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Acronyms and Abbreviations

MOTW	Ministry of Transport, Works, Urban Development and Local Government
MHILP	Ministry of Housing, Informal Settlements, Land and Surveys and Physical Planning
MOEP	Ministry of Economic Planning, Sustainable Development, Industry, Information and Labour
OP	Operational Policy
PAP	Project Affected Persons
PSIPMU	Public Sector Investment Programme Management Unit
RAP	Resettlement Action Plan
RDVRP	Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project
RPF	Resettlement Policy Framework

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Project Description

In September 2011, the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) entered into a financial arrangement with the World Bank, the proceeds of which were invested into the execution of the Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project (RDVRP). The project originally financed at US\$ 20.92 million received additional funding in the amount of \$US 40.6 million for a total of US\$ 61.5 million. The project is an amalgamation of the Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project and the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience and is funded through a mixture of loans and grants from the International Development Association (IDA) and the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF)¹.

The aim of the RDVRP is to measurably reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Eastern Caribbean sub-region.² The project consists of four components:

Component 1 – Prevention and Adaptation Investments

Component 2 – Regional Platforms for Hazard and Risk Evaluation, and Applications for Improved Decision Making

Component 3 – Natural Disaster Response Component

Component 4 – Project Management and Implementation Support

The RDVRP consists largely of infrastructural projects and technical assistance activities, some of which were derived from SVG's Strategic Programme for Climate Resilience (SPCR) developed under the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR). A total of fifteen million dollars (US \$15 million) of RDVRP funds are dedicated to PPCR activities.

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¹ The breakdown of finances is as follows: PPCR Grants US\$ 12 million, Concessional Loans Strategic Climate Funds (SCF) US\$ 3 million, Loans International Development Association (IDA) US\$ 46.52 million.

² Project Appraisal Document, RDVRP

1.2. The Project Site - Ginger Village, Belmont

On September 2, 2013, torrential rains resulted in a 300 ft. \times 224 ft. landslide on the Belmont main road in the area of Ginger Village – rendering the road impassable. Sections of the roadway failed due to the presence of underground water and surface water seeping into the land from damaged or blocked drains and other factors. The area suffered considerable erosion, requiring realignment of the road.

The road is the main inland artery that connects several large communities between Mt. Pleasant/Peruvian Vale and Arnos Vale namely Fairhall, Belmont, Mesopotamia, Ginger Village, Evesham, Hopewell, Calder and Richland Park. This road is also the main inland route to the Argyle International Airport (AIA). As a result of the landslide, the instability of the roadway resulted in the closure of the road and the rerouting of vehicular traffic to these communities. This has caused significant disruption in the movement of traffic and great difficulties for the road users resulting in significant economic losses in the areas.

Photo 1: Ginger Village landslide 2013



1.3. Proposed Intervention

The proposed intervention requires the rehabilitation of approximately 200 yards of road. This will entail construction of a retaining wall on the eastern side of the road where the land slippage occurred.



Area where land slipped and retaining wall must be constructed to support road.

Photo 2: Land Slippage

To facilitate further disaster risk reduction, mitigation works to protect private properties as well as the public road will be realized at the north-eastern end by the construction of a drain. Land slippage both above and below the road (see photos 1 and 2) covers an area of approximately $4,000\text{m}^2$. The assessment that informed the designs identified an existing culvert which drains into the area of the lower portion of the slide that may have contributed to the slippage. Accordingly, drainage was identified as a key area to be addressed.

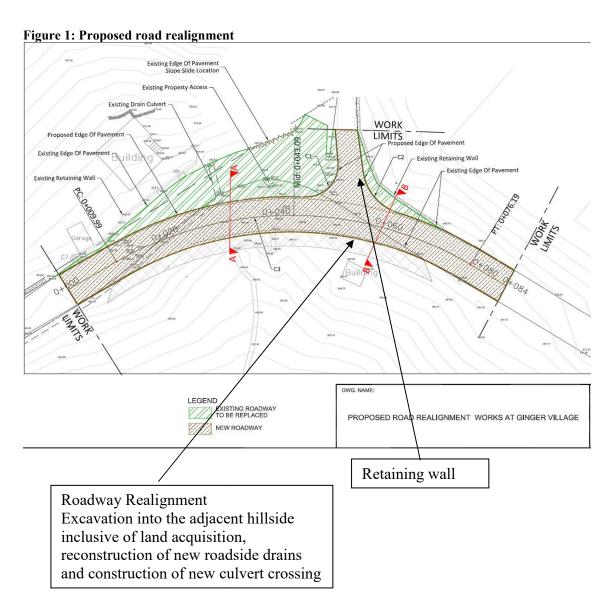
Improved Drainage

The proposed improved drainage system will include:

- Box drains along the new roadway;
- A culvert crossing of the new and existing roadways;
- A stepped drain to carry water from the new roadway to the receiving watercourse at the bottom of the valley;
- Infiltration trenches towards the bottom of the slope;
- A check dam in the stepped drain.

Bioengineering

The selected bioengineering solution involves the use of live fascines (long bundles of stems and branches of root-table plant material tied together and placed in shallow trenches along a contour of slopes). Fascines provide immediate drainage and enhance conditions for the colonisation of plant material.



The intervention directly affects one Project Affected Person (PAP). This PAP (PAP 7) resides on one of the portions of land identified for acquisition (see tables 1, 2 and 3 for details). The ownership of one portion of land to be acquired is unknown (PAP 3). Another PAP (PAP 8) will

be indirectly affected by the realignment of a footpath that provides access to its dwelling. The other PAPs are identified as land owners who are deceased but did not live within the project area.

1.4. World Bank Policy

The World Bank Policy on Involuntary Resettlement, <u>OP 4.12</u> recognises the potential for development projects to result in economic, social and environmental displacement if appropriate measures to mitigate these impacts are not carefully planned and executed.

Accordingly, the policy is guided by the following three principles and the resulting actions flowing from the policy are so guided:

- a. Involuntary resettlement should be avoided where feasible, or minimised, exploring all viable alternative project designs.
- b. Where it is not feasible to avoid resettlement, resettlement activities should be conceived and executed as sustainable development programmes, providing sufficient investment resources to enable the persons displaced by the project to share in project benefits.
- c. Displaced persons should be assisted in their efforts to improve their livelihoods and standards of living or at least to restore them, in real terms, to pre-displacement levels or to level prevailing prior to the beginning of the project implementation, whichever is higher.

The policy covers both the direct economic and social impacts that result from World Bank-assisted projects, and are caused by the involuntary taking of land and the involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas resulting in adverse impacts on the livelihoods of the displaced persons.

1.5. Overview and Objective of RAP

In keeping with the requirements of Operations Procedures (OP) 4.12 of the Bank, a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) must be prepared for any project that results in either the physical or the economic displacement of people. The objective of the RAP is to provide a plan for the resettlement and rehabilitation of PAPs so that their losses will be compensated and their standard

of living will be improved or at least restored to the pre-project levels. In general, the World Bank Policy on Involuntary Resettlement (OP 4.12) and the RAP is built on four broad principles:

- 1. Where possible, resettlement should be avoided.
- 2. Affected people should be fully and fairly compensated for loss of assets.
- 3. Resettlement will be designed as far as possible as an opportunity to improve the livelihoods and standard of living of affected people.
- 4. Persons affected by the project will be consulted and involved in the resettlement planning.

The RAP is organised into two sections. The first section details the outcome of the first round of consultations, meetings and assessments undertaken to ascertain the extent, scope and complexity of the resettlement activity associated with the project works. In this section, details on the site census, the project impacts, a description of the PAPs and the policy and legislative framework governing the resettlement activity are provided. The second section of the document provides the next steps and outlines the action plan for the land acquisition and resettlement based on the findings in Section 1. Section 2 pays special attention to the project policy on resettlement and land acquisition; the institutional arrangements for implementation of the RAP and the Grievance Redress Mechanisms (GRM). It also provides an implementation schedule, the cost of the resettlement exercise and a monitoring and evaluation plan.

GENERAL IMPACTS

The project requires acquisition of land largely for the realignment of the road. The total number of PAPs due to land acquisition at this site is six (6). There are two (2) project-affected households at this site (PAPs 7 and 8), one of which (PAP 7) will be relocated. Thus, the overall number of PAPs is 8. The nature of impacts on each PAP is described below.

One (1) vulnerable person has been identified and special attention is being paid to ensure that this PAP receives appropriate access to information and relevant assistance.

General community sensitization and relevant assistance related to the project will continue throughout the life of the project, to help sensitize community members to gain a better understanding of the rehabilitative works.

The major positive and negative impacts anticipated because of the project are as follows:

i. Improved access to community

It is anticipated that the rehabilitation of the road will improve access to farming communities within a 1-mile radius. It will also provide pedestrians safer access, particularly children travelling to and from the nearby primary school. The current road is closed to vehicular traffic and is not secure. The road will restore the connectivity between the communities, and the accompanying economic activities.

ii. Improved road safety

The slopes along the existing roadway are extremely vulnerable to slippage, as evidenced by the magnitude of the landslide necessitating the project works. As discussed above, the proposed intervention will address some of the contributing factors - drainage and slope stability. This should reduce the challenges experienced during the rainy season whereby sections of the road become blocked and unsafe due to landslides.

iii. Resettlement /physical relocation



photo 3: PAP 7 – Current dwelling of PAP to be relocated

The road realignment will result in the resettlement of PAP 7. This PAP does not own the land upon which his dwelling is situated nor is the PAP using the land for agricultural purposes or any other income earning activity. The land is owned by PAP 5 who is the cousin of PAP 7. PAP 7's current dwelling is an 8' x 8' one-room wooden structure with no utilities, kitchen, toilet nor bath. PAP 7 is vulnerable as this PAP appears to suffer from an undiagnosed psychological condition. Care is being taken by the government of SVG in the relocation of this PAP, with the family members of the PAP supporting and acting on behalf of the PAP in the development and implementation of the resettlement plan. To this end, a decision was taken in collaboration with the family (see annex 1 for details) of PAP 7 to relocate this PAP to a 12' × 20' dwelling that is being constructed by the government of SVG (see table 1 and Annex 1 for details).



Photo 4: Construction of new house for PAP 7

iv. Land acquisition.

The works require acquisition of six (6) parcels of land. These lands are not productive or being used for agriculture or any other income-generating activities.

PAP 1

Photo 5 shows that the land to be acquired from PAP 1 is a gully, resembling a small



Photo 5: land in the gully owned by PAP 1

valley populated by ferns. This gully is expanding due to flash flooding and erosion and is reducing the productivity of the neighbouring farmlands. Consequently, the value of lands at this location is low. A potential benefit of the works in Ginger Village will be the protection of the adjacent lands in the location.

PAP 2

The land to be acquired from PAP 2 as shown in photo 6 below depicts the erosion that occurred in 2013. This land is not viable as it has been completed eroded. The land can be categorised as

disaster vulnerable with unstable soil.



Photo 6: Land in the Slippage area of PAP 2

PAP 3

Photo 7 shows the lands at the southern end of the slippage in photo 6. This land is identified as owned by PAP 3. Currently, the area is vegetated with naturally occurring flora of multiple species. Importantly, the exact ownership of this land and thus the identity of the PAP is still to be determined.



Photo 7: Land at the top of ravine covered by fern trees

PAP 4



Photo 8: Land acquisition from PAP 4

Land to be acquired from PAP 4 is steep mountain land. The land is fallow, and there is a coconut tree, a mango tree and razor grass. The fruit trees are naturally occurring and are not used as a source of food or income.

