

Meeting with MIA and MWYSSA
On Option paper for funding options and requirements
24 February, 2021
NEPO Boardroom, Bairiki

Attendance:

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| 1. Teema Biko, Project Manager | ECD |
| 2. Vanessa Vaai | NEPO |
| 3. Rueni Ruubo, | MWYSSA |
| 4. Teburea Kaono | MIA |

1. Welcome Remarks

- PM thanked the representatives for joining the meeting. He added that the meeting was recommended by the TTF members to further review the option paper with concern Ministries given they are the lead Ministry for coordination of NGO community, women, and youths. Also, the TTF believes there are funding opportunities available by these Ministries.

2. Discuss the option paper

- PM presented the draft option paper and then invited comments from the meeting.
- PM noted there should be a link in the option paper with the registration process of NGOs with MYSSA. It should be useful for MWYSSA to attach a brief narrative explaining the registration process for communities and NGOs.
- Vanessa suggested that MYSSA clearly outline the steps for NGOs including communities to register by MWYSSA. This is important given most of donor especially bilateral agencies such as MFAT and DFAT would require a community to be recognized by the Government (registered by MWYSSA) before they can access the small grant funding.
- Teburea noted that councils in the outer islands assisted their communities write up project proposal. The island project priority usually determined by the full council of the day. In addition, she said the council also assisted communities develop their project proposal but community need to register first with the council. Unfortunately, council don't have written guidance or procedures for accessing funds from donors. She acknowledged the support provided by the project to develop this guidance for community.
- Rueni from MWYSSA confirmed that the Ministry amongst others is responsible to distribute the resources to recognize NGOs. This also include providing them with information about funding opportunities and seeking funding for them. This also applied for women/gender programmes.
- Rueni added, the NGOs and CBOs (Community-based organization) group need to be registered to be able to access those support from the Ministry. both organizations before applying for donor funding are required to register at MWYSSA.

3. Way forward

- Meeting agreed to include in the option paper brief information on the requirements that are common for donors such as:
 - i. The need for Community-based Organizations (**CBOs**) and Non-government Organizations (**NGOs**) to be recognized by Government (by MWYSSA)
 - ii. CBOs and NGOs need to be registered at MWYSSA as it is a requirement by most donors
 - iii. The need for application (project application) to be written in **English**
- MWYSSA to provide information (guidance) on community registration – what are the requirements etc.
- MIA to confirm the process for community registration administered by the **Island Councils**.
- MWYSSA and MIA to review the draft option paper internally (1 week) and **add** more information if any on the funding streams and requirements they are aware of.

Without any further comment, the meeting adjourned at 12.15pm.

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