

Vanuatu Green Transformation (VGET) Project

COMMUNITY MONTHLY NOTICE N^o 1 – JULY 2024

Dear VGET Community Members,

We are pleased to provide you with the latest update on the Vanuatu Green Transformation (VGET) project, specifically focusing on the construction of Pico hydro power stations at Waterfall, Melsisi and Larimaat sites on Pentecost Island. This initiative is a crucial part of our commitment to achieving 100 percent electrification with renewable energy by 2030.

As of this month, significant progress has been made in the construction of the pico hydro power stations. Here are the key updates:

- **Design and Permits:** Detailed designs for the four identified sites have been finalized, and comprehensive sites specific Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP) have been developed. We have received the necessary Environment and Water Works Permits to proceed with construction.
- **Invitation to Bid:** The ITB for the construction and installation of pico hydro systems at the three target sites has been closed.
- **Access Road to Melsisi:** 600m Access Road to Melsisi water catchment and Power plant area completed by PWD.

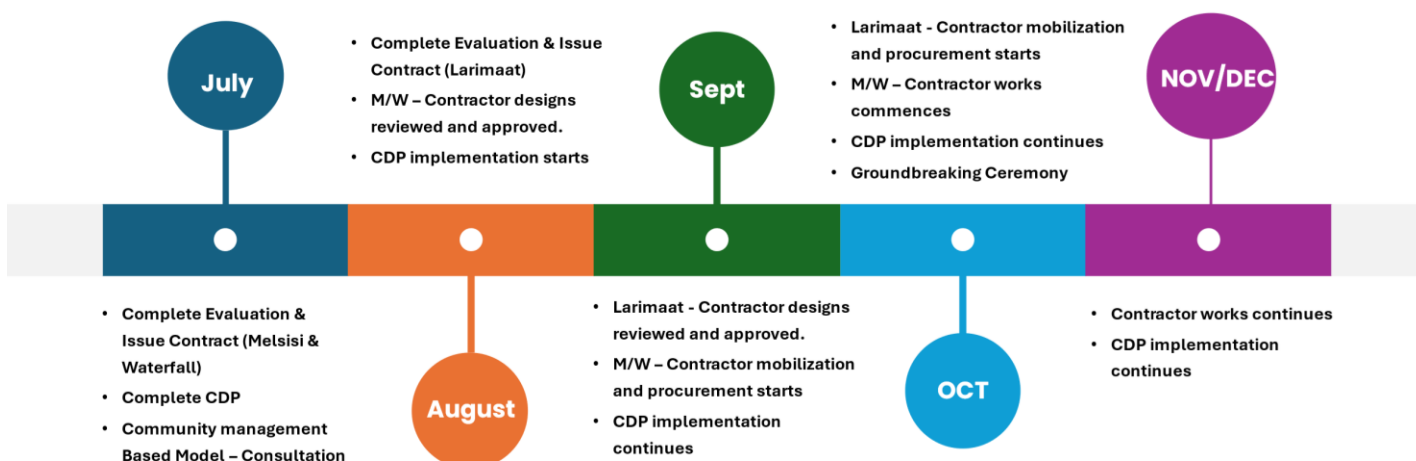
Ongoing:

- **Bid Evaluation:** The Bids are currently undergoing evaluation and expected to be finalized for contracting by 31 July 2024 for Waterfall and Melsisi. Larimaat to be completed by 30 August 2024.
- **Capacity Development Plan:** Approach and methodology for capacity development plan prepared and consultations with stakeholders, DOE, Community, Green transformation team underway, and is expected to be finalized by end of July with onboarding of contractor.
- **Community Based Management System:** CBMS is being developed for management and operation of three sites is being developed - Prepaid voucher system. This is expected to be finalized by 30 August 2024.
- **Other plans:** Community engagement plan and Construction Management Plan are expected to be finalized 30 July 2024.

Challenges encountered:

- Due to Vanuatu's remoteness and the logistical difficulties of reaching the project site on Pentecost Island, no companies physically visiting the locations despite extending the procurement announcement by four more weeks, for eight weeks.
- The technical evaluation of the proposal for Lot 1 (Waterfall & Melsisi) has experienced a substantial delay due to extensive technical review leading to postponement of issuance of the contract from 30 June to 30 July 2024.

Timeline and Planned Activities (1 July to 31 December 2024):



Community Engagement: Community Visit [15-19 July 2024]

VGET team will be travelling to Pentecost to undertake community consultation to meet the Community Committees, Consult on Capacity development Plan benefiting community, undertake Willingness to pay assessments, Community based management model, information sessions and feedback mechanisms.

About the Project

The VGET project, a 2.5-year initiative funded by Japan and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme in Partnership with Department of Energy, aimed to support Vanuatu achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030. It focuses on installing pico-hydropower plants in remote areas to increase clean energy access and build resilience in rural communities, while also ensuring the long-term sustainability of these systems through capacity building for operation and maintenance.