PAPs 5 and 6

The lands to be acquired from PAPs 5 and 6 are being identified by the Surveys Department as one parcel (see PAPs description for more details). Presently there is a wooden structure occupied by PAP 7 on the land, who will be relocated (aforementioned).



Photo 9: lands owned by PAPs 5 and 6

Table 1 below provides a summary of the land acquisition required for project implementation:

Table 1: Summary table of land acquisition

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PAP #	Current use of land	Assets affected as a % of total landholding	Total land in square ft	Value of Land in XCD ³	Gender of land owner	Description of PAP
1	Land is a gully	5%	19,843	19,843	Female	Land owner is deceased. PAP to date refers to the two surviving children of the deceased. Due to the proneness of the land to slippage and the location of the land, it is not suitable for residential development. PAP does not reside on the land.
2	Main land slide, all top soil eroded, formation of a gorge with very steep topography	5%	27,152	9,231	Female	Land owner is deceased. PAP refers to the spouse of the deceased. Due to the proneness of the land to slippage and the location of the land, it is not suitable for

 $^{^{3}}$ These amounts were approved by the Cabinet on January 13, 2017.

PAP #	Current use of land	Assets affected as a % of total landholding	Total land in square ft	Value of Land in XCD ³	Gender of land owner	Description of PAP
						residential development. PAP does not reside on or in close proximity to the land.
3	Fallow land, ferns, south of land slide, formation of a gorge	TBD	42,230	14,358	TBD	This land owner is yet to be determined. The national systems for acquiring land where the land owner is not known is being followed (see section on "Mitigation Measures – steps for land ownership determination")
4	Undeveloped land, fallow, hillside	10%	4,587	22,935	Female	Land is very steep (see photo 7). Land owner is deceased. The national systems for acquiring intestate land is being followed ((see section on "Mitigation Measures – steps for land ownership determination")
5	Undeveloped land, structure on land	TBD^4	3,663	18,315	Male	PAP 7 (cousin of PAP 5) is currently residing on this land and will be relocated (see table 3 for details). Land owner is deceased. The national systems for acquiring intestate land is being followed (see section on "Mitigation Measures – steps for land ownership determination")

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 $^{^{\}rm 4}$ See table 2 and section on "Description of PAP for details".

PAP #	Current use of land	Assets affected as a % of total landholding	Total land in square ft	Value of Land in XCD ³	Gender of land owner	Description of PAP
6	Undeveloped land, Grass land, hillside	10%	1,444	7,220	Male	Land owner is deceased. The national systems for acquiring intestate land is being followed ((see section on "Mitigation Measures – steps for land ownership determination")

Note: The value of land is determined by several factors including its location, access to utilities and transportation, traffic, use and topography (see section on "Methodology for land valuation".).

v. Noise and dust pollution

During construction, the earthworks will produce air and dust emissions and the heavy equipment will create noise. This impact is minimised since the project location is sparsely populated. By way of illustration, the first house is about 100 meters away and the road which has been closed since the landslide will remain closed during the works. Also, most of the residents work during the day. Nevertheless, the impacts will be mitigated by the works Environment Management Plan, which forms part of the construction contract. Moreover, the communities will be sensitised on the nature of works and the resulting impacts.

vii. Access

The road realignment will require excavation into the adjacent hillside, reconstruction of new roadside drains and construction of a new culvert crossing. The excavated area will include the footpath used by PAP 8 which separates lands owned by PAP 4 and 5/6 (see Figure 2). This walkway is presently a mixture of mud and sand (see photo 10) that is very difficult to navigate when the soil is wet especially during the rainy season. The project will build a new concrete, stepped footpath nearby on



photo 10: Current access to PAP 8's property

lands acquired from PAP 4 prior to excavation of the existing footpath. This project impact is

considered as minor and the mitigation measure does not require the acquisition of land (see table 2).

Table 2 below seeks to summarise the type of project impact by PAP.

Table 2 key:

Minor – Not on productive asset, only a portion of total land will be taken Severe – Relocation of vulnerable PAP

Table 2: Impact on PAPs

Impact	Project-Affected Persons							
Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Severe							X	
Minor	X	X	x	X	X	X		
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DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Road realignment

The road will be realigned away from the slope failure by cutting into the existing slope. The length on the new road will be approximately 200 yards. This will involve excavation into the hillside of approximately 1,190 m³ of soil of the upper slope. This road realignment will impact three (3) land owners (land acquisition from PAPs 4, 5, and 6) and relocate PAP 7.

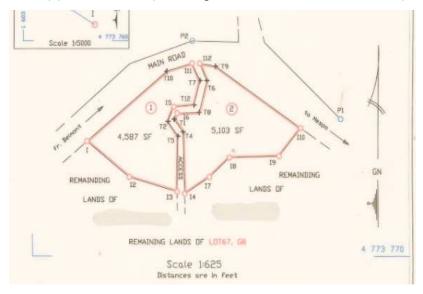


Figure 2 - Land acquisition for road realignment no.1

Key:

Lot 1: Portion of land to be acquired from PAP 4

Lot 2: Portion of lands to be acquired from PAPs 5 & 6 shown as one plot

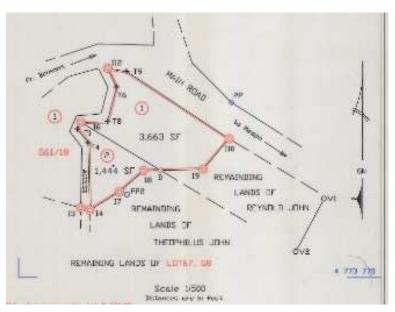


Figure 3- Land acquisition for road realignment no.2 Key

Lot 2 shows the portions of lands to be acquired from PAPs 5 (3,663 sq. ft) and 6 (1,444 sq. ft) PAP 7 currently resides on PAP 5's land

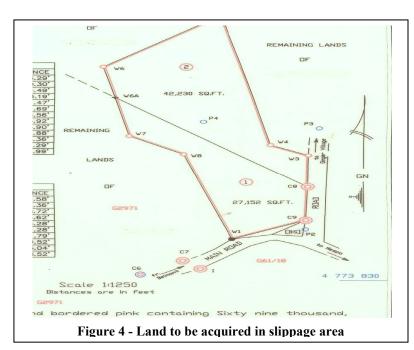


Figure 4 shows the boundaries of the land below the road that is no longer viable. Photo 2 depicts an actual picture of the land from the landslide of 2013. The intervention would require the construction of retaining wall to: 1) stabilise the road and 2) support the section where the land slipped. Land acquisition in the amounts of 27,152 and 42,230 square feet below the slippage (figure 3) is required for bio

engineering interventions. Trees will be planted to stabilise the slope and decrease water run-off.

At the end of the road, a drainage system would be constructed. This requires acquisition of four (4) parcels of land measuring a total of 19,843 square feet (Figure 4). These parcels of land are owned by PAP 1



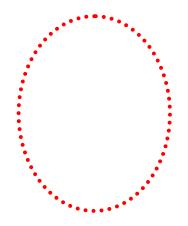
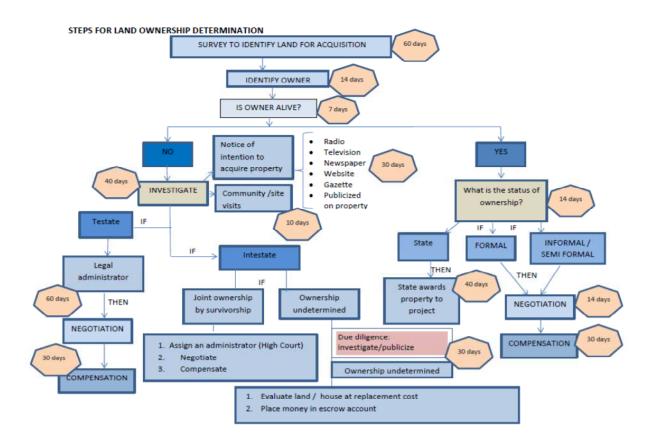


Figure 5: Land acquisition for construction of drainage system

MITIGATION MEASURES

The mitigation measures taken in this project are in accordance with the World Bank OP4.12 which highlights the need to provide assistance to displaced persons by means of compensation for land acquired and assistance with resettlement and compensation for other costs related to the resettlement. To facilitate compensation, land ownership must be determined.

To this end, the following is a summary of the steps for land ownership determination and subsequent compensation:



Priority must be given to vulnerable populations (in this case, the construction of a new residential unit and the creation of access to residents). A psychologist and a social worker are engaged to assist with the relocation of PAP 7 (see annex 9). This will be done in close collaboration with the immediate family to ensure that the project is not adversely affecting the PAP.

Table 3 shows the mitigation measures to be taken by the project to address the issues that have arisen because of the project intervention.

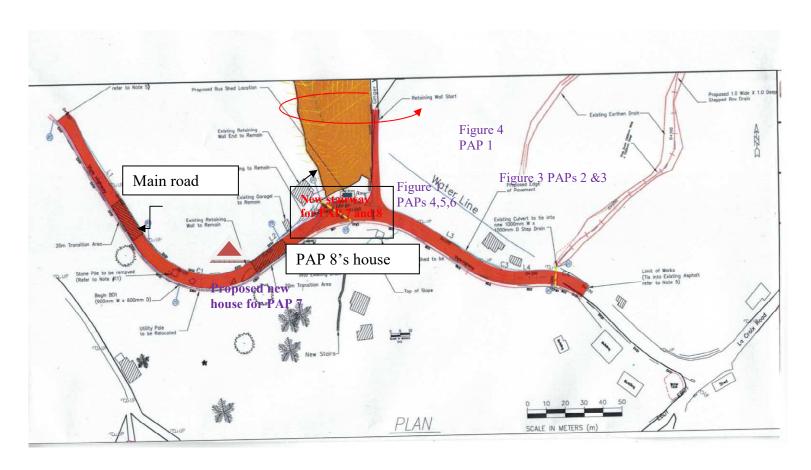
Table 3: Mitigation measures

Project Affected person	Impact	Description	Use of Land by project	Mitigation measures	Size of land required in square feet
PAP 1	Minor	Land acquisition (Photo 4)	Land for drain construction		19,843
PAP 2	Minor	Land acquisition (Photo 1)	Land for retaining wall	Monetary compensation for land	27,152
PAP 3	Minor	Land acquisition (Photo 5 & 6)	Land for retaining wall	acquired based on replacement value	42,230
PAP 4	Minor	Land acquisition (Photo 7)	Land for road realignment		4,587
PAP 5	Minor	Land acquisition (Photo 8)	Land for road realignment		3,663
PAP 6	Minor	Land acquisition (photo 8)	Land for road realignment		1,444
PAP 7	Severe	Physical relocation (photo 3)	Land of PAP 6	Construct new a 12 x 20 dwelling built to hurricane standard with: one bedroom, living room, detached bathroom and toilet, and a designated area to prepare meals. A 400-gallon water tank will be provided to facilitate access to water. Relocation site to be constructed and resettlement of PAP completed before removal of PAP's current dwelling.	n/a
PAP 8	Minor	Rerouting access to the property (Photo 9)	Land of PAP 6	Construct new footpath nearby. This will be constructed before the removal of the existing footpath.	n/a

Summary road re-alignment

Figure 6 shows a combination of the figures where land acquisition occurred on the landscape for the road realignment. It shows where the new house will be constructed for PAP 7, as well as the new stairway for PAP 8. This new access road will be constructed on lands acquired from PAPs 5 and 6. The bright red is the new road. The brown or burnt orange highlights where the major land slippage occurred which led to the closure of the road. The bright red square highlights the lands to be acquired to construct the drainage system.

