



## **SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT**

### **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION OF THE LDCs**

**2004**

## MEMORANDUM

1. Solomon Islands had been facing a serious civil unrest so called Ethnic Tension until July 2003. It destroyed most of the governmental and economical services. After the Regional Assistance Mission for Solomon Islands (RAMSI) arrived, Solomon Islands reached a recovery stage. To restore and to advance its development programs, the Solomon Islands Government (SIG) has developed the Solomon Islands National Economic Recovery, Reform and Development Plan 2003-2006 (NERRDP) in October 2003, which outlines Government's 5 key strategic areas. There are:
  - 1) Normalizing Law and Order and Security Situation
  - 2) Strengthening Democracy, Human Rights and Good Governance
  - 3) Restoring Fiscal and Financial Stability and Reforming the Public Sector
  - 4) Revitalizing the Productive Sector and Rebuilding Supporting Infrastructure
  - 5) Restoring Basic Social Services and Fostering Social Development
2. The data of this report is based on the 'NERRDP Action Matrix – Report for 1 January to 30 September 2004', which is the Monitoring Report on Implementation of the NERRDP. Due to the time frame of the report, not all the actual implementation result between Octobers – December 2004 was checked. This report mentioned these activities as 'on-going' and/or 'expected'.
3. This report provides a representative picture of progress with NERRDP implementation. It is not an attempt to record every achievement during the period for reporting, but to provide a summary that reflects progress across commitments.
4. Completion of this report is 24<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

## ABBREVIATIONS

AG Attorney General  
CLAW Customary Land Awareness Workshops  
DAL Department of Agriculture and Livestock  
DFEC Department of Forestry, Environment and Conservation  
DID Department of Infrastructure Development  
DNURP Department of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace  
HFC Home Finance Cooperation  
ICT Information and Communication Technology

CBSI Central Bank of Solomon Islands  
CPRF Community Peace Restoration Fund  
DBSI Development Bank of Solomon Islands (DBSI)  
DFMR Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources  
DLS Department of Lands and Survey  
DPP Director of Public Prosecutions  
ICSI Investment Corporation of Solomon Islands  
IPAM Institute of Public Administration and Management

NCP and NpoA National Children's Policy and Plan of Action  
 NERRDP Solomon Islands National Economic Recovery, Reform and Development Plan 2003-2006  
 OPMC Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
 PHC Primary Health Care  
 PSC Public Service Commission  
 PSO Office of the Public Solicitor  
 SIPL Solomon Islands Plantations Limited  
 SCS Special Constables  
 SIBC Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation  
 SIEA Solomon Islands Electricity Authority  
 RIPEL Russell Islands Plantation Estate Limited  
 SISTA Solomon Islands Standard Test Assessment  
 SOE State Owned Enterprises  
 SPREP South Pacific Regional Environment Programme

PEAP Provincial Education Action Plan  
 PPF Participating Police Force  
 PSD Public Service Division  
 RAMSI Regional Assistance Mission for Solomon Islands  
 RSIP Royal Solomon Islands Police  
 SBAP Small Business Assistance Project  
 SICHE Solomon Islands College of Higher Education  
 SIG Solomon Islands Government  
 SIPS Solomon Islands Prison Service  
 SIWA Solomon Islands Water Authority  
 SPC Secretariat of the Pacific Community  
 TOL Temporary Occupation Licences

# SOLOMON ISLANDS

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN 2004

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| NO. | GOALS AND TARGETS  | ADOPTED POLICIES AND UNDERTAKEN MEASURES  | COMMENTS  |
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| 1.  | <p>COMMITMENT 1. FOSTERING A PEOPLE-CENTRED POLICY FRAMEWORK</p> <p>Goal 1. Make substantial progress toward halving the proportion of people living in extreme poverty by 2015.</p> <p>Goal 2. Make substantial progress towards halving the proportion of people from hunger by 2015.</p> <p>Goal 3. Attain a GDP growth rate of at least 7 per cent annum.</p> <p>Goal 4. Increase the ratio of investment to GDP to 25 per cent per annum.</p> | <p><i>(Note: Most of the adopted policies and undertaken measures are covered under commitment 2-7)</i></p> <p>Achieve inflation rate below 5% by 2005 and thereafter maintain below 5%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual inflation for three months to September 2004 was 7.2 per cent</li> <li>October 2004 external reserves were equivalent to just over 7 months import cover</li> </ul> <p>Achieve external reserves level equivalent to 3 months import cover by end 2004 and increase to 5 months import cover by end 2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 2004 external reserves were equivalent to just over 7 months import cover</li> </ul> <p>Initiate household income and expenditure survey in 2004 and produce survey report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding proposal prepared and submitted. AusAID/INZAID funding identified through SPC Statistics program.</li> <li>Sign-off Exchange of Letters and commence preparatory work</li> <li>Complete must be 2005</li> </ul> <p>Resume annual employment survey to monitor employment trends and produce 2003 report in 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey commenced</li> <li>Maintain Survey work</li> <li>Complete must be June 2005</li> </ul> <p>Determine child mortality rate by province</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Health Information Systems upgraded</li> <li>Analysis of provincial health data to determine child mortality rate. (by December 2004)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Y2004, priority has been given for the restoration of Social Services and as well as for restoration of Law and Order. Specific objectives of these areas, especially Law &amp; Order, have been achieved and progressed well with the timely assistance of RAMSI and Development partners.</li> <li>SIG's next immediate priority now is to kick-start the economic wheels to reactivate economic activities and commercial developments. New sites for agriculture development have also been identified. These critical steps were taken to promote human security to restore the life and safety without fear and to receive fundamental social services</li> <li>Implementation of the NERRDP is progressing well and the SIG with the assistance of Donor partners, have identified and considered rehabilitation of supporting infrastructure to ensure economic development progress.</li> <li>Issues for Public sector reform and financial and fiscal stability are commencing and will be the</li> </ul> |

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priorities of the next years to come.

- SIG still have a shortage of statistical data collection system. This has been a major hindrance to planning and forecasting economic and human resources development. The SIG affirms this to be the issue of the next stage of the activities to achieve the above stated key strategic areas.

**COMMITMENT 2. GOOD GOVERNANCE AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS**

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| <p>2.</p> <p><u>Normalizing Law and Order and Security Situation (special focus on Solomon Islands)</u></p> | <p>Security climate normalized throughout Solomon Islands including Honiara, Malaita and Guadalcanal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deployment of up to 300 external police officers (backed by military personnel) from nine regional countries under RAMSI</li> <li>• Police patrols re-established in key provincial centres and communities throughout country</li> <li>• Provision RAMSI police guarding services to key government buildings and installations in Honiara</li> <li>• Investigation by police (including RAMSI) into serious crimes throughout the country leading to almost 500 arrests</li> <li>• Over 100 alleged criminals (including militant leaders) remanded in custody awaiting prosecution for serious crimes</li> <li>• Weathercoast conflict resolved, including surrender of militant leader Harold Keke</li> <li>• Substantial reduction in serious crime and intimidation throughout the country</li> <li>• Increase manpower and provide better support services to Police officers in Guadalcanal and Malaita (on-going)</li> <li>• Delivery of improved Policing services in the two provinces (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Police services to be re-established in all Provinces in 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating Police Force (PPF) presence established in all provinces, with a total of 17 PPF Police Posts constructed outside Honiara</li> <li>• Development of a model for police posts for policing services across all provinces</li> <li>• A "tier two" inter-island maritime transport capability trialed to supplement the two existing Pacific Patrol Boats</li> <li>• Commencement of roll-out of a "first tier" maritime capability (up to 20 six-metre vessels enabling coastal patrols for provinces) in provincial locations</li> <li>• Maintain Provincial presence (on-going)</li> <li>• Provide improved support services to provinces (on-going)</li> <li>• Continue improvements to maritime capability (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Reform programme for Royal Solomon Islands Police Force and Prison Service completed in 2004 and continue capacity building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development and implementation of Royal Solomon Islands Police (RSIP) Strategic</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restoring Law and Order is the most critical and urgent issues (on governance) in 2004 for Solomon Islands. Many efforts with the assistance of RAMSI and Development Partners have drastically changed the situation and stable governance restored.</li> <li>• Reforming of the Public Sector has been another major development in this area. A number of achievements have been made with respect to public sector reform. A localised departmental restructure has formed the new Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and Department of the Public Service. By the end of 2004, a Public Service Reform Unit would have been established, and reforms to the public service recruitment process would have commenced</li> <li>• Preparation of the draft Federal Constitution has also been prioritized in 2004 and, a draft has been launched</li> <li>• Rebuilding capacity of provincial governments was one priority area in the reform process but resource</li> </ul> |

