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Vision

Improving Connectivity and Strengthening Social & Economic Resilience in Kiribati by 2019

Mission

To improve quality climate change resilient infrastructure in urban and rural areas

Two major components of Infrastructure

1. ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Telecommunications & ICT Development
- Transport (Land & Marine & Air)

2. SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Energy Sources Development (Renewable Energy & Solar Power Systems)
- Rehabilitation of Health and Education Services in rural and urban areas
- Judiciary Services in rural and urban areas

Achievements and Progress Updates









Crosscutting issues

- Highly dispersed population
- Lack of understanding of our context thus creating budget shortfalls
- Bureaucratic Processes for funding access and disbursements
- Time lag in implementation
- Foreign Exchange fluctuation
- Outdated Laws and Regulations
- Asset management
- High Maintenance Costs associated with environment issues
- Power fluctuation

Challenges & Constraints

♦ Communication

- Lack of proper Infrastructure on the Outer Islands
- Obsolete and expensive telecommunication technology
- Lack of capacity to keep up with changing technology

Challenges & Constraints

Transport (Seaport & Maritime Safety)

- Safety in Cargo Operation and Passengers
- Absence of Jetties and Ramps on Outer island
- Dredging of Boat Passages
- ♦ No Dredger Available
- ◆ Lack of a fit to purpose marine vessels (transport fish from outer islands to Tarawa & International markets)

Transport (Aviation & Land)

- Upgrading of Outer
 Islands; airport runways
 & terminals, good roads
 (tar sealed road)
- Limited international air services (Freighter & Passenger aircraft)
- Highly subsidized air service to Christmas Island

Social Infrastructure Challenges

♦ Cross Cutting issues

- Maintenance & Relocation of Government Buildings
- Deficiencies in the Communication channel between
 Development Partners and Government Agencies
- Lack of capacity to operate and implement modern technologies.
- Conflict between the use of local materials vs permanent materials
- Lack of trade skills on the outer islands for maintenance purposes
- Access to Junior and Senior Secondary Schools
- High dependency on fossil fuels

Development plans 2016-2019

♦ Infrastructure (Telecommunication, Transportation, Social services)

- Exploration of Submarine Cable connectivity
 - Initial meeting has convened between Government of Kiribati and FSM (submarine cable connection via FSM or Marshall Island)
 - Follow up meeting in May 2016
- Development of E-Government Infrastructure
- Development of Kiritimati Island as an international seaport hub for fishing activities in the Line and Phoenix Islands.
 - Preliminary study required.
- Develop Port Entry Passages in the Line and Phoenix Islands
 - Dredger Vessel
 - Continuous survey required
- Upgrading of Boat Passages in all outer islands.
 - Dredger Vessel
- Upgrade and establish infrastructure to support artisanal fishermen to increase income opportunities such as value added marine products to South Tarawa.
- Enhance & Increase Energy supply towards renewable and solar power system

Development plans 2016-2019

- Improve Coastal infrastructure construction and Maintenance
- Implementation robust maintenance and asset planning systems.
- Procurement of an international aircraft and Marine vessels
- Increase capacity to participate in the management of our Airspace
- Formulation and Review of existing Laws and Legislations to improve and provide a more fitting legal cover.
- Establishment of E-Learning Centre for Outer Islands secondary school.

Conclusion

- Putting in place appropriate infrastructure on the outer islands such as telecommunications, transport and essential Utilities will enhance economic growth
- Maintaining the right balance between economic infrastructure and Social infrastructure, to ensure the livelihood of the people on the outer islands is also improved

SPIN OFF EFFECTS

- Access to these services will encourage people on Tarawa to return to their home islands
- Create Job opportunities on the outer island
- Facilitate and improve domestic and international trade activities (cargo,copra, mnp and local produce/products)
- Healthy and Safe Community
- ◆ Strengthen tourism activities in the rural and urban areas (exploration of uninhabited islands in the Southern Line Islands).

Thank you...