Figure 6: Map of impacts for all PAPs



2. CENSUS AND SOCIOECONOMIC SURVEYS

The Socioeconomic Environment

The population of SVG is estimated at just under 110,000⁵ people. The majority of the people in the Marriaqua Valley, within which the project area lies, are engaged in farming and small scale animal production. The main agricultural produce grown are bananas and root crops such as dasheen and sweet potatoes, as well as other fruits and vegetables. At the project site, there are no persons using the land for their livelihood. There are a few fruits trees consistent with the area, however they are not recognized to be productive assests and are not being used for economic gain.

Census

A census of the project site was undertaken in May of 2017 to determine the directly affected population and the scale and complexity of the project for resettlement planning. In the project area, there are two (2) houses: 1) one to be relocated, occupied by PAP 7 (photo 3) and 2) one occupied by PAP 8 that is approximately 100 ft. away the project site. The household of PAP 8 consists of two working females and two males, one of whom recently graduated and is unemployed. Once construction commences, the current entrance to PAP 8's property will be blocked. As a mitigating measure, a new footpath for this PAP's family will be constructed before the project commences, thereby ensuring continuous access to PAP 8's property. For the works to realign the road, it is necessary to acquire lands from six (6) landowners none of whom are living within the project area. These lands, because of the topography, are left fallow except for a few naturally occurring fruits trees that are not for used for livelihoods.

Table 4 below summarises each PAP in terms of the status of compensation (where applicable) and the outstanding actions to be taken to ensure the implementation of the RAP including indicative timelines:

⁵ 2012 Population and Housing Census

Table 4 - Status of Compensation Actions

PAP	Status of	What has been done	Outstanding actions	Responsible agency	Indicative timeline
	compensation				
	/relocation				
1	Land intestate	 Governor General has made Declaration in two ordinary issues of the Gazette⁶ (see annex 4 for details) Boundaries of land have been identified. General Notice of Acquisition issued on land. Advertisement for claimants to come forward was published in local newspapers (see annex 8 for details), government website and radio (see section 3.1.2). Compensation amount approved and deposited at the Treasury Department 	 Advertisements will continue to be published for claimants to come forward Compensation funds to be transferred to the High Court in accordance with the Land Acquisition Act (1988) pending responses to the posted Notice of Acquisition and advertisements . 	- PSIPMU - High Court	Funds are available in an Escrow account at the High Court until October 2029. All claims received on or before this date will remain valid and would be subjected to the procedures of the High Court for assessment and subsequent compensation. Claimants will be given assistance from the social safeguard team at the PMU
2	Land ownership determined and PAP compensated	PAP was compensated (see annex 5).	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	PAP to be determined	 Governor General has made Declaration in two ordinary issues of the Gazette⁷ (see annex 4 for details) Boundaries of land have been identified. General Notice of Acquisition issued on land. Advertisement for claimants to come forward was published in local newspapers (see annex 8 for details), government website and radio (see section 3.1.2). Compensation amount approved and deposited at the Treasury Department 	 Advertisements will continue to be published for claimants to come forward Advertisements to be published for claimants to come forward. Compensation to be paid to the High Court pending responses to the posted Notice of Acquisition and advertisements. 	- PSIPMU - High Court	Funds are available in an Escrow account at the High Court until October 2029. All claims received on or before this date will remain valid and would be subjected to the procedures of the High Court for assessment and subsequent compensation. Claimants will be given assistance from the social safeguard team at the PMU.
4	Land intestate	Governor General has made Declaration in two ordinary issues of the Gazette ⁸ (see annex 4 for details)	 Advertisements will continue to be published for claimants to come forward Compensation funds to be transferred to the High 	- Chief Surveyor - PSIPMU	Funds are available in an Escrow account at the High Court until October 2029. All claims received on or before this date will remain valid and would be

⁶ See annex 7 for description of government gazette.

⁷ See annex 7 for description of government gazette.

⁸ See annex 7 for description of government gazette.

PAP	Status of	What has been done	Outstanding actions	Responsible agency	Indicative timeline
	compensation				
	/relocation				
		- Boundaries of land have been identified.	Court in accordance with the Land Acquisition		subjected to the procedures of the High Court for
		- General Notice of Acquisition issued on land.	Act (1988) pending responses to the posted		assessment and subsequent compensation. Claimants
		- Advertisement for claimants to come forward	Notice of Acquisition and advertisements		will be given assistance from the social safeguard
		was published in local newspapers (see annex 8			team at the PMU.
		for details), government website and radio (see			
		section 3.1.2).			
		- Compensation amount approved and deposited at			
		the Treasury Department			
5	PAP 5 last	- Governor General has made Declaration in two	- Advertisements will continue to be published in	- Chief Surveyor	Funds are available in an Escrow account at the High
	known to	ordinary issues of the Gazette ⁹ (see annex 4 for	SVG and Trinidad and Tobago for claimants to	- PSIPMU	Court until October 2029. All claims received on or
	reside in	details)	come forward.		before this date will remain valid and would be
	Trinidad.	- Boundaries of land have been identified.	- Compensation funds to be transferred to the High		subjected to the procedures of the High Court for
		- General Notice of Acquisition issued on land.	Court in accordance with the Land Acquisition		assessment and subsequent compensation. Claimants
		- Advertisement for claimants to come forward	Act (1988) pending responses to the posted		will be given assistance from the social safeguard
		was published in local newspapers (see annex 8	Notice of Acquisition and advertisements		team at the PMU.
		for details), government website and radio (see			
		section 3.1.2).			
		- Compensation amount approved and deposited at			
		the Treasury Department			
6	Land intestate	- Governor General has made Declaration in two	- Advertisements will continue to be published for	- PSIPMU	Funds are available in an Escrow account at the High
		ordinary issues of the Gazette ¹⁰ (see annex 4 for	claimants to come forward	- Attorney General	Court until October 2029. All claims received on or
		details)	Compensation funds to be transferred to the High		before this date will remain valid and would be
		- Boundaries of land have been identified.	Court in accordance with the Land Acquisition		subjected to the procedures of the High Court for
		- General Notice of Acquisition issued on land.	Act (1988) pending responses to the posted.		assessment and subsequent compensation. Claimants
		- Advertisement for claimants to come forward	- Communication on-going with one (1) surviving		will be given assistance from the social safeguard
		was published in local newspapers (see annex 8	child of deceased land owner.		team at the PMU
		for details), government website and radio (see			
		section 3.1.2).			
		- Compensation amount approved and deposited at			
		the Treasury Department			
7	PAP to be	- PAP and PAP's siblings consulted.	- Furnishing of new dwelling.	- Ministry of Housing, Informal Human Settlements,	Throughout project implementation

 ⁹ See annex 7 for description of government gazette.
 ¹⁰ See annex 7 for description of government gazette.

PAP	Status of	What has been done	Outstanding actions	Responsible agency	Indicative timeline
	compensation				
	/relocation				
	relocated	- Psychologist and social worker engaged.	- Relocation of PAP.	Lands & Survey and Physical Planning (MHILP)	Psychological assessment – December 2017
		- New dwelling constructed .		- PSIPMU with assistance from PAP's siblings	
8	New footpath	- PAP consulted by the PSIPMU.	- New footpath to be constructed.	- MHILP	- December 2017
	to be	- New footpath has been designed and is included		- PSIPMU	
	constructed.	in the works contract			

Summary of census and project affected persons.

Table 5 shows the census survey data collected for project affected properties and people. It also provides a description of the land to be acquired.

Table 5 - Census Information

Project Affected person	No of members in household	Gender		Primary source of livelihood	Income status	Impact	Description
PAP 1	TBD ¹¹	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Land acquisition	Land is longitudinal to the proposed drainage site
PAP 2	1	0M	1F	Retired	Upper income	Land acquisition	Land is in the slippage area
PAP 3	TBD ¹²	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Land acquisition	Land is in the slippage area
PAP 4	TBD ¹³	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Land acquisition	Land at road realignment
PAP 5	TBD ¹⁴	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Land acquisition	Land at road realignment
PAP 6 - HH1 ¹⁵ - HH2 - HH3 ¹⁶ - HH4 - HH5 - HH6 ¹⁷	7 TBD ¹⁸ 1 6 13 ¹⁹ TBD	3M 1M 2M 6M TBD	4F 0F 4F 7F TBD	Self-employed Unemployed Employed Self-employed TBD	Lower-income Lower-income Lower-income TBD	Land acquisition	Land at road realignment
PAP 7	1	1M	0F	Unemployed	Indigent	Relocation	Current dwelling located in the realignment area. Cabinet approved the construction of new house.

¹¹ Landowner is deceased. PAPs (legal heirs) are to be identified. Refer to Table 4.
12 Landowner is to be identified. Refer to Table 4.
13 Landowner is deceased. PAPs (legal heirs) are to be identified. Refer to Table 4
14 Landowner is to be located. Refer to Table 4.
15 Household of child no.1 of deceased
16 LH2 in PAP 7

Household of clind no.1 of del¹⁶ HH3 is PAP 7.

¹⁷ HH6 is PAP 5. Refer to Table 4

¹⁸ HH2 resides overseas

¹⁹ Includes 7 minors

Project Affected person	No of members in household	Gender		Primary source of livelihood	Income status	Impact	Description
PAP 8	4	2M	2F	2 female employed service industry 1 male student 1 male employed service industry	Above the poverty line (economic vulnerability)	Rerouting access to the property	New access road constructed

Key: M: male F: female

Efforts are being made to contact all surviving potential beneficiaries to complete census survey data collection. These include further consultations with community members, publication of notices in newspapers in SVG and Trinidad and Tobago; and radio, television and website advertisements (see section 3.1.2).

3. VALUATION OF AND COMPENSATION FOR LOSSES

3.1. Valuation of and Compensation for Losses

3.1.1. Valuation of Land and Assets

Methodology for Land Valuation

In each instance the land was valued by the Office of the Chief Surveyor at the replacement value which is dependent on a number of features and variables including location, access to utilities, transportation, traffic, use and topography.

Valuation of Land for Public Purpose

Once it becomes necessary to acquire land for a public purpose, the relevant authorised officer appointed by the Governor General (usually the Chief Surveyor) is mandated under the Land Acquisition Act, to prepare the relevant instruments and guidance necessary for the state to

acquire the specified property. The Land Valuation Officer would conduct a formal valuation of the site/property. In the event that the property is leased from the state, the physical investment plus the expected income streams up to the end of the life of the lease is valued. The same procedure obtains for private leases except that the owner is compensated for the land and loss of income.

- a. Formal: Once ownership of the property is determined, a valuation based on replacement value is undertaken and compensation packages developed for negotiation.
- b. Semi-formal: Where the interest in the land is undefined, that is, lawfully inherited from an intestate, the state would request or facilitate the appointment of an administrator. In these instances, the government shall make every effort to establish ownership of the land by inter alia issuing public notices advising and inviting persons with legitimate claims to make representation accordingly and consulting with the community;. If these efforts are unsuccessful then based on the current estimated value, and an amount is placed in trust until the beneficiaries have resolved their interest.
- c. Informal: The first step is a valuation of the existing improvements made to the land e.g. structures, trees etc. Valuation of the land is not included. Next, compensation is paid based on derived value including loss of income in case of a business activity.