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|  | <p>Review aimed at identifying sustainable strategies to enable effective operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of new training strategy and improved management of RSP training programs</li> <li>• New Corporate Plan for Solomon Islands Prison Service (SIPS) developed and being implemented, with a focus on Secure and Humane containment; Welfare and Rehabilitation; and Development of SIPS members</li> <li>• Continuation of Strategic Review and Implementation of agreed recommendations under relevant Terms of Reference (on-going)</li> <li>• Strengthen links between PPF and RSP (on-going)</li> <li>• Commencement of SIPS restructuring, including introduction of additional operational positions under the General Manager, Rove Prison (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Public confidence in police services built and regained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RSP effectively disarmed and the former Special Tasks and Rescue Division disbanded</li> <li>• Tough disciplinary measures taken against Police officers breaking the law, with over 50 RSP members arrested, prosecutions for serious offences, and over 400 sacked</li> <li>• New Professional Standards and Internal Investigations reporting and investigations framework established</li> <li>• Prioritization of internal investigations to identify corrupt officers and "clean up the force"</li> <li>• Disciplinary arrangements applying to RSP reviewed</li> <li>• New recruitment recommenced in July 2004 for the first time since the tensions began</li> <li>• New Recruit Course to be completed (on-going)</li> <li>• Develop and implement strategies leading to improved relations between Police and Communities (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Retrieve and destroy illegal weapons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of more than 3,700 guns collected and destroyed, including about 700 high-powered weapons</li> <li>• Implementation of continuing program to locate, retrieve and destroy illegal weapons</li> <li>• Ongoing liaison with communities and follow-up on information received Implementation of continuing program to locate, retrieve and destroy outstanding illegal weapons (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Demobilize special constables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stand-down and Demobilization of 243 Special Constables-- bringing the total number of Special Constables demobilized to over 1200</li> <li>• Demobilization workshops completed in all provinces</li> <li>• Interviews and counseling completed for all Special Constables</li> <li>• Provision of a "safety net" allowance to all demobilized Special Constables</li> <li>• Provision of income generation grants and technical assistance to demobilized Special Constables</li> <li>• Reduction in SIG expenditure through termination of Special Constables payroll costs</li> </ul> <p>Enhance the capacity and safeguard the independence of the judiciary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Court construction commenced to increase rooms available for High Court hearings</li> <li>• Administration of High Court improved through engagement of a Courts Chief Executive</li> </ul> | <p>constraints have prevented substantive progress. Provincial Government capacity has suffered badly from poor resource, particularly since the tension period began.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building the capability of Provincial administrations is a multi-faceted and challenging objective that will demand increased future resource from both SIG and Development Partners. If the new Constitution is adopted, this need will become particularly acute.</li> <li>• It was agreed that the Public Service General Orders would be reissued. Since that time, copies have been printed and distributed to public sector agencies.</li> <li>• Capacity deficits in the offices of the Ombudsman, the Public Service Commission and the Leadership Code Commission have not yet been improved. However, these important watchdog institutions will receive support during 2005, under the RAMSI Machinery of Government program. This tightening of oversight institutions is welcomed by SIG, in the spirit of transparency and accountability.</li> <li>• Regular meetings of Permanent Secretaries have been held, to improve information flow and policy development.</li> </ul> |
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| <p><b>Officer Adviser</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of strategy to streamline Magistrates' Court call over and hearings system in Honiara, to reduce administration delays and costs</li> <li>• MOU with PNG drafted for provision of up to two Principal Magistrates in 2005</li> <li>• Court room 1 refurbished and another High Court building refurbished to provide a third courtroom (second criminal court)</li> <li>• A series of Judicial training courses provided through the Pacific Judicial Education Program</li> <li>• Sitting of the Court of Appeal in November 2004 (on-going)</li> <li>• Reduce number of trial cases to be heard in the High Court (on-going)</li> <li>• Appointment of a fourth (replacement) Puisne Judge and up to two new Judges (on-going)</li> <li>• Solomon Islands Judicial Conference scheduled for December 2004 (on-going)</li> <li>• Negotiate agreement on MOU with PNG Government for provision of up to two principal magistrates in 2005 (on-going)</li> <li>• Continue court refurbishment and court construction works (on-going)</li> </ul> <p><b>Build capacity in Attorney General's chambers and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions(DPP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment and provision of qualified expatriate lawyers to fill positions as Solicitor-General and Deputy Legal Drafter in the Chambers of the Attorney-General(AG) and up to four mentoring prosecutors with the DPP</li> <li>• Provision of offices, office equipment, and furniture for AG's Chambers and Office of the DPP</li> <li>• Commencement of mentoring program and a range of specialist legal training for local lawyers</li> <li>• Training in computer skills, accounting principles, and financial management delivered</li> <li>• Increased capacity within AG's Chambers to support civil litigation</li> <li>• Improved quality of legal drafting</li> <li>• Increased number and quality of prosecutions pursued by the DPP</li> <li>• Recruitment of new DPP following the appointment of former DPP to the High Court Bench(by January 2005)</li> <li>• Replacements for outgoing expatriate prosecutors selected and mobilized (by January 2005)</li> <li>• DPP office manager to be recruited and mobilized (by January 2005)</li> <li>• Additional legal texts procured and delivered for AG's Chambers and Office of the DPP (by January 2005)</li> </ul> <p><b>Enhance the capacity of the Office of the Public Solicitor (PSO)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment and provision of eight qualified expatriate lawyers as mentoring solicitors with the PSO, and mentoring program for local lawyers commenced</li> <li>• PSO administration improved, including through the introduction of filing and case management systems</li> <li>• Provision of offices, office equipment, furniture and generator</li> <li>• Specialist legal training delivered to Solomon Islands legal staff</li> <li>• Training in computer skills, accounting principles, and financial management delivered</li> </ul> |  |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of a weekly legal clinic to service "legal aid" clients</li> <li>• Significant increase in number of criminal, civil and family cases defended, and</li> <li>• Substantial improvement in quality of defence</li> <li>• Review the PSO to assess most effective and efficient model for delivery of defence and legal aid services (by January 2005)</li> <li>• Additional legal texts procured and delivered for AG's Chambers and Office of the DPP (by January 2005)</li> </ul> <p>Prosecution of all offenders regardless of status and position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing Prosecution of cases in the Magistrates Courts (Honiara and Provinces) and restarting of Criminal hearings in the High Court after a considerable period of low activity</li> <li>• Increase in the number of advisers (to four) attached to the Police Prosecutions Branch</li> <li>• Increased rate of investigation and arrest for serious offences, including corruption and violence/murder/rape</li> <li>• Charging and prosecution of alleged criminals regardless of ethnicity or position/status (including business people, politicians, police officers, ex-militants, and public servants)</li> <li>• Increase in number of successful prosecutions by Police Prosecutions Branch and DPP respectively</li> <li>• Continue with trials, hearings, and prosecution of outstanding criminal cases (on-going)</li> <li>• Prepare for prosecution of ongoing criminal cases (including high profile cases) scheduled to commence January 2005 (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>All outstanding cases in 2003 cleared by end 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantial reduction in Magistrates Court backlog</li> <li>• Commencement of reduction of High Court backlog</li> <li>• Funding and coordination of Magistrates and High Court Circuits throughout Solomon Islands, reducing the Provincial backlog</li> <li>• Significant increase in the number of court cases finalised, following appointment of two additional expatriate Magistrates</li> <li>• Reduction of 1856 outstanding Magistrates Court cases to 354</li> <li>• Continuation of trials in Magistrates and High Court (Honiara and Provinces) (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Magistrates Court in Auki and Gizo refurbished and operational by end 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magistrates Court Building in Gizo refurbished and operational (under private funding)</li> <li>• Magistrates Office in Gizo moved to a temporary office building</li> <li>• Site visits conducted in Auki and Gizo to assess requirements and develop a scope and proposal for refurbishing Court and/or associated office infrastructure</li> <li>• Permanent Principal Magistrate based in Gizo</li> <li>• Permanent Magistrate identified for Auki</li> <li>• Seek funding support for Gizo and Auki Magistrates Court Offices and Building project (on-going)</li> <li>• Resolve land dispute relating to Auki Magistrates Court Building (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Implement a community reconciliation and reintegration program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Peace Council and RAMSI conducted 21 reconciliation ceremonies around Guadalcanal and almost the same number for Malaita</li> </ul> |  |
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|  | <p>• DNURP Guadalcanal Desk conducted field situation analysis of Babanakira/T'angarare areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DNURP Malaita Desk conducted field situation analysis of the Province and consulted with Provincial authorities.</li> <li>• Further reconciliation ceremonies (on-going)</li> <li>• Reintegration and rehabilitation activities (on-going)</li> <li>• Conduct situation analysis of Saloma/Naro – West Guadalcanal and South Guadalcanal (on-going)</li> <li>• Conduct situation analysis of Northern, Central, Southern and Malaita Outer Islands regions (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Counselling centres operational in Auki, Guadalcanal and Honiara by mid 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guadalcanal and Malaita Centres established.</li> <li>• DNURP officer position established in Malaita, to facilitate counselling and reconciliation</li> <li>• Establishment of Honiara Centre. (by December 2004)</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Implementation for Good Governance</b></p> <p>New Federal Constitution with strengthened Bill of Rights launched on 7 July 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Constitution completed and submitted to Cabinet for consideration.</li> <li>• Legal officer recruited to OPMC to implement any amendments and take process forward</li> </ul> <p>Bring the annual accounts of government up to date and complete audit of the accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1997-1999 Financial Statements prepared</li> <li>• Information supporting appropriations compiled</li> <li>• 2003 Bank reconciliations partially prepared</li> <li>• Commence 1997-1999 audit (expected)</li> <li>• Appoint external accountant to prepare 2000-2003 financial statements(expected)</li> </ul> <p>Publish SIG accounts monthly and distribute to departments (on-going)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly ledger reports showing expenditure distributed</li> <li>• Summarised monthly management reports prepared and provided on a request basis to departments</li> <li>• Quarterly review reports prepared and distributed on ad hoc basis</li> <li>• On-going provision of monthly management reports</li> <li>• Refinement of reporting formats</li> </ul> <p>Bring State Owned Enterprises(SOE) accounts up to date, and have them audited</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Advisor engaged to conduct Investment Corporation of Solomon Islands (ICSI) needs assessment</li> <li>• Dependent upon outcome of needs assessment(expected)</li> </ul> <p>National Parliamentary timetable adhered to with meetings at least twice a year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session of Parliament held in May-June and November-December 2004</li> </ul> |  |
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|  | <p>Build capacity in offices of Ombudsman, Public Service Commission and Leadership Code Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secured commitment to increase establishments in 2005.</li> </ul> <p>Public Service General Orders and Financial Instructions revised and distributed to officers, with training completed by end 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secured commitment to re-issue General Orders in 2004 and revise in 2005</li> <li>Re-print and distribute General Orders to stakeholder institutions (by 2005)</li> <li>Conduct 2-day HR practices Training Program (by 2005)</li> <li>Commence revision of the Administrative Orders into 4 handbooks, for Cabinet, Permanent Secretaries, Legislators and Parliamentarians (by 2005)</li> </ul> <p>Produce a balanced government budget which delivers an adequate level of services, without the need for budget support from development partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2005 Budget Process and Draft Ministry Baseline budgets distributed</li> <li>Ministry Baseline Budgets Submitted</li> <li>Budget Bill Submitted to Cabinet and Parliament</li> </ul> <p>Verify the government payroll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleansing of payroll by Treasury Division (on-going)</li> <li>Department of Education review and cleanse payroll in Provinces (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Enforce compliance with the Public Finance and Audit Act and the Financial Instructions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing review and enforcement of compliance</li> <li>Department of Fisheries audit completed</li> <li>Financial Controls Audit completed</li> <li>Financial Controls Audit of Ministry of Natural Resources commenced</li> <li>Internal and External Audit (on-going)</li> <li>Ongoing financial management training for Departmental officials (expected)</li> <li>Commence Forestry Department Audit (expected)</li> </ul> <p>Review and reform plan for the Public Service completed, costed and agreed by third quarter 2004 for inclusion in 2005 Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restructure to form Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and Department of the Public Service completed</li> <li>Public Service Reform Unit transferred from Department of national Reform and Planning to Public Service Division (PSD)</li> <li>2001 and 2002 outstanding redundancy exercise completed. 2003 and 2004 redundancies and retirees list finalised for costing.</li> <li>Doctors' Scheme of Services finalised.</li> <li>Review and formulation of other schemes of services continues.</li> <li>Review of Public Service Structure policy 34/92, General Orders and Public Service Act</li> <li>Temporary re-location of PSD and Department of Foreign Affairs while offices are renovated</li> <li>Renovation of the old Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation (SIBC) building to accommodate Institute of Public Administration and Management (IPAM); IPAM Director</li> </ul> |  |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• appointed.</li> <li>• Cabinet decision to require all departments to submit budget based corporate plans</li> <li>• Regular meetings of Permanent Secretaries held, to improve information flow and policy development.</li> <li>• Costing of 2003 and 2004 redundancies and retirees completed (by December 2004)</li> <li>• Costing completed in 2002. (by December 2004)</li> <li>• Public Service Commission (PSC) endorsement (by December 2004)</li> <li>• New Nurses Scheme of Service finalised. (by December 2004)</li> <li>• Establishment of the Public Service Reform Unit and Review Committee. (by December 2004)</li> <li>• Reform public service recruitment process (by December 2004)</li> <li>• PSD moves to temporary premises (until Dec. 2005); Re-establish IPAM, temporarily co-located with PSD; appoint 3 Course coordinators (by December 2004)</li> <li>• Redevelop SIG website and laws online - design and development phase (by December 2004)</li> </ul> <p>Reform &amp; Restructure &amp; Capacity building of Department of Agriculture and Livestock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAL staff training needs identified</li> <li>• Formulate DAL Corporate Plan for 2005 – 2007 (by December 2004)</li> <li>• Develop 2005 – 2007 DAL Strategic Plan (by December 2005)</li> </ul> <p>Reform and build capacity of Department of Forestry, Environment and Conservation (DFEC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restructuring of Forestry Division completed</li> <li>• Undertook Human Resource Development Program, including Short and long term training, and on-the-job training</li> <li>• New Scheme of Service developed</li> <li>• Graduation of a female officer with Diploma in Forestry from NZ (by December 2004)</li> <li>• Promotion of officers to appropriate levels within Forestry Division (by December 2004)</li> <li>• Presentation of Scheme of Service to PSD for approval (by December 2004)</li> <li>• PSD to advertise new positions, carry out redundancies and deal with disciplinary backlog (by December 2004)</li> </ul> <p>Reforming and building capacity of the Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources (DFMR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft DFMR Scheme of Service and Fisheries Charter prepared</li> <li>• Finalise draft Scheme of Service and submit for PSD consideration (By December 2004)</li> <li>• Finalise Charter draft (By December 2004)</li> </ul> <p>Reform and Build capacity in Department of Lands and Survey (DLS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate Plan and Work Plans reviewed</li> <li>• Training program developed</li> <li>• Standard Operating Procedures developed and revised</li> <li>• Land administration systems refined and developed to improve effectiveness of Digital Land Database, Formula Valuation System, Land Transaction System</li> <li>• Report on capacity building framework and competency based training (On-going)</li> <li>• Continuation of on-the-job and formal training (On-going)</li> </ul> |  |
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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshops on customer focus, management, leadership, communications etc. (On-going)</li> <li>• Completion of new Valuation System(On-going)</li> <li>• Completion of new Land Rent Management System(On-going)</li> <li>• Ongoing development of Land Transaction Tracking System(On-going)</li> <li>• Develop performance based appraisal plans(On-going)</li> <li>• Implement and refine Standard Operating Procedures(On-going)</li> </ul> <p>Establish hospital financial management system, hospital information management system, hospital quality management system, and review referral system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infection Control Policy developed and endorsed.</li> <li>• New Hospital Database installed at the National Referral Hospital.</li> <li>• Health Information System upgraded.</li> <li>• Reproductive Health Information System database – pilot phase.</li> <li>• ICD 10 implemented</li> <li>• Development and installation of Hospital Database in Provincial hospitals. (By December 2005)</li> <li>• Ongoing installation of Reproductive Health Information database, and associated training. (By November 2004)</li> <li>• Implementation of Management Training Program (By November 2004)</li> <li>• Situational Analysis and Primary Health Care (PHC) evaluation survey of the National Health Review in progress.</li> <li>• Workshop on Data compilation and analysis for the National Health Review.(By December)</li> </ul> <p>Teaching service payroll validation completed by end 2004, full personnel records by 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher tracking study and Action Plan recommendations completed</li> <li>• Implementation of Action Plan (December 2004)</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>COMMITMENT 3. BUILDING HUMAN AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES</b></p> |  |  |
| <p>3. <u>A. Social Infrastructure and social service delivery</u></p>   | <p>Reallocate education expenditure towards primary and lower secondary education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased budget provisions in 2004 grant (NZAID grant to primary)</li> <li>• Increased budget provision for lower secondary under SIG and EU/STABEX Small Scale Grant Programme</li> <li>• Increase allocation in 2005 budget</li> </ul> <p>Establish a comprehensive education management information system by end of 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey instruments revised</li> <li>• Software developed</li> <li>• Historical data 2000-2003 cleansed</li> <li>• Carry out 2004 school survey (on-going)</li> <li>• Installation of network and training (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Commence tribal lands pilot project in 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Customary Land Awareness Workshops (CLAW) conducted in East Malaita.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and health are the two most critical areas of concern for human security and also economic development recovery</li> <li>• These services were almost non-available in the midst of the ethnic tension and recovery measures were emphasized in 2004</li> <li>• SIG has embarked on the "free primary education scheme" which commences in 2005 to allow for low income earning families and especially those in the rural areas</li> </ul> |

