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IMPLEMENTED DELIVERIES

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Delivered activity:

- Built the capacity of 170 plus fermentary owners in Cocoa Quality Assessment.
- Provided 60 cocoa farmer groups with nursely establishment material.
- Empowered 1,500 plus lead cocoa farmers on integrated pest disease management.
- Supported 1,000 vanilla farming households in 17 LLGs with provision of 140 sets of vanilla cultivation, husbandry and processing materials,
- Supported 9 vanilla farming communities with provision and construction of 9 vanilla vine treatments sheds.
- Finalised procurement of 200 solar vanilla dryers.
- Trained additional 217 fishers on aquaculture and riverine capture fisheries.

Expected results:

- Strengthening value chain actors' capacity to further develop agribusiness SMEs.
- Providing quality agricultural inputs, tools and equipment to the farmers.
- Building the capacity of local fishers in adopting more efficient and improved practices.

Implementation area:

- Maprik and Wewak districts, East Sepik Province; Vanimo-Green Districts, Sandaun Province.

2

Delivered activity:

- Capacitated and consulted 20 plus governmental officers and private sector representatives on establishing Geographical Indication certification in Sepik.

Expected results:

- Piloting Geographical Indication in the Greater Sepik region, for protection of traditional agricultural & handicrafts products in the international markets.

Implementation area:

- Wewak District, East Sepik Province.

3

Delivered activity:

- Started 1 additional road construction works to provide improved access for 13,000 villagers living close to the road and 35,000 plus rural populations living in the area.
- Maintained an additional 7.2 KM length of roads (159.2 KM cumulative out of 315 KM Routine maintenance roads).
- Built the capacity of Trained 61 engineers, technical staff and contractors on quality assurance, cross drainage structure construction, contract management, and occupational safety and health.
- Increased the generated Decent Paid Employment Days to 45,247 till September 2022.

Expected results:

- Improving access to markets, agri-business opportunities, schools and health posts.
- Creating decent job employment opportunities for the rural population.

Coverage area:

- Wosera-Gawi District, Wewak districts, East Sepik Province; Vanimo-Green District, Sandaun Province.

4

Delivered activity:

- Supported 4,676 villagers and farmers to open new bank/mobile money accounts (increased the total number to 56,799 accounts).
- Supported 45 additional MSMEs to open business bank accounts in Sepik using the mobile cooperate utility developed with support from the EU-STRET PNG Programme.

Expected results:

- Supporting rural communities, farming households and agripreneurs to get access to rural banking products and services.

Implementation area:

- Across the Greater Sepik region.

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Delivered activity:

- Identified 6 locations to establish resources centers and finalised process to equip these RC with ICT equipment.
- Initiated the implementation of E-agriculture strategy, with a focus on MIS/FIS and LMS.

Expected results:

- Enhancing access to digital tools and services, including e-learning and market information.

Implementation/Coverage area:

- Port Moresby, National Capital District; Rabaul, East New Britain; Sandaun and East Sepik provinces.

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Delivered activity:

- Initiated working on Women in Agriculture and Fisheries Policy.
- Built the organizational capacity of 353 women and youth in group leadership and business management, and also on mainstreaming gender perspectives and youth inclusion.

Expected results:

- Strengthening youths capacity to participate and take the lead in agribusiness development.
- Recognising, valuing and rewarding the contribution of youth & Women in agribusiness development.

Implementation area:

- Aitape District, Sandaun Province.

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