3.1.2. Steps to determining land ownership

The following procedure is being followed to determine the ownership of lands and subsequent compensation:

A. PAP 1:

i. Description: The land owner is deceased and did not leave a will. Therefore, the rightful heir is being determined in order to effect compensation.

A meeting on the 25th June, 2017 between the Social Specialist and the grandson of the deceased revealed the following: 1) The deceased had four children; two (2) of the children are still alive, over the age of fifty-five and are living abroad; 2) The grandson overlooks the estate and he indicated that the portion of land identified for acquisition is a steep gully, formed naturally over the years by rain water and is getting bigger. This gully, which itself is fallow and unsuitable for farming, falls in the middle of farmland and in some areas is very deep (see photo 5); 3) The project is welcomed as it will help to protect the surrounding lands which are constantly being eroded; and 4) The family never considered formally administrating for any of the property.

- ii. Determination of ownership: This is being done by the following methods:
 - Community/site visits: Consultation with grandson of the deceased
 - Notice of intention to acquire land: This was erected on land by the Chief Surveyor
 - Declaration of Intention to acquire published in the Gazette (see annex 4.1-4.2)
 - Media: 1) Newspapers: schedule of adverts in all three local newspapers on 18th and 25th August and 8th September, 2017; 2) Radio: Adverts are being run on two local radio stations; and 3) Website: http://www.gov.vc/index.php/regional-disaster-vulnerability-reduction-project-rdvrp
- iii. Compensation: Will be paid upon the determination of land ownership.

B. PAP 2:

- i. Description: The land owner is deceased. The spouse of the deceased was recognized to be the natural beneficiary and was recipient of monetary compensation. This PAP is retired and lives alone but gets support from its children who are living in separate households. The PAP does not live on the project site. This PAP's land is where the landslide formed the gorge. (see photo 2) The previous topography of the land, before slippage, did not allow for agricultural production.
- ii. Determination of land ownership: The spouse of the deceased was identified as being the legal heir of the land.
- iii. Compensation: Paid (see annex 5).

C. PAP 3:

- i. Description: A landowner was identified and gazetted (annex 4.1- 4.2) on investigation the Gazetted landowner indicated that he is not the owner and has no knowledge of ownership. Ownership of this land is under investigation.
- ii. Determination of land ownership: This is being done by the following methods:
- Community/site visits: Contact was made with neighbouring farmers, none of whom has knowledge of its ownership
- Notice of intention to acquire: This was erected on the land by the Chief Surveyor
- Media: 1) Newspapers: schedule of adverts in all three local newspapers on 18th and 25th August and 8th September, 2017; 2) Radio: Adverts are being run on two local radio stations; and 3) Website: http://www.gov.vc/index.php/regional-disaster-vulnerability-reduction-project-rdvrp.
- iii. Compensation: Will be paid upon the determination of land ownership.

D. PAP 4:

- i. Description: The land title owner is deceased. A family member of the deceased was identified. Community visit to locate the identified member was fruitless. The declaration of intention was gazetted (see annex 4.1- 4.2) using the name of the identified member.
- ii. Determination of land ownership: This is being done by the following methods:
 - Community/site visits: One living relative has been identified.
 - Notice of intention to acquire: This was erected on the land by the Chief Surveyor
 - Media: 1) Newspapers: schedule of adverts in all three local newspapers on 18th and 25th August and 8th September, 2017; 2) Radio: Adverts are being run on two local radio stations; and 3) Website: http://www.gov.vc/index.php/regional-disaster-vulnerability-reduction-project-rdvrp
 - iii. Compensation: Will be paid upon the determination of land ownership.

E. PAP 5:

i. Description: This land formally belongs to PAP 6 (grandfather of PAP 5). Investigation revealed that PAP 6 informally gave PAP 5 permission to construct a dwelling on the land. In light of this information the land was gazetted under the ownership of PAP 6 (see annex 4.1-4.2). Community visits revealed that PAP 5 migrated to Trinidad and Tobago in 1970. One family member has knowledge that PAP 5 has three children in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and may have other children in Trinidad. Villagers have informally reported that efforts by them to contact the PAP even before the landslide of 2013 have been fruitless. Additionally, it was informally communicated that this PAP did not return to SVG even when notified of the death of the PAP's biological mother. Further, the third child

of the PAP indicated never having the opportunity to meet the PAP and has only heard about the PAP.

- ii. Determination of land ownership: This is being done by the following methods:
 - Community/site visits:
 - Notice of intention to acquire land: This was erected on the land by the Chief Surveyor.

Media: 1) Newspaper: schedule of adverts in a Trinidadian and St. Vincent and the Grenadines newspapers will be as follows: 18th August, 25th August, 2017, 1st and 8th September, 2017. ; 2) Radio: Adverts are being run on two local radio stations; and 3) Website: http://www.gov.vc/index.php/regional-disaster-vulnerability-reduction-project-rdvrp

iii. Compensation: Will be paid upon the determination of land ownership/location of PAP.

F. PAP 6:

- i. Description: The land owner is deceased. The land owner had eight children, six of whom are deceased. The two surviving children are octogenarians; one resides in SVG and the other in Trinidad and Tobago. PAP 6 gave permission to a grandchild (PAP 5) to construct a house on part of the land. PAP 6 lived with PAP 5 until PAP 6's death. Since the death of PAP 6, no consideration was given to administrate for the land by PAP 6's heirs. The surviving child in SVG has indicated to the state that contact would be made with the other sibling to determine the way forward on the administration of the estate.
- ii. Determination of land ownership:
 - A site visit by the MoEP in July, 2017 revealed that the surviving child in Trinidad and Tobago has still not been located.

 Notice of intention to acquire land: This was erected on the land by the Chief Surveyor.

- Media:

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Newspapers: schedule of adverts in all three local newspapers on 18th and 25th August and 8th September, 2017; 2) Radio: Adverts are being run on two local radio stations; and 3) Website: http://www.gov.vc/index.php/regional-disaster-vulnerability-reduction-project-rdvrp

Trinidad: Newspaper: schedule of adverts in a Trinidadian newspaper will be as follows: 25th August, 2017, 1st and 8th September, 2017.

iii. Compensation: Will be paid upon the determination of land ownership.

G. PAP 7:

i. Description: This PAP is unemployed and lives alone. The PAP is classified as indigent and middle-aged. It was reported by a sibling that PAP 7 suffers from some level of undiagnosed mental inability, thus standard communication may be impaired. A team of experts comprising of a psychologist and social worker was engaged to provide a formal assessment and assist with the relocation (See annex 9). PAP 7 resides in a small, one-room wooden structure that has no pipe-borne water, electricity, toilet facility, bath or kitchen. The PAP has no formal legal claim to the land on which the dwelling is situated, but rather is living on family land (PAP 5). As such, the government, in consultation with PAP 7 and PAP 7's siblings as his representatives, has approved the construction of a new dwelling unit for PAP 7 approximately 100 yards away on land that will be owned by PAP 7, under the government's "Lives to Live Programme" (see annex 1).

This decision is in keeping with the RDVRP Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) (March 2016) where the Laws of SVG recognized informal settlers to be entitled to

"...new housing on authorized land under government (State or local) housing programs".

PAP 7's siblings are acting on PAP 7's behalf in the development and implementation of the resettlement plan, and have approved the location and construction of this dwelling. The new dwelling will include a water tank, a kitchen and bathroom (detached from house). It will be built to resist hurricanes. The PAP is accustomed to the use wood fire for cooking outdoors, the decision was made to construct a separate space outside where the PAP can store and use the coal pot and fire wood. The assessment by the psychologist and social worker will determine, in addition to water the other utilities that can be safely installed to improve the living condition of the PAP.

Consultations were held with the PAP and the PAP's siblings, who welcomed the project and recognized it as an opportunity to improve the standard of living of PAP 7. They confirmed that they have already communicated to the PAP, the upcoming relocation. They reported that the PAP was accepting of the plan.

The dwelling is under construction and is expected to be completed by August 2017. The PAP will be relocated before the project impacts are felt where the PAP is currently residing.



Photo 11: PAP 7's new dwelling under construction

H. PAP 8:

Description: This PAP's household is located on the hill above the failed road. The

excavation into the mountain will remove a portion of the footpath the PAP uses to

access its property. Consultation with the PAP revealed that the present footpath is

somewhat unsafe leading to many minor slipping and falling accidents over the years.

This footpath separates the lands of PAPs 4 and 5. A new footpath will be constructed

on the lands acquired from PAPs 4 and 5. This footpath will also provide access to

PAP 7's new dwelling. The construction of the new footpath will precede the

excavation of the existing footpath.

3.1.3. Compensation

The lands to be acquired for the project are all privately owned; the owners of all but one (1)

portion of land are deceased and respective beneficiaries are undetermined to date. Immediately

following the publication of the declaration in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of the

Land Acquisition Act, the authorised officer, the Chief Surveyor negotiated and finalised the

purchase of the land owned by one (1) PAP. Similar valuations for the remaining lands, whose

owners are deceased, have been conducted by the Chief Surveyor's Office. These values have

been approved by the Cabinet and the respective compensation amounts have been released by the

Treasury and await transfer to the High Court pending claims by the legal beneficiaries of the

deceased land owners.

All questions and claims relating to the payment of compensation under the Land Acquisition Act

shall be forwarded directly to the Project Coordinator as stipulated by the Grievance Redress

Mechanism:

Project Coordinator

Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project

Ministry of Economic Planning

Administrative Building

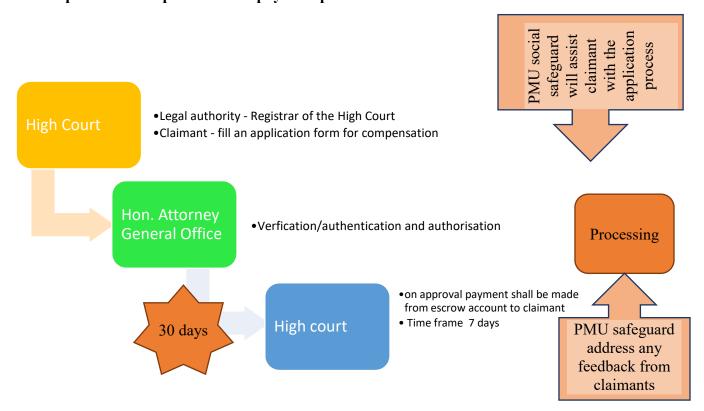
Kingstown

Telephone: 784-457-1746

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All appeals shall lie against a decision of the Project Steering Committee to the Director of Planning or the Attorney General.

3.1.4 Steps for the completion of the payment process from Escrow Account



- 1. Claimants will fill out an application form at the High Court with support of the PMU's Social Safeguards Specialist. Assistance would be provided to any claimants that need support in understanding and completing the application form.
- 2. The High Court shall forward the applications to the Attorney General's Office for verification/authentication and authorisation. Processing of documentation may require 30 working days pending the quality of the documentation.
- 3. Payments shall be made from the escrow account by the High Court Office within 7 days .
- 4. While cases may vary, it is expected that this process would take about forty (40) working days.