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|   | <p>resulting in identification of 83 tribal land units</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up on CLAW s (on-going)</li> <li>• Conduct Customary Land Settlement Workshops in Central and Isabel Provinces (on-going)</li> <li>• Regional Study Tour Customary Land activities in Fiji and Vanuatu (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Review and amend Land and Titles Act and table in Parliament for enactment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land and Title Act Amendment Bill drafted</li> <li>• Review and submit Bill to Cabinet (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Evaluate Decentralisation of Land Services Pilot Project in Western Region for possible replication in other areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilot reviewed and stakeholder analysis undertaken</li> <li>• Commence development and construction of second Regional Lands Centre in Auki (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Develop approach for converting Temporary Occupation Licences (TOL) to Fixed Term Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing paper produced, material collated</li> <li>• Develop action plan for pilot site for TOL tenure conversion (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Review and amend lands-related Legislation (Survey, Valuers Bill, Town and Country Planning Acts etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations produced for Valuers Bill and Town and Country Planning Act</li> <li>• Conduct stakeholder consultations (on-going)</li> </ul> <p><i>(Note: Other adopted policies and undertaken measures are covered under commitment 3-C,D,E,G and 4)</i></p> | <p>to have access to education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Together with the facilities and equipment, SIG also needs the budget to increase staffs (teachers and nurses) and to allow for more training for those involved in disseminating these services to ensure quality service delivery like other neighboring countries.</li> <li>• Population issues have been of concern for SIG although not a lot of attention has been given to this area. More awareness should be given on this issue especially for the ARH programs to carry out activities with more practical outputs than just mere words and advises.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>B. Population</b></p> <p>Goal 5. Making accessible, through the primary health care system, reproductive health to all individuals of appropriate ages as soon as possible and no later than the year 2015</p> <p>Goal 6. Making available the widest achievable range of safe, effective, affordable and acceptable family planning and contraceptive methods.</p> | <p><i>(Note: Adopted policies and undertaken measure are covered under 3-D)</i></p>   |  |

