



## **MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: *Survey and Clearance of Explosive Remnants of War (Palau) - Final Evaluation Report***

### Summary of management response

The mid-term and final independent evaluations of this investment, along with the internal evaluations throughout the investment period, were valuable in determining when our objectives had been met and the appropriate time to complete the contract.

Overall the investment in Cleared Ground Demining has delivered an effective and relevant program with multiple social, economic and environmental benefits for Palau, and significant progress towards reducing the threat from ERW. Survey and clearance targets have been exceeded, enabling greater access to land, and underwater areas for local, developers and tourist thus enhancing community safety, cultural heritage, tourism and infrastructure development.

The evaluations recommended that 31 March 2017 was the most appropriate time complete the investment, and also provided a valuable insight into an area of weakness in the design and implementation which could be improved and applied to other investments.

## Individual management response to the findings.

Recommendation	Response	Explanation	Action plan	Timeframe
<p><b>Recommendation 1</b></p> <p>Other larger partners now operating in Palau, particularly NPA, have a comparative advantage in establishing effective UXO policy in Palau in the future, and have the capacity to expand their operations into detonations if required by Palau, making now an appropriate time for Australia to bow out of this sector.</p>	Agree	The contract was not extended beyond 31 March 2017.	To complete the contract by 31 March 2017.	Contract ended in 31 March 2017.
<p><b>Recommendation 2</b></p> <p>We also note CGD's focus on gender specific outcomes was weak and could have been addressed more directly in the design and implementation of this project.</p>	Agree	This should be considered in the design and implementation phase of other new and existing investments.	To review all existing investments and new investments in light of this recommendation.	Review of current investments within the current financial year (before 30 June 2018).