Please note that all legal and administrative fees shall be waived by the state, as is precedent (Hurricane Tomas ERL and the RDVRP). The project's Social Safeguards Specialist will oversee the processing of each claim. All claimants will be provided with information on the PMU's Grievance Redress Mechanism procedures as well as any High Court appeals

procedures, in case claimants wish to appeal unfavourable decisions regarding authentication of ownership or if other legitimate grievances emerge.

4. Mitigation Measures

The table that follows provides the description of the packages or compensation and other compensation measures that will assist each category of eligible displaced persons to achieve the objectives of the policy. All portions of land are undeveloped and fallow. Apart from replacement value, no other forms of compensation apply. Values were determined from comparable sales, particulars of the land, topography, configuration, current usage and size. Descriptions of the parcels of land are provided in General Impacts section.

Table 6 show the status of the land ownership and the suggested compensation for each PAP.

Table 6 - Summary of Land Ownership and Suggested Compensation

Project Affected person	Use of land by project	Land ownership status	Value of land per square foot (XCD)	Size of Land (sq.ft)	Suggested compensation (XCD) based on replacement value	% of asset affected (of total landholding)
PAP 1	Land for drainage	Semi-formal	1.00	19,843	19,843	5
PAP 2	Land for retaining	Formal	0.34	27,152	9,231	5
PAP 3	wall	To be determined	0.34	42,230	14,358	TBD
PAP 4	Land for	Semi-formal	5.00	4,587	22,935	10
PAP 5	road	Formal	5.00	3,663	18,315	TBD
PAP 6	realignment	Semi-formal	5.00	1,444	7,220	10
PAP 7	Occupies land of PAP 5	Informal	N/A	N/A	New house valued at approximately 20,000 XCD	n/a
PAP 8		Semi-formal	N/A	N/A	No land acquisition, rerouting of access road would be in completed before project start.	None

5. Participation and Consultation

The involvement of the key stakeholders in the planning and implementation of the project is essential to ensuring the objectives of the project are realized including the preservation of at least the pre-project quality of life of the PAPs and where possible the improvement of it. Participation of, and consultation with the PAPs is an indispensable method of achieving this. **Table 7** descriptively documents completed and expected consultations. The list is by no means exhaustive since additional consultations would be conducted during and following construction.

Table 7: List of consultation

	Description	Where	Issues discussed	Result	Who ²⁰
			Completed	consultations	
1	 Field Visit 28th October 2015 	Gather data on Ginger Village	Three houses One abandoned	Information on family members	Non- PAP members of the community
2	Conversation April, 2017	Community	Ownership of land	Land at PAP 6 is divided - a portion was given to grandchild who has a child PAP 7's parent was given permission to live in house.	• Child of PAP 6
3	Conversation May, 2017	MOEP	Ownership of land Finding PAP	Has no information on parent, tried many times to contact PAP.	• Child of PAP 5
4	Conversation 25 th June, 2017	Community	Ownership of land	PAP 7 has 2 siblings PAP 1 has 4 children PAP 8 was informed of the changed location of road. PAP 6 has another child living in England	 PAP 7 Living relative of PAP 1 PAP 8 H/H Daughter of PAP 6 6 community members
5	Consultation 27 th June, 2017	MOEP	Transition of housing and responsible	Guardianship assumed by siblings.	• Siblings of PAP 7

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²⁰ Project Team/PMU representatives were also present at all consultations and conversations listed in table.

	Description	Where	Issues discussed	Result	Who ²⁰
			guardian for PAP 7		
6	Consultation- Representatives from the community 15 th June 2017	Community	Relocation / compensation Project Flooding Hoarding Restricted access		Community representative
8	24 th July 2017	PAP 6 (HH1)	Household census	HH data of PAP recorded.	PAP 6 (HH1) MoEP
			Expected (Consultations	
4	Consultation with Technical team September 2017	MOEP Conference Room	Information on the RAP	TBD	
	Community consultation September 2017	Community	Commencement of project	TBD	

6. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

In SVG, a number of Government and statutory agencies have responsibility for land acquisition, land use and settlements and resettlements in one form or another under various pieces of legislation. Within the existing framework there is no expropriation of property without compensation in SVG. The legal framework for this project is guided by the Resettlement Policy Framework and the World Bank Operational procedures which covers the laws, policies, regulations and procedures relevant to the resettlement activities associated with the project.

Land Acquisition

Under the laws of SVG, the Land Acquisition Act expressly addresses the acquisition of land by the Government for a public purpose. Under this Act, the government may by a declaration to initiate the acquisition of land required for a public purpose. All issues relating to payment of compensation can be submitted to a Board of Assessment whose award must be filed in the High Court. The exact procedure followed is detailed below.

- *i.* Owner of land selected for public purpose shall be notified as soon as possible.
- *ii.* The notification of intention shall be published in two ordinary issues of the Government's Gazette, and shall be posted in the district, the declaration would state:
 - The parish or district in which the land is situated
 - A description of the land, giving the approximate area and other particulars necessary for identifying the land.
 - If the designs are prepared, the place where, and the time when a plan of the land can be inspected.
- *iii.* The public purpose for which the land is required.
- *iv*. After notification, preliminary survey, and other investigation of the land, the authorised officer will enter negotiation with owner; discuss options, compensation and willingness to sell.

Table 8: Summary of Relevant Agencies, corresponding Legislation and Scope of Influence

Area of Focus	Law/ Regulation	Responsible Authority	Application/Scope
Laws of St. Vin Grenadines:	cent and the		
Compensation/Land Acquisition/ Protection of Property Rights	Land Acquisition Act Chapter 322	The Chief Surveyor, Land and Surveys Department	Provides for the acquisition of land for public benefit. The government has the powers under this Act to acquire land for projects, which are intended to benefit the general public. The sub-projects requiring resettlement are under the provision of this Act.
	The Land Settlement and Development Act Chapter 242		Provides for the absolute proprietorship over land (exclusive rights). Such land can be acquired by the State under the Land Acquisition Act in the project area.
Property Rights	The existing constitution, Section 6 "Protection from deprivation of property"		Stipulates that no property of any description shall be compulsorily taken possession of, and no interest in or right over property of any description shall be compulsorily acquired, except for a public purpose and except where provision is made by a law applicable to that taking of possession or acquisition for the payment, within a reasonable time, of adequate compensation. This is also guided by O.P. 4.12 which states that property owners should be compensated before work begins
Land use/planning; Environmental Assessments	Town and Country Planning Act (No.45, 1992)	The Town Planner, Physical Planning Unit	Guides planning in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Under this act, the Physical Planning Unit has the legal authority for environmental management in general, including the evaluation of the need for and level of Environmental Impact Assessment requirements. The Act mandates approval from the Planning Board prior to the commencement of civil works.
Road Development	Roads Act (Chapter 357 1956)	Chief Engineer, Ministry of Transport, Works, Urban Development and Local Government (MOTW)	
	Chief Engineer's Act (Chapter 196, 1916)	Chief Engineer, MOTW	Provides for the duties and powers of the Chief Engineer

Area of Focus	Law/ Regulation	Responsible Authority	Application/Scope
	Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic, Cap. 355		The Act, <i>inter alia</i> , prohibits encroachment on and damage to roads including land reserved for roads by any project or any human settlement or by an exercise of resettlement.
Housing	Act No.7 of 1976	Housing and Land Development Corporation (HLDC)	The Act gives effect to the planning and development of housing and land for residential and community purposes, to provide for the designation and the acquisition of land by the corporation for development and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.
ACT			Provides for the securing of public health and recognizes the importance of water. It provides for prevention of water pollution by any development activity including resettlement by stakeholders
The Water Ac Chapter	t		The Act vests the water in the State and gives the provisions for the water management, including irrigation water, pollution, drainage, flood control and abstraction. It is the main legislation governing the use of water especially through water permit system where special provision for water may be made for settlements and resettlements areas.
The Agricultura	ıl		The Act stipulates that owners and occupancies of agriculture land fulfill their obligations to the community by managing their lands in such a manner to prevent erosion and ruination of the soil and by cultivating all cultivatable land under their control.

7. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

The Public Sector Investment Programme Management Unit (PSIPMU) within the MOEP has overall responsibility for the implementation of the project. The coordination of the resettlement activities falls directly under the unit's purview. In this regard, the Social Safeguards team under the leadership of the Project Coordinator and with guidance from the World Bank Social Specialist will oversee the activities carried out during preparation and implementation of the civil works to ensure the resettlement plan and its considerations are effectively executed. The Social Safeguards team will be supported by other relevant ministries as necessary. These include the Land and Surveys Department of the MHILP, the MOTW, in particular the Chief Engineer's office; the Community Development Division of the Ministry of National Mobilisation; the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Rural Transformation etc. and the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment. Other statutory agencies including the Housing and Land Development Corporation (HLDC), St. Vincent Electricity Company (VINLEC) and Central Water and Sewerage Authority (CWSA) may also provide support services where necessary.

On matters related to the acquisition of lands for public purposes, the Chief Surveyor within the MHILP has legal authority. Accordingly, the Chief Surveyor and supporting technical staff will work in close collaboration with the staff of the PSIPMU to ensure that the considerations outlined in the RAP are effectively implemented.

Capacity

All of the agencies with responsibility for resettlement activities under the RAP have relevant experience but with varying levels of familiarity with the World Bank Safeguards Policies. Since there are no material conflicts between the national laws and the World Bank Policies, the capacity issues are minimal. Notwithstanding, the relevant policy documents including the RPF and the World Bank policy documents have been circulated to the relevant agencies.

8. ELIGIBILITY

Entitlement and eligibility criteria are addressed in the RPF. The private lands owners at the project sites are informed about their rights to entitled compensation. PAP 7 who occupied land that belonged to someone else was provided with resettlement assistance. This assistance includes the construction of a new dwelling, and access road. All category of PAP formal, semi-formal and informal are regarded eligible for either monetary compensation and/or resettlement assistance.

Table 9: Categories of PAP

Project Affected person	Assets affected %	Gender	Category of PAP	Description
PAP 1	10%	Female	Semi-formal	Land is longitudinal along the proposed drainage site. Acquisition of land at replacement cost.
PAP 2	10%	Female	Formal	Land is in slippage area. Acquisition of land at replacement cost.
PAP 3	To be determined	N/A	To be determined	Land is in the slippage area; the ownership of this land has not been determined. Land acquisition at replacement cost.
PAP 4	10%	Female	Semi-formal	Land at road realignment area. Acquisition of land at replacement cost.
PAP 5	To be determined	Male	Formal	Land at road realignment area. Acquisition of land at replacement cost.
PAP 6	To be determined	Male and Female	Semi-formal	Land at road realignment area. Acquisition of land at replacement cost.
PAP 7	Entire house (physical structure)	Male	Informal	Cabinet approved the construction of new house.
PAP 8	Main access to house will be blocked by construction	Female	Semi-formal	Current access to dwelling affected. New access road constructed.

8.1. Eligibility Criteria

Under the laws of SVG, two groups of individuals are entitled to compensation for loss of land or other assets, such as dwellings and crops taken for project purposes:

In accordance with the RPF developed for this project eligibility criteria are as follows

- Firstly, those who have formal legal rights to the land or other affected assets and
- Secondly, those who do not have formal legal rights to the land or other assets at the time of the census but who have claim to such legal rights by virtue of occupation or use of those assets. This group includes persons in violation of national laws, often referred to as "squatters". In this case, persons are *not* entitled to compensation for land but they are entitled (subject to approval from the Cabinet) to resettlement assistance, as well as compensation for improvements made to the land such as structures and trees, if they occupied the land before the established eligibility cut-of-date.

