**United Nations Development Programme**

**Guyana**

**Quarterly Progress Report**

**Project** **# & Title**: **Date: 10th April, 2017** **Reporting Period**: January- March 2017

00088401- Amerindian Land Titling Project

**Implementing Agency: MOIPA Responsible Agency :MOIPA**

**I. Output Assessment**

| **Output (*extract output from AWP for reporting period*)** | **Indicators (*extract indicators for Outputs being reported on as recorded in AWP*)** | **Quarterly Target (s)**  **(*extract from AWP*)** | **Results Achieved (*per output for the reporting period. This should include a description of targets achieved in the quarter*)** | **Delivery Rate (*actual expenditures/Disbursement received)\*100*** | **Challenges (state difficulties encountered in implementing activities)** | **Risks & Issues (*check risk and issues log and report on risk encountered during the quarter*)** |
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| **Output 1.**  **OUTPUT 1.**  Land titles issued and demarcation process completed for all Amerindian villages that submit requests | **Indicators: 1.1:**  Numbers of village maps produced and certified by sworn land surveyors (demarcation for new applications and extensions) | **Targets:**  **• Preparation and Submission of documentation for the approval of** Absolute Grants issued for villages, communities that have submitted applications for extensions   * Documentation completed for 3 Village extension / communities to received Absolute Grants; * 1 villages to be demarcated * Conduct Consultations with 11 villages to obtain consent for demarcation * Conduct GPS training in 7 Villages | * One Demarcation was completed during the Quarter. The village of Paramakatoi was completed. * Certificate of Titles delivered to Baramita and Kariako by Minister of Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs * Reports/ Minutes for Maraunau and Kardanwawau compiled |  | For Output 1  Approval for Absolute Grants for 8 Extensions/ communities still pending.  Consent for demarcation from 9 villages still not given by the villages  Annual work Plan and Budget not Approved on time  No Consultations held due to lack of approved funding | Delays in project delivery due to the challenges faced.  Late Implementation of 2017 Work plan due to lack of financial resources (non- approval of project budget) |
| **Output 2.** | * Number of persons trained with mediation skills for land related disputes. * Number of resolved land titling disputes that have been referred to trained mediators. | Targets   * Complete 1 Regional workshop on Mediation (50 persons trained) * Approve Report of the Representative Platform and Implement Guidelines * Set up ALT/GRM * Conduct Advanced training in Mediation | * Meeting with NTC on Guidelines completed * Final report of the ALT Guidelines completed, submitted * Final Guidelines circulated to board |  | Late Approval of ALT Annual work plan and budget for 2017 caused a delay in implementation of 2017 activities | Delay in achieving project objectives |
| **Output 3.** | * Number of communities that participate in the land titling process * Extent to which strategy includes all appropriate and relevant forms of communication. | * Prepare Communication Materials for dissemination of Information on ALT to villages. * Conduct visits to Amerindian villages to create awareness on the Land Titling Process/Land Rights. * Implement updated communication strategy and revise handbook on ALT | * Materials prepared in Draft, checked and approved for printing includes, Brochures on Demarcation Process, Land Titling Process, FPIC. Posters on processes in Land Titling. Bookmarks on ALT process * Completion of a Competition for design of a Banner for ALT among Indigenous People * Distribution of ALT communication materials continued with flash drives containing audio-visual materials given out to |  | For Output 3  Lack of funds to continue Field Implementation Strategy halted due to late Approval of ALT 2017 AWP | Delay in Implementing Communication Strategy |

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| **II.** **Capacity Development (Please explain *how project activities have contributed to improving institutional policies, systems, strategies and structures. Give specific example of actions undertaken and the results achieved)*** |
| Under the ALT project New Guidelines for Consultations with Indigenous People on Land Titling were prepared by a select group that represented all stakeholders. It has been approved by the Project Board and will now form part of the future procedures. The Representative Platform also prepared the mechanism for setting up an ALT/GRM which will be utilised to deal with disputes. This is a pioneering attempt to set up a mechanism to deal with indigenous land issues. |

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| **III.** **Gender Mainstreaming ( *how did project serve men and women, identify # of men/women served*)** |
| Ten Persons from the village (men) participated in the demarcation process as field workers with the surveyors. One female owner of ATV was hired during Field work. One female and three men are employed on a full time basis to deliver the project objectives. |

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| **IV. Lessons Learnt: *(Please describe new understanding or insights gained from project activities that can contribute to improving future project design and implementation. Give specific examples)*** |
| The survey of Paramakatoi highlighted the need for all parties affected by a demarcation to be aware of the process and agree on boundaries before actual field work commences. |

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| **V. Innovative Initiatives: *(Please describe new/pioneering actions (internal or external) taken during the year that contributed to the project being effective. Effectiveness here can be taken to mean improving practice or processes that aided positive project achievements)*.** |
| The Demarcation of Paramakatoi was conducted through the use of new guidelines which included Pre- Demarcation visits and meetings as well as obtaining village consent through general meetings. This proved to be very useful in the final outcome in terms of final acceptance of the survey. |

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| **VI. Reports & Publications: *(Please describe any reports or publications to which information from this project would have contributed)*.** |
| The Report of the Representative Platform provides new guidelines for consultation with Indigenous people and provides a framework for dealing with disputes |