**Evaluation Audit Trail Template: CommonSensing Endline Evaluation Report (Update Endline)**

*To be completed by the Project Management (UNITAR/Catapult), other CommonSensing partners or from Caribou Digital.*

*Following submission from project management, the evaluator will consider and respond to all comments.*

*This audit trail including the evaluator’s response and actions taken, will be circulated to project management with the final report.*

*The following comments were provided in track changes to the draft endline evaluation report; they are referenced by institution or stakeholder (“Author” column) and track change comment number (“#” column): (Paragraph numbering may have changed with the final report):*

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| **Author** | **#** | **Paragaph**  **No.** | **Type pf comment (e.g. observation, question, wrong data, etc.** | **Comment/Feedback on the draft endline report** | **Evaluator response and actions taken** |
| Oran No | 1 | 4 | Wrong data | This is not a correct description – Devex was in charge of outreach communication (in terms of topic awareness raising) and overall guidance was provided by the SAC comms lead.  It is up to PPME to take up, but Sensonomic dropped out from the extension period (post March 2021). | Comments addressed. Description of project partners responsibilities adapted and a footnote with the status of Sensonomic was included. |
| Oran No | 2 | 6 | Question | p.3, #9 mentions (the possibility of) another extension, in the context of recommendations to be addressed. For coherence, shall we mention on-going consideration on another extension (till Dec 2022) here? | I do not think it is pertinent to include it here as we do not know whether this will have an impact over the budget. Included as a footnote in paragraph 5. |
| Oran No | 3 | 8 | Reworded | As this is an update of the endline evaluation, the scope is based on the same criteria used in the initial endline evaluation so that tracking and comparison of data is possible. Given the different changes introduced in the log frame in 2021, updating the cost-effectiveness analysis (CEA) study was not (in place?). | Comment addressed. |
| Oran No | 4 | 28 | Reworded | Rephrased the sentence for clarity. | Well noted. Change accepted. |
| Oran No | 5 | 28 | Wrong data - acronym | These shall be also listed on the **“**Acronyms and abbreviations”?  WRONG ACRONYM USED: PLEASE CORRECT ALL GIT4DM -> GIT4CR   * **GIT4CR:** Inntroductory/Advanced Training on Earth Observation and Geospatial Information Technology (GIT) Applications for Climate Resilience (CR) * **GIT4DRR:** Training on Operational Applications of Geospatial Information Technology (GIT) for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) | Comment addressed. Replaced and included in the acronyms. |
| Oran No | 6 | 28 | Reworded | Redundant | Comment addressed. |
| Oran No | 7 | 30 | Observation | If six events, it must be GIT4CR (introductory and advanced ones for each country: 2 training & 3 countries).  GIT4DRR was delivered at a time for the region, in a blended mode.  Please double check. | Comment addressed. Information was revised accordingly. |
| Oran No | 8 | 36 | Observation | Please note that the CF Writeshop for Fiji was delivered online/blended (facilitators were connected online including the CFA, and the in-country expert was sitting with a few participants in the lab), unlike two other countries’ ones. | Comment addressed. But there were no differences found when assessing the data. |
| Oran No | 9 | 40 | Wrong data | **What is the source of this information**? - 38 training events with over 600 attendees planned  According to Anu’s M&E dashboard **as of January 2022:**  **- Total number of technical training events: 21**  **- Total number of training participants: 511**  She added,  - Indicator 3.1: Number of technical trainings  (Accumulate target by December 2021 was 16 events, thus we surpassed the target)  - Indicator 3.2: Number of participants in technical trainings (KPI 2)  (2020 target is 30 unique participants per country (50:50 gender ratio), which we have surpassed | The information was found in the documents/dashboards provided at the beginning of the evaluation. It has been adapted based on the information provided in April 2022 by the monitoring expert. |
| Oran No | 10 | 41 | Observation | It may be good to explain why the consortium did so – only the governments entities and staff were identified as main target audience, when planning the project and setting its targets/indicators.  According to RBM approach, we didn’t prioritise the involvement of non-gov stakeholders when implementing activities. | Indeed, and this gap in targeting key actors in climate change and DRR was already spotted in the midline evaluation where relevance is assessed. By not involving non-governmental actors is not possible either to ensure the application of a Human Rights-based (HRB) approach as requested by UN principles. (HRB approach is based on: universality, indivisibility, equality and non-discrimination, participation, accountability without non-governmental actors, you cannot ensure at least participation and accountability in the Pacific). A brief footnote included. |