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**C. Education and Training**

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| <p><b>Goal 7.</b> Ensuring that by 2015 all children, particularly girls, children in difficult circumstances and those belonging to ethnic minorities, have access to and complete, free and compulsory primary education of good quality.</p> <p><b>Goal 8.</b> Achieving 50 per cent improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015, especially for women, and equitable access to basic and continuing education for all adults.</p> <p><b>Goal 9.</b> Eliminating gender disparities in primary and secondary education by 2005, and achieving gender equality in education by 2015, with a focus on ensuring girls' full and equal access to and achievement in basic education of good quality.</p> | <p>Re-open all schools closed during the conflict, with all schools operating at or above pre-conflict level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy developed to re-open 3 Guadalcanal schools in 2005</li> <li>• Consult with communities regarding re-opening of remaining 4 schools (on-going, by June 2005)</li> </ul> <p>Upgrade education services in areas presently inadequately covered, particularly in southern Guadalcanal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum materials and school supplies delivered to schools around Guadalcanal</li> <li>• Scoping visits for storage facilities improvements to selected Guadalcanal primary schools conducted</li> <li>• Implementation of rehabilitation program for 88 schools in Guadalcanal, Malaita and Western Provinces, funded by Japan/UNDP</li> <li>• Tender and construction of storage facilities in selected schools (on-going, by August 2005)</li> <li>• Ongoing UNDP implementation of rehabilitation program for 40 schools in Guadalcanal, Malaita and Western Provinces, funded by Japan (on-going, by June 2005)</li> </ul> <p>Universal access to nine years of basic education from Standard 1 to Form 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed school-based assessment instruments SISTA 1 and SISTA 2 (Solomon Islands Standard Test Assessment) for Standards 4 &amp; 6.</li> <li>• Norming of SISTA 1 in November 2004</li> <li>• Secondary school infrastructure survey to assess scope for expansion (by June 2005)</li> </ul> <p>95% of all primary schools and Forms 1 to 3 schools to have text books and a basic set of learning materials for all pupils by end 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nguzu Nguzu materials Standard 1-3 reprinted and distributed to primary schools</li> <li>• Printing of Standard 5-6 Nguzu Nguzu materials (on-going, by June 2005)</li> <li>• Tender for Secondary school textbooks (on-going, by June 2005)</li> </ul> <p>Implementation of Education Strategic Plan through reform action plans at National and Provincial level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st Drafts of Provincial Education Action Plan (PEAP) completed for Honiara and Central and RenBel provinces</li> <li>• Hold planning workshops and develop 1st draft of PEAP for remaining provinces (on-going, All drafts finalized by June 2005)</li> </ul> <p>Restructure Solomon Islands College of Higher Education (SICHE) and provide bursary / scholarship scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding provided to School of Education of SICHE for bursary and scholarships</li> <li>• Restructuring Plan Implemented</li> </ul> |
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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Teacher Training programmes at School of Education (on-going)</li> <li>• Recruitment of Technical Advisor (on-going)</li> <li>• 1100 primary teachers to have received training in curriculum materials by 2004 and all primary teachers by 2008</li> <li>• 200 trainers trained for In-service Training on Standard 4 English</li> <li>• In-service training on Standard 4 English for primary teachers conducted</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>D. Health, nutrition and sanitation</b></p> <p><b>Goal 10.</b> Reducing the infant mortality rate below 35 per 1,000 live births by 2015;</p> <p><b>Goal 11.</b> Reducing the under 5 mortality rate below 45 per 1,000 live births by 2015;</p> <p><b>Goal 12.</b> Reducing the material mortality rate by three-quarters of the current rate by 2015;</p> <p><b>Goal 13.</b> Reducing the number of undernourished people by half by the year 2015</p> <p><b>Goal 14.</b> Reducing by half by 2015 the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water</p> <p><b>Goal 15.</b> Reducing HIV infection rates in persons 15-24 years of age by 2005 in all countries, and by 25 per cent</p> | <p>Restore health services affected by the conflict, with all health facilities operating at or above pre-conflict level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Health Care (PHC) services fully operating through the 296 clinics operating (i.e. 30 Area Health Centres, 119 Rural Health Clinics &amp; 157 Nurse Aid Posts).</li> <li>• All nine hospitals and the NRH operating.</li> <li>• Outreach PHC resumed in full to areas under-resourced during conflict.</li> <li>• Scale up PHC at the community level including the outreach services.(on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Strengthen primary health care network including community participation, outreach services, and focus on female health workers in service delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicine supplies improved, with four major shipments distributed to 16 main distribution centres throughout the Provinces</li> <li>• Vaccine distribution continued.</li> <li>• About 50 new radios installed at the hospital, area health and rural clinics to improve communication network</li> <li>• Increase in the number of main distributing centres.(on-going)</li> <li>• Delivery of four further shipments of medicine supplies.(on-going)</li> <li>• Installation of 36 additional radios.(on-going)</li> <li>• Development of 2005 Operational Plans for Provinces and National levels(on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Rehabilitate health infrastructure including communications, buildings and transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 43 clinics rehabilitated</li> <li>• Upgrading work on Taro Area Health Centre in progress.</li> <li>• Renovation work on Kiluufi Hospital Medical Laboratory completed.</li> <li>• Construction of 3 clinics in Guadalcanal (expected)</li> <li>• Renovation of Kirakira Hospital Operating Theatre.(expected)</li> <li>• Procurement of canoes and outboard motors for each province.(expected)</li> <li>• Continued radio rollout to rural health clinics(expected)</li> </ul> <p>Reduce malaria cases from 160/1000 population (2001) to less than 80/1000 by end 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50,494 doses of ant malarial medicine dispensed.</li> <li>• 11,889 persons protected by house spraying.</li> <li>• Incidence of confirmed malaria (uncomplicated + severe) = 95.64/1000 pop</li> <li>• 19% of Honiara at-risk population covered by ITN and house spraying.</li> <li>• Continuation of all malaria control interventions.(on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Reduce infant mortality from 66 per 1000 live births (1999) to less than 50/1000 by end 2005</p> |  |