Project Sites: Waterfall, Melsisi and Larimaat sites on Pentecost Island

Website: <https://www.undp.org/pacific/projects/green-transformation-project>

Contact: Tel: (678) 27709 | Mobile: (678) 5545236 | Imran.khan@undp.org

Vanuatu Green Transformation (VGET) Project

COMMUNITY MONTHLY NOTICE N^o 1 – JULY 2024

Dear VGET Komunity, Membas,

Projek hemi glad blong kivim long yufala samfala notis long ol wok blong buildim trifala Pico Hydro Powa Stesens long WataFol, Melsisi mo Laringmaat long Island blong yumi long Pentecost. Tintink ia hemi wan bifala tingting we bae hemi contribute I go blo kasem taket blong 100% electirikation wetem renewable eneji long 2030.

Long ol Manis i kam kasem tete, I gat bigfala progress hemi happen long ol wok blong olgeta Pico Hydro powa statsens ia. Hemia hemi samfala key update:

- **Desaen mo Permits:** Detael Desaen blong ol trifala sites hemi complete mo faenalist, ol specific Environmental mo Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), Environmental mo Social Management Plans (ESMP) oli complete. Projek I receiveim olegeta necessary Environment mo Wata Woks Permits blong wok long olgeta projek sites.
- **Invaetesen blong Bid:** ITB blong mekem ol installation wok blong olgeta Pico Hydro Systems ia long trifala komunities ia oli close.
- **Akses Rod blong Melsisi:** 600m Akses Rod long Melsisi blong go long wota katchment mo Pawa Haus hemi complete wetem help blong Public Works Department (PWD).

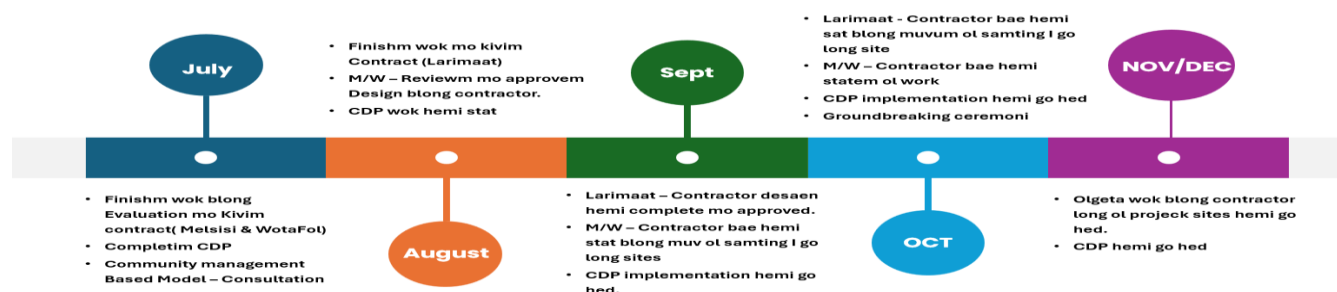
Ol wok we oli stap go :

- **Bid Evaluation:** Olgeta Bids oli stap long evaluasen mo yumii stap expectem blong finalisem evaluasen blong Melsisi mo Watafol long 31st July 2024. Blong Laringmaat bae hemi should finis long 30th August 2024.
- **Capacity Development Plan:** Hao blong tekem aot wok blong capacity development plan hemi develop mo share wetem ol stakeholders, DoE, Green transformation team, wok ia hemi should finis long end blong manis ia July mo contractor hemi sign contract blo statem ol wok.
- **Community Based Management System:** CBMS hemi develop blong management mo operation blong ol trifala Pico Hydro Sites – Bae hemi wan prepayment system. Wok ia hemi should finis long 30th August 2024.
- **Ol narafal plan:** Community engagement plan mo Construction Management Plan hemi should finalise long 30th July 2024.

Samfala Jalenjes :

- Lokeisen blong Vanuatu mo difficulties blong ko kasem ol projek sites long Pentecost Island hemi mekem se I no gat eni campani hemi physically go blong luk ol projek sites no matter projek I been extentem notis blong tender long 4 mo weeks, blong 8 weeks.
- Technical evaluation long proposal blong Lot 1 (WataFol mo Melsisi) hemi tekem mo time long time we yumi tinkse hemi should tekem, hemi I mekem se yumi mas muvum signing blong contract long manis 30th June I go long 30th July 2024.

Taemlaen mo ol Plan aktifities (1 July to 31 December 2024):



Komunity Enkajment: Komunity Visit [15-19 July 2024]

VGET team bae oli kam long Pentecost blong mekem consultation wetem ol Community Committees, toktok long tingting blong Capacity Development Plan blong benefitim komunity, assessem Willingness blong pem serves blong konek long hydro powa systems, community base management model, information sessens mo approach blong tekem back feebback from ol komunity.

About the Project

The VGET project, a 2.5-year initiative funded by Japan and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme in Partnership with Department of Energy, aimed to support Vanuatu achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030. It focuses on installing pico-hydropower plants in remote areas to increase clean energy access and build resilience in rural communities, while also ensuring the long-term sustainability of these systems through capacity building for operation and maintenance.

Project Sites: Waterfall, Melsisi and Larimaat sites on Pentecost Island

Website: <https://www.undp.org/pacific/projects/green-transformation-project>

Contact: Tel: (678) 27709 | Mobile: (678) 5545236 | Imran.khan@undp.org