Approval by Mail: PPCR Papua New Guinea: Building Resilience to Climate Change in Papua New Guinea Project (ADB) – Comments from the UK

Dear Mafalda,

Many thanks for giving the UK the opportunity to review the attached proposals for the PNG PPCR project and the additional funding for the Alotau wharf development.

The UK is pleased to see that such a systemic approach is being taken for Building Resilience to Climate Change in PNG, supporting the development of CCVAPs that will then provide a strong platform for future action, and aid the integration of adaptation responses into wider planning. We had a few queries and comments that we were hoping to share with ADB, if we might be able to have some clarification on these prior to the deadline on the 8th?

These are with regards to the over-arching project proposal:

- There are targets for the number of latrines and water points mentioned in the course of the project document but not in the results framework, is there any reason why these are not represented? Also How will the latrines and water points be adapted to be climate resilient?
- If possible it would be useful to see gender disaggregation included in the project indicators.
- The radio and VHF repeater stations will be a valuable addition in ensuring quick responses to emergencies, but will depend on the availability of reliable energy access it would be helpful to understand how this will be ensured.
- There seem to be conflicting targets for area of mangrove ecosystems to be rehabilitated in the results framework from the cover sheet, as below:
 - Rehabilitation technologies developed for nine mangroves ecosystems (100 ha) to enhance their function for the benefit of island communities.'

(Under 'Quality and extent to which climate responsive instruments/ investment models are developed and tested.)

Nine mangrove forest rehabilitation demonstrations with 270 ha of mangroves.

(Under 'Extent to which the relevant institutions, businesses, and public sector services use improved PPCR supported tools, instruments, strategies, and activities to respond to climate variability or climate change, including climate resilient design standards.')

Are there different interventions planned against each of these criteria? There are also different results frameworks outlined in the RRP and the project cover sheet, so it would be useful to know which will be reported against.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards, Emma