

Clarification Questions& Answers

Ref: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP/FJI10-004-17 INTRODUCTION OF FINANCIAL EDUCATION in the Solomon Islands

Question 1

Consultation with the Solomon Islands Association of Vocational and Rural Training Centres (SIAVRTC). May we please ask the extent of SIAVRTC inclusion within RFP stakeholder consultation processes to date?

<u>Answer</u>

SIAVRTC – consultations have been primarily with MEHRD from Government. Current Focal points of contact include Dr Franco Rodie, Christopher Mae and Rose Paio. Billy Mae of SIAVRTC was also involved in earlier consultations. As part of the proposed activity, there is an expectation that close relationships will be established with ACOM and their three rural training centres. Some linkages with external parties including the Central Bank of the Solomon Islands is envisaged at the onset – however, this is not expected to be extensive.

Question 2

Task 2.3 on page 31 within the Terms of Reference section of the documentation discusses the replication/introduction of the curriculum beyond the three specified Rural Training Centres (RTCs). May we clarify whether this consideration is expected to cover just the TVET sector (50 RTCs and 80 Community Based Training Centres) or if UNDP expects this consideration to also extend beyond the TVET sector to suitable secondary schools and/or courses presently offered by universities in Solomon Islands.

<u>Answer</u>

The activity will cover 3 of the Anglican Church of Melanesia's rural training centres as identified on page 34, Section 1.4 of the documentation. It is the expectation that the Financial Education activity on successful completion within the 3 RTCs will then be scaled up to other TVET partners, but the scaling is not part of this activity.

Question 3

Does UNDP anticipate being able to provide full conference notes from the pre-proposal conference to be held on the 23rd of June 2017 in Suva? Alternately, would attendance by either tele or video link be possible?

<u>Answer</u>

The pre-proposal conference will include an explanation of the activity itself, but is primarily targeted at responding to queries that may have arisen as part of respondents' preliminary look at the activities. We are envisaging that this will be done via a skype link in. Please send skype ID abby.chang1 an invitation to connect, prior to the 23rd and as a back-up alternative, we will share telephone number (conference call), should there be issues with skype connectivity on the day.