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PART 1

Introduction: The Community Risk Programme Manager (Alan Mearns), the High-Level Advocacy Team Leader (Dr Langi Kavaliku), and the TAF/OFDA Regional Training Programme Director (Kathryn Hawley) were invited by the World Bank to participate in a project review meeting with the contractors of components B1 of the World Bank Tonga Cyclone Emergency Recovery and Management Project and to hold discussions with key national stakeholders to assess the progress being made towards integrating SOPAC activities in both components B1 and B2 towards achieving long-term sustainability for the project.

Objective: To assess the progress of the integration of SOPAC activities with the World Bank Tonga Cyclone Emergency Recovery and Management Project and make appropriate recommendations for closer alignment of national and regional priorities.

List of People: As well as attending the stakeholder inception workshop, associated discussions were held with the following:

- Deputy Prime Minister;
- Minister for Foreign Affairs;
- Director of Works and the National Disaster Management Office;
- Deputy Director of the National Disaster Management Office;
- Director and Staff of Lands and Survey;
- Representatives of the Queensland Department of Emergency Services;
- Members of the National Disaster Management Committee; and
- William Paterson – World Bank.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SOPAC has agreed to support the World Bank Project implementation by aligning the Community Risk Programme's regional support initiatives with components B1 and B2 to ensure the long-term sustainability of the project.

It has been agreed with the World Bank that any activities carried out by SOPAC over and above its agreed work programme will be funded by the World Bank Project.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES/DISCUSSIONS	FOLLOW-UP ACTION REQUIRED
<p>Meeting with NDMO staff and QDES project staff</p> <p>The SOPAC team reviewed a draft NDMO restructuring document and discussed how SOPAC activities, including the TAF/OFDA training courses, could be integrated to ensure the sustainability of this component.</p>	SOPAC has been requested to conduct a more detailed review of the organisational arrangements for disaster management in Tonga
<p>Attendance at the Project Review Meeting</p> <p>The SOPAC team attended the meeting and contributed to the discussions regarding the progress of the B1 component</p>	No follow-up action required
<p>Meeting with SOPAC National Representative to discuss the B2 Project Component</p> <p>The SOPAC team met with Director and Staff of Lands and Survey and discussed how SOPAC activities could be integrated to ensure the sustainability of this component. It was agreed that a list of activities would be sent to SOPAC.</p>	SOPAC to evaluate the list of activities and report back to Tonga
<p>Meeting with Bill Paterson World Bank Consultant</p> <p>The SOPAC team met with Bill Paterson in Nadi on return from Tonga and discussed how SOPAC/regional activities could be integrated into the WB Project to ensure its ongoing sustainability.</p>	CRP staff to attend a joint B1 and B2 national risk management/CHARM in Tonga in May 2005

Annex Reference Documents

- Integration of Regional Disaster Risk Management capacity building activities – Concept Paper
- List of activities identified for SOPAC collaboration in CERMP B2 Component

Note: Annex document available on request from the Community Risk Programme
