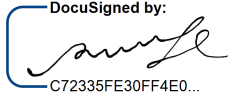


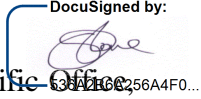
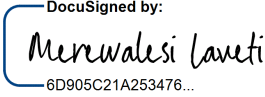
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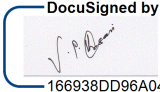


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**Subject:** Incomplete BRANTV Project Final Mid Term Review Report

Barrier Removal for Achieving the National Energy Road Map Targets of Vanuatu (BRANTV) Mid Term Review was scheduled to ascertain the progress towards the achievement of the project objectives and outcomes as specified in the Project Document and assess early signs of project success or failure with the goal of identifying the necessary changes to be made in order to set the project on-track to achieve its intended results.

The BRANTV project mid-term review was scheduled to begin in October 2020 and complete by December 2020. An international consultant Sean J Burke and a national consultant William Ganileo had been hired by UNDP for this MTR works. Since travel restrictions was still in-place, the evaluation consultations with stakeholders were done by virtual means. All documents were made available online.

There have been several delays in finalizing the MTR report by the International Consultant resulting in UNDP extended both consultants contracts for 5 times (no cost extension).

	International Consultant: Sean Burke Contract ID: UNDP/FJI/RLA/014/2020	National Consultant: William Ganileo Contract ID: UNDP/FJI/IC/2020/218
Initial signed contract start date	9/12/2020	8/12/2020
Initial contact end date	31/1/2021	31/1/2021
Extension in April 2021 – contract end date revised	15 May 2021	15 May 2021
Extension in May 2021 – contract end date revised	30 May 2021	30 May 2021
Extension in June 2021 – contract end date revised	15 July 2021	15 July 2021
Extension in July 2021 – contract end date revised	15 August 2021	15 August 2021
Extension in July 2021 – contract end date revised	30 September 2021	30 September 2021

UNDP received the first draft on 04 June 2021. This was reviewed separately by the Government of Vanuatu and UNDP. A consolidated version of comments was shared with the Sean Burke on 24 June. Comments were provided by the RTA. Government of Vanuatu added few more comments on the consolidated version which was shared by UNDP with Sean on 02 August. Follow ups had been ongoing since August until we received an updated version on 12 November. The latest incomplete version was received on 10 December. It is concluded upon review that majority of the comments remains unresolved or are not adequately addressed. This was discussed in the team (Programme Analyst, M&E Country Coordination Analyst, Team Leader, RSD and GEF Regional Technical Advisor) that quality and usefulness of the MTR report is unsatisfactory. The final MTR report must describe the full MTR approach taken and the rationale for the approach making explicit the underlying assumptions, challenges, strengths and weaknesses about the methods and approach of the review and the report received is lacking these. The team also discussed that any further improvement cannot be expected from the consultants. However, the programme will proceed with the management responses in response to the recommendations stated in the draft MTR review.

Therefore, this international consultant is not recommended for future UNDP assignments and to be removed from the UNDP roster as we do not want any other project to go through these issues.

Correspondences relating to the same are enclosed for your perusal and approval.