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| <p>in the most affected countries;</p> <p>Goal 16. Increasing the percentage of women receiving maternal and prenatal care by 60 per cent;</p> <p>Goal 17. Halving malnutrition among pregnant women and among pre-school children in LDCs by 2015;</p> <p>Goal 18. Substantially reducing infection rate from Malaria, tuberculosis and other killer diseases in LDCs by the end of the decade: reducing tuberculosis (TB) deaths and prevalence of the disease by 50 per cent by 2010; and reducing the burden of disease associated with malaria by 50 per cent by 2010.</p> <p>Goal 19. Promoting child health and survival and reducing disparities between and within developed and developing countries as quickly as possible, with particular attention to eliminating the pattern of excess and preventable mortality among girl infants and children;</p> <p>Goal 20. Improving the health and nutritional status of infants and children;</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nurses' Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses training completed.</li> <li>• Catch-up immunization completed in Malaita.</li> <li>• Continuation of Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses Training.</li> <li>• Ongoing Provincial Mother and Child Health clinics</li> </ul> <p>Reduce maternal mortality rate from 129 in 1999 to less than 80 by end 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reproductive Health Management Information System piloted.</li> <li>• Ongoing Provincial Mother and Child Health clinics</li> <li>• Midwifery training in progress.</li> <li>• Training and installation of the Reproductive Health Information System for the provinces.(expected)</li> <li>• Ongoing Provincial Mother and Child Health clinics (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Achieve 90% coverage of immunisation of children (tuberculosis (BCG), diphtheria (DPT3), polio (OPV3), measles and hepatitis) by end 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of immunisation program funded by Japan</li> <li>• Immunisation Survey completed:</li> <li>• BCG coverage: 79%.</li> <li>• DPT3 coverage: 73%.</li> <li>• OPV3 coverage: 70%.</li> <li>• 1st Measles coverage: 69%.</li> <li>• HepB3 coverage: 78%.</li> <li>• Tetanus coverage: 56%.</li> <li>• Improve the national cold chain (refrigeration) system.(on-going)</li> <li>• Finalise and adopt National Expanded Program of Immunization Policy (on-going)</li> </ul> |  |
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| <p>Goal 21. Promoting breast feeding as a child survival strategy:</p> | <p><b>E. Social Integration</b></p> <p>Convene 6 consultative workshops (total 180 women participants) on rural skills training and economic empowerment of women by end 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 workshops held: 20 women trained in Agriculture and 34 trained in Fabric Art</li> <li>• Conduct further 4 workshops in Western, Malaita, Rennell, and Guadalcanal Provinces (expected by December 2004)</li> </ul> <p>24 women graduate as community paralegals in 2004 to advocate for human rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (16 women graduated in February 2003)</li> <li>• 8 women graduated in June 2004</li> <li>• Implement Small Grant Human Rights Program (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Women, Peace and Security Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 women trained at Peace and Security Project Researchers' Training Workshop</li> <li>• Field visits to 2 Honiara fringe villages and two on West Guadalcanal</li> <li>• Peace and Security Project Researchers' make field visits to 36 villages and communities (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Build capacity of provincial level politicians, civil servants and community leaders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct capacity building workshops for Provincial politicians (expected)</li> <li>• Rural Development Division staff conduct Provincial workshops on policy, management and implementation of constituency-level development projects (expected)</li> </ul> <p>Encourage community portable and small-scale sawmilling and eco-timber production</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issued milling licenses to resource owners</li> <li>• Facilitated investment application</li> <li>• Provided marketing advice to resource owners</li> <li>• Continue with issuing of milling licenses (on-going)</li> <li>• Provide training in management of timber milling/export business (expected by December 2004)</li> <li>• Continue to undertake market research (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Adopt UNCRC recommendations under the National Children's Policy and Plan of Action (NCP and NPOA) by first quarter 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Draft NCP &amp; NPOA awaiting Cabinet endorsement</li> <li>• Two workshops held on CSEC and Poverty Alleviation, and other networking with stakeholders.</li> <li>• Consultations on Peace Education, CSEC and Child Births Registration and Data systems, and child soldiers research carried out by UNICEF following request by Department of Home Affairs</li> <li>• Re-submit to Cabinet final Draft NCP &amp; NPOA (expected)</li> <li>• Launch and print NCP &amp; NPOA for distribution (expected)</li> </ul> |  |
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- NCP& NPOA implementation (expected)
  - UNICEF Situation Analysis on Children published and distributed (expected)
  - Consultations and situational analysis on CSEC through UNICEF Technical Advisor, supported and implemented by CCC (expected)
  - Tour of Provinces to establish networks and conduct awareness workshops on CRC and Child Rights Based/Duty Bearers Programming (expected)
- Protection of the Child Rights Bill enacted in 2004 and Child Protection Bill in 2005
- Held consultations on Draft Child Rights Bill 2000, and submitted request to UNICEF for support to review Draft Bills
- Establish a child protection system in 2004 to link all authorities and partners involved in supporting children
- Stakeholder consultations held
  - Birth Registration format developed
  - Ongoing consultations with Birth Registrations stakeholders
- Formulate and implement national program for reinvigoration and rehabilitation of conflict-affected youth in 2004
- 46 youths trained in leadership skills Supported Dale Youth Rally, Malaita
  - East Kwato, Malaita Province, Youth Arise November 2004 (expected)
  - South Guala Youth Arise, December, 2004 (expected)
- 28 youths graduate as community paralegals in 2004 to advocate for human rights
- Youths graduated by June 2004.
  - Graduates carry out voluntary human rights advocacy work with youth groups and communities (on-going)
- Establish youth centres for employment, training and micro-credit promotion in Auki, Gizo, Guadalcanal and Honiara by 2005
- Construction commenced on Honiara Youth Centre (expected to complete January 2005)
- Direct support and assistance to community projects
- Ongoing support to community development projects provided by a range of Development Partners (on-going)
  - Chiefs meeting Hall- Renbel(on-going)
  - 4 Chiefs meeting House – Malaita(on-going)
- Finalise draft MOU between government and NGOs
- Held consultations between SIG and NGOs
  - Sign-off MOU between SIG and NGOs (expected)

