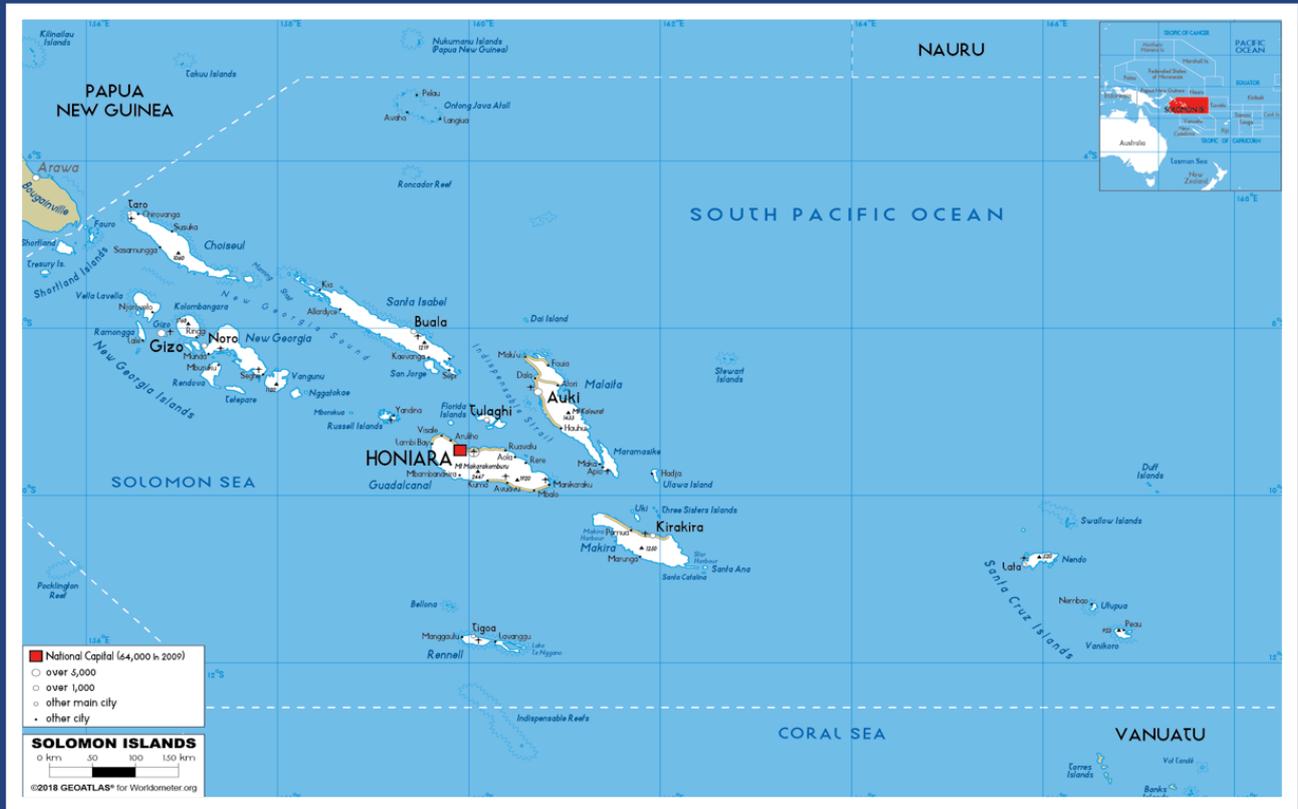


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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AHC	Australian High Commission
ANU	Australian National University
AWP	Annual Work Plan
BVR	Biometric Voter Registration
CEO	Chief Electoral Officer
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CTA	Chief Technical Advisor
EA	Electoral Act
EO	Electoral Office
ERSF	Electoral Reform Strategic Framework
EU	European Union
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Member of Parliament
MWYCFA	Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs
NAM	Need Assessment Mission
NGE	National General Election
IOA	International Operations Adviser
OW	Outstanding Women
PBM	Project Management Board
PPC	Political Parties Commission
SECSIP	Strengthening the Electoral Cycle in the Solomon Islands
SIBC	Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation
SIEC	Solomon Islands Electoral Commission
SIEO	Solomon Islands Electoral Office
SINU	Solomon Islands National University
SOPE	State Of Public Emergency
TOT	Training of Trainers
TSM	Temporary Special Measures
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
VAS	Voter Awareness Strategy
WPL	Women Participation and Leadership
WRAM	Women's Rights Action Movement
WSN	Women Support Network



I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. During 2020 UNDP Strengthening the Electoral Cycle in the Solomon Islands Project (SECSIP) continued to support the authorities of Solomon Islands in the management of the electoral cycle through the implementation of its five outputs¹.
2. A major priority during this year was to assist the Solomon Islands Electoral Commission (SIEC) and its secretariat, the Electoral Office in the organization of by-elections under the scenario of the global pandemic of COVID 19. Two parliamentary by-elections for the constituencies of North East Guadalcanal and Central Honiara were held on 18 November 2020 (pre-polling for police and electoral officials on duty on e-day was conducted on 16 November 2020). The planning and preparation of these elections required support to review the operational planning and voting procedures to take into account the measures adopted by the authorities to prevent and mitigate risks in connection with COVID 19.
3. Aside from COVID 19 measures, SECSIP provided support to the Electoral Office capacity building actions including training sessions for temporary election officials (Electoral Managers, Returning Officers and polling staff i.e., presiding officers, polling assistants and queue controllers), for women candidates and their campaign managers, for media professionals covering the by-elections. All of these actions included modules on social inclusion and gender sensitization.
4. A total of 64 electoral observers (international and national) were accredited out of which 42 were domestic observers. The latter was comprised of 30 women and 12 people with disabilities. For the first time, the observation group included members of the Solomon Islands Deaf Association who were assisted by sign interpreters. A three days information briefing for observers was organized by the Electoral Office and included specific sessions on new procedures for compliance with the COVID 19 prevention measures.
5. Additionally, post-elections lessons learned exercises with electoral senior managers and temporary election officers were held on 27 November to help to identify good practices, acknowledge challenges and agree on for the future improvement of electoral activities.
6. Promoting gender awareness and inclusiveness continued to be a support project priority in 2020. Building on the 2019 women candidate schools, a three-day training was organized and co-facilitated by the Electoral Office and SECSIP. Sessions included awareness on electoral legislation and procedures and campaigning strategies. Additionally, the women's leadership initiative 'Outstanding Women of Solomon Islands' completed the process of nominations and elections throughout the country. This resulted in the identification of 11 women elected at provincial level (nine women elected in ten elections, one per province and 2 who got a tie result in the election in Honiara) out of a total 120 women identified throughout the country. A group of 24 women comprised of the 11 Outstanding Women and members of the Provincial Councils of Women and YWCA participated in a one-week leadership workshop held in Honiara the last week of October. Although still in its early stages of development, the initial impact of this initiative is promising².
7. While the overall rate of women representatives in the political sphere remains low, the parliament of Solomon Islands now has for the first time four women members. The candidate elected for North East Guadalcanal is Hon. Ethel Lency. The new member obtained 48% of the votes cast in the constituency.

¹ **Output 1:** Sustainable voter registration system created to strengthen the inclusiveness and integrity of the electoral cycle.

Output 2: More efficient and effective administrative procedures designed and implemented for the Solomon Islands Election Commission (SIEC) to fulfill its mandate.

Output 3: National authorities and local networks have better capacity to train and educate the population on voter awareness and civic engagement.

Output 4: Electoral, legal and administrative reform supported to contribute to a stronger electoral commission and representative democracy.

Output 5: Increased capacity of communities to promote women's political participation.

² See Annex 3 table 'Initial impact of Outstanding Women of Solomon Islands Initiative'

8. In terms of leadership in the administration of elections, this reporting period has seen the completion of the assignment of Mr. Moses Saitala as Chief Electoral Officer (CEO). The new CEO, Ms. Jane Waetara, was sworn in by His Excellency the Governor General Sir David Vunagi on 4 August 2020. As per the request of the Chair of the SIEC to facilitate the smooth transition between the outgoing CEO and the new incumbent, UNDP supported a short-term consultancy of Mr. Moses Saitala. SECSIP has continued its support to the Solomon Islands Electoral Office (SIEO) under the new leadership of Ms. Waetara.
9. The implementation of the agreement with the European Union (FED/2013/328/922) came to an end on 31 December 2019. Upon submission of a final project report, the European Union disbursed its Final Forecast Payment in September 2020.
10. In accordance with its Project Document, SECSIP was expected to end its three-year period of implementation on the 30 June 2020. A Project Board meeting held on Wednesday 27 May 2020 endorsed an extension of SECSIP project implementation until 30 June 2021. It was critical for the continuation of the project implementation that the Government of Australia agreed to extend its Cost Sharing Agreement and to commit funding for the additional period.



Three voters outside St. Barnabas polling station, Central Honiara constituency

II. 2020 BY-ELECTIONS AMIDST COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

Due to the global pandemic of COVID 19, the Solomon Islands authorities issued three consecutive declarations of State of Public Emergency (SOPE). The first was issued by the Governor General on 26 March 2020 and was followed by two other declarations which have maintained the SOPE through the remainder of 2020 and it is likely continue in the coming months of 2021. This led to the need for the revision of the electoral procedures for their alignment with the requirements and with the health prevention/mitigation measures adopted by the Solomon Islands public authorities.

Nevertheless, the SIEO was able to react and assess the new scenarios to organize by-elections³. On 18 November 2020 parliamentary by-elections for the constituencies of North East Guadalcanal and Central Honiara were held (see newspaper headline on the right). The third by-election is expected to be held in South Choiseul in the first half of 2021.

The rates of participation in the 2020 by-elections in comparison with those of the 2019 national general election (NGE) experienced a small decrease. In the case of North East Guadalcanal, participation was 89% of the registered electors (in 2019 NGE participation in this constituency was 92%) and 69% in Central Honiara



constituency (which had a rate of participation of 74.85% in the 2019 NGE). The safe voting measures and awareness strategic actions implemented by the Electoral Office with SECSIP support contributed to maintain a significant participation despite the COVID 19 related restrictions and the fact that the NGE frequently have a higher number of voters.

³ Three rulings of the Solomon Islands High Court on election petitions lodged in 2019 were issued in 2020 rendering elections for the constituencies of North East Guadalcanal, Central Honiara and South Choiseul null and void and requiring the organization of by-elections to choose the members of parliament for those constituencies (Election Petition/Civil Case No. 265 of 2019; 285 of 2019 and South Choiseul 289 of 2019) as null and void.





Voter inside polling station proceeding to introduce her finger in the indelible ink bottle after using gel sanitizer. Polling staff and police wearing masks and gloves.

Hon. Ethel Lency was elected the member of parliament for the North East Guadalcanal constituency. Her win means that the number of women MPs is now four, a milestone for Solomon Islands and for the Pacific region. Four candidates (1 woman) contested this by-election for the North East Guadalcanal Constituency. Hon. Lency received 48% of the votes (2,207 votes out of the total 4,646 votes cast). Her nearest competitor was the former Prime Minister Mr. Derek Sikua who received 41% of the votes (1,928 votes).

In the case of Central Honiara constituency, the new member of parliament is Hon. Alfred Efona from the United Party. A total of 10 candidates (3 women) contested this by-election. Mr. Efona secured 33% of the votes (3,670 out of 11,102 total votes cast).

Chart 1: Distribution of members of parliament by gender (2014, 2019 and 2020)

At the time of writing this report, there are 49 members of parliament. The election of the member for South Choiseul constituency will complete the total number of 50 members.

