ANNUAL PLAN - DISCUSSION STARTER QUESTIONS

Strategic Priorities

Scanning for Issues

What [education/health/foreign relations/public accountability etc …] issues are important to men, women & children in your community?

What [education/health/foreign relations/public accountability etc …] issues are being discussed in the media at the moment?

What [education/health/foreign relations/public accountability etc …] issues are important to the Solomon Islands Government at the moment?

Has the Ministry for XXX published any policy papers or reports on these issues recently?

Has the Auditor-General (or any other agency) reported on these issues recently?

Are community organisations advocating on these issues?

Ranking these Issues

What are the connections between these issues?

Do these issues indicate similar or different problems in government policy, administration or service delivery?

Would resolution of one issue help fix another issue?

Are some issues more important than others?

What is the single most important issue?

NOTE
The answers to these questions will enable you to complete the following statement:

In the next 12 months the Committee will focus on the following issues:

1. …
2. …
3. …
Desired Impact

If these issues or problems were addressed successfully, what would the results (or outcomes) be?

[eg: if the issue is low participation rates of girls at high school, then successful addressing the issue would result in equal participation of girls]

**NOTE**
The answers to this question will enable you to complete the following statement:

The Committee’s work on these issues will be directed at influencing the following outcomes:

1. …
2. …
3. …

Activities

What can the committee do to:

- address these issues;
- encourage other to address these issues; or
- contribute to the desired impact?

How likely is the Committee’s activity likely to contribute to these outcomes?

**NOTE**
The answers to these questions will enable you to complete the following statement:

To achieve this impact the Committee will:

1. … [eg: seek a briefing/hold a hearing/conduct an inquiry on …]
2. … [eg: seek a briefing/hold a hearing/conduct an inquiry on …]
3. … [eg: seek a briefing/hold a hearing/conduct an inquiry on …]

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