8.1.1. Entitlement Cut-Off-Date

The entitlement cut-off date refers to the date when the assessment of persons and their property affected by the project activity is undertaken. The establishment of the eligibility cut-off date is intended to prevent an influx of non-eligible residents who might take advantage of project entitlements. In the case of this project, signage was placed at the project site on the 20th September, 2016 following the demarcation of the project boundaries as in the example shown below for PAP 6. The exact number of displaced persons and lands to be acquired have been determined. No new cases of affected people will be considered.

The following is a photo of the notice of acquisition placed at different locations on the project site:



photo 12: Land acquisition notice

9. SECTION II - NEXT STEPS: IMPLEMENTATION AND ACTION PLAN

In this section, issues related to the implementation of the resettlement activities are described based on findings in the previous sections. This section will address the following items:

- A. Grievance Redress Mechanism
- B. Implementation Schedule and Cost Estimates
- C. Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

A. GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM

This section outlines broadly the grievance redress mechanism and procedures to be followed. A more detailed treatment is undertaken in the project's <u>grievance redress framework</u>²¹.

One PAP (PAP 2) was informed of the method of valuation used to assess its asset and was provided with an opportunity to negotiate the final compensation amount which was agreed upon on January 13, 2017. The compensation amounts were similarly estimated for the lands whose owners are deceased (PAPs 1, 3 - 6) and whose beneficiaries are to be determined. These amounts have been released by the Treasury and are awaiting transfer to the High Court prior to claims from authorised beneficiaries.

It is not expected/anticipated that grievances would occur. However, the PSIPMU will continuously take stock of all possible expropriation/compensation reports and discuss their outcomes in its technical meetings. The Ministry of Finance, the MHILP, and the Ministry of Legal Affairs will directly monitor compensation costs. The PSIPMU will review project activities and provide guidance.

All grievances concerning non-fulfilment of contracts, levels of compensation, or seizure of assets without compensation shall be made in writing, and addressed to the Project Steering Committee.

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²¹ Available at

Copies of the complaint shall be sent to the Director of Economic Planning, MOEP within 20 business days following communication to the Project Steering Committee.

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Ministry of Economic Planning
Administrative Building
Kingstown

If an agreement cannot be reached the aggrieved party or parties shall raise their concerns to the Project Steering Committee who shall refer them to the Director of Economic Planning, within 20 business days. Grievances that cannot be resolved with the Project Steering Committee shall be submitted to the Director of Public Prosecution and to the executing agencies. Should grievances remain unresolved at this level, they can be referred to the Court of Law. The grievance redress approach has been discussed and shared with the PAPs; there is no grievance.

The procedure for handling grievances should be as follows:

- 1) The affected persons should file his/her grievance in writing, to the Project Coordinator Project Steering Committee. **See Address**. The grievance note should be signed and dated by the aggrieved person. Grievance can also be received verbally and reread to the aggrieved and signed by the aggrieved.
- 2) The Project Steering Committee should acknowledge within 5 business days the receipt of the documentation. The nature of the grievance would ascertain the period (not exceeding 30 business days) necessary for the Project Steering Committee to address the grievance and notification must be given to the aggrieved person.
- 3) If the aggrieved person does not receive a response or is not satisfied with the outcome within the agreed time he/she can lodge his/her grievance to the Director of Public Prosecution.

B. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE AND COST ESTIMATE

All the activities (negotiation, meeting with PAPs) related to compensation are ninety percent completed. Where legal heir(s) cannot be determined, meetings were organized with known family members to inform on the situation. The three parcels of land are very important for the land realignment, these lands belongs to PAPs 4, 5 and 6. However, the lands are intestate, and administrators are being determined. The lands have been valued at market/replacement cost and monies have been set aside in an account according to the procedure for semiformal land owners under the RPF.

Table 10: Projected Implementation Schedule

Task Number	Task				20	017						Responsible Agency
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept- Nov 2017	Oct (2017)- Oct (2029)	
1	Notification of Entitlement	X	X									MHILP; PSIPMU
2	Negotiations with PAPs		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		MHILP; MOTW; PSIPMU
3	Relocation of PAP 7							X	X	X		PSIPMU; MHILP
4	Payment of Compensation to PAPs 1-6 and construction of new access for PAP 8					X	X	X	X	X	X	MHILP
5	Commencement of work								TBD			Contractor PSIPMU
6	Grievance management (ongoing)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	PSIPMU
7	Monitoring of Project activity- related impacts on PAPs (Ongoing)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	PSIPMU; MOTW

C. MONITORING

Monitoring is a key element in the implementation of the RAP activities. It allows the project team to track the progress in the execution of the RAP and provides information for adjustments in the approach when necessary.

Responsibility for Monitoring

The PSIPMU within the MOEP has overall responsibility for the implementation of the project.

Monitoring Process

The monitoring will be undertaken with two foci. Firstly, there will performance monitoring. This monitoring will be based on the resettlement implementation plan and will check that physical progress has been made in execution of required actions. The main performance indicators to be checked will be:

- Consultation meetings held and meeting notes prepared;
- All affected lands and assets surveyed and valuated.
- Relevant notices published in the Government Gazette;
- Compensation payments disbursed;
- Compensation packages developed and negotiated;
- Grievances addressed.

Secondly, there will be impact monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the RAP and its execution in addressing the needs of the affected population. The methodology for impact monitoring will include:

- Restoration of PAPs especially PAP 7 into new environment
- Review of number and type of complaints made and effectiveness of the grievance redress mechanism;
- Review of the appeals process and timeframe for settling appeals;

Table 11: Monitoring Plan

Monitoring Activities	Objectives	Means of Verification	Responsibility for Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting
Performance Monitoring	To assess the progress in implementation of the RAP. The focus will be on the execution of actions relative to the proposed schedule and budget	Consultation with PAPS; Project Progress Reports; Government receipts; letters and contracts	PSIPMU; MOTW; Chief Surveyor's Office; Treasury Department
Impact Monitoring	Assessment of the effectiveness of the RAP and its implementation in addressing the needs of the PAPs	Consultation (public and PAPs); Project Implementation reports	PSIPMU

ANNEXES

Annex 1 Contract for construction of new house for PAP 7

The contract is only of the works; the government has provided all the material, transportation of material; etc. Total contract available as PDF at the MOEP

Annex 2 Guardianship of PAP 7

Annex 3: Land acquisition based on the advice of the Attorney General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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Annex 4.1: Government Gazette publications (first)

Annex 4.2: Government Gazette publications (second)

Annex 5: Proofs of compensation paid to PAP 2

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Annex 8: Newspaper advertisements

Annex 9: Support team for PAP 7

Annex 1: Contract for construction of new house for PAP 7

Contract # HILP&114L2L

FORM OF CONTRACT

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this 13th day of JUNE 2017 between THE PERMANENT SECRETARY - MRS NELLIE CLARKE TRENT, MINISTRY OF HOUSING, INFORMAL HUMAN SETTLEMENT, LANDS AND SURVEYS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING hereinafter called the "Employer" of the One Part and CALVERT FRANCIS - CONTRACTOR of MESPO in the Island of Saint Vincent hereinafter called the "Contractor" of the Other part, whereby it is agreed as follows: -

- The Contractor shall to the satisfaction in every respect of the EMPLOYER well and properly;
- b. CONSTRUCT A ONE (1) BEDROOM PLYWOOD STRUCTURE WITH FEATURES;
 - i. A SINGLE FLOOR WITH DIMENSIONS 12FT X 20FT
 - ii. WALLS TO BE OF GROOVED PLYWOOD EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL
 - iii. GALVANIZED ROOFING SHEETS
 - iv. Installation of doors and windows
 - V. BATHROOM STRUCTURE TO BE EXCAVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A VENTILATED IMPROVED PIT (VIP) LATRINE SYSTEM ENCLOSED BY TIMBER.
- c. PAINTING, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING WORK ARE <u>NOT</u> INCLUDED IN THIS CONTRACT, HOWEVER ALLOWANCE AND PROVISION <u>MUST</u> BE MADE FOR SEPARATE SUBCONTRACTORS.
 - 2. THIS WORK SHALL BE COMPLETED IN THREE WEEKS AND AT A COST OF NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (EC\$ 9, 000.00) and shall be paid as outlined;
 - 10 % at Mobilization (EC\$ 900.00)
 - 90 % at Completion (EC\$ 8, 100.00)

Upon completion of all or portions of work TO THE SATISFACTION of the Project Engineer and the drawings supplied.

3. The EMPLOYER agrees, to pay the Contractor in accordance with the foregoing arrangement and he undertakes to inspect <u>THE WORK</u> and measure, within <u>FIVE (5)</u> days after a notice thereto requiring him to do so shall have been served at his office, all work

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Annex 2: Guardianship of PAP 7

To whom it may concern

We, the undersigned, on behalf of our brother Bernard "Massive" John, hereby enter into agreement with the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines for the provision of a house on our mother's land for his exclusive ownership and use.



Date: June 27, 2017.



Annex 3: Land acquisition based on the advice of the Attorney General of Saint Vincent and

the Grenadines



ATTORNEY GENERAL

6th July 2017

GINGER VILLAGE RESETTLEMENT ACTION PLAN (RAP): GINGER VILLAGE SLOPE STABILISATION

Your electronic mail dated 3rd July 2017 regarding the matter at caption refers.

I have been asked to provide information as to the national legal process for acquiring lands in the following instances where:-

The advice presented herein addresses the following issues-

(a) the procedure for the compulsory acquisition of land;

(b) the acquisition of land for public purpose and the payment within reasonable time of adequate compensation.

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION

The <u>Land Acquisition Act</u>, Chapter 322 provides that the where the Governor-General considers that any land shall be acquired for a public purpose he may cause a declaration to be made to that effect. Every declaration made pursuant to section 3 of the Act shall be published in two ordinary issues of the Gazette and copies thereof shall be posted on one of the buildings (if any) on the land

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or exhibited at suitable places in the locality in which the land is situate. The form of the declaration shall be in accordance with section 3 of the Act.

Section 3(3) of the Land Acquisition Act provides that the land shall vest absolutely in the Crown upon the second publication of the declaration in the

The officer authorised for the purposes of the Act is permitted by $section\ 6$ (2) to enter into negotiations with the land owner before, on or after publication of the declaration.

It should be noted that no negotiation or agreement made with a landowner shall be deemed to be concluded unless and until the conditions of sale and acquisition have been approved in writing by the Governor-General.

The authorised officer shall thereafter demarcate the boundaries of the land (where necessary) and issue a notice of acquisition. The particulars of the notice are set out in section 7 of the Act as follows:

"(3) The authorised officer shall cause a copy of the notice of The authorised officer shall cause a copy of the notice of acquisition to be served either personalty on, or by post addressed to the last known place of abode or business of, every person who is known or believed by the authorised officer to be entitled to compensation in respect of the acquisition, and whose whereabouts are known to the authorised officer:

are not known, the authorised officer shall cause copies of such notice to be posted on one of the buildings, if any, on the land or exhibited at suitable places in the locality in which the land is situate.

(4) Any person who, without lawful authority or excuse Any person who, without lauful authority or excuse, removes or destroys any landmark placed, or removes or defaces or destroys any notice posted or exhibited, by the authorised officer in or upon the land or any building thereon in accordance with the provisions of this Act is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of one thousand dollars and to imprisonment for three months."

