



Vanuatu Green Transformation (VGET) Project

COMMUNITY MONTHLY NOTICE N^o 3 – September 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:

- **Contractor Notice to Mobilize:** The notice to mobilize was issued to ENCO Ltd on the 25 September to commence mobilization of personals, equipment, materials, and other services to Melsisi & Waterfall Pico Hydro Sites.
- **Contractor Operational Meeting:** The Project team and contractor had fine operations meeting so far to monitor and work to complete all the upcoming project activities. Currently, the operation meeting is set to occur in a weekly basis.
- **Laringmaat Bidder's Technical Evaluation:** The technical evaluation and rounds of clarification to bidders were completed. The team is now currently working to finalize the evaluation report.
- **Capacity Development Plan Methodology and Approach:** The Methodology and Approach of the Capacity Development Plan was completed.
- **Socio Economic Evaluability Assessment (SEEA):** The SEEA was conducted to identify
 - Identify existing gaps in potential
 - Project impacts
 - Provide solutions to maximize social
 - Economic, and environmental benefits
 - Provide evidence-based justification for project investments
 - Inform the donor on the potential returns of the investments and encourage further funding

Ongoing:

- **Contractor Mobilization:** The contractor is currently preparing is travel to Vanuatu. The contractor has received all transits Visa's and have launched the Vanuatu Visa Application on the 8 September 2024. The Contractor should be in Port Vila to travel to Site on the week of 21 October 2024.
- **Capacity Development Plan:** The capacity development plan including its detail action plan should be completed by the end of October 2024.
- **Community Based Management System (CBMS):** CBMS is being developed for management and operation of three sites is being developed – Prepaid voucher system. This is expected to be finalized be end of October 2024.
- **Laringmaat Evaluation Report:** The Laringmaat Bidder's Evaluation report should be completed by the end of October 2024.
- **Other Plans:** Community engagement plan and Construction Management Plan are expected to be completed by the end of October 2024.

Challenges encountered:

- Domestic flights from Port Vila to Pentecost is not regular due to the Air Vanuatu liquidation stage.
- The timeframe for the contractor to obtain Transit Visas and Vanuatu Visas take much time than anticipated.
- Due to Vanuatu's remoteness and the logistical difficulties of reaching the project site on Pentecost Island, no companies physically visiting the location of Laringmaat despite extending the procurement announcement.

About the Project

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

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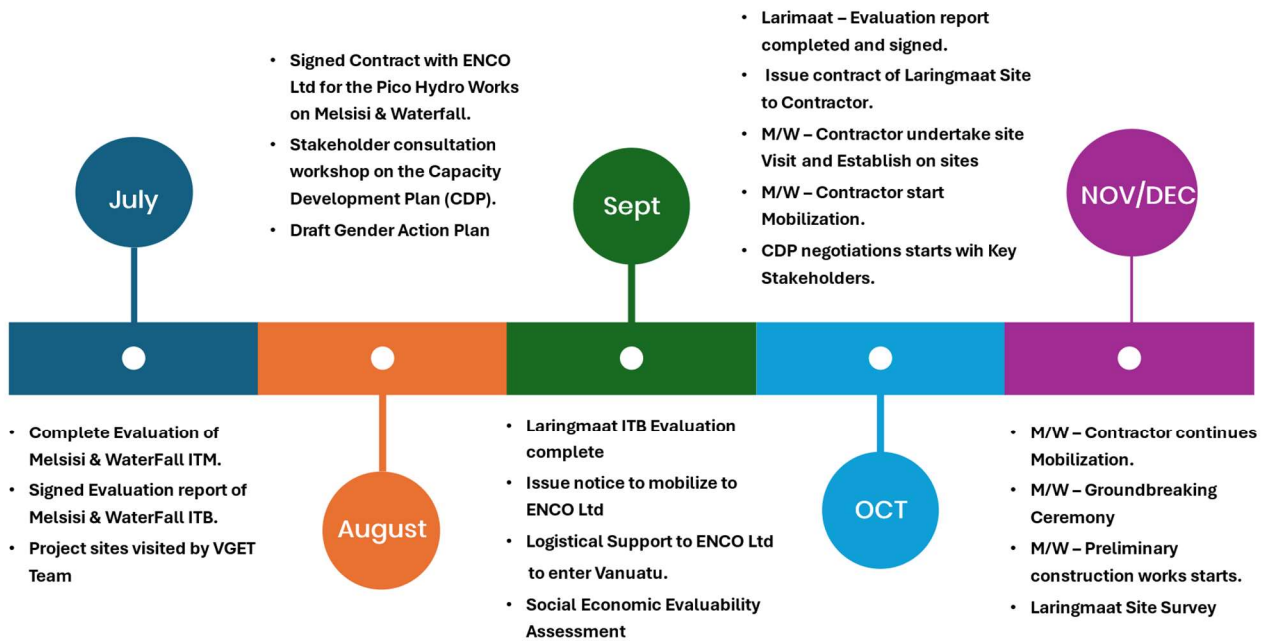
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Timeline and Planned Activities (1 July to 31 December 2024):

TIMELINE SLIDE



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