

Project Information (same as Country Fact sheet)¹

Country	Costa Rica
National Project Title	NDC Support Programme Costa Rica
Total Project Funding	USD 1,773,240 (including Climate Promise)
Project Timeline	2014-2022
Implementing Partner(s)	Climate Change Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Energy
Link to project profile	

Progress Update

What key results and achievements occurred during the reporting period? How did these contribute to higher-level project results?

(Please be specific about how the reported achievement(s) are contributing to either the NDC enhancement process or NDC implementation (e.g., renewable energy was identified as a mitigation priority in the INDC and the project [mainstreamed RE targets/strengthened an RE NAMA/funded a feasibility study]. As a result, a key barrier to finance was removed by XXXX). Please, also include project contributions to the Climate Promise and/or the CAEP.)

Integrated Governance:

Costa Rica required to provide the general public with a better understanding of climate change (on a general public language). Therefore, the project has supported the development of the “*Conversaciones Climáticas*” which is a capacity building process to 20 community leaders that focus to generate conversations on different spaces on climate change. The support will establish the methodology to replicate the “*Conversaciones*” with more persons through the upcoming years. This process has a principle of inclusiveness, on this occasion persons from the deaf community are part of the process.

Q3 – 2020

The Climate Change survey is being carried to analyse how people in Costa Rica view climate change and is under development and will be launch on Q4. As well, an alliance between Yale Program on Climate Change Communication and Climate Change Directorate was promoted.

A knowledge management programme for the Citizen Advisory Council on Climate Change (*5C per its Spanish acronyms*) is on progress on this quarter the procurement process was finalized.

¹ The reports are now done via web, on the UNDP sharepoint.

Another process that has advanced is the development of a fast “surveymonkey” poll for youth with a focus on green jobs and climate change, this will be launched and the results will be provided in Q4.

Private Sector Investment

Support for the Carbon Neutrality Country Program (*PPCN per its Spanish acronyms*) is being provided to review the new categories of the programme, to update its Executive Decree of operation, to have a third party review the PPCN categories on product and events. Also, introduce on the national public acquisitions’ norm that the government recognitions from the PPCN are the official recognition in order to have extra point for the purchase of public good.

Integrated Governance

A specialist on gender was hired to provide support needed for the project to cross-cut this perspective in all the project.

Climate Promise

Regarding the Climate Promise, in Costa Rica an analysis the impact of Costa Rica’s Decarbonization Plan on COVID-19 economic recovery will be delivered. On this quarter the procurement process has finalized and the consultancy started their work in October.

Q4 – 2020

Challenges encountered and lessons learned

What challenges were encountered (e.g., changes in political environment/ministries, delays in adoption of key legislation) and how were they resolved? What lessons were learned? Are there any conditions/issues emerging that might impact or delay delivery?

Q3 – 2020 The biggest challenge encountered has been of course the pandemic, several processes were postponed due to delays on reviews of ToRs and products. Also, the government requested a change on some products to adjust them due to COVID-19.

On that note we have faced attrition of people in public institutions due to the accumulation of telework and challenges imposed by virtuality.

One lesson learned on this quarter on the “*Conversaciones climáticas*” process was that the deaf community do not have access to communication products related to climate change, therefore the project will generate such products in consultation with the community.

Q4 – 2020

Partner and stakeholder engagement

How did the project engage and/or collaborate with strategic partners (e.g., NDC Partnership members, UN agencies, regional organisations, CSO/NGOs, private sector)?

Which project beneficiaries were targeted/engaged during the quarter and for what purpose (e.g., awareness raising, strengthening institutional capacities)?

Were there any notable impacts from the partner and/or stakeholder engagement (e.g., strengthened capacities, new modes of collaboration)?

The project response to the programmatic approach from the Climate Change Directorate (DCC) and UNDP Costa Rica, therefore constant meetings take place with the DCC not only to provide feedback on the advances it gives a framework to coordinate with other stakeholders for example: Ministry of Finance.

This new phase was presented via a virtual meeting to the Embassies of the main donors for Costa Rica: European Union and Germany.

Meetings with GIZ regarding the process for the development of the product 2 and with IDB based on the Investment Plan for the Decarbonization Plan of Costa Rica.

Q3 – 2020

On the engagement of the NDC Partnership, the project provided the support successfully via hiring the NDC P Facilitator in the country.

For the implementation of support to the Citizen Advisory Council on Climate Change (*5C per its Spanish acronyms*) several meetings took place to collect their inputs for the process, as well the ToRs of the consultancy.

As well, due to the “*Conversaciones Climáticas*” process we have engaged first conversations with persons from the deaf community in the country in order to develop communication products that tailored for the community.

Also, as an emerging opportunity a first meeting with leading female taxi drivers who wish to contribute to the decarbonization agenda with the change to less polluting or zero emissions vehicles was held to map possible support.

Q4 – 2020

Communication and Visibility

What communications and visibility did the project achieve during the quarter? Were any knowledge products produced?

(Please include objectives, target audience, dissemination channels, and relevant links for all communications and visibility efforts (e.g., stakeholder interviews, articles, blogs, press conferences, videos). To the extent possible, try to quantify the impact (e.g., estimated total reach based on number of internet page views, tweet views, downloads). Please provide a link to any materials that were produced.)

Q3 – 2020

With other projects of UNDP in Costa Rica a song to called “The water that I did not drink” narrates the impacts of the decrease in rainfall in Guanacaste (country region) and the northern zone and involves us in caring for the water resource. This song was written and produce by one of the most known music group of Costa Rica.

The song was launched with a concert of the group and had several messages between songs one being form Carlos Alvarado President of Costa Rica.

On the launch date we have more than 18.000 persons. The broadcast has been shared 980 times. There were more than 4,400 comments. The reaction of the people was

extremely positive, they endorsed the messages for water and nature and thanked the space in these difficult times. People from other parts of the world were connected, for example Argentina, Jamaica, Panama.

<https://www.facebook.com/GrupoMalpais/photos/a.10150290414440725/10164972760540725/?type=3>

<https://www.larepublica.net/noticia/malpais-lanza-cancion-contra-el-cambio-climatico>

Q4 – 2020

Looking ahead

Any notable plans for the forthcoming quarter?

(Please indicate any project events, products, notable key results that planned for the upcoming quarter. This information is important so the Global Support Unit and donor delegations can prepare and plan accordingly.)

Q3 – 2020

Consolidate the NDC Partnership Facilitator role.

Q4 – 2020

Consolidate various communication products.

At the end of Q4 we will have the first results on the process related to the Climate Promise and the gender and climate change analysis.