The Land Acquisition Act provides at section 8 that:-

8(1) The authorized officer may, by notice served personally, or by post addressed to the last known place of abode or business of the person concerned, require the owner or occupier of, or any person interested in, any land, or in any part thereof, in respect of which a declaration or a notification has been published in the Gasette under section 3 or section 4, to deliver to him within a time to be specified in the notice, being not less than twenty-one days after service of the notice, a statement in writing containing, so far as may be within his own knowledge, the name of every person possessing any interest in the land, or any part thereof, whether as partner, mortgagee, lessee, tenant or otherwise, and the nature of such interest.

Any person who is required to make and deliver a statement under this section and who, without reasonable excuse, refuses to make or deliver such statement, or willfully makes any such statement which is false or incomplete in any material particular, is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of one thousand dollars and to imprisonment for three months.

If the authorised officer, being apprised of a statement made pursuant to section 8, is unable to make a determination as to the person who is competent to alienate land or to receive or to give sufficient discharge for any compensation awarded, the authorised officer may, in accordance with section 23, pay the compensation into the High Court. It is a requirement of section 23(2) that—

Any compensation paid into the High Court by virtue of this section may, on the subsequent application of any person claiming to be entitled thereto, be paid out to such person on the order of a judge of the Court.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 23, the Act provides the guideline at section 26 for the authorised officer to make a determination as to the person to whom compensation shall be paid. Section 26 provides that—

Where any question shall arise touching the title of any person to any land which may be entered upon or acquired for the purposes of this Act or touching any estate or interest therein, the person having the <u>ostensible</u> possession or enjuyment of the rents and profits of such land shall, for the purpose of this Act, be deemed to be the owner of the same until the contrary is proved.

The word "ostensible" given its ordinary dictionary meaning, when applied to possession refers to possession which is effective and apparent at first instant or de jure as distinct from a legal right to possession.

ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE AND THE PAYMENT OF ADEQUATE COMPENSATION

The principles that property shall not be compulsorily acquired except for a public purpose and upon the payment of adequate compensation are enshrined in the supreme law of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Constitution of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Chapter 2 provides at section 6 that-

No property of any description shall be compulsorily taken possession of, and no interest in or right over property of any description shall be computerolly acquired, except for a public purpose and except where provision is made by law applicable to the taking of possession or acquisition for the payment, within a reasonable time of adequate compensation.

PUBLIC PURPOSE

The term "public purpose" is not defined in either the Constitution of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines or the Land Acquisition Act.

Nonetheless, a declaration made pursuant to section 3 of the <u>Land Acquisition</u> <u>Act</u> is stated to be conclusive evidence that the land is required for a public purpose. It is submitted, however, that this provision would not serve to oust the jurisdiction of the courts to ensure that the power to acquire land by compulsory means is not exercised for an improper purpose.

ADEQUATE COMPENSATION

Section 11 of the Act provides that all questions and claims relating to the payment of compensation shall, save as provided otherwise by the Act, be submitted to a Board of Assessment to be appointed in each case.

Please be advised accordingly.

Hon. Judith Jones Morgan Attorney General Cont and the Grennblook

Annex 4: Essential steps for land acquisition

Steps for the Acquisition of Land (essential):-

- The Governor-General makes a DECLARATION; (Section 3).
- PUBLICATION of the declaration in two ordinary issues of the Gazette: (Section 3).

Note that there is nothing in the Act to suggest that this must be consecutive issues of the Gazette. Nonetheless, a lengthy delay may impliedly contravene the provisions of section 6.

 Section 6 states that on publication of any declaration in accordance with section 3 of the authorised officer shall, without delay, enter into NEGOTIATIONS OR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS with the landowner for the purchase of the land.

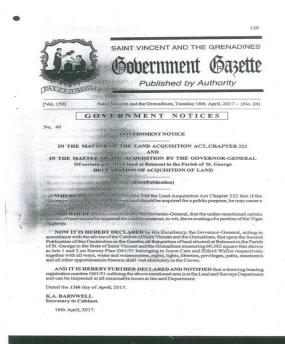
Note that this step may also be taken before the publication of the declaration but in that case neither the negotiations nor the agreement shall be conclusive without the approval of the Governor-General in writing.

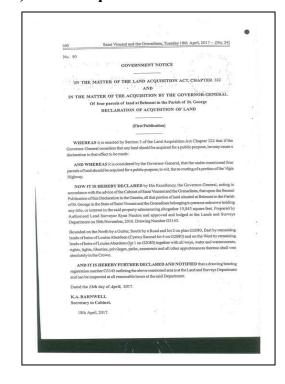
- Upon the second publication of the declaration the land shall VEST ABSOLUTELY IN THE CROWN: [Section 3].
- The authorised officer to DEMARCATE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND (if the boundaries have not been set out or if they cannot be identified by reference to any plan): [Section 7].
- The authorised officer to issue NOTICE OF ACQUISITION: [Section 7].

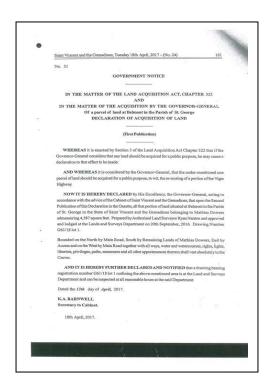
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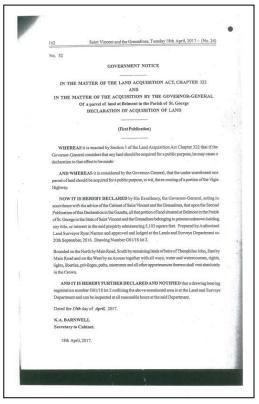
- The Governor-General to give notification published in the Gazette that
 land is likely to be required for public purpose and it is necessary to
 make a preliminary survey or other investigation of the land and permit
 the authorised officer (and his agents, assistants, and workmen) to do all
 or any of the things set out under section 4. <u>But note compensation for
 damage or injury.</u>
- The Governor-General may issue **DIRECTION TO EXECUTE WORK** after publication of the notification of preliminary survey or other investigation and before the declaration of intention to acquire – [s. 5]. <u>But note</u> compensation for damage or injury.

Annex 4.1: Government Gazette publications (first)- Land Acquisition

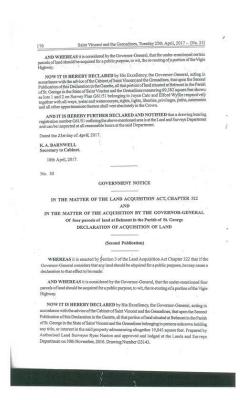


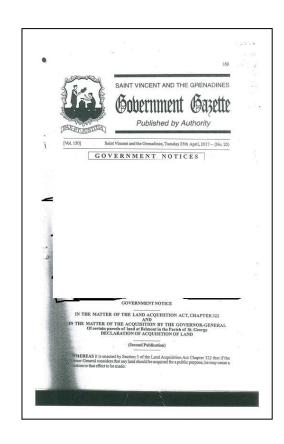






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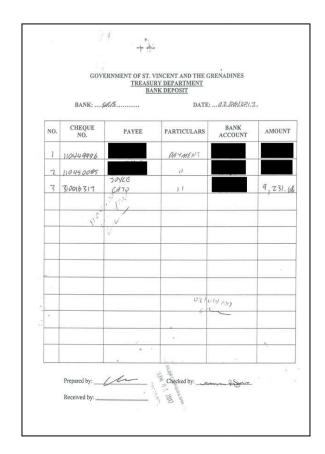


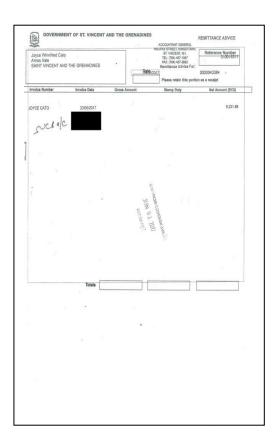


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	AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER DECLARED AND NOTIFIED that a drawing bearing registration number G3143 outlining the above-mentioned area is at the Land and Surveys Department and can be impacted at all reasonable hours at the said Department.
	Dated the 21st day of April, 2017.
	K.A. BARNWELL Secretary to Cabinet.
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	AND
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	AND WHEREAS it is considered by the Governor-General, that the under-mentioned one parcel of land should be acquired for a public purpose, to wit, the re-routing of a portion of the Vigie Highway.
	NOW IT IS HEREBY DECLARED by His Excellency, the Governor-General, acting in
	accordance with the advice of the Cabinet of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, that upon the Second
	Publication of this Declaration in the Gazette, all that portion of land situated at Belmont in the Parish of St. George in the State of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines belonging to Mathias Dowers
	admeasuring 4,587 square feet. Prepared by Authorised Land Surveyor Ryan Nanton and approved
	and lodged at the Lands and Surveys Department on 20th September, 2016. Drawing Number G61/18 lot 1.
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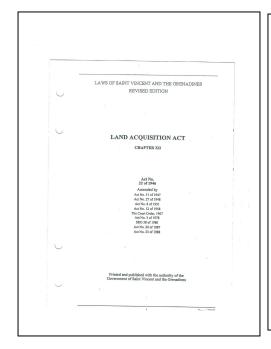
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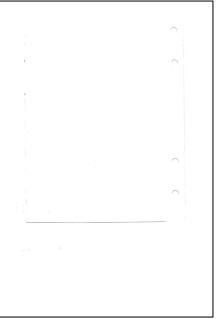
Annex 5: Proofs of compensation paid to PAP 2

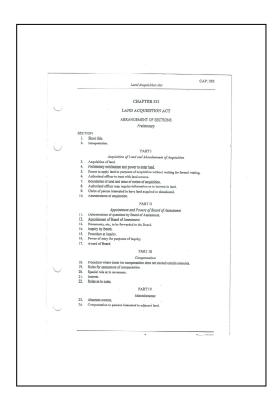


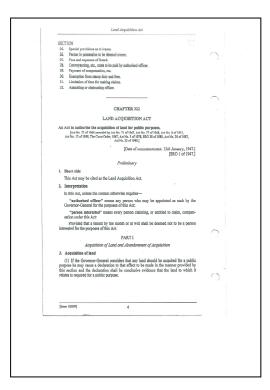


Annex 6: Land Acquisition Act: Act No: 22 of 1946









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(b) contain the particulars which, in relation to the land, were included in the decisionation provided for by section 3(2); and

(c) require all persons interested, as ones as reasonably practicable, either—

(i) to appear personally or by attorney or agent before the authorised officer installed that or other their respective interests in the land and the amounts and fall in the property of those interests, distinguishing the amount compressation in respect of those interests, distinguishing the amount chairmed under each head is calculated, or (ii) to render to the authorised officer a statement in writing, signed by them or by their attorneys or agents, setting front the like matters.

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PART II	
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14. Inquiry by Board Where a Board has been appo inted under this Act, the Board shall hold an inquiry at a place, date and time to be fixed by the chairman, of which not less than fourteen clear days' notice shall be given to the partite concerned, and every such inquiry shall be con-ducted in public. 15. Procedure at inquiry The procedure at an inquiry before a Board, the summoning and renumeration of whi-nesses for attendance thereat, and all questions incidental to the inquiry shall be governed by the provisions of the Civil Procedure Code, and the procedure of the High Coart in child proceedings, so the as the same are as applicable, shall apply to such inquiry: . Provided that in the case of any doubt arising on any question of practice and procedure the same may be settled by the chairman. [Chapter 120.] 16. Power of entry for purposes of inquiry The Board, or any person authorised by them, may at any time before, during or after an inquiry under this. Act, enter upon and inspect any land for any purpose connected with such inquiry. (1) At the conclusion of the inquiry the Board shall decide upon the claims for compensation and apportionments submitted to them and shall make an award under the hand of the chairman who shall cause the same to be filed in the High Court. or the commission were constructed in the same to the rectal at the critique Count.