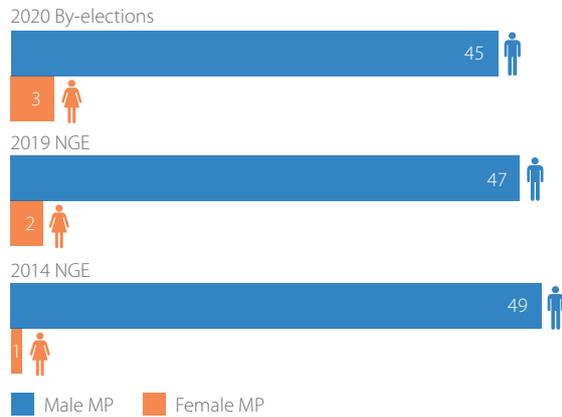


Table 1: Analysis of election results

SN	Analysis of women candidates results 	North East Guadalcanal	Central Honiara
1.	Women candidates	1	3
2.	Women candidates elected	1	0
3.	Total votes received by women candidates	2,207	2,653
4.	Percentage out of total votes	47.6%	23.9%
Percentage of votes cast for candidates			
5.	Candidates with >50% votes cast	0	0
6.	Candidates with 30-50% votes cast	2	1
7.	Candidates with 20-30% votes cast	0	2
8.	Candidates with 10-20% votes cast	0	0
9.	Candidates with <10% votes cast	2	7
10.	Candidates who contested previous elections	2/4	6/10



*Voter entering polling station (Art Gallery, Central Honiara)
under the instructions of the queue controller*

III. ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED BY OUTPUT

OUTPUT 1: Sustainable voter registration system to strengthen the inclusiveness and integrity of the electoral cycle

There was no biometric voter registration operation conducted in 2020.

During the reporting period, SIEC, supported by SECSIP, commenced its analysis of the needs to introduce the continuous voter registration identified as a priority of the Electoral Reform Strategic Framework (ERSF).

An important element to consider for the implementation of continuous voter registration is the establishment of electoral offices in the field. In 2019, the SIEC approved the progressive establishment of provincial offices. It was considered that this was instrumental to provide continuous voter registration and enhance the delivery of electoral services, particularly with respect to the new responsibility of organizing provincial assembly elections and provide a better platform to continue building and consolidating the knowledge of the electorate on voter awareness.

SECSIP supported the organization of two workshops with members of parliament held in March and April 2020. These workshops provided an opportunity to discuss the reform paper on continuous voter registration prepared by the Electoral Office in late 2019. The needs derived from the expanded mandate and responsibilities including the staffing structure and set-up of offices in the provinces were part of the discussions.

The plan endorsed by SIEC for the opening of provincial offices, aimed at having three provincial electoral offices being established in 2021 in Guadalcanal, Malaita and Western Province and the remaining offices to be opened in 2022⁴. UNDP through its Digital Transformation Catalytic Fund initiated the procurement of IT office equipment⁵ for the planned three offices.

At the time of writing this report, the setting up of the provincial offices is likely to be delayed. The adverse impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the State Budget has led to a re-direction policy statement

from the Government announcing a 40% budget reduction and the postponement of recruitment of public servants. Nevertheless, the continuous voter registration remains a ERSF priority and SIEO is committed to identify cost-effective approaches for its implementation.

Follow up actions

Possible areas of UNDP support to be considered in the design of assistance for the next electoral cycle may include aspects to enhance national control and future sustainability including:

1. Development and implementation of appropriate data management policies and protocols prioritizing data security, access, recovery. Consideration to possible synergies with relevant state-owned institutions and other aid providers to facilitate the production and implementation of such policies.
2. Assessment human resources needs and development of a plan focusing on the capacity building of a core national IT/BVR team with the required technical skills.
3. Identification of alternatives in collaboration with other state agencies and partners to establish provincial offices with voter registration units to implement the continuous voter registration.
4. Timely procurement of additional equipment and materials for the setting up of voter registration units in line with the revised plans and timeline and in compliance with SIEC and SIEO directions.

⁴ Isabel, Makira, Choiseul, Temotu and Central Province (Renbell to be managed from Guadalcanal given the size of the electorate)

⁵ Equipment includes nine computers (three desktop & six laptops) and three printers.

OUTPUT 2: More efficient and effective administrative procedures for the Solomon Islands Election Commission to fulfill its mandate

RESULTS SUPPORTED BY SECSIP

Measures to protect/mitigate COVID-19 risks

Development of SI Elections and COVID 19 Guideline supported. The Guideline identified COVID 19 preventative measures (including COVID 19 kits with hand sanitizer gel, gloves and masks for distribution to electoral staff) for the safe organization of electoral events which were endorsed by the COVID 19 Oversight Committee. Electoral procedures were reviewed accordingly.

Voter awareness materials (posters, leaflets, videos, billboards) on new procedures and featuring COVID 19 measures were timely produced and distributed.



Capacity building of electoral officials was supported. This included Election Managers (EMs), Returning Officers (ROs), Assistant Returning Officers (AROs), Communication and Administration Officers (CAPs) and polling staff (Presiding Officers, Polling Assistants & Queue Controllers). Training included modules on gender and social inclusion.



Two by-elections held on 18 November 2020 (pre-poll voting for police and electoral staff conducted on 16 November 2020). Participation remain high with 89% in North East Guadalcanal and 69% in Central Honiara. Electoral observers described the by-elections as generally well managed.



SECSIP contributed to the drafting and production of the report on the 2019 national general election and the review of the SIEC corporate plan. These reports will contribute to the building of the institutional memory.

The lessons learned workshop on by-elections assisted to identify good practices, challenges and possible alternate courses of action for future electoral processes and activities.

The declaration of State of Public Emergency and the measures adopted by the national authorities to prevent and mitigate an outbreak of COVID 19 pandemic resulted in the postponement of by-elections initially planned to be held in June 2020.

Taking into account the new circumstances and its impact on the planning of electoral events, the SIEO focused on the setting up of mechanisms to enable the planning and development of electoral events in compliance with the measures adopted by the national authorities. This included:

SIEO internal working group (WG)

Led by CEO and comprised of SIEO Operations, Finance, Admin and HR Units and SECSIP, the WG was established in the second quarter of 2020. It

held several brainstorming sessions and consolidated proposals and feedback on a workshop held on 30 June 2020. An important outcome of the WG was the identification of key changes to the electoral operational procedures to be considered in the planning of any electoral events which were reflected in the *SI Elections and COVID 19 paper*. This paper provided the basis for the review of procedures to enable the safe implementation of electoral events while guaranteeing accessibility and participation of the electorate, particularly in the three upcoming by-elections. Additionally, with the aim of business continuity in the case of a COVID 19 outbreak, the *SIEO Operative Preventative Instructions for COVID 19* was developed to provide a set of internal standard operations procedures which were endorsed by the Commission on 16 November 2020.



Handover of COVID19 washing stations to SIEO

Procurement of COVID-19 protection kits (masks, gloves, hand-sanitizer)

In alignment with revised procedures and measures endorsed by the COVID 19 Oversight Committee, SECSIP procured materials for the COVID kits to be distributed utilized trainings and to staff in every polling station. SECSIP also liaised with UNICEF which provided portable hand washing stations located outside each polling station.

Recruitment of temporary electoral officials

SIEO recruited 36 Presiding Officers (13 women), 72 Polling Assistants (40 female) and 36 Queue Controllers (12 female) for Central Honiara constituency. For North East Guadalcanal constituency SIEO recruited 19 Presiding Officers (4 female), 38 Polling Assistants (22 female) and 19 Queue Controllers (7 female).

Training of electoral officers for 2020 by-elections

A three-day training (14-16 September 2020) for Election Managers and other officials with managerial responsibilities for the two by-elections was organized by SIEO. Participants included 2 Election Managers (EM), 2 Returning Officers (ROs), 8 Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) and 2 Communication and Administration Officers (CAOs). SECSIP provided support to the organization of this training which included sessions on gender sensitization and social inclusion. A one-day training on counting procedures (Election Managers, ROs and AROs) was also conducted with the support of SECSIP.

Capacity building of 220 Polling Officials

Trainings for polling staff from Central Honiara were held at the St. Barnabas Cathedral Hall on 13 and 16 November. For North East Guadalcanal they were held at Tetere Police Area on 15-16 November. At the end of the training, polling officials signed a pledge acknowledging their responsibilities and accountability in the carry out of their duties.

Table 2: Temporary employment for national general elections 2014, 2019, 2020

Temporary Electoral Officers	2014 NGE (50 Constituencies)	2019 NGE (50 Constituencies)	2020 By-elections (2 Constituencies)
Electoral Managers	10 (no women)	10 (no women)	2 (1 woman, 50%)
Returning Officers	50 (4 women, 8%)	50 (5 women, 10%)	2 (no women)
Assistant RO	79 (3 women, 3.8%)	150 (49 women, 32.6%)	8 (2 women, 25%)
Presiding Officers	867 (35 women, 4%)	1043 (209 women, 20%)	55 (17 women, 30.9%)
Polling Assistants	1,743 (105 women, 6%)	2,100 (735 women, 35%)	110 (62 women, 56.4%)



Polling officials after training



Person with disability being assisted by polling staff



Polling station, Honiara art gallery

Pre-poll for 2020 by-elections.

In compliance with the Electoral Act, an early voting for police and electoral officials unable to vote on polling day due to their engagement on official duties was held on 16 November 2020 enabling these officials to exercise their right to vote. A total of 81 Pre-poll applications (41 for Central Honiara and 40 for North East Guadalcanal) were received during pre-poll application period (28 October - 3 November 2020).

By-elections in Central Honiara and North East Guadalcanal constituencies

The by-elections for these constituencies were held during the SOPE and amid COVID-19 measures on 18 November 2020. There were 36 polling stations in Honiara Constituency and 19 polling stations in North East Guadalcanal with health safety measures. A total of 14 candidates (4 women) contested these by-elections.

Table 3: 2020 By-elections. Distribution of accredited observers

Organizations	Accredited observers 2020
Development Services Exchange (members from SOC, PY-FACSI, PWDSI, SIDA, NCW, GPCW, S.I. Scouts) (30 women, 15 PWD)	43 domestic observers ⁶ 50 (4 women, 8%)
New Zealand High Commission	4
British High Commission	2
Australian High Commission	7
PNG High Commission	1
Japanese Embassy	3
USA Consular	2
S.I Political Party Commission	2
Total Observers	64

Domestic observers for by-elections 2020

The accreditation and training of 43 domestic observers (30 women, 12 PWD⁷) was supported by SECSIP who established a low value grant with the umbrella organization Development Service Exchange (DSE) to facilitate the identification and channeling of applications of an inclusive group of observers to be present in all polling stations. SECSIP also supported a two-day briefing session held on 5 and 6 November 2020 for international and national observers.

Post-election lesson learned exercises

A lessons-learned workshop to identify challenges, good practices, and the way forward for future improvement of electoral activities was organized on 26 and 27 November 2020. SECSIP supported this

⁶ In 2020, the group of domestic observers was comprised of 70% women and 35% PWD. For the national general election in 2019, a group of 167 domestic observers were accredited under DSE being 44.3% (74 women) and 4% PWD (7 PWD).

