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REGIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, HEALTH & SAFETY IN THE LOW VALUE MINERALS AND MATERIALS (LVMM) SECTOR

SUVA, FIJI

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RETURN TO WORK (RTW) PLANS FOR UNDP SPONSORED PARTICIPANTS

I. RETURN-TO-WORK PLANS


Return to Work projects are a valuable mechanism for workshop participants' personal and professional development. As part of your sponsorship, you are required to develop a return-to-work plan on a project you will undertake on your return, applying the knowledge and skills gained from workshop to influence change.

Periodic follow-up on the progress of implementation of the plan will be undertaken by UNDP, with the first update expected at the 2-month mark, in February 2015. A subsequent follow-up in April 2016 will be undertaken and periodic follow-ups thereafter.

II. REPORTING STRUCTURE FOR RETURN-TO-WORK PLANS

To facilitate ease of reporting and follow-up on your return to work project, the structure below outlines the key project elements that need to be covered in the reporting. **Please submit a draft Return to Work Project (RWP)** using the structure provided below.

REPORTING STRUCTURE

GENERAL INFORMATION	
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Brief Description of the project:	The project chosen is the Development of NDM's in Vanuatu and the 2 NDM's chosen are Pozzolan and Sand. Pozzolan was chosen as there is interest and potential of developing these materials in the local market especially in the construction industry. The project will focus mainly on identifying potential sites for extracting Pozzolan and its uses in the market which will depend on its quality and quantity. The other NDM chosen for this project is Sand which is used mainly in the construction industry and extracted in the coastal areas which poses environmental risks within the coastal areas. The focus of this project will be mainly on the finding an alternative for extracting sand in the coastal areas.
Expected Outcomes:	<p>Pozzolan – identify potential sites and determine the quality of the pozzolan at the sites. Then determine the uses and the market for the pozzolan</p> <p>Sand – Identify alternative sites for quarrying sand and impose a total ban on coastal sand mining</p>
Expected Outputs:	Identify the number of potential sites and conduct resource estimation of reserve at potential sites. 

<p>Please describe how you plan to implement the return to work project: (outline key partnerships and collaborations across sectors in your country as well as any joint collaboration with other countries)</p>	<p>Pozzolan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct desktop study - Selection of sites for exploration - Negotiate with landowners and leaseholders for access into identified site - Carry out sampling and geochem analysis - Narrow down sites and carry out detail exploration - Feasibility study <p>Sand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selection of alternative sites - Carry out assessments on sites: sediment load, sediment quality, environmental impacts, health and safety of nearby communities. - Get land owners consent to extract sand on potential sites - Regular monitoring of operations
<p>What indicators of success will you employ? (include indicators of success that go beyond activity-level implementation)</p>	<p>For the project, we will use quarterly progress report as an indicator of success. An indicator which will be used for measuring success which goes beyond the activity-level implementation is quarry assessment report. Once the pozzolan and sand quarry operations have commenced, the quarry assessment report which is quarterly will be used as an indicator to measure success of the development of the materials.</p>
<p>What other strategic opportunities have you identified that will contribute to the success and sustainability of your project? (include opportunities linked to national level policy, strategies and programmes as well as linkage to sub-regional and regional agenda)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The current Quarry Act 2013 allows opportunities for joint venture in quarry companies so this will enable custom owners to be part of the company and maximize their benefits. If there is joint venture then it will ensure sustainability of the project. - If there is a Sand Ban policy on coastal mining then it will enable the success of the project to ensure that other alternative sites away from the coastal areas is mined. - Financial assistance is required to undertake this project especially for travelling purposes to the sites, sampling and conducting testing at the potential sites. An amount of roughly 4 million Vatu is required to undertake these two projects within the time frame of 3 years.
<p>What aspects of the training will be most useful in implementing your project? Explain</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community & Environment part of the training identifies negotiating strategies that can be taken to help the social welfare of the communities eg employment opportunity, social benefits. Other countries like PNG in our working groups explained how they use joint venture for their landowners to maximize their benefits and not just rely on royalty share. Advice can be delivered to the landowners of the project sites on how they can maximize their benefits through such means as joint venture. - The training also showed ways of adding value to NDMs which in the project will allow us to provide advice to permit holders on how this can be done with the examples taken from Standard Concrete.
<p>What are your future plans? (include any additional capacity building needs for your professional development that you have identified during the course of the workshop).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occupational Health and Safety is an area that needs more training for capacity building since this is an area that is not enforced in Vanuatu - Environmental Impact Assessment Training is also an area that needs more training.

III. SUBMISSION DATE OF THE DRAFT RETURN-TO-WORK PROJECT

The draft Return to Work project is due **by Monday 14 December 2015** and should be sent to: Lacina Pakoun (lacina.pakoun@undp.org)