*(Note: Other adopted policies and undertaken measure are covered under 4-E)*

**COMMITMENT 4. BUILDING PRODUCTIVE CAPACITIES TO MAKE GLOBALISATION WORK FOR LDC'S**

| A. Physical infrastructure   |  | <p>Rehabilitate physical infrastructure (including roads and bridges) on north Guadalcanal, Malaita and other areas of major economic activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guadalcanal roads rehabilitation and Gizo road construction completed by Japan/UNDP</li> <li>• Selected roads on Guadalcanal and Malaita rehabilitated by Community Peace Restoration Fund (CPRF) Honiara roads rehabilitated or repaired by Department of Infrastructure Development (DID)</li> <li>• Continued Rehabilitation of selected Guadalcanal roads by CPRF (December 2004)</li> <li>• Honiara roads rehabilitated or repaired and Gizo road maintenance by DID (December 2004)</li> <li>• Ongoing rehabilitation of Malaita roads by CPRF (December 2004)</li> </ul> <p>Develop strategy for improving the efficiency of Solomon Islands Electricity Authority (SIEA) and Solomon Islands Water Authority (SIWA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SIWA Submitted request to JICA for Improvement and rehabilitation of water supply and sewerage infrastructure</li> <li>• Two World Bank missions deployed to recommend SIEA reforms, including policy, regulatory and financial restructuring</li> <li>• Development of strategy by SIEA Board</li> <li>• Deployment of JICA preparatory study mission</li> </ul> <p>Improve urban water supply and sewerage disposal systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• request submitted to JICA for infrastructure improvement and rehabilitation</li> <li>• Deployment of JICA development study team</li> </ul> <p>Continue implementation of Marine Infrastructure Project, with seven new wharves completed by 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three wharves completed in Western and Choiseul Provinces; one started in Choiseul</li> <li>• Construct 3 wharves in Western Provinces (by June 2005)</li> <li>• Complete refurbishment of LC Vail (by November 2004)</li> <li>• Continue Navigation Aids repairs (by June 2005)</li> </ul> <p>Rehabilitate and upgrade airfields around the country, and facilitate viable domestic air services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparatory work for airfield assessments</li> </ul> <p>Implement national maintenance regime and routine work program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Work Programme for maintenance work on Guadalcanal, Western and Malaita</li> <li>• Continued Rehabilitation of selected Guadalcanal roads by CPRF (December 2004)</li> <li>• Honiara roads rehabilitated or repaired and Gizo road maintenance by DID (Dec. 2004)</li> <li>• Ongoing rehabilitation of Malaita roads by CPRF (Dec.2004)</li> </ul> <p>Develop and implement National Information and Communication Technology (ICT) strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICT strategy proposal developed and included in 2005 development estimates funding proposals</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the abundant natural resources including land and sea, there are many rooms to progress in production activities.</li> <li>• The financial situation of the SIG, however, prevents most of these activities. With more financial assistance and micro schemes targeted to resource owners, it is envisaged that more activities that are productive would take place.</li> <li>• This strategy would surely increase the capacity of local farmers who represents 85% of the entire Solomon Islands' population to utilize their resources and enhance new skills and technology for advancement of economic and social development.</li> <li>• Major economic activities has also started to take off - in the later quarter of 2004, negotiations for revitalization of Solomon Islands Plantations Limited(SIPL), Gold Ridge Mine, and Solomon Taiyo were done and completed with full operations scheduled to start in the first or second quarters of 2005</li> <li>• These are critical steps in advancing the productive capacity of the country with not only infrastructure and economic development but also for foreign exports, employment and financial stability</li> </ul> |
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| <p><b>Goal 22.</b> Increasing road networks or connections in LDCs to the current level of other developing countries and urban road capacities, including sewerage and other related facilities, by 2010;</p>   |  |  |   |
| <p><b>Goal 23.</b> Modernizing and expanding port and airports and their ancillary facilities to enhance their capacities by 2010;</p>   |  |  |   |
| <p><b>Goal 24.</b> Modernizing and expanding railway connections and facilities, Increasing their capacities to the level of those in other developing countries by the end of the decades:<br/><i>(note: no railway in Solomon Islands)</i></p>       |  |  |   |
| <p><b>Goal 25.</b> Increasing LDC's communication networks, including telecommunication and postal services, and improving access of the poor to such services in urban and rural areas to reach the current levels in other developing countries;</p> |  |  |   |
| <p><b>Goal 26.</b> Increasing computer literacy among students in higher institutions and</p>  |  |  |   |