⁷ This included observers with hearing and speaking impairments assisted by sign interpreters and others with walking impairments

Electoral observers at St Barnabas polling station



exercise attended by 40 participants (18 women) including 2 Electoral Managers (EM), 2 Returning Officers (RO), 8 Assistant Returning Officers (ARO), 8 Presiding Officers, 6 Polling Assistants, 3 Queue Control Officers, 2 Communication Admin Officers and all EO staff. The participants shared their experiences on by-elections held with the COVID 19 restrictions and provided their analysis on the strengths and weaknesses as well as recommendations for future improvement. For example, participants acknowledged the improvement of voter awareness materials including the video tools and manuals with more pictures to illustrate the required procedures. They also considered that the number of days of training of polling staff should be extended and to implement a more specific approach towards the training of polling staff depending on their specific responsibilities. This event was followed by a half day internal reflection session organised by SIEO where heads of unit presented their plans and recommendations.



Lessons-learned workshop on 2020 by-elections

SIEC institutional website

The current COVID 19 pandemic has emphasized the importance of having internet based tools who are accessible and user-friendly. Upon discussion with SIEO Senior Management, a website developer engaged by SECSIP conducted an upgrade of the website with particular focus on expanding its use for voter awareness and training activities. Three EO staff received specific training to enhance the internal capacity to administer the institutional website. Training also included introduction/use of webinars and applications like Zoom, WhatsApp, and Skype.

Procurement of video-conferencing equipment

The SOPE and measures adopted by the authorities have resulted in an increase of work related services provided remotely by officials and advisers. A video conferencing set comprised of web-camera, microphone, soundbox was procured by SECSIP.

Formalization of assets/equipment transfer to Electoral Office (EO).

As part of the project exit strategy, project procured assets including laptops, printers, generators and media equipment already under the physical custody of the Electoral Office were identified for its formal transfer to the Electoral Office. A list was presented to the Project Board in accordance with UNDP guidelines. The Project Board endorsed the proposed transfer as well as the request made by the project to retain a limited number of assets for project use until the end of project implementation.

Follow up actions

- ▶ Support the planning and implementation of electoral operations to conduct the parliamentary by-election for South Choiseul in 2021
- ▶ Implementation of the recommendations documented in the lessons learned exercises.
- ▶ Continuous building institutional capacities with particular focus on expansion and enhancement of field coordination and building of institutional memory.

OUTPUT 3: National authorities and local networks have better capacity to train and educate the population on civic and voter awareness

RESULTS SUPPORTED BY SECSIP



Revision and production of voter education materials (contents, design and production of posters, video, billboards, SMS) supported.



A total 43 domestic observers (30 female, 12 PWD) accredited for the 2020 two by-elections.



Capacity building of 19 media professionals on electoral process and their role for free and fair reporting enhanced.



Identification of voter awareness strategic actions. Support SIEO for the development of the 2020-2023 Voter Awareness Strategy.

Voter awareness materials

SECSIP was instrumental in identification and production of awareness materials in support of the revisions of the electoral procedures and reflecting the COVID 19 measures. This included the production of posters, leaflets, videos, SMS blasts, radio talk back shows as referred below.

Table 4: Temporary employment for national general elections 2014, 2019, 2020

Product	Description			
1	Video production	1 live action video 5 animated videos	1 live video 5 animated videos	100%
2	Production of posters	1 revision 2 new posters	1 revision 4 new posters	100%
3	Radio programmes	10 programmes (15 minutes air-time)	10 radio programs	100%
4	SMS blast text message	14 SMS blasts	14 blast to North East Guadalcanal Constituency cell sites	100%
5	Billboard display	Budget for but it was displayed eventually	1-month display three road side locations.	100%
6	Trainings	One Media Refresher/Code of conduct training Two sessions for temporary electoral and polling staff	1 Training	100%
7	Procurement of 100 flash drives with voter awareness materials contents.	80 units	38 distributed	47.5%

Posters

The table below shows the distribution of posters into different polling stations of the two by-election constituencies.

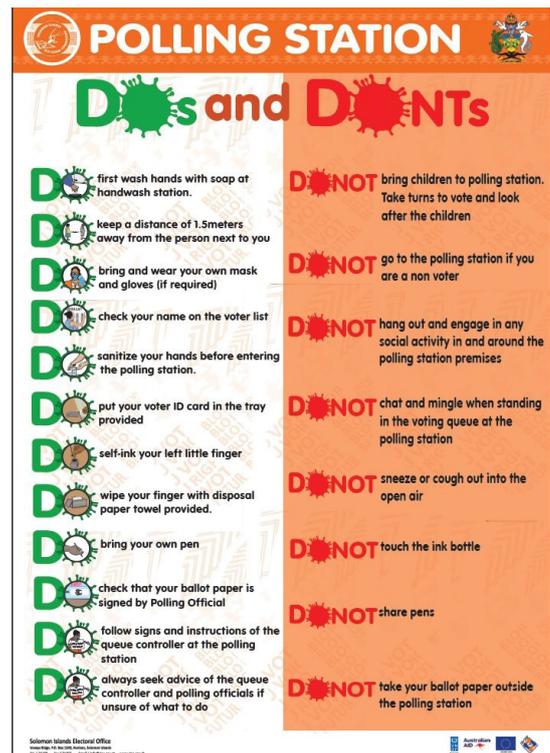
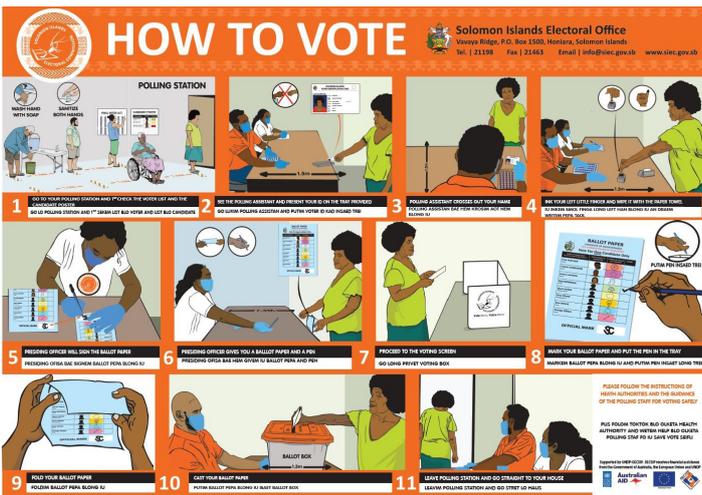
Under the guidance of the SIEO Voter Awareness Manager supported by SECSIP, the design, features and format characteristics for the production of voter awareness materials were established. A graphic illustrator was then engaged by the project to develop the new posters and other election awareness materials.

Table 5: Distribution of posters into different polling stations

Poster	Central Honiara		North East Guadalcanal		Total	Number of posters supported by SECSIP
	Quantity per PS kit	No. of kits	Quantity per kit	No. of kits		
How to vote	2	37	2	20	114	230
COVID 19	2	37	2	20	114	230
Ballot paper sample	2	37	2	20	114	230
Election Offences & penalties	1	37	1	20	57	119
Packing Polling Material poster	1	37	1	20	57	90

Examples of voter awareness materials included:

Posters



DOs and DONTs leaflets (230) with COVID-19 messages

Billboards

Four billboards located at key Honiara/Guadalcanal traffic prominent roadside locations were on display during the month prior to the election. It is estimated that on average, 5000 drivers and passengers (tables on how the estimated figure was calculated are included in Annex 02) travelled past these boards every day while in display.



Billboard on how to vote and COVID-19 information

Production of videos

Video featuring a voting in a polling station (role playing exercise) to be used as a training tool displaying revised procedures and COVID 19 protection measures. A sign-language interpreter was engaged to make the video understandable to people with hearing impairments.

<https://www.facebook.com/Selectoralcommission/posts/3734968879896279>

In addition to the video distribution through internet-based platforms, these awareness tools were uploaded in 132 flash drives distributed to electoral field officers, CSOs and development partners in the lead up to the 2020 by-elections.



A sign language interpreter explaining the videos to PWDs

SMS blasts

Fourteen SMS each reaching of 73,000+ mobile number holders providing information on by-elections polling procedures and safe voting measures were supported by SECSIP. These SMS also disseminated the link to the Electoral Office news site.

<https://www.facebook.com/Selectoralcommission/photos/a.653289824730882/3755467647846402>

Radio programmes

10 radio programmes on by-elections voter awareness from 18 September to 20 November 2020.

Briefing of media professionals for 2020 by-elections

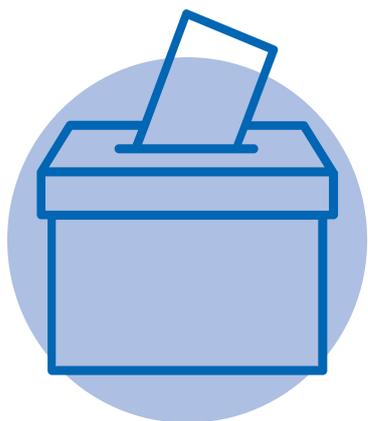
A two-day briefing (22-23 October) brought together 19 media professionals (9 women) ahead of by-elections on 18 November 2020. The aim of this briefing sessions was to improve knowledge of media professionals to better understand the electoral processes and contribute to enhance impartial and quality reporting on the elections. As per the data provided in the questionnaire evaluating the briefings, 58% of the participants were to cover elections for the first time. Journalists representing various media outlets including social media forums, radio (Star Radio, SIBC, ZFM,) and print media (Island Sun and Solomon Star) as well as freelancers were in attendance.



Group photo of media professional and SECSIP staff after the training

Voter awareness strategy 2020-2023

In consultation with SIEO, SECSIP prepared a proposal for a new voter awareness strategy for the period 2020-2023. An international consultant engaged by SECSIP contributed to the development of this proposed strategy currently being revised by the Electoral Office.



Follow up actions

- Continuous cooperation with media outlets to contribute to quality media reporting.
- Submission of the 2020-2023 Voter Awareness Strategy to the SIEC for its endorsement
- Support to the strengthening of the human resources capacity of the Media and Voter Awareness Unit,
- Support the Electoral Office in the identification of actions for the strengthening the inclusiveness in voter awareness activities specially to include youth, women, rural population and PWD.

OUTPUT 4: Electoral and legal reform supported to contribute to a stronger electoral commission and a representative democracy

RESULTS SUPPORTED BY SECSIP



Two workshops held in March and April with Members of Parliament to discuss the electoral reform strategic framework and possible impact on the electoral legal framework (23-24 March and 15 April 2020).



Production of booklet on the scope of duties and role of the Political Parties Commission (PPC) and Office of the Registrar of the PPC.

Electoral Office priorities discussed with the Members of Parliament.

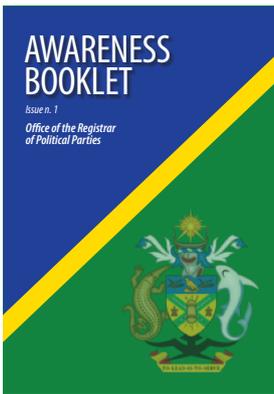
Two workshops with the Members of the National Parliament were organized by the Electoral Office to discuss a number of operational aspects identified in connection with the electoral reform priorities. The first workshop was held on 23-24 March 2020 and the second one on 15 April 2020. The 2019 Electoral Reform Strategic Framework and analysis papers

thereof (on continuous voter registration, on out of constituency voting, on synchronization of elections and EO office needs prepared with the support of SECSIP and ESSP advisers) were presented to the members of parliament.

The sessions also included discussions on the meaning of the 'ordinarily resident' as an essential topic in connection to prevent cross-constituency voter registrations. Additionally, the holding of

concurrent national and provincial elections on the same day requires that there is consistency in the meaning of ordinarily residency for both electoral processes (electors are residing in a village within a particular ward and therefore are eligible to vote for the provincial assembly candidates contending to represent that ward; moreover, they will be eligible electors for the MP representing the constituency where that ward is located). Last, the meaning of 'ordinarily resident' will also have an impact on the consideration of additional services such as the out of constituency voting. The voters will then be casting two ballot papers, one for national election and one for the ward in that constituency for which he or she is registered as a voter.

