

Weekly Wrap-Up Newsletter

The weekly wrap- up newsletter is a platform to link and update staff and project stakeholders on the happenings in all Project Implementation Units (PIUs) and Project Management Unit (PMU) on the progress of projects CAUSE implemented in various communities of Honiara, Guadalcanal (areas outside of town boundary), Auki, Gizo, Noro and Munda.

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World Bank Team visited Gizo, Munda and Noro.



A delegation from the World Bank including the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Infrastructure Development, and the City Clerk of the Honiara City Council visited Gizo, Noro and Munda recently. The visit is to see the development and the progress of work done so far by CAUSE Project. Since the Covid 19 period, such visit was not possible so it is a privilege for the team to see what's happening on the ground but also to meet with the Western Provincial Government and its stakeholders. Since establishment of CAUSE Project in Western Province four years ago especially in Noro, Munda and Gizo there are lot of improvements especially on footpaths, stairways, new markets and many more. Gizo Town Clerk Mr. Charles Kelly praised the Australian Government and the World Bank for the continuous support. Similar visit by the team to Auki is schedule for next week.

Visit to Munda - Shoreline Protection



The visiting team also visited the Munda Shoreline protection. In the past the shoreline is not conducive to travellers especially coming in and out of the market.

Visit to Noro - ISDT Training



Team was also pleased to catch up with the ISDT training currently on at Noro. More young people around Noro enrolled on ISDT. The training has empowered them to do other work apart from CAUSE short term engagement.

Warning/Safety Signage



A signage has been recently installed along the Climate Resilient especially on the Sharp Corner to warn passing vehicles but also the safety of people lives and properties. The project urge communities along these roads to respect it and not to vandalizes or remove the safety signage.

Auki - Unafi footpath completed



The 240 meters long Unafi footpath in Auki has finally completed. It took the workers a month to complete the work. Reports received from Auki confirmed residents within the community are pleased with the latest development in their door step.

Noro - Small Baru Market in Progress



Work on the Small Baru mini market at Noro is progressing well. Just last week there was profiling and this week truss of the building has been erected. By next week team will install the roofing.

Progress on Children's Park



Work on children's park is progressing well. So far the first section of form work has been completed awaiting for concrete pouring. Once the concrete fill in is done team will continue on extending the form work to the next section.

News/ Announcements.

- 1. The Australian Federal Police (AFP) has delivered specialist training and donated vehicles and weapons with a combined investment of over AUD \$1.3 million to the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF), which is continuing to strengthen its operational capability in the lead up to and beyond the Pacific Games 2023.
- 2. The celebrations continue for the national carrier and travellers across the Solomon Islands, with Solomon Airlines announcing heavily discounted fares on flights across the airline's domestic and international network. To celebrate the airline's 60th anniversary, for one week only, from the 1st of November to 7th November, return flights on the flagship of the domestic fleet, the 36-seat Dash-8, can be booked for 60% of the normal prices. The special 60% return fares apply to Dash 8 flights only operating between Honiara and Munda, Gizo, Kirakira, Auki, and Santa Cruz and also in the reverse direction, and on flights between Munda and Gizo.
- 3. Major construction work on the Tina River Hydropower Development Project (TRHDP) is moving ahead this month following the official ground-breaking ceremony on Wednesday 2nd November, at the project site in Central Guadalcanal.