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| <p>universities by 50 per cent and in junior and high school by 25 per cent by 2015;</p> <p>Goal 27. Increasing average telephone density to 5 main lines per 100 inhabitants and Internet connections to 19 users per 100 inhabitants by the year 2010.</p> | <p>Pursue affordable rural access to ICT, including expansion of People First Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telecommunication Plan drafted, including rural access issues</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>B. Technology</b></p>  |   |  |
| <p><b>C. Enterprise Development</b></p>  | <p><i>(Note: Adopted policies and undertaken measure are covered under 3-E,G, 4, and 7-A,D)</i></p>   |  |
| <p><b>D. Energy</b></p>  | <p>Improve reliability of electricity supplies in urban areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major repair and maintenance of main generators at Lungga and Honiara Power Stations undertaken</li> <li>• Scoping work by JICA for supply and installation of an additional 4.2MW generator at Lungga, and improvements to Honiara transmission and distribution capability</li> <li>• Commence installation of existing new 4.2MW generator at Lungga.</li> <li>• Major overhaul of one main Lungga generator</li> <li>• World Bank to conduct tariff study</li> </ul> <p>Assist in the development of sustainable rural electrification systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafted proposal for renewable rural electrification program</li> <li>• Implementation of Pacific Islands Renewable Energy Project by South Pacific Regional Environment Programme(SPREP), including Honiara rural electrification workshop</li> </ul> <p>Maintenance of hydrological sites and improve national hydrological network to include rivers recommended in the Power Master Development Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two sites inspected, one installed with water level recorder.</li> <li>• Installation of two additional hydrological stations with water level recorder</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>E. Agriculture and agro-industries</b></p>   | <p>Pursue re-development of Solomon Islands Plantations Limited (SIPL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task force responsible for reopening of Sipl established</li> </ul>   |  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interested investor secured (New Britain Palm Oil Ltd.)</li> <li>• Asset valuation consultant appointed</li> <li>• Complete Memorandum of Understanding between SIG and New Britain Palm Oil Ltd.</li> <li>• Establish Guadalcanal Plain Palm Oil Limited and Implementation Committee to start operation by early 2005</li> </ul> <p>Comprehensive private sector copra and cocoa buying and support program including Russell Islands Plantation Estate Ltd (SIPEL) and other operators operational by end 2004 in at least four provinces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholder workshop conducted, to scope needs for shipping and marketing services and supply of drier parts to farmers.</li> <li>• 4 Copra 24 Cocoa buyers/exporters operating (<i>no information on Provincial spread provided</i>)</li> <li>• Submit proposal for STABEX funding by December 2004 (expected)</li> <li>• Continue technical support to buyers (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Support smallholder and small-to-medium scale production in agriculture and livestock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Piggy Breeding project established (Republic of China funded)</li> <li>• Upland rice farmers &amp; commercial rice farmers selected (Republic of China funded)</li> <li>• Smallholder proposals for EU Micro projects funding formulated &amp; appraised</li> <li>• Establish 600 ha of upland farms and 10 x 5ha farms for commercial rice farmers by December 2004 (expected)</li> <li>• Establish wide range of smallholder agricultural projects by December 2004 (expected)</li> <li>• Crops diversification planning &amp; programming (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Preparation of a long term policy for agriculture and livestock, defining the role of government in the sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AusAID rural livelihoods strategy development mission fielded, with DAL participation</li> <li>• Conducted preparatory discussions with EU and World Bank on formulation of Agricultural and Rural Development Sector Strategy</li> <li>• Liaise with World Bank to complete preparations &amp; commence implementation of DAL strategy development process</li> </ul> <p>Increase smallholder production of copra &amp; cocoa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10,000 cocoa seedlings distributed</li> <li>• 57 copra dryers distributed in Central and Guadalcanal Provinces</li> <li>• Extension services on dryer design provided to farmers</li> <li>• Provision of technical support to privately-owned cocoa nurseries</li> <li>• Distribution of further 60,000 cocoa seedlings (on-going)</li> <li>• Distribution of further copra dryers</li> <li>• Maintain extension services</li> <li>• Develop proposal for expansion of cocoa seedling nursery</li> </ul> <p>Promote aquaculture development of organisms such as seaweed, pearl culture, prawns etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negotiated EU support for seaweed project</li> <li>• Ongoing liaison with EU</li> </ul> |  |
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| <p><b>F. Manufacturing and mining</b></p>            | <p>Continue efforts to re-open Gold Ridge Mine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mine Committee and Landowners Council established</li> <li>• Meetings and consultations held with a range of stakeholders and interlocutors including landowners, potential bidders, current mine owners, RAMSI and Ministry of Finance</li> <li>• First phase of tender process initiated</li> <li>• TOR for Technical Advisory Services drafted</li> <li>• Ongoing dialogue with stakeholders (on going)</li> <li>• Prepare and submit Cabinet paper (by 25/11/04)</li> <li>• Establish officials group to facilitate sales process (by 30/09/04)</li> <li>• Mobilise technical advisor (by 31/12/04)</li> <li>• Identification of new investor (by 27/11/04)</li> <li>• Completion of Foreign Investment Board formalities (by 31/12/04)</li> <li>• Commencement of negotiations between Government, investor and landowners (by 01/12/04)</li> </ul> <p>Develop and implement SOE privatisation strategy including Sasape Marina Ltd and Government Printer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Advisor engaged to conduct ICSI needs assessment</li> <li>• ERU and ICSI assess options for possible privatization of Sasape Marina Ltd and Government Printer by June 2005</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>G. Rural development and food security</b></p> | <p>Enhance rural water supplies and sanitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Water Supply &amp; Sanitation program continued, with support from Japan (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Pursue affordable rural access to ICT, including expansion of People First Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telecommunication Plan drafted, including rural access issues (unfunded for implementation)</li> </ul> <p>Strengthen agriculture extension service including targeting programs for women and facilitate access and training to enhance knowledge and skills in crop production and management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farming System capacity building office established</li> <li>• Training workshop held on rice production, Pest List Database, linking farmers, and farming skills.</li> <li>• Produce &amp; disseminate information on appropriate farming technologies (on-going)</li> <li>• Formulate extension services plan, including provisions for women (on-going)</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>H. Sustainable Tourism</b></p>                 | <p>Prepare and implement long-term tourism marketing plan and national tourism sector plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit Solomon Campaign program launched in Australia and New Zealand by Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau, including promotional events involving travel wholesalers and agents.</li> </ul>   |  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey of tourism sites conducted in some Provinces</li> <li>• Conduct survey of tourism sites in some remaining Provinces (expected by December 2004)</li> <li>• Undertake market-oriented review of Tourism Development Plan 1991-2000 (on-going)</li> <li>• Establish Working Group for sector plan development (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Facilitate the establishment of eco-tourism projects and other tourism ventures throughout Solomon Islands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appraisal of tourism project proposals received by Department of Culture and Tourism, for consideration for funding with Republic of China support, (till June 2005)</li> </ul> <p>Formulate and implement a comprehensive training programme for the tourism industry, with particular attention to the role of women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal for Mobile Training Unit submitted to NZAID</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>COMMITMENT 5. ENHANCING THE ROLE OF TRADE IN DEVELOPMENT</b></p> |  |  |
| <p><b>A. Trade, commodities and regional trading arrangements</b></p>  | <p>Small Manufacture Enterprise Promotion Support and Advisory Services incorporating private companies and NGOs investigated designed and operational by mid 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 65 projects in seven Provinces supported under the SIG-funded Small Business Assistance Project (SBAP), creating 115 full time jobs and about 350 casual jobs. Projects include copra, cocoa, beche-de-mer and fishing activities</li> <li>• 2004 National Trade and Cultural Show staged</li> <li>• Participated in the 2004 National Coconut Day</li> <li>• Ongoing expansion of SBAP (on-going)</li> <li>• SBAP site visits and reporting (on-going)</li> <li>• Provide technical support to SBAP activities(on-going)</li> </ul> <p><i>(Note: Other adopted policies and undertaken measure are covered under 4-E)</i></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to other urgent priorities of the SIG, this field is relatively in active in 2004. However, as mentioned above, the importance of economic recovery is one of the top priorities in 2005</li> <li>• To boost trade in 2005 in the case of SI, there is a need for review of the labour, immigration and customs laws.</li> <li>• Investment policies and the trading environment should also be reconsidered to ease investment and trading to suit local situation where production is sometimes in very small scale.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>B. Services</b></p>  | <p>Adopt and implement the National Transport Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy review/development with ADB support</li> <li>• Establish Transport and Policy Planning Unit (by June 2005)</li> <li>• Establish Transport Trust Fund (by January 2005)</li> <li>• Establish Department of Infrastructure Development Capacity building programme (by January 2005)</li> </ul> <p>Facilitate viable inter-island shipping services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviews and implementation of IMO</li> <li>• Implementation of IMO imposed actions (on-going)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been donor funded projects in the fisheries and forestry sectors. Marketing of these products for commercial benefits to farmers and the country as a whole also needs to be considered</li> </ul>  |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforcement of legislation (on-going)</li> </ul> <p><i>(Note: Other adopted policies and undertaken measure are covered under 7-D)</i></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A major step forward in this goal would be to increase investment in the manufacturing sector/level as Solomon Islands has been a major supplier of raw materials to many manufacturing nations.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>COMMITMENT 6. REDUCING VULNERABILITY AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT</b></p> |  |  |
| <p><b>C. Reducing the impact of external economic shocks</b></p>                  |  |  |
| <p><b>A. Protecting the Environment</b></p>                                       | <p>Review National Environment Management Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft report of the National Environment Management Strategy Implementation review completed and circulated to stakeholders for further comment and input.</li> <li>• Seek further information on implementation from stakeholders (October)</li> <li>• Finalise review report and submit Cabinet information paper (November)</li> </ul> <p>Gazetted of Environment Act 1998 and Wildlife Protection Act 1998, preparing regulations and enforcement of Acts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gazetted of Acts completed. Some Environment Act regulations completed and are under review.</li> <li>• Ongoing development of Environment Act regulations (on-going)</li> <li>• Seek assistance for drafting Wildlife Act regulations (November)</li> </ul> <p>Draft, enact and implement new Forests Legislation and new Forest Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafting of new Act completed, and submitted to the Parliament</li> <li>• Assist Provinces with drafting of Provincial Forest Policies March 2005</li> </ul> <p>Continue monitoring all licensed logging sites for compliance with Code of Logging Practices at least four times per year and inspecting 50% of all log shipments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carried out field inspection and surveillance on operational sites</li> <li>• Undertook 60% of 10% random checks on exported logs but no 100% inspection</li> <li>• Carry out ongoing field inspection and surveillance on operational sites (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Enforce Code of Logging Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carried out compliance activities</li> </ul> <p>Support family-based reforestation activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carried out field inventory</li> <li>• Continued tree planting awareness activities</li> <li>• Sales include             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 650 kg of teak seeds</li> <li>o 424 teak stumps</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a small island state, it is always a big concern for SIG to protect its vulnerable environment.</li> <li>• There were not much budget allocations and not many activities in 2004 executed in the environmental sector due to the high priority for restoration of law and order and economic recovery. However, it is always important for intervention and support of developing partners through transformation of its skills and funds for the protection of the environment</li> <li>• One of the most critical issues of the past is control of logging to reproductive/sustainable bases. The SIG has been pushing for the new forestry bill which is still to be debated and passed by parliament</li> <li>• There is a big need for resource owners and local people to understand as to why their resources should be restricted from commercial use.</li> <li>• National Environment Management Strategy also needs to be reviewed</li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 3 grams of eucalyptus seeds</li> <li>• Continue to update inventory on reforestation activities (on-going)</li> <li>• Provide training to resource owners on nursery management and land use planning (on-going)</li> <li>• Continue field visits (on-going)</li> <li>• Commence development of next round of genetically improved seed stands (expected by November 2004)</li> <li>• Collect teak and mahogany seed for distribution (completed)</li> </ul> <p>Facilitate the rational management and conservation of coastal fisheries and aquatic living resources through their sustainable utilization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inventory and/or Surveys on organisms including finfish and invertebrates, coral cover, marine mammals, sponges and tunicates completed</li> <li>• Community awareness activities undertaken in Ngella and Marau</li> <li>• Baseline study for proposed Marau Marine Protected Area and training on survey methods for community participants completed</li> <li>• Harvest and export data collected</li> <li>• Maintain inventory, survey, data collection and entry activities (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Developing and implementing a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaison with UN Environment Program undertaken, regarding project recommencement.</li> <li>• Further consultation with UNEP and other stakeholders (November)</li> </ul> <p>Developing and implementing a National Framework for Biological Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review report on the safe use of biotechnology completed. Project implementation reports and some awareness activities completed.</li> <li>• Recruitment of new Coordinator (October)</li> <li>• Revision of work programme (October)</li> <li>• Meetings of the national Coordinating committee (on-going)</li> </ul> <p>Developing and implementing programme for national capacity self-assessment for biodiversity, climate change and land degradation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project document drafted</li> <li>• Finalise project document in consultation with GEF implementing agency (UNDP)(October)</li> </ul> <p>Developing and implementing National Implementation Plan for Stockholm Convention of Persistent Organic Pollutants, and national action plan for mitigating land degradation and drought.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft project document completed</li> <li>• Finalise project document and submit to GEF implementing agency (UNEP)(November)</li> </ul> <p>Developing and implementing National Action Plan for mitigation of land degradation and drought</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding request submitted to and approved by UNCCD.</li> <li>• Liaise with UNDP regarding commencement of implementation (October)</li> </ul> | <p>to suit new developments activities and government priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is also a need for more manpower training in this area to ensure enhancement of knowledge and experience to implement and disseminate gazetteal acts and international legislations locally</li> </ul> |
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|  | <p>Implementation of International Waters Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline and community surveys and consultations completed. Subprojects identified. Two students attended scholarship program</li> <li>• Establishment of Project Advisory group (October)</li> <li>• Subproject development (on-going)</li> <li>• Identification of additional student for scholarship (October)</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>B. Alleviating vulnerability to natural shocks</b></p> |   |  |