Awareness on the role and mandate of the Political Parties Commission (PPC)



At the request of the Registrar of the Office of the Political Parties, SECSIP supported the development of an information booklet with basic information on the role and responsibilities of the PPC, the Office of the Registrar and the political parties. The booklet has been produced as a tool

to assist the Office of the Registrar in its plans to commence a civic awareness campaign on how political parties contribute to a democratic society. Booklet link: <https://we.tl/t-zdgZwPEySk>

Video conferencing equipment

To facilitate communications and enable teleworking, SECSIP procured a set of video conferencing equipment for the PPC. The newspaper coverage on this topic is given below.



Handover of video conferencing equipment procured by SECSIP to the Office of the Registrar Political Parties Commission (PPC)



Follow up actions

- Support the design and implementation of awareness raising campaign for PPC.
- Review of the Electoral Act or subsidiary legislation to develop further the scope of duties of the Electoral Commission.
- Provide expert advice on options to introduce Temporary Special Measures (TSM) to enhance the representation of women in elected bodies.

OUTPUT 5: Capacity of the SIEC to promote gender mainstreaming

RESULTS SUPPORTED BY SECSIP



4 women members of parliament for the first time in Solomon Islands.



Capacity building of women candidates. Three women candidates for by-elections and the election managers of all women candidates participated in trainings and mentoring activities for the women candidates and their campaign managers.



11 Outstanding Women elected to represent each province and Honiara city. A leadership workshop was organized by SECSIP and attended by the 24 women (11 OW and 13 representatives of the Provincial Council of Women) to build the OW network, identify strengths and future collaboration possibilities.

A booklet explaining the OW initiative was produced. This booklet will be printed in 2021 and distributed attached to bags of rice through a collaboration with SOLRICE company.



Drafting of a revised Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) policy and action plan presented in November by SECSIP Senior Adviser on Women Leadership and Political Participation.

Training of women candidates

SECSIP organised a two-day candidate school (27-28 October 2020) for women candidates contesting the 2020 by-elections. The training prioritized modules and exercises to build the skills of women candidates on planning and strategy of electoral campaigns, electoral legal framework, team building and campaign communication. The training was attended by 7 participants which included 3 candidates and the campaign managers for all 4 candidates. The participants provided feedback in a questionnaire indicating that 40% of the topics discussed in the training were new to them. The link of media reporting on women candidate school: <https://www.solomontimes.com/news/election-workshop-helpful-says-firisua/10376>

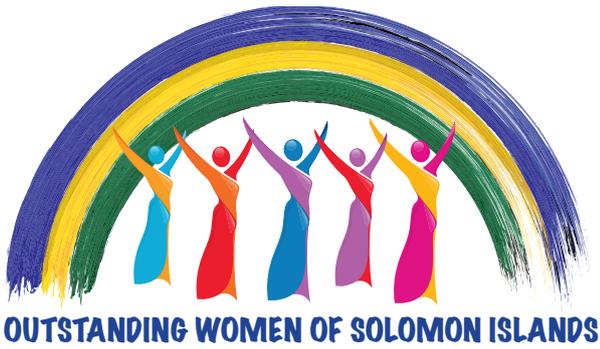
Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) policy

With SECSIP support a revision of the SIEO GESI policy and target action plan was conducted. The draft policy and proposed action plan were presented by SECSIP Senior Adviser on Women's Leadership Ms. Afu Billy to SIEO senior management in a workshop held in

November 2020. The proposed documents have taken into account the SIEO Corporate Plan and the priorities identified in the Electoral Reform Strategic Framework. The commitment to progressively implement these actions will contribute to a more inclusive and gender sensitive electoral management body.



Training for women candidates and campaign managers running for 2020 by-elections



Outstanding Women (OW) of Solomon Islands initiative

Upon completion of nominations and holding of elections in each of the nine provinces and in Honiara city, 11 Outstanding Women were elected at provincial level. These 11 OW were elected in 2019 (5 OW from Temotu, Isabel, Makira, Western and Central Province) and 2020 (6 OW from Malaita, Choiseul, Renbell, Guadalcanal and Honiara City) at the provincial level. Awareness activities were led by SECSIP Senior Adviser on women leadership before the OW elections in through the period June-August 2020. Information on the reasons why these OW were elected is included in are annex 04).

Outstanding Women Leadership Workshop

SECSIP supported the capacity building of 11 Outstanding Women (OW) and 10 women from the Provincial Councils of Women, two from YWCA and one officer from Women Development Desk (Central

Province) through a four-day workshop (28 September – 1 October) held in Honiara. The workshop contents included panel discussions on topics related to education, disaster recovery, business development, fund raising techniques and leadership tools. It also included training modules on financial literacy and a field trip to a Guadalcanal farm as an example of an economic activities.

Link of the workshop news can be found at: <https://www.solomontimes.com/news/womens-leadership-workshop-brings-together-outstanding-women-from-the-provinces/10262>



SIEO Voter Awareness Manager leading a discussion on women and elections during the OW leadership workshop



Group photo of 11 OW during the leadership workshop, Honiara November 2020

ANU Research findings

At the request of the Australian High Commission (AHC), a meeting with women leaders for the presentation of the findings of the Australian National University (ANU) on the 2019 National General Election was organized at UNDP Country Office. Participants included two women leaders representing national women's organisations, five former women candidates for the 2019 National General Elections, and seven young women. Participants had the opportunity to share their experiences running as candidates, being involved in political campaigns and also as voters and agreed with issues presented providing their views on the barriers for women on political participation.



ANU and SECSIP meeting with women leaders

Radio talk back shows held in December 2020

The topic of the first one was "Leadership and Gender in Solomon Islands". Participants in this discussion were three Solomon Islands women leaders, the Chief Electoral Officer of the SIEO, Ms. Jane Waetara; the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Ms. Ethel Frances and the Director of Learning of SINU, Ms. Naola Pitia and one male gender equality advocate and educationalist Mr. Francis Kairi.

The second radio talk back show focused on the topic of "Leadership and Young People with Disabilities in Solomon Islands". It was conducted by three young people with a disability, a program manager of the PWDSI Association Ms. Stella Waioha, the Coordinator of a young women's programme which also includes girls with disabilities Ms. Kristina Sau and a USP law graduate with a sight impairment who is now working for a local law firm, Mr. Edwin Babanisi. The lawyer spoke of his determination to get to where he is now as a legal practitioner in Solomon Islands. One of the young women who has a mobility disability referred how a YWCA programme for young women had empowered

her to make adjustments to her life and to establish a support network to discuss challenges and possible ways to address them with other young women facing similar situations. A representative from the SIGs Community Based Rehabilitation center (CBR) provided an update on the government's plans to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

Follow up actions

- Identify and support future actions to continue building an enabling environment to enhance women political participation until June 2021.
- Support SIEO to implement GESI policy and action plan.
- Strengthen collaboration with relevant actors to raise awareness on electoral and gender related issues.
- Building advocacy platform/support women network advocating for TSM.
- Building on the capacities of the OW leaders, continue working to expand the implementation of "Outstanding Women of Solomon Islands" initiative. If funding is available proposed activities can include a series of OW led dialogues to be aired in radio programmes focusing on topics identified by communities. Discussions are to be led by members of the OW network and conducted with an inclusive approach involving youth, traditional and church leaders at local level (should COVID 19 measures enable this possibility). Topics may include discussion of national policies, legal reform issues and other priority areas as identified by the communities (for example climate change, disaster recovery are areas where some OW have experience). Based on progress made, to consider scaling up this initiative as an independent platform to promote women's leadership enhancing their participation and visibility on key development issues⁸.

⁸ This could include discussions on legal, economic empowerment, health, education, environmental, social inclusion issues.



Envelopes with forms and COVID 19 kits with masks, hand-sanitizer and gloves ready for distribution to the polling station

IV. MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

A. Management and oversight

Project Board Meetings (PBM)

Two PBM were held in 2020.

In 2020 the first SECSIP PBM was held on 20 February 2020. The topics discussed included a presentation from CEO Saitala reviewing 2019 electoral events and the identified priorities for 2020. SECSIP presented a project update summarizing 2019 key results and proposing a January-June 2020 work plan and budget as well as project closure and design of future electoral assistance actions.

The Board endorsed the SECSIP 6-month work plan and budget for the period of January-June 2020. The meeting was chaired by Hon. Patteson Oti and attendees were the Electoral Commissioner Ms. Taeasi Sanga, Mr. Moses Saitala, Chief Electoral Officer and Mr. Berdi Berdiyev, UNDP Country Office Manager. International Development partners were represented by Ms. Olivia Chambers and Natalina Hong of the Australian High Commission and Luis de Torres from the EU Delegation in Fiji (attendance via zoom). Other attendees included SIEC Head of Operations, Mr. Fred Bosoboe, ESSP adviser Walter Rigamoto and SECSIP project staff.

The second SECSIP PBM meeting was held on 27 May 2020. The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) informed attendees of EO upcoming actions in respect to three by-elections considering the current state of public emergency and the measures to be adopted in collaboration with the Ministry of Health to prevent/mitigate COVID 19 risks. SECSIP CTA presented the proposal endorsed by the SIEC to extend the project period of implementation. She proposed a revision of the Annual Working Plan (AWP) with budget adjustments to meet the revised priorities due to COVID 19 pandemic and informed the Board on the status of the project evaluation. The meeting was chaired by Hon. Mr. Patteson Oti and attended by SIEC Commissioner, Ms. Taeasi Sanga, CEO Mr. Mose Saitala, UNDP Country Manager Mr. Berdi Berdiyev,

and representatives of international partners from the Australian High Commission Ms. Natalina Hong, Senior Governance Programme Manager and EU officer Mr. Luis de Torres (via zoom), UNDP governance and SECSIP staff.

Special meeting SIEC -SECSIP

A special meeting of the Solomon Islands Electoral Commission was organised on 26 March 2020 with EC to inform SECSIP plans, SIEC strategy to conduct by-elections and deciding future implementation strategies by enabling social distancing measures due to COVID-19. Attendants included the Hon. Patteson Oti, Chairperson; Taeasi Sanga, Commissioner; Mose Saitala, CEO and member of EC in addition to SECSIP CTA and Coordination Manager. SECSIP CTA informed the attendants SECSIP plans for prioritisation and reshuffling of activities due to UNDP policies of working remotely to reduce health risks, extension of current phase till Dec 2020 due to difficulty for designing a new phase which were agreed by the Commission. She informed that SECSIP also proceed to engage expertise for voter awareness, end evaluation, graphic design, monitoring and evaluation to work remotely. CEO also provided an update on SIEO operations, organisation of by-elections, funding status etc.

B. Project reporting

Final project report to EU

SECSIP submitted the final project report for the European Union (EU) prepared in accordance with FED/2013/328/922. This report included activities and results implemented during a period of 6 ½ years (from 1 July 2013 to 31 Dec 2019). Contents of the report included:

- Activities carried out during the reporting period;
- Difficulties encountered and measures taken to overcome problems;
- Changes introduced in implementation;

- Achievements and results measured in accordance with the performance indicators prescribed in this Agreement;
- Work plan including objectives and performance indicators of achievement.
- Financial report (fund and expenditure, asset lists).