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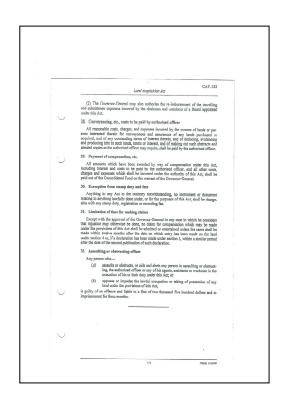
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Timeframe for claimants to claim monies awarded

Land Acquisition Act

- (2) Any compensation paid into the High Court by virtue of this section may, on the subsequent application of any person claiming to be entitled thereto, be paid out to such person on the order of a judge of the Court.
- (3) All monies paid into the High Court under the provisions of this section which renain unclaimed for twelve years after such payment shall be transferred to the Conso idated Fund and all claims thereto shall be for ever barred.

24 Compensation to persons interested in adjacent land

A person interested in any land which, without any portion thereof being compulsorily acquired, has been injuriously affected by the erection or construction on land compulsorily acquired of any works in respect of which the land was acquired, shall be entitled to compensation in respect of such injurious affection:

Provided that compensation shall not be payable under this section in respect of any injurious affection which, if caused by a private person, would not render such person liable to an action

25. Special provisions as to leases

- (1) If any land shall be comprised in a lease for a term of years unexpired and part only of such land shall be acquired compulsorily, the rent payable in respect of the land comprised in such lease may, on the application of the lessor or the lessee to a judge of the High Court, be apportioned between the land acquired and the residue of the land.
- (2) After such apportionment the lessee shall, as to all future accruing rent, be liable to pay only so much of the rent as shall be so apportioned in respect of the residue of the land, and as to the residue of the land, and as against the lessee, the lessor shall have all the same rights and remedies for the recovery of such portion of the rent as, previously to such apportionment, he had for the recovery of the whole rent reserved by such lease, and all the covenants, conditions and agreements of such lease, except as to the amount of rent to be paid, shall remain in force with regard to the residue of the land in the same manner as they would have done in case the residue of the land only had been included in the lease.

26. Person in possession to be deemed owner

Where any question shall arise touching the title of any person to any land which may be entered upon or acquired for the purposes of this Act or touching any estate or interest therein, the person having the ostensible possession or enjoyment of the rents and profits of such land shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be the owner of the same until the contrary is proved.

27. Fees and expenses of Board

(1) Every assessor shall receive for his services such fee as the Governor-General, on the recommendation of the chairman, may direct.

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Annex 7: Definition of Gazette

Within St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the Gazette is used for 2 distinctive purposes, being:

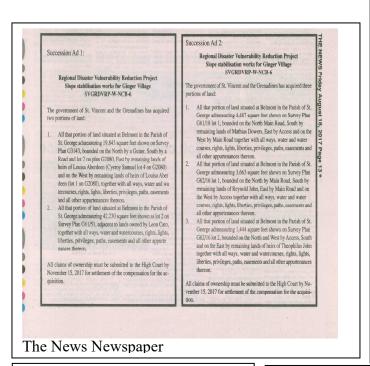
As a requirement of law: Some laws of the Common Wealth require, as a rule of law, publication in the Gazette, after assent is given by His Excellency The Governor General.
 After this publication in the Gazette, the legislative piece is said to come into effect. Therefore as a result, if the legislative piece requires publication in the Gazette before coming into force and it is not specifically published within the Gazette, that legislative piece cannot come into effect. Some legislative pieces may not require publishing in the Gazette if it specifically states such.

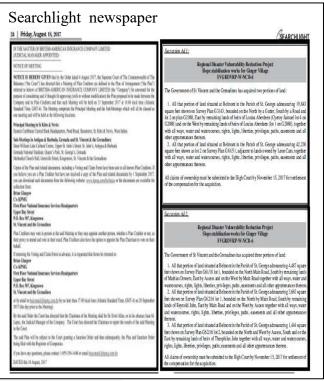
This is distinguished from a regular publication, as most publications done within St.Vincent and the Grenadines are from private bodies, and as a result do not wield the necessary Governmental Authority which is necessary to bring into effect the varying assented legislative pieces.

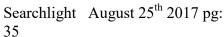
- 2. The second purpose of the Gazette is to inform the public of matters of Government responsibility and regulation. Within the Gazette of St. Vincent and The Grenadines you can find the following headings:
 - Assented legislation
 - House of Assembly notices of intention to introduce bills, along with object and purpose of the bill
 - Government appointments, appointments by promotion as well as vacancies

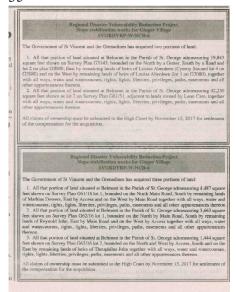
As it pertains to this aspect of the Gazette of St. Vincent of the Grenadines, these may be published within a normal publication as these are more for advertisement purposes.

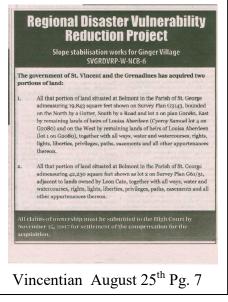
Annex 8: Newspaper advertisements













Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

REGIONAL DISASTER VULNERABILITY REDUCTION PROJECT

Contract Title: Construction of Satellite Warehouses Phase 2: Reference No. : SVGRDVRP-W-NCB-3

Lot 1 – Bequia Satellite Warehouse

Lot 2 - Mesopotamia Satellite Warehouse

Lot 3 - Georgetown Satellite Warehouse

Lot 4 - Union Island Satellite Warehouse

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contract for Construction of Satellite Warehouses Phase 2.

The Ministry of Economic Planning, Sustainable Development, Industry, Information and Labour invites sealed bids from eligible bidders on or before Friday, September 22, 2017 at 1400:00 hours (local time).

Further information may be obtained from:

The Ministry of Economic Planning, Sustainable Development, Industry, Information and Labour 1st Floor, Administrative Building Bay Street Kingstown

The full invitation to bid may be viewed on the project's home page and the Web Classified page on gov.vc.

Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project

Slope stabilisation works for Ginger Village SVGRDVRP-W-NCB-6

The government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has acquired three portions of land:

- All that portion of land situated at Belmont in the Parish of St. George admeasuring 4,487 square feet shown on Survey Plan G61/18 lot 1, bounded on the North Main Road, South by remaining lands of Mathias Dowers, East by Access and on the West by Main Road together with all ways, water and watercourses, rights, lights, liberties, privileges, paths, easements and all other appurtenances thereon.
- 2. All that portion of land situated at Belmont in the Parish of St. George admeasuring 3,663 square feet shown on Survey Plan G62/16 lot 1, bounded on the North by Main Road, South by remaining lands of Reynold John, East by Main Road and on the West by Access together with all ways, water and watercourses, rights, lights, liberties, privileges, paths, easements and all other appurtenances thereon.
- 3. All that portion of land situated at Belmont in the Parish of St. George admeasuring 1,444 square feet shown on Survey Plan G62/16 lot 2, bounded on the North and West by Access, South and on the East by remaining lands of heirs of Theophilus John together with all ways, water and watercourses, rights, lights, liberties, privileges, paths, easements and all other appurtenances thereon.

All claims of ownership must be submitted to the High Court by November 15, 2017 for settlement of the compensation for the acquisition.

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Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project Slope stabilisation works for Ginger Village SVGRDVRP-W-NCB-6

The Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines has acquired two portions of land:

- 1. All that portion of land situated at Belmons in the Parish of St. George admeasuring 19,843 square feet shown on Survey Plan G3143, bounded on the North by a Gutter, South by a Road and lot 2 on plan G2080, East by remaining lands of heirs of Louiss Aberdeen (Cyeroy Samuel lot 4 on G2080) and on the West by remaining lands of heirs of Louisa Aberdeen (lot 1 on G2080), together with all ways, water and watercourses, rights, lights, liberties, privileges, paths, easements and all other appurtenances thereon.
- 2. All that portion of land situated at Belmont in the Parish of St. George admeasuring 42,230 square feet shown as lot 2 on Survey Plan G61/51, adjacent to lands owned by Leon Cato, together with all ways, water and watercourses, rights, lights, liberties, privileges, paths, easements and all other appurtenances thereon.

All claims of ownership must be submitted to the High Court by November 15, 2017 for settlement of the compensation for the acquisition.

Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project Slope stabilisation works for Ginger Village SVGRDVRP-W-NCB-6

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All claims of ownership must be submitted to the High Court by November 15, 2017 for settlement of the compensation for the acquisition.

Annex 9: Support team for PAP 7

GOVERNMENT OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

YOUR FILE NO:

OUR FILE NO: 37A

MEMORANDUM

FROM:

PS/Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment

DATE: 23-Aug-17

T0:

Director of Economic Planning

SUBJECT: REGIONAL DISASTER VULNERABILITY REDUCTION PROJECT - SVGRDVRP-W-NCB-6 - SLOPE STABILISATION AT GINGER VILLAGE

Reference is made to your memorandum of August 16, 2017, on the captioned subject.

Please be informed that Dr. Jozelle Miller, Health Psychologist, and Ms. Odelia Thomas, Social Worker at the Mental Health Rehabilitation Centre, will provide support for the relocation of Mr. Bernard "Massive" John. Their contact details are as follows:

Dr. Jozelle Miller	Ms. Odelia Thomas
Tel: 593-8298 (M)	Tel: 458-6185 or 458-4240 (W)
Email: jozellemiller@gmail.com	Email: odelia.thomas@gmail.com



Cc: Chief Medical Officer SNO, Mental Health Rehabilitation Centre

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Annex 10 _ Cabinet Memo to award payment to PAPs

MEMORANDUM

GOVERNMENT

YOUR FILE:

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

OUR FILE:

FROM: Cabinet Secretary

DATE: 17th May, 2017

TO: PS/Housing, etc.

SUBJECT: PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NINE (9)

PARCELS OF LAND AT BELMONT

IN CABINET ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH MAY, 2017

With reference to Memorandum No. 197^A/17 on the captioned subject, Cabinet rescinded a decision taken vide memorandum dated January 13th, 2017, for payment of compensation for 0546. the acquisition of eight (8) parcels of land at Belmont.

Approval was granted for payment of compensation to be made for the acquisition of nine (9) parcels of land at Belmont to the following persons at a rate of \$5.00 per sq. ft.:

**	Survey Plan	Lot No.	Size (sq. ft.)	Value
Name	G3143	1	1,025	\$1,025.00
	G3143	3	5,494	\$5,494.00
	G3143	2	5,020	\$5,020.00
	G3143	4	8.304	\$8,304.00
	G61/51	1	27,152	\$9,231.68
) k	G61/51	2	42,230	\$14,358.20
	G61/31 G61/18	1	4.587	\$22,935.00
	G62/16	1	3,663	\$18,315.00
	G62/16	2	1,444	\$7,220.00

ce: Director General/Finance & Planning Director of Audit Accountant General