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Dr. Stuart Minchin
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Dear Dr. Minchin,

***Pacific Community: Pacific Resilience Project (Under the Pacific Resilience Program)
IDA Grant No. D074-4P and PPCR Grant Number TF0A1131
Amendment to the Financing Agreement and the Grant Agreement and Revision to the Results
Framework for the Project***

We refer to: (i) the financing agreement (“Financing Agreement”), dated October 2, 2015, between the Pacific Community (“Recipient”) and the International Development Association (“Association”) for the Pacific Resilience Project under the Pacific Resilience Program (“Project”) (IDA Grant No. D074-4P) as amended to date; and (ii) the grant agreement (“Grant Agreement”), dated October 2, 2015, between the Recipient and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“IBRD”) (the Association and IBRD, collectively, the “World Bank”), acting as an implementing entity of the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience under the Strategic Climate Fund, for the Project (PPCR Grant Number TF0A1131) as amended to date. We also refer to the Recipient’s letter, dated November 27, 2020, requesting certain amendments to the agreements. All capitalized terms used in this letter (“Amendment Letter”) shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the Financing Agreement and the Grant Agreement, as may be applicable, unless the context requires otherwise.

We are pleased to inform you that the World Bank concurs with your request, and hereby proposes to amend the Financing Agreement and the Grant Agreement and revise the results framework for the Project by way of this Amendment Letter as follows:

I. Amendment to the Financing Agreement

1. The Project development objective, as described in the Project Description in Schedule 1 to the Financing Agreement is revised to read as follows:

“The objective of the Project is to strengthen early warning and resilient investments of the Participating Countries.”

II. Amendment to the Grant Agreement

- 2. The Project development objective, as described in the Project Description in Schedule 1 to the Grant Agreement is revised to read as follows:

“The objective of the Project is to strengthen early warning and resilient investments of the Participating Countries.”

III. Revisions to the Results Framework

The monitoring and results framework for the Project is revised as set forth in Annex I to this Amendment Letter.

Except as specifically amended herein, all other provisions of the Financing Agreement and the Grant Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Please confirm the Recipient’s agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date both enclosed copies of this Amendment Letter and returning one copy to the World Bank. Upon receipt by the World Bank of the countersigned copy of this Amendment Letter, the amendments herein shall become effective as of the date of the Recipient’s countersignature.


Sincerely,



Paul Vallely
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East Asia and Pacific Region

AGREED:

PACIFIC COMMUNITY

By  _____
Authorized Representative

Name: Dr. Stuart Minchin

Title: Director General

Date: 24-Feb-2021

Annex I
Revised Monitoring and Results Framework

Project Development Objectives(s)

To strengthen early warning, resilient investments and financial protection of participating countries.

Project Development Objective Indicators by Objectives/ Outcomes

Indicator Name	PBC	Baseline	End Target
Strengthen early warning and resilient investments of participating countries (Action: This Objective has been Revised)			
Direct Project Beneficiaries (Number)		62,000.00	135,000.00

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Indicator Name	PBC	Baseline	End Target
Component 1: Strengthening Early Warning and Preparedness			
Number of personnel working in the disaster management area applying learned skills on the job (Number)		40.00	70.00
Action: This indicator has been Revised	<p>Rationale: To rectify the ambiguity of the current indicator and to ensure that the indicator adequately captures the capacities built and the extent to which the knowledge gained from the trainings are applied in the workplace and end target that is more realistic. The revised end target is now the Number of 70 trainees applying their new skills.</p>		

Indicator Name	PBC	Baseline	End Target
Component 2: Mainstreaming Risk Reduction and Resilient Investments			
Satisfaction of users with the early warning system (Number)		0.00	15.00
Action: This indicator has been Revised	Rationale: <i>The indicator is realigned and revised as a Citizen Engagement indicator to measure the number of users satisfied with the early warning system strengthened under the Project. Satisfaction will be gauged by a "Yes" and "No" question and the end target is 15 satisfied users.</i>		
Multi-hazard risk information systems strengthened and in use (Text)		Nil	Yes
Action: This indicator has been Revised	Rationale: <i>To re-align the indicator with the new open source data/information management platform developed to allow for a uniform and an easy way of accessing and strengthening existing climate and risk information systems and data hosted under SPC. The Indicator measures the completion and operational use of the open source platform and the selected information management systems strengthened through the platform.</i>		
Hazard model for forecasting of impacts of extreme events operationalized (Text)		Nil	Yes
Action: This indicator has been Revised	Rationale: <i>To realign with the impact-based forecasting modelling developed for coastal inundation resulting from extreme events in Tonga and Samoa</i>		
Intended beneficiaries that are aware of project information and project support investments (Percentage)		0.00	60.00

Indicator Name	PBC	Baseline	End Target
Action: This indicator has been Marked for Deletion	Rationale: <i>This indicator is no longer relevant due to the reprioritized activities. The request to drop this indicator was included and approved in the 1st Project Restructuring.</i>		
Post disaster needs assessment undertaken and strengthened (Text)		Nil	Yes
Action: This indicator is New	Rationale: <i>The indicator captures and measures the reprioritized activity providing support for post disaster needs assessment to SPC member countries</i>		
High- Resolution Digital Elevation Model (DEM) developed and operationalized in target areas (Text)		Nil	Yes
Action: This indicator is New	Rationale: <i>This indicator measures the reprioritized activity on LiDAR data acquisition for Vanuatu and Tonga.</i>		