



Vanuatu Green Transformation (VGET) Project

COMMUNITY MONTHLY NOTICE N^o 2 – August 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% 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:

- **Capacity Development Plan (CDP):** A Stakeholder consultation meeting was conducted on the Capacity development plan with the stakeholders on the 6 August. From the meeting, constructive feedback were provided from the stakeholders which will be incorporated into the CDP and finalized ready for implementation.
- **Bid Evaluation:** The bid evaluation of the Waterfall and Melsisi Pico Hydro works were completed on the 7 August 2024. From the evaluations, a contractor was recommended to construct the Pico Hydro Sites.
- **Contract signed:** It was a great news and milestone achieved for the project to have the Waterfall and Melsisi Pico Hydro contract signed by the ENCO Private Limited on the 26 August 2024. The contract is now in its initial operation stage.

Ongoing:

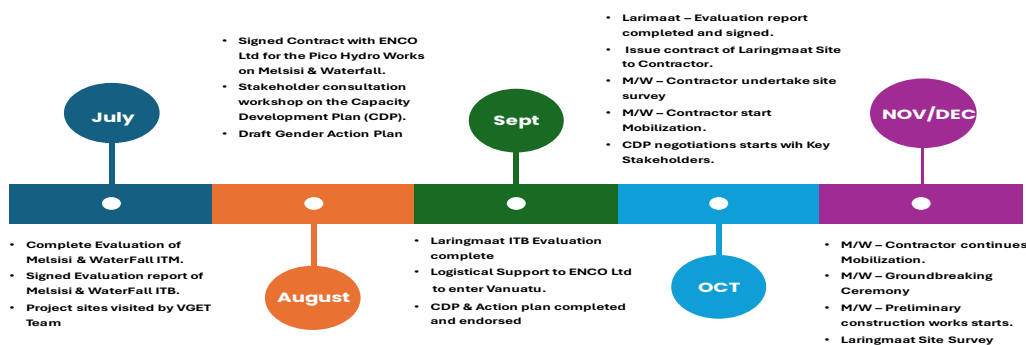
- **Capacity Development Plan (CDP):** The Capacity Development plan was consulted with all the stakeholders. The plan will be finalized for implementation by early September.
- **Contract Operation:** The Waterfall and Melsisi Contract was signed and now in its initial operational stage.
- **Community 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 end of October 2024.
- **Community Grid Connection and Willingness to pay visit report:** From the Community site visits on the 11-19 July, the team is now analyzing the data to provide a report on the current energy status and willingness to pay capacity on the three project sites. The report will be used to validate the information being documented on the three Pico Hydro Detail Design Report
- **Other plans:** Community engagement plan and Construction Management Plan are expected to be finalized by September.

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 and Melsisi) has experienced a substantial delay due to extensive technical review leading to postponement of issuance of the contract from 30 July to the last week of August 2024.
- Domestic flights from Port Vila to Pentecost is not regular due to the Air Vanuatu liquidation stage.

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

TIMELINE SLIDE



About the Project

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

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Dear VGET Komunity, Membas,

Projeck 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% electrification wetem renewable enejii 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:

- **Capacity Development Plan (CDP):** *I been gat wan stakeholder capacity consultation long Capacity development plan long 6th August 2024. Long meeting ia, I gat plante gudfala tinktink we ol stakeholders oli been givim. Olgeta feedbacks ia or tintink ia bae hemi include, i go long faenal CDP bifo hemi fianze ml ready blong implementation.*
- **Bid Evaluation:** *Bid evaluation blong WaterFall mo Melsisi Pico Hydro woks hemi finis long 7th August 2024. Out long evaluation ia, wan Contractor hemi been recommended blong save builtm Waterfall mo Melsisi Pico Hydro System.*
Contract Hemi Been Signed: *Hemi wan bigfala mo gud fala nuis mo wan bigfala achievement blong projek blong save talemoat se Contract blong constructem Pico Hydro Systems long Melsisi mo WotaFol hemi been signed long 26th August 2024. Contract ia hemi no stap long operation stages blong hem.*

Ol wok we oli stap go :

- **Capacity Development Plan (CDP):** *Capacity Development plan hemi been consulted wetem olgeta stakeholder mo bambae project team I stat blong wok long hem long early September I go.*
- **Contract operation:** *Contract blong work long Pico Hydro Power system blong WotaFol mo Melsisi hemi been signed mo ol preparatory wok oli stap kick off finis.*
- **Community Based Management System (CBMS):** *wan draft CBMS blong management blong trifala (3) projeck sites oli been developed finis – Pre Voucher System. Bae CBMS is bae hemi should be complete mo finalise long end blong manis October 2024.*
- **Community Grid Connections and Willingness to pay report:** *Project tim I been tekemoat site visits I go long trifala project sites from 11th – 19th July 2024, tim hemi stap putu ol data tuketa naoia mo mekem wan report long hem. Main Tinktink blong study ia hemi blong check back olgeta findings long trifala (3) detail desaeen report we hemi stap.*
- **Ol Narafala plans:** *Komunity engagement plan mo construction management plan bae hemi expected blong completed mo faenalist long end blong Manis September 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 projeck 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.*
- *Wetem Issue blong Air Vanuatu liquidation I mekem I not tumas flight I go long Pentecost olsem fastaem.*

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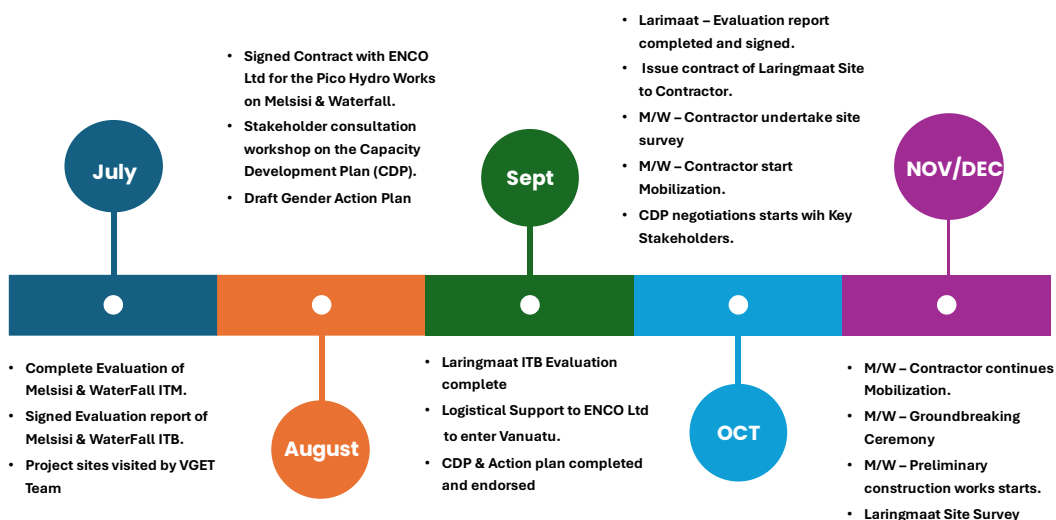


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