

## SIRAP End-September 2020 Report

<b>1. Major Issues (Operational, Safeguards, Community Liaison, Financial, etc)</b>		
Item		Action (Taken/Required)
1.	COVID-19 travel restrictions	Mobilisation of consultants impacted by COVID-19 related travel restrictions in Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand, and USA. Impacts being mitigated by teleconferencing. Preparations complete for PST staff to work from home if lockdown occurs.
2.	Project Budget	On 14July20, NSC resolved to accept WB's advice that SIRAP is to remain tax inclusive. Potential for significant budget over-run has been identified which will require further delay of key project activities including major infrastructure investments. Ongoing review and monitoring to continue.
3.	Financial	LOC from BSP for ADS-B contract issued 10Sept20. Changes to PPA Audit dates as required by WB is being reviewed by OAG. TOR for future audits is with OAG for review. Meeting with OAG scheduled for 6 Oct20.
4.	Communications	Procurement of part-time Communications Specialist completed with contract signed – start date 1Sept20. Facebook site and first news article released 16Sept20.
5.	D&SS Consultancy Contract	Majority of deliverables submitted late (see notes below). DTL demobilized to Brisbane 12Mar20 due to COVID-19 concerns and communications continuing via teleconferencing, led by Regional Director. LOV for 6 mth EOT to 10Feb2021 signed.
6.	Safeguards and Community Consultations	NSS assisting MCA with safeguards issues wrt issues common to SIRAP and JICA project. Malaita site visit 19-21Aug20 to identify contractor laydown sites with Mal Prov Council. NSS and CLO currently at 75% but will increase to 100% for construction phase in 2021.
<b>2. Subproject Implementation Status</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <u>Project Support Team</u>: regular team meetings conducted to discuss current project progress and issues. National Procurement Specialist contract signed with top-ranked candidate on 25Sept20 – start date 2Nov20. Part-time Communications Specialist commenced 1 day/week inputs from 4 Sept20.</li> <li>✓ <u>Implementation Support Team</u> (Procurement, Finance and Contract Management): Skype meetings held weekly or more frequent if required. Regular contact also with ADS-B Specialist, Pavement Specialist and International Safeguards Specialist (intermittent inputs).</li> <li>✓ <u>Procurement Training Program</u>: Completion date for Phase 1 extended to 15Sept20 and list of participants who finished Phase 1 is currently being prepared. Numerous complaints of poor internet connections hampering progress of participants.</li> <li>✓ <u>Auki Office</u>: MID has established its office in Auki which is shared by SIRAP.</li> <li>✓ <u>UXO Clearance</u>: All Honiara Airport sites now complete (including proposed future ARFF shelter site), as well as Munda and Malaita sites. UXO Specialist contract has been extended to 30 Oct20 by LOV to finalise completion reports. Contractor LOV finalized for SBD1.05m and final payment being processed.</li> <li>✓ <u>Aviation Sector Strategy</u>: Draft Final Report submitted 28Aug20 and stakeholder comments provided to Consultant on 30Sept20. LOV signed on 1Sept20 to provide advice for a Solomon Airlines post-COVID19 recovery and consultant commenced extra scope of work with numerous consultations during the month.</li> <li>✓ <u>Munda Terminal Design and Construct</u>: At a special meeting on 20July20, the NSC resolved to re-bid the contract. Two (2) bids received and evaluation of technical part was completed. Financial parts opened on 15Sept20 and evaluated. Combined BER endorsed by NSC on 23Sept20 and loaded on STEP on 25Sept20 for WB No Objection.</li> <li>✓ <u>VSAT</u>: Contract for supply of equipment was signed on 9Sept20. Submission date for the Installation Contract bids was 19Aug20 with two (2) bids received. Evaluation is complete with the BER signed. Contract negotiations completed and contract signed 25Sept20.</li> <li>✓ <u>ADS-B Ground Stations</u>: GECl has purchased component equipment, assembled and tested. LOC from BSP issued 10Sept20. Transport to Solomon Islands commenced 17Sept20. Activity is on track overall.</li> <li>✓ <u>Fiu River Bridge, Auki</u>: Contract to be procured for Design and Build Contractor with draft bid documents submitted to WB for NOL on 24Aug20 and informal comments received 14Sept20. Revisions to RFP, ESMP, and technical specifications underway. Procurement and design periods accelerated to enable earlier commencement of construction, with 1May2021 being the targeted on-site start date.</li> </ul>		

- ✓ TA for Addressing GBV: Draft report for community mapping at Munda, Honiara and Malaita sites was submitted 18Sept20 and reviewed by PST. Draft report with comments from PST submitted to WB for review on 29Sept20.
- ✓ TA for Supporting Asset Management: Revised ToR finalised by WB following consideration of MID comments. Consultant to prepare Resilient Road Asset Management Framework to commence in Oct20 with preparation of an Inception Report.
- ✓ TA for Road Safety Advisor: Communications continue via telecom. Review of SMEC Rd Safety Report completed 3Jun20. Two half-day workshops on Road Safety held via telecom on 9&10July20. MID, WB, and SMEC representatives attended.
- ✓ CERC Operation Manual: Operation Manual and ESMF finalized and submitted to WB on 17Aug20. Documents approved by WB on 22Sept20.
- ✓ D&SS: Invoice for Deliverables 1 to 6 paid. D7 final design reports submitted for Honiara and Munda AC works. Remaining D7 reports expected to be submitted in October (see notes below).

### **Notes on SMEC Deliverables**

D1 Inception Report – Updated Final Report submitted by SMEC on 22Apr20 and accepted.

D2 Fire Station Report – Revised Final Report submitted 11Mar20 and accepted.

D3 Modular Bridges Report – Revised Final Report submitted 27Feb20 and accepted.

D4 Fiu River Bridge Design Review Report – Revised Final Report submitted 28Jan20 and accepted.

D5 Survey and Investigation Reports – Revised Final Reports submitted 13May20 and accepted.

D6 Design Philosophy etc Report - Drafts due 23Jan20. Drafts and Final Reports submitted as follows:

<b>Sub Project</b>	<b>Draft Submitted by SMEC</b>	<b>Comments Provided by Client</b>	<b>Final Version Issued by SMEC</b>
Honiara Fire Shelter	20Mar20	15Apr20	20May20
Munda Runway, Taxiway, Apron	11Mar20	27Apr20	2Jun20
Honiara Runway	20Mar20	29Apr20	30Jun20
Malaita Sealed Roads	3Jun20	25Jun20	17Aug20
Malaita Unsealed Roads	14May20	8Jun20	24July20
Malaita Small Bridges	24Mar20	20Apr20	8Jun20

D7 Detailed Design Report - Draft due 12Mar20, SMEC advised submission dates as below:

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Munda Runway, Taxiway, Apron	14July20	5Aug20	11Sept20, overdue
Honiara Runway	6Aug20	3Sept20	17Sept20, overdue
Malaita Sealed Roads	2 Oct20 – tbc	23 Oct20	6Nov20
Malaita Unsealed Roads	9 Oct20 - tbc	30 Oct20	13Nov20
Malaita Small Bridges	16 Oct20 - tbc	6Nov20	20Nov20