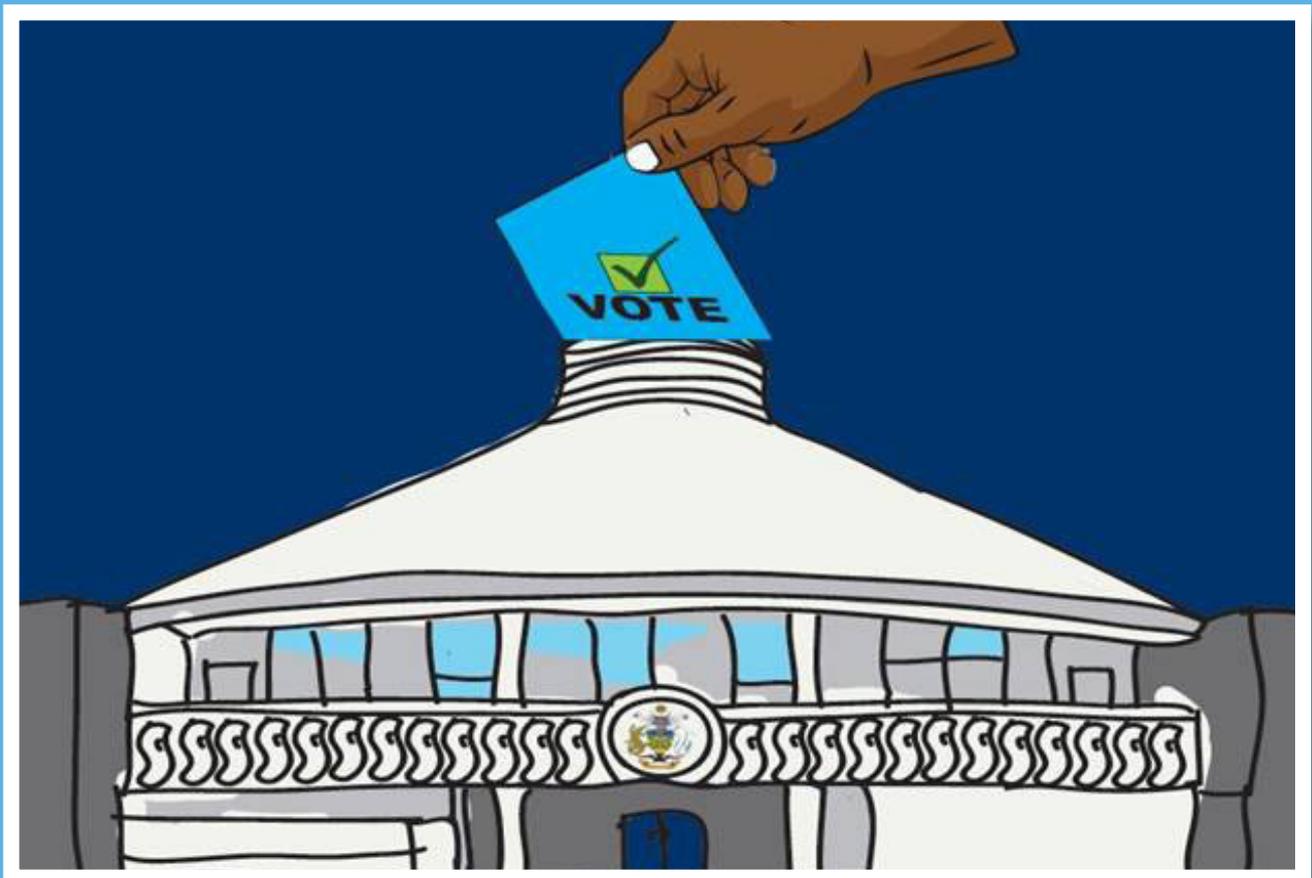
Project evaluation

In accordance with UNDP policies, an international consultant expert in project evaluations was identified from the UNDP Crisis Response Unit roster of pre-vetted candidates. The contract was issued in May 2020. The consultant submitted her resignation in October 2020 after various requests from the expert

to extend deadlines due to unforeseen personal circumstances causing a delay in the completion of the evaluation. A new expert on evaluations was engaged in November conducting key informant interviews with representatives from public and private stakeholders during this month.

The aim of this evaluation is to assess the impact and relevance of the project implementation and to provide a tool for the design of the next electoral assistance project by identifying achievements and lessons learned.

A final evaluation report is expected to be delivered in February 2021.



V. FINANCIAL STATUS

A. 2020 Annual Work Plan (AWP) and Expenditure

Annual Working Plan 1st January - 31st December 2020 (currency in USD dollars)

Expected Outputs (inclusive of GMS, TC and GOE*)	Budget	Expenditure	Percentage of delivery rate
Output 2: More efficient procedures for the enhancement of SIEC capacities to fulfil its mandate	157,756	104,904	66%
Output 3: National authorities and civil society organisations have better capacity to train and educate the population on voter awareness and civic engagement	135,520	126,500	93%
Output 4: Electoral and legal reform supported to contribute to stronger institutions of representative democracy	14,980	18,139	121%
Output 5: Increased capacity to pro-mote women's political participation	136,980	129,705	95%
Total Management and Technical Support	539,482	524,895	97%
Total budget and expenditure	984,718	904,143	92%

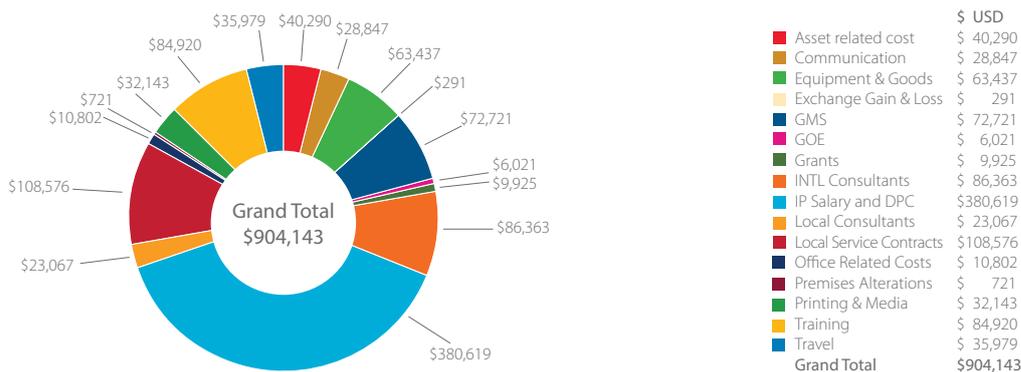
*General Management Service (GMS) 8%, Transactional Cost (TC) 2%, General Operational Expense (GOE) 2%

B. Expenditure by Donor

Currency in USD dollars

Activities	UNDP (Trac1)	UNDP (Trac2)	Australia	European Union	2020 Total
Activity 2			-6,311.10	-26,288.59	-35,559.79
More efficient procedures for the enhancement of SIEC capacities to fulfil its mandate	9,855.63		133,568.3		140,463.83
Activity 3			104,572.6	21,927.51	126,435.22
National authorities and civil society organisations have better capacity to train and educate the population on voter awareness and civic engagement			13,591.52	267.50	18,138.59
Electoral and legal reform supported to contribute to stronger institutions of representative democracy	4,279.57				
Increased capacity to promote women's political participation	382.21	-10.17	129,332.59		129,704.63
Project management related costs	7,710.87		519,253.12	-2,068.67	524,895.32
Total expenditure	16,308.08	-10.17	894,007.03	-6,162.25	904,142.69

C. Expenditure by Activity





VI. RISK LOG⁹

Risk	Mitigation Action	Timeframe	Progress of Mitigation Action(s)
Electoral Events Related			
Non-implementation /deferral of electoral events (i.e. Choiseul by-election) due to COVID 19 pandemic.	Planning and implementation incorporating COVID 19 preventive measures.	On-going	COVID 19 protection goods procured. Voter awareness actions and products focusing on revised procedures under COVID 19 produced.
Decision on Out of Constituency Voting (OCV) is not in alignment with Electoral Office capacities to meet logistics & funding requirements.	Costed analysis on scope and options for OCV.	Feb-March 2021	CEO has requested support to AEC. An expert has been identified and expected to commence work in February 2021.
Late adoption of subsidiary legislation, development of procedures and socialization related to OCV.	Awareness efforts focusing on rationale for OCV eligibility need to be developed.	Depending on OCV decision	Pending decision on OCV from electoral authorities.
Engagement of stakeholders by the Electoral Commission and Electoral Office is not as extensive as originally envisaged.	Continuous collaboration with COVID 19 Oversight Committee.	On-going	Measures identified and endorsed by COVID 19 Oversight Committee were implemented during 2020 by-elections. Additional measures may be considered depending on changes with respect Solomon Islands COVID 19 situation.
	Collaboration between SIEC and RSIPF.	On-going	The Electoral Office (EO) signed a MOU with RSIPF (in September 2018) to facilitate coordination of electoral related security issues.
	Activating inter agency coordination (IMEOC) body for better collaboration.		Consideration for reactivation of IMEOC.
Capacity constraints in key institutions (SIEC/ EO, PPC, RSIPF) to implement and participate in electoral activities. • Factor to consider for upcoming by-elections: OCV	Careful and pragmatic prioritisation, planning and sequencing of activities together with stakeholders. OCV will require a more complex electoral security planning to provide security to additional polling centres.	On-going	SECSIP expertise to work with Electoral Office to provide support in the lead up to the 2021 by-elections with particular focus on OCV if implemented. Planning of support in alignment with electoral timeline to include post-election lessons learned exercises as in previous elections.
Turmoil / Violence			
Election-related violence arises	Identification/mapping of potential hot-spots by electoral authorities in collaboration with RSIPF.	Depending on election timeline	Pursuant to the Electoral Act, the Governor General is to issue the proclamation of elections with a minimum of 56 days prior to the election date.
	Information and awareness actions/products to explain the electorate the rationale of legal requirements (particular focus on electoral offences & penalties & acceptance of electoral results).	On-going	SECSIP designed/supported awareness products on election offences and range of products included posters, videos, hotline and radio talk back shows to build electorate's knowledge to contribute to increase understanding and reduce frustration.
	Local communities, and key local institutions such as churches, Outstanding Women platform, can have an important role to play in helping to prevent/mitigate election related conflict.	To be planned in line with electoral timeline	Mapping and identification of actions potentially to be implemented with partners. Materials with a view to design/reprint. Current planning of radio programmes on voter awareness to be launched.
	Security planning should include sufficient focus on police training and community outreach as part of election-related security operations.	To be reactivated for upcoming by-elections by Electoral Office senior management	Information sharing mechanisms through SIEC/RSIPF Joint Operation Center as per MOU. SECSIP technical expertise to support and enhance coordination of information sharing between the two institutions.

