**SOLOMON ISLANDS**

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| **Name of CDD Program:**  Rural Development Program II (RDP II) |
| **Program Dates:**  2015 - 2020 |
| **Implementing Agency:**  Ministry of Development Planning & Aid Coordination (MDPAC) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL) with decentralized implementing MOU’s with eight (9) Provincial Governments identified below. |
| **Geographical Coverage (# of provinces, villages, which parts of the country):**  374 villages in 172 rural wards in 9 provinces (Choiseul, Western, Malaita, Temotu, Isabel, Makira, Central Guadalcanal and Rennel/Belona). |
| **Annual Program Budget (USD):**  Total US$46.9 million. (Counterpart Funding – US$9.5 million; IDA – US$9 million; Trust Fund of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) – US$13.3 million; Trust Fund of the European Union – US$10.5 million; COFN by IFAD – US$4.6 million) |
| **Program Objective:**  The program objective is to improve basic infrastructure and services in rural areas and to strengthen the linkages between smallholder farming households and markets. The project emphasizes an approach which uses the public sector to leverage the more dynamic and sustainable initiatives of communities and the private sector. |
| **Main Program Components:**   1. Local and Community Infrastructure and Services: This will build on RDP’s experience to-date in applying a community-driven development approach, empowering rural communities to prioritize, design, construct, operate and maintain new and improved infrastructure and services provides support to village level priorities identified through a village meeting. The RDP supports 85% of the cost and the community contributes a minimum of 15%. On average communities contribute more than 34%. It will include modifications from RDP I, including a smaller number of highly trained and incentivized Community Helpers (CHs), a new cadre of Technical CHs that will be recruited and trained in the design and construction of small-scale infrastructure, and a new, web-based Management Information System (MIS) to collect data from the field and uploaded into a central database. 2. Agriculture Partnerships and Support: This business-driven component aims to enhance services provided to farmers by the private sector in two parts: an “Agriculture Partnership Grants Facility (APGF)” that will provide grants to enterprises that partner with smallholders, processors and traders; and an “Agriculture Supplemental Equity Facility (ASEF)” that will provide equity to enterprises that partner with commercial banks to improve production in a value chain. It includes (i) assist farming households to engage in productive partnerships with commercial enterprises; (ii) build the capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock to deliver its core functions of regulation, research and sector coordination; and (iii) restore the productive assets of households critically affected by the April 2014 flash floods. 3. Project Management: This provides overall implementation management and coordination. |