**COMMITMENT 7. MOBILIZING FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

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| <p><b>7.</b><br/><i>(Note: Goals and Targets of No.7 (#28~#30) are all for Development Partners)</i></p> <p><b>A. Domestic resource mobilization</b></p> | <p>Improve log export inspection and monitoring, and coordination between the Forestry Division, Customs and Excise Division and Central Bank of Solomon Islands(CBSI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Controls over market price certificates strengthened through joint exercise</li> <li>• Log Register maintained accurately and reconciled regularly between agencies</li> <li>• Revised "Determined Values" gazetted promptly</li> <li>• Improved competency in tariff classification of round logs</li> <li>• Export exchange rate revised and notified each quarter</li> <li>• Improved information sharing between agencies</li> <li>• Audited abnormal licensing arrangements (on-going)</li> <li>• Maintained ongoing Provincial monitoring operations</li> <li>• Continue to improve information sharing (on-going)</li> <li>• Determine appropriate Division to follow up infringement notices (expected)</li> <li>• Continue to upgrade tariff classification expertise (on-going)</li> <li>• Secure stakeholder support for new Determined Price recommended by Forestry Division (expected)</li> <li>• Improve management of remissions granted for Forestry Division activities (on-going)</li> <li>• Complete auditing and capture lost funds (expected by March 2005)</li> </ul> <p>Improve fish export inspection and monitoring, and coordination between the Fisheries Division, Customs and Excise Division and CBSI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing data collection and monitoring of fishing activities</li> <li>• Current fisheries databases reviewed</li> <li>• Sashini exports by Sol green monitored by CBSI, Fisheries and Customs</li> <li>• Maintain data collection and monitoring of fishing activities (on-going)</li> <li>• Liaise with CBSI &amp; Customs on monitoring (on-going)</li> <li>• Two new fisheries databases to be installed (Dec. 2004)</li> <li>• Review FOB value determined by the Comptroller</li> </ul> <p>Review and prepare strategy for state-owned financial institutions including development of National Provident Fund, reform of Home Finance Cooperation(HFC) and decision on future of Development Bank of Solomon Islands(DBSI) by June 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CBSI has placed DBSI into administration</li> <li>• Develop strategy for HFC reform(expected)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SIG has struggled to maximize its financial capacity after a near collapse and almost bankrupt economy due to the impacts of the tension. However, the economic stabilization and recovery process has exceeded expectations. Greater than anticipated revenue flows during 2004, combined with low expenditure, leave the budget position greatly improved.</li> <li>• SIG has been reforming and enhancing its financial capacity with RAMSI. SIG also welcomes other support from international communities.</li> <li>• The Government's debt management plan has been completed and part-payments of trade creditor arrears began. SIG is now paying current domestic expenditures as they fall due, and payments to the ADB and World Bank are being managed appropriately.</li> <li>• The coordination with developing partner is restored. The hosting of SIG/Development Partners' Consultative Meetings with resident representatives, and preparations</li> </ul> |
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Annual High Level SIG/  
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signifies this commitment.

- Monthly ledger reports for the SIG accounts are now produced and distributed to every Department.

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| <p><b>B. Aid and its effectiveness</b></p>            | <p>Produce annual reports on NERRDP implementation with particular focus on impacts and outcomes at the province level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action Matrix approach and format developed, as instrument for monitoring NERRDP</li> <li>• Publish Action Matrix report and circulate to stakeholders, initially at November SIG/Development Partners Meeting</li> </ul> <p>Coordinate and manage development assistance in line with NERRDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed, contracted and developed Aid Management Information System for improved coordination and management of aid activities</li> <li>• Completed project proposals for donor consideration, in collaboration with all Departments</li> <li>• Drafted project profiles for current Development Partners' activities</li> <li>• Conducted Provincial Planners' Workshop</li> <li>• Established sector-level coordination group for small activities</li> <li>• Development Estimates and other reports</li> <li>• Host joint annual high-level SIG/ Development Partners' meeting in November</li> </ul> <p>Provide realistic development budget estimates, monitoring and reporting on implementation of the development budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulated and published 2004 Supplementary Development Estimates, and facilitated passage through Cabinet and Parliament</li> <li>• Undertook preparations for 2005 Development Estimates, including consultations with a range of stakeholders</li> <li>• Formulate and publish 2005 Development Estimates, and facilitate passage through Cabinet and Parliament</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>C. External Debt</b></p>                        | <p>Bring government debt under control, including addressing arrears</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debt management plan completed</li> <li>• Part payments of arrears of up to \$6,000/claim made (60% of claims paid out in full)</li> <li>• 50% of unpaid public service pay deductions paid</li> <li>• SIG paying current domestic expenditures as they fall due</li> <li>• Restructured bonds renegotiated and rescheduled</li> <li>• Payments to ADB and World Bank managed effectively</li> <li>• Negotiation and settlement of SIG's other debts to National Provident Fund (on-going)</li> <li>• Negotiation, rescheduling and restructuring of external debts (on-going)</li> <li>• Develop strategy for resolving trade creditor arrears (on-going)</li> <li>• Establish local debt counterpart position in Ministry of Finance</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p><b>D. FDI and other private external flows</b></p> | <p>New Investment Promotion Act passed and Foreign Investment Board membership overhauled and procedures streamlined by end 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of 1990 Investment Act carried out with Foreign Investment Advisory Service support, with a view to creating conducive investment environment.</li> <li>• Drafting instructions for new legislation completed</li> </ul>  |  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit drafting instructions to Minister, Cabinet and, once approved, to Attorney General's for formulation of Draft Bill (expected)</li><li>• Submit Draft Bill to Cabinet and Parliament for approval (expected)</li></ul> |  |
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