPAC allows an alternative, more sustainable and accountable funding mechanism than current SIG systems eg. RCDF.	Significant future programming by SIG and donors for SI rural development beyond 2012 will be necessary to secure investments in capacity building and ensure sustainability
4. Implementation & Risk Management	4	Risks are identified and mitigation measures presented in the PAD which rates the overall project risk as 'substantial'. Some examples of these risks are logistical issues such as transport contributing to delays, and weak implementation capacity in SIG.	
5. Analysis and lessons	5	AusAID/World Bank/EU shared analysis through the AusAID Smallholder Agricultural Study and the Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy (ARDS) provided a framework for the design. Issues raised in design and appraisal processes included : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>weakness in the capacity of SI institutions (particularly at Provincial level)</li> <li>potential unavailability of sufficient, qualified, Solomon Island nationals, either in government or as program advisers</li> <li>ensuring complementarity between RDP and other AusAID (or EU) funded programs</li> <li>SIG ministries' personnel unlikely to perform if adequate housing and work conditions are not available at implementation sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SIRD needs to be well coordinated with existing programs</li> <li>The quantity of external (international) TA was further increased</li> <li>A steering group be convened to ensure that RDP and PGSP are developed in complementary directions</li> <li>SIG clarify policy on govt. housing</li> </ul>

**\* Definitions of the Rating Scale:**

<b>Satisfactory (4, 5 and 6)</b>		<b>Less than satisfactory (1, 2 and 3)</b>	
6	Very high quality; needs ongoing management & monitoring only	3	Less than adequate quality; needs to be improved in core areas
5	Good quality; needs minor work to improve in some areas	2	Poor quality; needs major work to improve
4	Adequate quality; needs some work to improve	1	Very poor quality; needs major overhaul

**D: Next Steps** *completed by Activity Manager*Provide information on all steps required to finalise the design based on *Required Actions* in "C" above, and additional actions identified in the peer review meeting

Who is responsible

Date to be done

1. Design finalised by World Bank and approved by DDG in FMA Reg 9 approval minute.

Michael Constable

14 Sept 2007

**E: Other comments or issues** *completed by Activity Manager*

- Minutes from World Bank decision meeting / peer review attached.
- FMA Reg 9 approval attached

**F: Approval** *completed by ADG or Minister-Counsellor who chaired the peer review meeting*

On the basis of the final agreed Quality Rating assessment (C) and Next Steps (D) above:

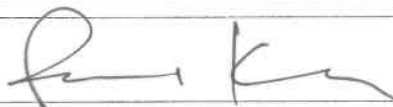
☒ **QAE REPORT IS APPROVED**, and authorization given to proceed to:

- ☒ **FINALISE** the design incorporating actions above, and proceed to implementation  
 or: ☐ **REDESIGN** and resubmit for appraisal peer review

☐ **NOT APPROVED** for the following reason(s):

Paul Kelly

signed:



10/3/08

**When complete:**

- Copy and paste the approved ratings, explanation and actions (table C) into AidWorks
- The original signed report must be placed on a registered file

Thanks. Good.

\* VERY keen to ensure  
 the baseline survey in the  
 M+E framework is  
 completed on schedule.

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