**Te Rōpū o Ngā Toroa**

**Hui Tuatoru**

**2 November 2020**

**Minutes**

Present: Julianne Hickey, Kylie Enoka, Anna Mosely, Linabel Hadlee, Odette Frost-Kruse

Apologies: Josie Pagani

Chair: Salli Davidson

MFAT attendees: Mehaka Rountree, Nick Borthwick, Pete Williams

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| **Agenda item** | **Key discussion points and actions** |
| Welcome | MFAT and Toroa welcomed Odette Frost-Kruse as the new Koloa Collective member, replacing Christine Nurminen. |
| Hui tuarua minutes | * Noted that the minutes from the July meeting were on the MFAT website under Partnering for Impact. * Noted that due to time constraints the idea of Toroa developing case studies to share with the sector had not been advanced. * Further noted that case studies would still be useful and could be picked up again, wth further clarity, at the next Toroa meeting. |
| MFAT/NGO hui | * A brief outline was shared as a background document which MFAT talked through. * The pros and cons of the online format and time considerations were noted. * Toroa members were offered the opportuntity to comment, share ideas on content and format. * The proposed agenda items were considered appropriate, with particular mention of the localisation topic. * The use of breakout rooms and whiteboards were recommended. MFAT agreed and undertook to consider what might be possible within limits of the platform and MFAT IT security considerations. * A further topic proposed was the impact of Covid-19 on the sector, such as monitoring, health and safety and risk management. MFAT agreed to consider how this might be integrated. * It was also mentioned that the interaction with MFAT desks was a popular hui feature and this wasn’t included in the agenda. It was also noted that it would be challenging time-wise and online. MFAT agreed to consider this further and suggested that it may be possible to set up a schedule of meeting opportunities outside the hui. * It was noted that Josie had suggested sharing the draft hui outline with a number of CID CEO’s meeting on 6 Nov. Julianne offered to do so given participation in the Toroa meeting. Julianne will share any feedback from the CEO’s group. |
| Manaaki review | * A background document was shared with Toroa and MFAT provided an update on the process. * Toroa noted the progress and suggested including a step to sense-test the draft Manaaki review report with NGOs prior to it being finalised. MFAT will consider how to incorporate this into the process. |
| Toroa 2021 | * Toroa members confirmed the value of the group and expressed interest in a face to face meeting in March 2021. * Hui tuawhā could consider the strategic priorities for Toroa in 2021 and indicative meeting dates. |
| AOB:  Oceania Connect Regional Conference 2020 | * Kylie and Odette provided reflections on the conference, particularly the diversity and inclusion components. * The key note address by Jeffrey Sachs and the Home Truths report were highly recommended. * <https://www.acevo.org.uk/reports/home-truths/> |
| Other | Toroa requested an update on the development of MFAT’s Inclusive Develoment Framework. MFAT will revert with details. |

ANNEX 1: AGENDA

**Te Rōpū o Ngā Toroa**

Virtual Meeting Tuatoru

Monday 2 November

3.00 – 4.30pm

**AGENDA**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mfat.zoom.us/j/88103598615?pwd=blkvL0Z3ajBLMlpYQzlyTjVwc24yZz09>

Meeting ID: 881 0359 8615

Passcode: 199666

Proposed Agenda Items

* Review last meeting minutes
* MFAT/NGO Hui
* Manaaki end of pilot review update
* Toroa 2021 meetings

ANNEX 2: BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

**MFAT/NGO HUI OUTLINE**

Thursday 10 December: 1.00 – 4.00pm (tbc)

Virtual platform – Zoom (tbc)

Sessions:

* Welcome and opening remarks (Jonathan Kings)
* Message from Minister of Foreign Affairs (tbc)
* Pacific and Development Group Updates
  + panel format 2-3 Divisional Managers
* Partnering for Impact Updates
  + short presentation on Negotiated Partnerships and Manaaki
  + Lessons learned from Capability Mapping
* Localisation
  + presentation on initial research findings by Dr Evelyn Masters
  + breakout group discussions

**Manaaki End of Pilot Review: Progress Report**

Since August 2020, the Partnerships Unit has been engaged in a review of the Manaaki pilot (round one 2019, and round two 2020. The purpose of the review is to gather lessons and details to inform the future direction of the streamlined contestable fund beyond rounds one and two.

**Background and context**

The review is being co-ordinated by Sue Lancaster and Pete Williams, with assistance from the wider Partnerships Unit and The Mangrove Collective. The review team are at the final stages of data collection and the initial stages of the first draft of the review report. Data is being collected from 13 NZ NGOs (including 11 interviews), 6 stakeholder organisations (including NZ and Pacific groups), 11 individuals/teams at MFAT, the Partnerships Unit, and email requests for input from internal and external groups. The review is also been informed by secondary information (including past Manaaki applications, designs, the PFID evaluation, PFID lean report, and external research).

**Focus of the review**

The review has following focus areas:

1. Relevance of Manaaki’s strategic, sector and geographic priorities,
2. Effectiveness and efficiency of Manaaki criteria, processes and tools to assist in achieving the programme’s design goals and operating principles and in particular:

* Appropriateness of eligibility criteria, including due diligence, and accessibility for diverse NGO partners
* Size and scope of the fund and minimum and maximum co-investment funding limits
* Clarity and appropriateness of Manaaki guidelines, assessment frameworks and templates for concept and design
* Communication between MFAT and Manaaki applicants/NGOs
* Efficiency gains and any potential future system improvements.

1. The extent to which Manaaki applications have focused on development impact; leveraged MFAT’s partnerships/relationships with NGOs; focused on strengthening civil society and focused on reaching the marginalised, vulnerable and/or remote communities,
2. Consider opportunities for providing access for in-country NGOs, possibly through the Organisational Strengthening Initiative as a potential pathway to Manaaki.

**Findings**

MFAT will share the review findings at the MFAT-NGO Hui on 10 December 2020 and release a public report.