**Implementation of the Amerindian Land Titling Project**

1. **Project Summary**

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Amerindian Affairs

Partner Entity (for the GRIF) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Responsible Party: Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission (GLSC)

Implementation Modality: National Implementation (NIM)

Duration: October 21, 2013 to December 31, 2021

Budget: US$10,755,990

Expenditure as at July 31, 2020: US$3,759,474 (35%)

1. **Status of Implementation**
2. **No Cost Extensions**
3. October 2016 to October 2018 – first substantial extension;
4. October 21, 2018 to December 31, 2018 to facilitate consultation and submission of second substantial request for extension;
5. January 2019 to March 2019 to facilitate the elaboration of recommendations for the second substantial extension; and
6. April 2019 to December 2021 – an extension of 5 years was requested but the donor advised that the ALT project cannot be extended beyond December 31, 2021, as this is the final disbursement date of the GRIF Trustee Account under the GRIF Administration Agreement with Norway.
7. **Revised Scope**
8. Following extensive consultations with the Implementing Partner, Indigenous Institutions, Government Agencies and the Project Board, the March 31, 2019 application for extension, approved by the Kingdom of Norway in April 2019, was based on a revised scope of the project as follows:

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| **Outputs** | **Original Target** | **Revised Target** | **Change** |
| Output 1:  | 45 Absolute Grants issued68 Demarcations completed | 26 Absolute Grants issued39 Demarcations completed40 investigations completed | Absolute grants reduced by 19Demarcations reduced by 29Investigation now stated as a target (was always included in scope) |
| Output 2:  | 210 persons trained in mediation  | 419 persons trained in mediation  | 209 additional persons to be trained.  |
| Output 3 | Revised communication strategy 68 villages reached  | Revised communication strategy 68 villages reached | Number of villages was not reduced as investigations are expected to be completed in all that were initially planned.  |
| Output 4:  |  | ALT Unit institutionalized in the Ministry  | ALT Unit institutionalized in the Ministry |

1. The underlying reasons for the revised scope were:
2. The objective of demarcating and titling of 68 communities was assessed as being overly ambitious. While the target has been reduced to 39 (21 completed to date), should the project resources and timeline allow for the demarcation of more than the remining target of 18 villages, this would be a welcomed achievement;
3. To facilitate the institutional sustainability of Amerindian Land Titling, the project will support the establishment of a permanent unit in the Ministry. This support will include the institutional framework and physical resources; human resources will be the responsibility of the Government.
4. **Overall results (2013 to date)**

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| **Activity** | **2013 - 2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **Total** | **Comments** |
| Absolute Grants issued  | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 12 |  |
| Demarcations completed  | 8 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 21 | Paramakatoi (Region 8, 2017) Four Miles (Region 1, 2018) |
| GPS training |  |  |  |  | 698 persons  |  | 698 | 51 villages  |
| Grievance Redress Mechanism |  |  |  | Established  |  |  |  |  |
| Mediation Training  |  |  |  | 23 | 54 | 372 | 449 |  |

In addition, the following were achieved

1. ALT guidelines were endorsed by Project Board in April 2017 and revision agreed upon in May 2018;
2. Print and audio-visual materials were prepared and disseminated in English and translated into Indigenous Languages;
3. Documentary on demarcation of Paramakatoi (Region 8) was completed;
4. An ALT Coordinator was recruited to support the NTC to facilitate communication and information dissemination with the NTC and Indigenous Communities.

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