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Honorable Connelly Sandakabatu
Minister
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Dear Honorable Minister:

***Subject: Announcement of the Twelfth Joint Donor Review
- Solomon Islands Rural Development Program (November 28 to December 6, 2013)***

I am pleased to announce a joint World Bank-Australian Aid Joint Review mission for the Rural Development Program (RDP). It is proposed that the mission will take place from November 28 to December 6, 2013.

There are two main objectives of this mission. First, the mission review implementation progress of the RDP since the last joint review mission held in April 2013 and to provide support as needed to the executing agency to continue its implementation of the program. Secondly, the mission will initiate initial discussions with government on the design of a follow-on project which would commence at the conclusion of the current project.

From November 18 – 29, the mission will focus on implementation review, concluding with a wrap-up meeting on November 29th. From December 2 – 6, some members of the mission will continue to hold discussions with government, in particular the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, regarding the agriculture component of a potential follow-on project. The latter will include a presentation of preliminary findings of a Cocoa and Coconut Value Chain Analysis.

The mission will work closely with the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) in MDPAC to:

- Review progress on actions agreed during the eleventh joint review mission;
- Conduct a financial management review, including a visit to the Isabel Provincial Support Unit, review of the 2012 audit response, and a review of the 3rd quarter 2013 IFR;
- Assess the status and implications of delayed government counterpart funding;
- Review work plan and estimated budget for 2014-2015;

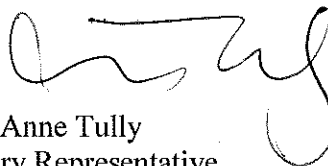
- Review subproject completion rates and advise on steps to increase the speed of subproject completion;
- Review the data reported through the newly revised Results Framework, including the results of the recent program evaluation;
- Convene a two-day Community-Driven Development Lessons Learned to assist in problem solving for the remainder of the project and to inform the design of a follow-on project;
- Review the support by relevant government authorities at the national and provincial levels to enhance the implementation of the program.

The mission will hold meetings in Honiara with key government agencies and stakeholders. The mission and members from the PCU and other government agencies will also travel to Central, Guadalcanal and Malaita Provinces. Findings and agreements reached during the mission will be presented at a wrap-up meeting to be chaired by MDPAC towards the end of the mission.

The mission will be led by Erik Johnson, as Task Team Leader. The mission will also include Anne Tully (Country Representative), Ruth Alsop (Social Development Specialist/Consultant), Alison Ofofala (Communications Associate), Vic Bottini (Community Driven Development Advisor/Consultant), Daniel Vadnjal (Agriculture Partnership Coordinator/Consultant), and Kazim Rahim (Agriculture Economist/ FAO Consultant) from the World Bank. Rochelle White (Development Councillor), Luke Simmons (Rural Development Specialist), Judy Tarilopo, and Francesca Lawe-Davies will join from the Australian Aid, as well as Norman Messer and David Young from IFAD. Representatives of Mondelez International (Cadbury) will also join discussions regarding future partnership in supporting the cocoa sector.

The mission members will work closely with the RDP management team in MDPAC and MAL in order to finalize the detailed mission schedule. Your support to this important program is highly appreciated, and I look forward to the continuation of our excellent collaboration. In view of their interest in this topic, I am copying the officials listed below.

Sincerely,



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Honorable, Rick Nelson Houenipwela, Minister, Ministry of Finance and Treasury

Honorable, David Tome, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

Mr. Shadrach Fanega, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Treasury

Mr. Jeremiah Manele, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Development, Planning & Aid
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Mr. Jimi Saelea, Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

Mrs. Nancy Legua, Undersecretary, Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional
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Mrs. Dalcy Tozaka-Ilala, Director – FEDU, Ministry of Finance & Treasury

Ms. Susan Sulu, Director, Aid Coordination Division, Ministry of Development, Planning & Aid
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Mr. Lottie Vaisekavea, Program Manager, Rural Development Project

Provincial Secretaries of Choiseul, Isabel, Makira, Malaita, Temotu, Guadalcanal, Central and
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Ms. Chase Palmeri, Country Program Manager, Asia and the Pacific Division, IFAD

Ms. Rochelle White, Councillor, AusAID

Mr. Luke Simmons, Rural Development Advisor, Australian Aid

Mr. Marc Van Uytvanck, European Union