⁹ Reviewed as of February 2021

Risk	Mitigation Action	Timeframe	Progress of Mitigation Action(s)
<p>Electoral Reform</p> <p>Deferral of the setting up of provincial electoral offices planned to commence in early 2021 as endorsed by SIEC.</p> <p>Non-implementation / deferral of electoral reform consultations.</p>	<p>CEO has commenced bilateral consultations with MPGIS.</p> <p>Timely set up of the Electoral Reform Task Force for preparation of a proposed road map.</p> <p>Utilization of alternative communication platforms avoiding community gatherings and travel.</p>	<p>U/K</p> <p>To be activated</p> <p>Ready</p>	<p>Office equipment for 3 electoral provincial offices procured by UNDP through the Digital Transformation Fund.</p> <p>Under CEO consideration and preparation. SECSIP ready to support.</p> <p>Video conference equipment procured by SECSIP in 2020 for Electoral Office and Political Parties Commission.</p>
<p>Natural Disasters</p> <p>impacting directly on implementation of electoral activities.</p>	<p>Electoral Office to strengthen information sharing with the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO).</p> <p>Where possible, planning schedule/timeliness for activity implementation allocating buffer period to enable adjustments.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to review/introduce legal provisions providing mechanisms to enable EO to react in such scenarios.</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p>	<p>Information sharing on weather and marine forecasts to be received by Electoral Office Head of Operation (since 2018, UNDP facilitated contacts to this effect).</p> <p>Timeline initially considered is March/April 2021 (proclamation by Governor General with a minimum of 56 days as per legal requirement).</p> <p>Previous case: During the national general election candidate nomination period (February 2019), due to difficult weather conditions many candidates were not able to travel to their nomination centres located in the constituency for which they had submitted their candidacy. This triggered the adoption by the Electoral Commission to open second nomination centres located at provincial capitals enabling the timely completion of the candidates' nomination. However, this required previous consultation with the Attorney General as clarity on legal provision was needed.</p>
<p>Project Implementation Related</p> <p>Insufficient resource mobilization to maintain SECSIP core support team until June 2021.</p> <p>Adverse impact (timeliness, quality) of project design.</p> <p>Factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spread of COVID19 pandemic limiting presentational consultations • lack of coordination amongst partners leading to duplication of efforts 	<p>UNDP seeking additional financial support from international development partners.</p> <p>Use of internet-based platforms to ensure wide consultations are carried out on a timely basis with national and international partners (TAC, round-tables, bilateral discussions).</p> <p>Working arrangements in accordance with Business Continuity Plan (BCP) adopted by UNDP in alignment with UNDP organizational policy.</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p>	<p>Periodical assessment on project implementation status to be conducted every three months. Completion of project evaluation expected by the end of January 2021.</p> <p>SECSIP proposed timeline is to commence multilateral discussions on project design/ formulation during the month of February.</p>

ANNEX 1: RESULTS FRAMEWORK

Expected Outputs	Output Indicators	Measurements	Baseline		Targets & Achievements							
			Value	Year	2017 7-12/17 Target	2017 Achievement	2018 Target	2018 Achievement	2019 Target	2019 Achievement	2020 Target	2020 Achievement
Output 1: Sustainable and reliable voter registration system created to strengthen the inclusiveness and integrity of the electoral cycle	1.1 Proportion of eligible voters who are registered to vote, disaggregated by sex, age, and location (Same indicator as Outcome level indicator No. 3.)	% of eligible electorate registered compared to population estimates	85% (estimate) ¹⁰ 51.6% male 48.4% female Youth (18-27 years) 30.1%	2014	-	-	90%	T: 95.24% Male: 51.46% Female: 48.5% Youth: N/A	90%	T: 95.24% Male: 51.46% Female: 48.54% Youth (age 18-35 group): estimated 53.09%	No voter registration conducted	No voter registration conducted
			70% (estimate)	2017	-	-						
1.1 Enhanced sustainability and inclusiveness of voter registration system	1.1.1 Increased integrity and reliability of IT systems and BVR database Index that shows if BVR system is functional and has safeguards based on the 5 criteria listed in measurements	Sum of Index: Functional BVR system with safeguards	Not reliable or protected	7/17	System stabilized	-	System updated	System updated	-	-	NA	NA
		1) State of database back up	No back up of BVR database	7/17	Replica of database created	-	Upgraded database architecture to automate backups	Upgraded data-base architecture to auto-mate backups	-	-	NA	NA
		2) State of IT equipment for database	BVR server in critical condition, unreliable	7/17	Old server revived	-	New servers procured	Technical assessment of BVR equipment Procurement of spare parts for BVR kits & server equipment	NA	NA	NA	NA
		3) Level of security for BVR database	No security mechanisms or logs for changes to BVR database	7/17	-	-	Security protocols developed & used	Identification of issues & proposal for updating of security protocols	NA	NA	NA	NA
		4) Quality of voter id cards	Voter IDs not reliable (no security mechanism & no collection of 2014 double registrants' cards)	7/17	Assess current system	-	Develop more secure cards	BVR vendor	NA	NA	NA	NA
		5) Ability to detect double registration (as % of double registrations detected & deleted)	2% of entries deleted as multiple entries (5,290 cases). No assessment of quality of deduplication conducted in country. Coarse criteria for deduplication	2014	Make recommendation	-	Upgrade of BVR system & test of deduplication engines	Deduplication supported for 2018 by-elections	Inclusive & reliable final voters' lists with more than 90% of estimated eligible voters	2019 Final voters lists with reliable data of 95% of the estimated eligible voters	Explore continuous voter registration	1 Workshop with members of Parliament on introduction continuous voter registration (March/April 2020)
	1.1.2 Increased SIEC capacity to manage BVR IT system and database	Number of IT students completing 2-year graduate programme for SIEC IT and able to maintain BVR system	No in-house capacity, limited pool of qualified IT outside SIEC, no grad pro-program	7/17	Establish graduate program	-	30 start training	N/A	N/A	N/A	NA	NA

¹⁰ 2014 data from SECSIP Annual Report 2014. Percentages by provinces m/f: Central Province: 51.9/48.1; Choiseul: 51.3/48.7, Guadalcanal: 51.2/48.8, Isabel: 51.9/48.1, Honiara City Council: 54.3/45.7, Makira Ulawa: 52.3/47.7; Malaita: 50.4/49.6; Rennell and Bellona: 51/49; Temotu: 48.5/51.5; Western Province: 53.2/46.8. Disaggregated by age: 18-22: 16%; 23 -27: 14.1%, 33-57: 43.8%, 58-62: 3.8%, 63-38: 3.2%, 68+: 3.8%

Expected Outputs	Output Indicators	Measurements	Baseline		Targets & Achievements								
			Value	Year	2017 7-12/17 Target	2017 Achievement	2018 Target	2018 Achievement	2019 Target	2019 Achievement	2020 Target	2020 Achievement	
		Ease of use of IT equipment and soft-ware for BVR	IT engineer required, complicated manual system	7/17	Assess situation	-		New system set up	Identification of software improvement needs	N/A	N/A	NA	NA
Support for voter registry updating	1.2.1 Updated voter registry	Number of locations with updated voter registries disaggregated by province and Honiara	List not updated since 2014 elections	7/17	-	-		2 – 4 provinces	List updated for all provinces	Final voters' lists endorsed by SIEC (Feb 2019)	Done	No update	No update
	1.2.2 Trained electoral officials for voter registration	Number/type and % of electoral officials trained by SECSIP II with updated training materials on registration, use of BVR dis-aggregated by gender/location	Last training 2014	2014	-	-		Training materials updated	Manuals up-dated; BVR operators were trained by BVR vendor & SIEO	N/A	N/A	NA	NA
		% of: 1) claims 2) objections received on voter lists ¹¹	0.7%	2014	No Increase over base	-		No Increase over base	15000+ objections on provisional lists (cross border registration)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
			0.9%	2014									
Output 2: Strengthened capacity of SIEC to fulfil its mandate more efficiently and effectively	2.1 Electoral authorities with improved administrative and human resource capacities to fulfil mandate (UNDP SP Indicator: 2.1.1.b)	Competency rating (qualitative indicator) Assessed on scale: 0= UNDP not building capacity of SIEC 1= Capacity not improved 2= Capacity only partially improved 3= Capacity partially improved 4= Capacity largely improved	SECSIP I provided capacity building for SIEC since 2013. Only 6 of those persons remained at OSIEC at start SECSIP II	7/17	2 (for ICT)	-		3	3	4	4	4	3 Deputy Operations Manager engaged as permanent staff since Feb20 (former SECSIP grad). Trainings for electoral staff included social inclusion & gender. Specific trainings on website administration
2.1 Enhanced capacity of the SIEC to manage the electoral cycle and the elections	2.1.1 Ability of SIEC to keep to the electoral calendar for key electoral milestones ¹²	Measured by meeting calendar deadlines for: 1) Voter registration 2) Voter information 3) Candidate registration 4) Posting of final voting list 5) Posting of election results on website	TBC Voter information started late	2014	Meet 1)	-		Meet 1) & 2)	Met 1 & 2	Meet all	Met 1,2,3,4 & 5	Meet 2, 3, 4, 5	2,3,4 met for two parliamentary by-elections held on 18 Nov 2020 (Central Honiara & North East Guadalcanal constituencies)
		Provision of personnel and future public servants through creation of graduate programme	No graduate program, OSIEC skeleton staff. 3 out of 8 positions empty	7/17	Grad program established	-		5 grads	7 graduates to SIEC	5 grads	7 graduates to SIEC	At least 1 graduate engaged by Electoral Office	2 grads directly employed by SIEC (1 permanent & 1 short term)
	2.1.2 Quality of election administration for the national elections Similar indicator to Outcome indicator No. 4	Quality of election administration and polling officials for general elections as reported by independent observer reports	Credible, generally peaceful; inconsistent approaches in performance of functions ¹³	2014	-	-		-	-	Professional admin with consistent approach to functions	Observers report on NGE 2019 from (ANU & Commonwealth Electoral Administration in terms of procedure processes generally well managed	Credible by-elections	'Professional admin with consistent approach to functions'- as quoted in Observer reports Peaceful By= Elections 2020. Source= www.rsipf.gov.sb

¹¹ Baseline is low. An increase in voter information on the claims and objections process could also lead to an increase in number of complaints so care needs to be taken during the assessment of this indicator as to what it is actually measuring.

¹² Other common milestones include training for polling officials, announcement of preliminary results, resolution of electoral disputes. These can be used as well assuming SECSIP II has a role in supporting the organization, planning, equipping or training needed to achieve these milestones. Even if SECSIP II does not play a direct role, its other support to the SIEC is to help create a strengthened institution that can meet the deadlines in the electoral calendar.

¹³ Commonwealth observers report 2014. Pacific Islands Forum observer report 2014: Need grooming and sustainable capacity development of SIEC permanent staff as well as contracted polling and count officials to ensure consistency in implementation of procedures for polling & post-polling periods. This would have increased efficiency and timelines of electoral processes which are also aspects of free and fair elections.

