



## UN Women Assessment of First Bi-Annual Report 2017

### 1. Progress Towards Results

Comments on the over-all quality of the reports and the achievement of the grantees expected results:

*Any specific comments on achievement of political or economic empowerment of women?*

It was super fun to read your report and we cannot read it without smiling. Amazing results! The number of village representatives and village leaders advocating for Nofotane women and the project is impressive. So are the actual changes they brought about their communities. Well-done and congratulations for these successes and looking forward to hearing more success stories out of this project.

We understand the influential power of village leaders to their communities. So, it would be effective to engage them as the agents of change. Most of indicators are also looking at village leaders. As such, the report mainly focuses on it, too. We would also like to learn more about how other community members react, perceive, receive and observe what these leaders say and decide and changes they have implemented. We would like to learn more about the examples of the benefits these changes have brought to Nofotane and other women in their communities as well as how Nofotane women have changed as a result and how well they are performing with the new role in the village council, etc. in contributing to their family and the community.

### 2. Good Practices and Innovations

Comments and thoughts from UN Women on the good practices and innovations shared by the grantee:

It could be extremely difficult to change mentality and attitude of leaders in other parts of the world. But when it comes to SVSG, it looks so easy. Cultural sensitivity and non-confronting messaging are key factor. But, we would like to know what is the secret recipe of success when you train them and transform them into true supporter of Nofotane women and gender equality? What was it in the training that really clicked in their heads?

### 3. Programme Context Analysis

Comments and thoughts from UN Women on the Programme Context information that was shared by the grantee:

General election results, labor and employment relations regulations, parliamentary debate, we are glad that all help push the project implementation.

As for the parliamentary debate, as per detailed comments provided in the report, we would like to know what brought Nofotane women and the project to the parliamentary session as a subject of debate, what made this one MP against Nofotane and the project, what made him misunderstand or misinform the project, if any other MPs supporting his argument, if they would continue to speak against the project, how you intend to deal with them, address misunderstanding/misinformation, persuade them to change their positions and buy in their support for the project.

#### 4. Partnerships

Comments and thoughts from UN Women on the Partnerships section of the report:

Now you have PM supporting Nofotane and the project, you have five women MPs as well as women deputy PM. Have you approached them for more support to the project and for Nofotane women so you can accelerate the change? Or do you intend to do so, so you can leverage the current momentum?

You have collaborated with NHRI. Have you established continued partnership out of this instance or strengthen your ties with NHRI out of it? Or do you intend to do so and how?

#### 5. Beneficiaries

Comments and thoughts from UN Women to the grantee regarding the section on beneficiaries:

It is impressive that 91% of trained village representatives advocating for Nofotane women and the project. Could you please elaborate why the remaining 9% did not do so and how you want to address that?

It is also remarkable about the number of village leaders whom village representatives persuaded to advocate for Nofotane women and the project. we would like to hear more about how the village representatives did that successfully, any challenges and difficulties identified and how they overcome these.

#### 6. Feedback for the Fund for Gender Equality

Thank you to the SVSG team for their input in this section. As you know, given the difficulties/challenges grantees and UN Women staff faced with the GMS we have decided to discontinue the use this system. We want to thank you for all your time and patience with the Fund as we strive to always better our processes and methods. We thank you for participating in the communicating for results workshop and commend you as we see a clear indication of the results of this workshop in this report as it is much clearer and more evidence based than previous reports. Thank you!

**7. Communications and Knowledge Management**

Comments and thoughts from UN Women on the communications and knowledge management aspect of the grantee's programme (*including any follow up we at UN Women would like to do regarding potential stories for change*):

We would like to thank you for sending us all of the annexes, stories and photos of SVSG activities. We also thank you very much for your additional support in developing a couple of stories with the FGE team in this past few months. As you know, your programme was featured in FGE's Annual Report and on our website which was valuable. We also thank you on behalf of FGE for participating in the communicating for results meeting in June 2017.

**8. Programme Monitoring Framework (PMF) submitted by the grantee**

Comments and thoughts from UN Women on the PMF submitted by the grantee:

Please update the timeframe in the Workplan for the activities 1.1.3, 1.1.4., 1.2.1., and activities under output 2.1.

**9. Financial Report submitted by the grantee**

Comments and thoughts from UN Women on the excel financial report submitted by the grantee:

We received your Q2 2017 report end of August and as you know, we have been in direct contact with you in order to clarify a few issues. Thank you for these clarifications. I, Katsuhiko will be in touch with you bilaterally to finalize the Q2 and get your signatures as needed in order to process the next tranche (2<sup>nd</sup> disbursement) as you have spent 80% of the first tranche of funds.

Please note that, we do wish to underline that your programme (as per PCA agreement signed with UN Women) is ending on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. We note that by end of Q2 2017 you had spent 81,219.49 US\$ which is not yet 50% of the total programme funds. Gentle reminder that – as per UN Women guidelines - you will not be allowed to spend any funds beyond the 1 August 2018 programme end date.

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