| Oran No | 11 | 43 | Observation | Also such event participants’ information and contacts were not made available mainly owing to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) | You can get quick feedback right after the session with ‘pool’ system in zoom for example. |
| Oran No | 12 | 44 | Wrong data | 138 awareness-raising events and 4083 attendees are confirmed numbers as of December 2021.  We may have more by early 2022, but that figures can be checked with Anu, if needed. | Information was double checked with the monitoring expert. |
| Ora No | 13 | 50 | Observation | Sources of information for technical backstopping for 1) GTI/DRR and 2) CF are different.  I’m not sure this was informed by either the focal point of ComSec or CFA(s), but for your information I share these CF activity reports: [Update of Endline](https://unitaremail-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/oran_no_unitar_org/EhNGelxm5zFAirR4i4owqcUBDNeBtn4S_SnWvLfthieKhQ?e=ewYhKg)  In-country experts even did some mapping to support CFA and gov’s work for evidence-based proposals (e.g. Fiji rural Electirificaiton Fund Project Sites -FREF/ Vanuatu maps for KIWA and GCF concept note) -> these can be found in the Quarterly Technical Backstopping Report – Q3 2021  Also, Paragraph 95 mentions the example: “Also in the Solomon Islands, the climate advisor supported the National Development Bank in accessing climate finance to support green entrepreneurship or the association of transportation to obtain accreditation for the GCF.” | Yes, reports on climate finance were revised but still the evaluator considered there was. no evidence these were used for project fundraising applications.  Yes, and this info. was provided by the CF advisor and this was included in the evaluation because it is relevant for the project performance assessment. |
| Oran No | 14 | Figure 7 | Wrong data | Vanuatu 2020 is 6, not 4.  Please see the attached dashboard below. Anu reviewed it to correct the discrepancies in early February after the QPM with UKSA. | Comment addressed. |
| Oran No | 15 | 53 | Observation | Please see my comment on p.12.  CF backstopping services were provided by ComSec CFAs, thus activities were not recorded in the UNOSAT reports.. | See comment above for note 13. |
| Simon Kartar | 16 | 54 | Observation | Accuracy  The challenge is more that procurement of the infrastructure to host the CS platform at USP has been extremely slow in spite of weekly stakeholder and progress meetings. While a MoU between SAC and USP has been established, followed by a collaboration agreement and subcontract, progress has been hampered by climate events, staffing pressures arising from Covid, climate events, disasters, political instability and a suspected government data centre security breach which have all diverted staff and reduced the priority of CS platform procurement.  In the intervening time new technologies have become widely used (e.g. STAC), and the SAC team took the opportunity to update the CS products to support this emerging standard.  MOE have however agreed to fund the SSL certificates. To mitigate all of these delays, SAC invested its own resources in a temporary hosting environment in Harwell to host CS products and services awaiting transfer to Fiji. | Comment addressed. |
| Oran No | 17 | 54 | Wrong data | FYI, MoE has renewed the certificate for 2 years from March 2022 | Comment addressed |
| Simmon Kartar | 18 | 55 | Observation | Completeness  The limited capacity… impacted the project team’s ability to deliver even fundamental components.  Accuracy  The services-procurement initiative has been further delayed by competing priorities in USP and as such has been extended again under a NCE and GCN to December 2022. | Comment addressed |
| Simmon Kartar | 19 | 56 | Observation | Accuracy  The Solomon and Vanuatu solutions being ‘live’ are dependent on the SSL certificate renewal, requested in Nov 2021 and still not provided by MoE in April 2022. The VPN solution is enabled to allow trainings to be delivered under these circumstances.  The SSL certificate is required to complete the re-installation of the ESRI portal, via which users access the Van/Sol solutions, following its destruction during the suspected government data centre breach in February 2021 | Added as footnote for clarity to the reader. |
| Anudari Achitsaikhan | 20 | 56 | Reword | Unclear  Add “at the time” at the end of the sentence, “In Fiji, the platform has been available since October 2020, with only eight unique users at the time”. | Comment addressed. |
| Simmon Kartar | 21 | 60 | Response | No, Brook – still waiting for USP to procure the infrastructure. | N/A |
| Simmon Kartar | 22 | 67 | Response | No, Elise – still waiting | N/A |
| Oran No | 23 | 114 | Observation | Minor – but check the numbering of paragraphs | The numbering has been checked and revised. |
