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SOCIAL INCLUSION VITAL FOR DEVELOPMENT

Today marked another achievement for the Department for Community Development and Religion in terms of strengthening partners, following a signing of a Memorandum of Agreement or MOA with Incentive Fund between Secretary Ms Anna Solomon and Acting Chairperson of the Incentive Fund program, Dame Carol Kidu.

Incentive Fund is a key development partner with the Department in enhancing community initiatives through Incentive Fund Phase 4 of its program.

Secretary Solomon thanked Incentive Fund for continuing its partnership with the department on social inclusion matters in a partnership which started back in 2010.

“The incentive fund phase 4 (IF4) commitment is to implement its social inclusion strategy (SIS) as informed by Government of PNG social inclusion policies on gender equality, child protection, disability and HIV/AIDS, administered by the Department for Community Development and Religion,” said Secretary Solomon.

She also highlighted some of the successes of bridging policy and development practice and its achievements through the Incentive Fund phase 3 program.

Some of the successful examples includes; Formation of Social Inclusion Working Group, Development of Social Inclusion Checklist Manual, Social Inclusion training on gender and child protection to 15 funded organisations, development of Provincial Integration Strategy, Development of Community Engagement Strategy and Publication of booklet on IF3 social inclusion success stories.

Secretary Solomon also emphasised that the signing of the MOA will also give effect to the Departments 2017 Annual Operational Plan for a stronger collaboration with development partners.

Dame Kidu supported the Secretary’s call on developing a stronger collaboration with development partners and said more development partners should do the same and work closely with government agencies for development purposes.

“This is such a significant event. This is really important, it’s about working with the government for the people of Papua New Guinea and that’s what development partners should do at all times through all of their programs,” said Dame Carol Kidu.

Dame Kidu ended her remarks by reminding the Managers of the department that they are the government’s engine room and they must take pride in what they do, for the people of Papua New Guinea.

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