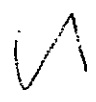


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Petra, Sarah

I provide comments based on the report provided by Dr Fry. These echo many of those that Barry has already asked.

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- 1. The achievements of Year 1 appear significant and in line with the original project proposal. ✓
- 2. Dr Fry states that the 'basic aim of the project is to create employment opportunities for young people'. Neither the original proposal nor this report provide any indication of how many young people may have employment opportunities by when. ✓
- 3. The report does not discuss a fundamental risk to institutional take up of the potential benefits this project offers and its sustainability beyond the project life. ✓

4. Before recommending approval of the additional funding request I would appreciate answers to the questions Barry has raised and to the following:

*further info.*

a) When will the MOU between the TL MoE and Griffith university be finalised? This arrangement appears critical to the effective achievement of project objectives and (depending on the detail) on longer-term sustainability. I suggest we seek clarification before releasing additional funds. At present, Dr Fry's comments make no mention of the broader context (including the MoE's recent strategic plan) and are very vague and tentative about the partnership the MOU may represent - eg:

- 'the prospect is for the project (as its original concept) to provide the basis to establish a college linked to a national museum and cultural centre to be created'
- 'a partnership between Griffith University and the Ministry of Education of East Timor now in hand to create an indigenous based college of creative industries .... to be attached to the prospective National Museum and Cultural Centre'
- 'a partnership is being mooted by the East Timor Government.'

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b) During year 2 and 3 of the project, how will the aim of the project (as above) be realised? The project appears to be more about providing some of the prerequisites for training programs that strengthen young peoples employability - rather than creating employment opportunities.

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c) What contact, if any, has the project had with SEFOPE? If none, why not? How will the mention of 'accreditation in year three' be realised?

5. On a bigger issue, we really do need a more demanding and rigorous format for the annual ADRA reports.

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