| Simmon Kartar | 24 | 117 | Observation | Accuracy  The sentences suggests that the solution has been set up at USP, but this is still to happen | Comment addressed. |
| Oran No | 25 | 119 | Observation | UNOSAT will provide/strengthen the technical solution such as web-based decision support tools under this new project framework. | Comment addressed. |
| Simmon Kartar | 26 | Recommendation 2 | Observation | Accuracy  IT risks were identified and recorded. A multiple of these risks (and issues) occurring and overlapping, during covid and travel bans was unforeseen and has been complex to manage. | Comment addressed. |
| Mxolisi Sibanda | 27 | 2 | Observation | The use of the information from the data cube for project development is not clearly included here. SUGGEST you include by adapting sentence to read '..data layers to monitor developments in geographies, analyse physical risk and use in project development and monitoring, as well….@ | Well noted. Sentence reworded accordingly. |
| Mxolisi Sibanda | 28 | 8 | Reworded | Possible? | Phrase reworded. |
| Mxolisi Sibanda | 29 | 13 | Observation | Please reference in the methodology section the use of information from Tonga as a comparator. | This point was added in the limitations section. |
| Mxolisi Sibanda | 30 | Figure 2 | Question | Is there an explanation of the low participation of Sol Islands? Would be useful to reflect it here. | Well noted. Explanation was added as a footnote. |
| Mxolisi Sibanda | 31 | 16 | Observation | Figure 2 and this description do not seem to align. Could you clearly link the two so its clear how the overally participation in Figure 2 links with this description. | Paragraph 16 makes reference to respondents to the survey, while Figure 2 to participants in the semi-structured interviews. |
| Mxolisi Sibanda | 32 | 35 | Question | So? What is the point here? | The paragraph is a descriptor of the selection process. |
| Mxolisi Sibanda | 33 | 37 | Observation | The last two stats (83% vs 89 and 92% vs 100%) aren't significantly different to me. I think this observation is not strong, if based on these kinds of figures. | Well noted. The last sentence clarifies the need for further research to assure that there is indeed a gender differential. |
| Katherine Cooke | 34 | 54 | Observation | SAC trip planned to rectify ODC situation | Noted. No changes needed. |
| Katherine Cooke | 35 | 54 | Observation | This is correct but understand the certificates have now been renewed - but key point of contact at USP has now left so requires an ongoing plan | Well noted. Used as insight. |
| Mxolisi Sibanda | 36 | 57 | Observation | Please specify who are the 'local officers' referred to here. |  |
| Mxolisi Sibanda | 37 | 66 | Observation | Variously designated in document. For consistency, please refer to these as the Commonwealth National Climate Finance Advisors | Term substituted along the document. |
| Mxolisi Sibanda | 38 | 86 | Wrong data | This should be the Development Bank of Solomon Islands. This should be the National Transport Fund | Terms replaced accordingly. |
| Katherine Cooke | 39 | 108 | Observation | CS has been used for the decarbonisation of public bus transport in Fiji and an app is being created for the Fiji Rural Electrification Fund (FREF). Finally it has been included in a GCF concept note to prioritise foo climate smart agriculture  But issues with platform not yet being in Fiji and ODC not yet at USP is an issue | The evaluator only counted finance climate proposals. Other uses are mentioned in other paragraphs. |
| Katherine Cooke | 40 | Recommendation 1 | Observation | Interaction with ministries should have strong local team, with local credibility to enable data sharing (lack of data held in platform has been one of the major issues). It is also recommended that the consortium is much smaller allowing clear lines of communication from each partner such that the outputs of each consortium partner will be directly useful to the government and universities who will use the system.  Finally recommended that the system is up and running effectively and some very strong case studies are built at the outset, then the promotion of the platform is done. This way some really strong examples can be leveraged for engagement with ministries. | Well noted. Comments somehow incorporated throughout recommendations. |
| DHS | 41 | Annex 5 | Observation | This training did happen in December. Maybe we can change this to say the training has happened? | Evaluation matrix was inserted as initially prepared when the evaluation started |
| DHS | 42 | Annex 5 | Observation | This is a huge achievement for Vanuatu as the policy is the first of it's kind and one of the priorities in the policy is to progress efforts on creating and maintaining a central data base of information across sectors. Should this be implemented within the timeframe of the policy, the work that the CS is doing in country could be the starting point for data centralization. | N/A |