Expected Outputs	Output Indicators	Measurements	Baseline		Targets & Achievements							
			Value	Year	2017 7-12/17 Target	2017 Achievement	2018 Target	2018 Achievement	2019 Target	2019 Achievement	2020 Target	2020 Achievement
	2.1.3 Essential commodities procured (by SECSIP II or with SECSIP II funding)	Procurement and delivery of commodities in sufficient time for registration & elections as planned on the electoral calendar	Manuals and voting materials available and on display on Election Day ¹⁴	2014	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes (list) ¹⁵	Yes (90% observers said yes)	Timely support of good & services pro-cured (COVID-19 kits: gloves, hand-sanitiser, masks; vests) & production voter awareness materials	Yes
2.2 Improved infrastructure for more efficient electoral management	2.2.1 Quality of OSIEC office facilities and ability of staff to work efficiently in conditions Index that shows if OSIEC office is functional and allows for the staff to work efficiently based on the 3 criteria listed in measurements	Level of efficiency and security of premises Index measured by: 1) Safe and secure working location 2) Number of SIEC locations in Honiara 3) Premises have the essential equipment needed to work	Sum of Index: Not efficient or secure	7/17	Secured	-	More efficient & secured	More efficient and secured	Efficient & secured	More efficient and secured	Efficient & secured	More efficient and secured 1, 2 & 3
			1) Premises have adopted prevention and safety risks mitigation measures	7/17	-	-	Physical premises & security improved	Boom gate, security room and 24/7 guard at the main gate; security cameras Minibus (for transport security of staff)	On-going	No security incidents at SIEO premises Transfer of vehicle to SIEO	Premises to adopt measures health and safety risks	Support to adoption of SIEO Operating Instructions
			2) 3 locations (data-centre off site & warehouse) ¹⁶	7/17	-	-	2 locations	2 locations	2 locations	2 locations	2 locations	2 locations
			3) Basic equipment lacking (functional computers, desks, copier, other)	7/17	-	-	Basic equipment	Additional equipment (ie. computers, heavy duty printer, generators) Internet ADSL	On-going	On-going	Acquisition of teleworking equipment to facilitate business continuity under COVID	Timely acquisition of video conference equipment Formal transfer of equipment procured in lead up to NGE
2.3: Strengthened partnerships and coordination	2.3.1. SIEC holds regular coordination meeting with partners to share information and strengthen participation	Range of partner WGs established & meeting regularly to share info & strategize on issues & problem solving. This includes: 1) Voter Awareness WG 2) MOHA & Civil Reg Unit 3) ICTSU 4) MPGIS 5) Election Security 6) Political Parties 7) Traditional authorities 8) Media 9) Women's groups	1): Created in 2016, has TOR but has not met since Remainder not organized or meeting regularly since 2014 elections	7/17	-	-	1; 2; 3; 8	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 Voter Awareness Steering Committee operative; Regional workshop on Women's leadership; 4 Women candidate resource centres; Trainings for media professionals; SIEO & SECSIP capacity building of 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 Voter Awareness Steering Committee operative; Regional workshop on Women's leadership; 4 Women candidate resource centres; Trainings for media professionals; SIEO & SECSIP capacity building of women candidates	All except 2) & 3)	1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 IMEOC UNDP Regional Conference on political & electoral related issues in Honiara 1st time of parliament & provincial by-elections in Makira	All except 2, 3 & 7	1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 Achieved

¹⁴ Commonwealth Observer report 2014¹⁵ In narrative quarterly/annual report, list commodities procured and their timely delivery dates against the dates in electoral calendar and provide the goods procured within the required dates (including BVR equipment, generators, polling boxes, polling kits).¹⁶ Data-centre located at SIEO HQ since 2018

Expected Outputs	Output Indicators	Measurements	Baseline		Targets & Achievements							
			Value	Year	2017 7-12/17 Target	2017 Achievement	2018 Target	2018 Achievement	2019 Target	2019 Achievement	2020 Target	2020 Achievement
Output 3: National authorities and local networks have better capacity to train and educate the population on voter awareness and civic engagement	3.1 General level of electorate's understanding on electoral process	Independent electoral observers' assessment of whether the electorate understood the electoral process (registration, voting, etc)	Voters generally understood voting process, misconceptions around secrecy of vote ¹⁷	2014	-	-	Improved understanding	Improved	Topics: secrecy of vote Target: women & PWD	Improved knowledge on secrecy of vote. Workshop on electoral knowledge Domestic observers (167) accredited included 74 women & 7 PWD (1st time)	PWDs included as observers for by-elections (baseline: 2% PWD observers in 2019)	Domestic observers accredited for 2020 by-elections included 28% of PWD
	3.2. Electorate performance on election date	1) % of invalid ballots cast 2) % of registered voters that turned out to vote 3) peaceful e-day (# of incidents)	0.63% invalid ballots ¹⁸	2014	-	-	-	-	Under 1%	0.29%	0.25%	0.2% (average 0.1 Central Honiara & 0.3 North East Guadalcanal)
			90% turnout	-	-	-	-	90%	86%	86%	North East Guadalcanal 89.8% (2019 NGE was 92%) & Central Honiara 69.4% (2019 NGE was 74%)	
Peaceful # incidents TBC	-	-	-	Peaceful	Peaceful no major incidents	Peaceful	Peaceful no major incidents					
3.1 Enhanced strategic ability of the SIEC to conduct civic and voter education	3.1.1 Reach and effectiveness of SIEC's voter education messages, materials and efforts	Measured by: 1) Mapping reach disaggregated by key messages and medium 2) Scores on KAP/ Voter ed surveys on key messages (KAP scores measured & tracked under 3.2.1)	Mapping data to be collated early 2018 by SIEC/SECSIP II	2014-7/17	Data saved, not aggregated	-	Mapping done for baseline; (2017-2018)	Mapping up-dated. CSO contracted to provide voter awareness	Mapping kept up to date	12 CSOs entered in partnership with SIEC/ SECSIP & conducted voter awareness (face to face) in 25 constituencies in 9 provinces	Support to SIEO voter awareness material. Distribution of posters, leaflets, radio-broadcast, SMS, billboard, Particular focus COVID 19 measures	Electorate timely in-formed. Production of materials on electoral procedures & COVID 19
	3.1.2. Use of SIEC website by electorate	Website statistics (analytics) on usage for: BVR, Elections, Candidates, Media, etc (analytics disaggregated by location, method of access and dates)	Website re-established with SECSIP support after earlier hacking	12/17	# visits, time on site	-	% increase	939 (Nov-Dec 2018)	50% increase	1820 (Jan-7 Feb 2019) 93.8% increase comparing	20% increase	Website update carried out for increased usage and user-friendly experience. Q4 of 2020 users doubled
3.2. Strengthened civic and voter education	3.2.1. Level of citizen knowledge and confidence in process	% of electorate with: 1) basic understanding of the electoral process and its components 2) % of level of trust in the SIEC, polling officials and process	Partial data from survey 2015: 89% able to cite some steps for voting; 23% knew 6 out of 8 steps ¹⁹ KAP to be done 2018- can set baseline	2015	-	-	TBD	-	TBD	Improved knowledge on secrecy of vote. KAP 2019 survey:	No KAP conducted	No KAP conducted
			No data on trust SIEC/elections KAP to set baseline	-	-	No KAP in 2017, so baseline could not set in	-	TBD	43.4% trust electoral officials. 51.9% trust national electoral process (KAP)	NA	NA	
	3.2.2. Extension of voter education activities to schools to reach youth and first time voters	1) Addition of election curricula to school system and 2) number of schools using curricula	Pilot done with 3 schools per province. Most done under SECSIP I Curricula not part of educational system	2017	Pilot project done	-	All social study teachers in all provinces	-	MoEd includes election topic in forum 2 curricula		MoEd includes election topic in forum 2 curricula	Not achieved Activities with schools affected by

¹⁷ Commonwealth observer report 2014¹⁸ SIEC Annual Report 2014¹⁹ 76% could recall need to check name on list; 58% to mark ballot correctly; 85% to put ballot in box. Only 47% aware could do something about a mistake on the voter list; 82% aware illegal to give gifts for voting; 76% know vote supposed to be secret; 20% believe candidates find out who voted for them; less than 10% admitted that vote buying was motivation to vote; 34% said personal benefit was motivation.

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			Value	Year	2017 7-12/17 Target	2017 Achievement	2018 Target	2018 Achievement	2019 Target	2019 Achievement	2020 Target	2020 Achievement	
		Number of participants (students/schools) and sponsors for school essay competition	41 students from 36 schools, no \$ sponsors other than SECSIP II	2017	100 students	-		200 students 150 schools + University sponsors	170 students and teachers from 31 Secondary Schools ²⁰ . However, competition info was disseminated to around 250 secondary schools	300 students 200 schools + University	Not achieved (postponed) Discussions with MEHRD and sponsors.	N/A	Not achieved Activities with schools affected by global pandemic restrictions
3.3 Increase in evidence based reporting and research to support the integrity of the electoral process and the fuller participation of women, youth, and PWD	3.3.1 Level of citizen understanding of and attitudes on key electoral issues and concepts	% change on KAP surveys on attitudes/ knowledge of: 1) Value of participation of women, PWD and other marginalized/ vulnerable groups 2) Electoral integrity issues such as vote buying, selling voter information, etc	TBD	2018	-	-	TBD	-	TBD	84% believe that women should participate in NGE; 79.2% would be willing to vote for a female candidate	NO KAP conducted	N/A	
		TBD	2018	-	-	TBD	-	TBD	94% people know that receiving money or gifts in exchange for a vote is not legal	Decrease in number of election petitions	No election petitions contending 2020 by-elections No media reports on vote buying in major daily newspapers		
	3.3.2 Quality of media coverage of the electoral process and of candidates	Quality of media coverage of the electoral process and treatment of candidates (male/ female) as assessed by independent observers and by a Media Index Panel on Media Professionalism in Electoral Processes Coverage	Election coverage by print media seemed balanced, overall media provided comprehensive coverage of elections including analyses and commentaries ²¹	2014	-	-	-	-	Balanced, responsible coverage	Observer reports commented on need for impartial monitoring of media during electoral campaign.	Balanced coverage on by-elections in at least two media from print and radio	Observer reports commented on need for impartial monitoring of media during electoral campaign. Media index NA Better coverage of women candidates in newspapers and commented in social media	
			Media Index baseline & targets to be done early 2018	2018	-	-	-	A short training provided to MASI on media index.	-	-	-	N/A	
	3.3.3. Level of public confidence in the accuracy and integrity of media's coverage of elections	% of public confidence in accuracy and integrity of the media's coverage of the electoral processes and issues	Trust in newspapers 5.36% Trust in radio: 31.19%	2015	-	-	-	-	-	65.3% trusting the radio and 54.7% trusting newspapers Source: KAP 2019.	-	No media index or KAP conducted	
Output 4: Electoral reform, advocacy and monitoring supported to contribute to a stronger electoral commission and representative democracy	4.1 State institutions with improved administrative and human resource capacities to undertake drafting, public outreach and consultation and with mechanisms to ensure the participation of women and marginalized groups. UNDP SP Indicator: 2.1.1.b	Assessed on scale: 0 = UNDP not building capacity of the SIEC/PPC 1 = Capacity not improved 2 = Capacity very partially improved 3 = Capacity partially improved 4 = Capacity largely improved	SECSIP I provided assistance for out-reach, but systems not sustained beyond election period, & work done by electoral reform task force	2017	2		3	3 Socialization of Electoral Act supported	4	4 Regional Political Parties Conference & National Workshop (Sept 2019)	4	3 Limited advisory support provided by UNDP Production of PPC awareness booklet	

²⁰ Essay and Poster competition press release²¹ Commonwealth observer's report 2014

