1. Project Background and Objective

The project target area is six (6) rural communities located in the Gulf Province, where development is heavily under-developed in economical and social aspects.

The living standard of the inhabitants is so poor affected by the climatic, geological and geographical conditions; swampy land, no clean water supply, limited cultivatable land, no road access but only by transportation by dinghy on waterway. Most of people have no cash income due to hard access to market for selling their farming product, being compelled to keep self-subistence life.

In these environments, many of indicators for human living in the region is very low in comparison to those of other neighboring regions; in drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, primary education and literacy, house income, gender status and so on.

It is urgent requirement for implement minimum appropriate development support program particularly emphasizing drinking water supply and improvement of sanitation and hygiene condition of the people. For the purpose of efficient effect of the above said program and for sustainable self-development with poverty alleviation target, some of other program such as community capacity building and educational support are implemented.

2. Project Purpose

Under the theme of poverty reduction and improvement of living condition of the inhabitants, the following support program will be implemented.

(1) Access to clean drinking water (with maintenance capacity training)
(2) Primary health care (PHC)
   Improvement of community/people capacity against problems with infectious diseases, pregnancy and birth, infant and small children.

The capacity building of the community for sustainable self-development shall be formed through these activities in the program.

3. Project Implementation

The Project, started in June 2006, will be implemented through March 2009. The implementing organization (SAJ), a social legal person registered in Japan under the name of “The Salvation Army Social Service Group”, should be the responsible body for planning and execution of this development support project. The actual work at site will be implemented under the supervision of the project manager, a Japanese staff, with cooperation of The Salvation Army (Papua New Guinea), authorized under the state law “The Salvation Army (Papua New Guinea) Property Trust Act (Chapter 1031) with its headquarters in NCD, Papua New Guinea.

4. Target Area

6 rural communities in the Gulf Province; Ilavapari, Mirakera, Lavahoroi, Lapari, Kapiri Village and Kerema Town (Kerema District)
5. **Target Groups**
All the residents in target 6 communities, regardless of whose tribe, neither religion. The program to be carefully designed to benefit particularly vulnerable groups, physically and socially; infant, small children and women.

6. **Expected Outcomes and Indicators**
1) Community capacity building by leadership training: 5 communities
2) Improvement of sanitary and hygiene condition: 5 communities
3) Clean drinking water supply: 6 communities (11 wells, 30 rain water tank, 1 gravitation-fed water system).
4) Water facility maintenance capacity building: 6 villages
5) Community health system development: 5 communities
   Village health volunteer center (baby delivery center), village health volunteer training, mosquito net distribution;
   Improvement of health indicators with infectious disease death incl. malaria, child birth related death, infant and small children death, life expectancy.

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