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			Value	Year	2017 7-12/17 Target	2017 Achievement	2018 Target	2018 Achievement	2019 Target	2019 Achievement	2020 Target	2020 Achievement
		Number of laws or amendments drafted with UNDP TA to improve the legal framework for credible elections	2 in draft (PPA, Electoral Act)	7/17	-	-	2	3	1	EA 2018 provisions to be amended identified	Resume re-view of Political Parties Integrity	Not achieved
		Number of TSM ²² measures passed at: 1) national level 2) provincial level	None	7/17	2: 1	-	1) (TSM) Possible introduction of TSM proposed in White Paper for NP.	1) Possible TSM in NP not supported. 2) Possibility requires amendment of the Provincial Act	2: 2	2) Increase awareness on TSM at local level support	2) Awareness in support of introduction TSM at provincial assembly	On-going progress Six provinces committed to introduce TSM (TSM resolution document) signed off in provincial assemblies
4.1 Strengthened capacity of the PPC, SIEC and other actors involved in the reform process	4.1.1 Tools provided for electoral reform to support efforts to fulfil their mandate and make evidence-based decisions	Tools include: 1) Research & survey data 2) Technical expertise 3) Support for public outreach and consultations	2015 voter survey for info on voter ed efforts & some attitudes Provincial consultations supported 2016-2017 for electoral reform	2017	-	-	Research on women candidates	Research on Women's Leadership & political participation in 10 constituencies	KAP	KAP done by August 2019	Impact assessment of SECSIP support	Evaluation to be finalized in 2021
					TA	-	TA	1 legal drafter (SECSIP) who drafted three bills (Electoral, political & amendment to Constitution)	TA	Advice provided SECSIP Senior Electoral Adviser. Operations & CTA	SECSIP support to identify/draft papers on reform issues	SECSIP contribution to guidelines on COVID & elections to review of procedures & materials
					Consultation	-	Voter info Consultation	-	Voter info Consultation	12 CSOs contracted for voter info consultation	New agreement with CSOs	No engagement of CSOs-COVID restrictions
4.2 Strengthened capacity of PPC to implement its mandate and work with political parties	4.2.2 Increased capacity of PPC to regulate parties, issue integrity standards and strengthen the development of political parties	Measured by: 1) Number of grad students supported by project interning at PPC 2) Provision of TA 3) Number of parties attending training, & # parties that adopt more issue-based platforms (as perceived by trainers & PPC)	1) 0 2) 0 3) 2 trainings for 7-8 parties out of 13 registered done in 2016 & 2017	2017	-	-	3	3	3	2	N/A	N/A
					TA	-	TA	-	TA	In progress	Technical Assistance	In progress
					-	-	8	12	8	12	Restricted due to COVID 19	Not achieved due to COVID restrictions
4.3 Increased advocacy and monitoring for electoral reforms and integrity	4.3.1. In-creased public awareness on issue of electoral integrity, standards and accountability	Measured by: 1) Scores on KAP survey on integrity questions disaggregated by occupation (& other variables) ²³ 2) Increased breadth of media coverage on electoral integrity issues & reforms (measured through Media Index process)	TBD	2018	-	-	TBD	-	TBD	94% people know that receiving money or gifts in exchange for a vote is not legal	No KAP conducted	Awareness booklet on PPC mandate including integrity
			TBD by Media Panel	2018	-	-	--	-	--	Integrity awareness covered by print media, Radio, TV and videos post-ed on Youtube, Facebook	No Media Index Print media covers of by-elections	Integrity issues covered by print media, radio
Output 5: Increased women's political participation and leadership	5.1 Proportion of women (to men) participating as candidates in local and national elections (UNDP SP Indicator 2.1.3)	% of female candidates running in: 1) national elections 2) provincial elections	5.9% (26 w / 417m) 15 aspirants	2014 7/17	-	-	-	-	10%	7.51% (25 w, 308 m) 26 women candidates stood in NGE 2019	10% out of total candidate in by-elections	28.5% (4 out of total 14 candidates running for 2020 parliamentary by-elections)
			TBC		TBD	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	4
	5.2 Proportion of women candidates that are successful in elections	% of women candidates winning seats in: 1) National elections 2) Provincial elections	2%	2014	-	-	-	-	10%	6% (2 women won in 2019 NGE + 3rd won by-election in Dec)	1 out of 2 by-elections	Achieved 8% women members of NP (4 out of 49)
TBC				20%	-	20%	-	20%	2) 4 won (including 1 in HCC) -	N/A	N/A	

²² TSM : Temporary Special Measures

²³ KAP should include a question that measures the level of consumption of political and electoral information among target groups (compared to non-targeted groups).

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			Value	Year	2017 7-12/17 Target	2017 Achievement	2018 Target	2018 Achievement	2019 Target	2019 Achievement	2020 Target	2020 Achievement
	5.3 Proportion of votes for women candidates	% of the vote for women candidates for: 1) National election 2) Provincial elections	Per 2015 survey: 4.5% of voters TBC from voter data	2014	-	-	-	-	4%	4.49%	10%	30% of votes cast for 4 women candidates in 2020 by-elections
			TBC from voter data	-	TBD	-	TBD	-	TBD	4.49% of total votes in NGE	-	-
5.1 Enhanced ability of women to participate in the electoral and political processes	5.1.1. Number of persons reached directly on issues of equal participation and women's participation (trainings, workshops, conferences, etc) (Voter education efforts (posters, radio spots, etc) should be reported and tracked under Output 3	Number of persons/ organizations trained/sensitized by project & grantees disaggregated by position/type of organization 1) Candidates/ aspirants 2) parties, 3) CSOs/FBOs 4) Community leaders 5) Electoral officials 6) Electorate 7) Media/journalists And by sex/ age/location as pertinent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Community Chief, religious leaders of 25 constituencies	Community chiefs and religious leaders	Community leaders of the two by-election constituencies engaged by SIEO
			TBC	6/17	TBC	-	-	-	-	-	50% electoral officials	44% (45% in Central Honiara & 43% in North East Guadalcanal)
			TBC	-	-	-	TBD	-	TBD	-	60% electorate	NA
			32 journalists, 10 students	2017	-	-	32	Average 34 (total 204 persons through 6 programs including repeat-ed persons)	32	Average 34 (total 204 persons through 6 programs including repeated persons)	Print media network	19 media professionals from print and electronic media
		5.1.2. Proportion of electorate who think women can be as good as men as leaders or politicians	1) % of electorate who think women can be as good as men as leaders or politicians 2) % of electorate who think a women's role does not include being a leader or politician Disaggregated by sex, age, location, profession	81% (82% for w respondents) less than 8%	2015	-	-	TBD	-	81%	84%	10 outstanding women from communities
			less than 8%	2015	-	-	TBD	-	TBD	84% think women should be MP	No KAP no available data	No KAP no available data

²⁴ Sustineo survey 2015: Of survey respondents: who believe women are as good as men at being politicians compared to percentage saying not as good: Guadalcanal 84%/12% Honiara 80%/13%, Makira-Ulawa 91%/7% Malaita 81%/14%, Western province 75%/21%

ANNEX 2: PASSING TRAFFIC BY THE BILLBOARD 'HOW TO VOTE AND COVID 19 MEASURES'

Vehicle Direction	Time	Public bus (15-31 persons)	Cars (1-5 persons)	Suv, landrovers (1-5 persons)	Hilux/land cruisers (4 doors)	Hilux/rav4 (2 & 3 doors) (2-10 persons)	RAV4 (5 door) (5 persons)	1, 2, 3, 4 ton, truck & tipper trucks	Total Vehicles
Vavaya Ridge road going down HCC towards round about	1.28Pm-2.29Pm	24	164	80	72	52	4	36	432
Road from Mataniko bridge drive past billboard on HCC roundabout towards Central market (traffic flows slowly approx 2-5 minutes)	1.28pm-2.29pm	360	384	252	220	84	24	168	1492
Road from MID joining into main HCC roundabout (congested road so they have 15-20 minutes to read billboard)	1.28Pm-2.29Pm	40	292	120	60	20	52	96	680
Road from HCC round about going East (drive past Billboard going East - slow driving due to roundabout, persons inside vehicle have 1-2 minutes to read the billboard)	1.28Pm-2.29Pm	148	204	236	76	52	13	76	805
Billboard at Lawson Tama – Can only be seen by vehicles driving East (30+ Minutes monitoring only)	12.30Pm-1.19Pm	150	238	130	86	42	83	60 + one motor bike	789
Billboard at roundabout Didao Kukum (30 minutes monitoring)	11.45Am-12.15Pm	90	156	160	94	44	66	70	680
Billboard at Didao roundabout – road facing billboard from Vura towards roundabout (30 minutes monitoring)	11.45Am-12.15Pm	90	130	34	54	46	26	56	436
SINU/Telekom Recreation Area Billboard (billboard can only be seen by vehicles driving into town direction west)	10.30Am-11.05Am	8	52	62	28	14	16	18	198

TOTAL

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ANNEX 3: OUTSTANDING WOMEN ACTIVITIES



Initial impact of Outstanding Women of Solomon Islands Initiative – 2020 Leadership activities involving OW*

Indicators	Results	Comments
1. More than five OW participating in more than three gender leadership related activities	<p>Significant Progress: OW (4) participated in gender leadership activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community consultations carried out by the OW (2) for Isabel and Central Province in 12 communities (6 communities per province) between October and November 2020 promoting gender equality in church leadership positions, youth organisations and CSOs. Presentations made on the challenges/experiences by the OW (1) representing Malaita province as a former politician and the only female in the male dominated Malaita Provincial Assembly. The OW (1) for Isabel Province assisted church women leaders in their work to promote women in decision making in the different levels of church governance during her community consultations in October 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their presentations increased the knowledge base of their audiences and improved the OW's facilitation skills and their understanding of community thinking in the areas of leadership and gender equality. These presentations also enabled a better understanding by community men, of benefits of a more gender balanced community leadership. The OW for Malaita was able to increase men's knowledge on the challenges women politicians experience when running for candidacy and for women leader's perseverance and determination to continue to lead despite their numerous challenges.
2. More than ten OW participating in community public discussions pertaining to key development issues including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Legal -Economic empowerment -Health -Education -Environmental -Social inclusion 	<p>Achieved: 21 OW participated in public discussions on community development issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four (4) OW from Temotu, Malaita, Central and Western Provinces, attended the UN Women Traditional Governance Bill (TGB) consultations in Honiara, Malaita and Western Province (July-October 2020). Community consultations discussing health and education by the Central OW (1) The Western Province OW (1) in 2020, developed a waste management project proposal and submitted it to an overseas donor. Funding has been approved and is ready for implementation in Gizo, Noro and smaller nearby islands to Gizo. OW of Renbell (1) was interviewed on impacts of climate change on Rennell Island. Interview was published in the Island Sun newspaper in November 2020. The OW for Honiara (1) enabled the conducting of zoom meetings with 6 PWDS and their carers (10 participants) in October 2020 (3 days) with regional partners. Discussion topics included climate change in different parts of Solomon Islands the effects of climate change on PWDS, Community discussions initiated by the OW (3) representatives for the provinces of Isabel, Makira and Central on budgeting, lobbying and policy related to promote participation of women from rural communities Ten (10) OW (representing 8 provinces and 2 representing Honiara city), in October 2020 during the OW Leadership and Profiling Workshop. They visited the Guadalcanal OW's farm, as an example of a family business. 	<p>Increased knowledge of community members on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional governance (Temotu, Malaita and Central Province). Participants in nationwide consultations on the Traditional Governance Bill (TGB) provided recommendations to the National Government reflected in the consultation reports to increase the numbers of women in traditional governance bodies for fairer decisions that will benefit rural women as well as men. OW of Temotu, Central, Western, raised community awareness raised on the rights to education of women, men, girls and boys. OW of Central Province promoting healthy environments by discussing with communities to bury tins and bottles to avoid the risk of malaria increase in communities. Sound knowledge by the OW of Western Province on waste management and clean environment resulted in donor confidence and the approval of a one-year funding project proposal to be rolled out in 2021 Guadalcanal OW showcasing her farm as a business concept for the other 10 OW to consider after turning her family vegetable and poultry farm into a successful business.
3. More than three OW contributing to decision-making at community level in key development issues	<p>Not Achieved</p> <p>The OW (1) of Temotu province successfully lobbied the Provincial Premier and the Assembly to sign to signify the support and endorsement of the TSM resolution document for the amendment of the Provincial Government Act to introduce Temporary Special Measures (TSM).</p>	<p>Provincial Assemblies of Western, Central, Malaita, Makira, Isabel and Temotu have signed off on the TSM resolution document expressing their commitment for the introduction of TSM at provincial assembly level.</p>

*Initial identification of OW through community nominations and elections commenced in late 2019 and finalized in August 2020. A workshop with 11 OW and women from Provincial Councils of Women and YWCA was held from 27 October to 1 November 2020.

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ANNEX 4: BY-ELECTIONS TIMELINE



ANNEX 5: LINKS

Twitter – OW training

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Facebook – OW training

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OW workshop – Mass media

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OW training

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OW feature

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By Election training

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By-Election Promotion

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