

Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands

UNDP-GEF Medium-Size Project (MSP)

Action for the Development of Marshall Islands Renewable Energies (ADMIRE)

(PIMS #3094)

Quarterly Operational Report 2 – 2009 (April- June)

OBJECTIVES: Removal of barriers to the overall utilization of available resources and application of Renewable Energy (RE) Technology.

Brief Update: In the Quarterly Operational Report (Quarter 1st 2009, January to March), GEF Council approved funding for this Medium-Size Project (MSP) in November 2007 with finalized DOA process 1st Quarter 2008. Subsequently the Admire Steering Committee held two planning meetings and several inception at the Secretarial level which took place in April and May 2008. A briefing meeting was held with the new Government Administration 1st Quarter 2008 and background information was prepared and circulated to new Administration in regards to the Admire Project.

The preparation of TORs and approval phase commenced in 3rd Quarter 2008, and recruitment process of project personnel was initiated in the 4th Quarter of 2008, and into 1st and 2nd Quarters of 2009. In Quarters 2009, the project management office was established and training period began for operations.

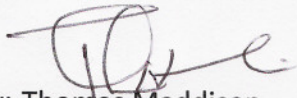
Current/On-going activities: (1) Outer Islands Solar Household Units maintenance and training activities and workshops are in progress with joint participation by other government agencies, and the Ministry of Resources and Development. (2) An Awareness raising plan has been developed to increase awareness on renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for the general public and schools. The awareness plan will be initiated in Quarter 3 and 4 2009. (3) Recruitment of technical experts for the energy assessments will start in Quarter 4 2009. (4) Weekly participation/reporting of the Admire activities with the Energy task Force (ETF).

A draft Inception Report is now scheduled for submission, for review and comment, in early part of 4th Quarter of 2009. This is due to the preparation and data gathering efforts for the development of the Inception Report.

Narrative on financials: All costed Work-Plans and Financial Reports forwarded to UNDP. For April-June Quarter 2 2009 advanced received June 2009. Thus, discussions with UNDP Finance confirm for transferring activities of Quarter 2 into Quarter 3 2009 time frame.

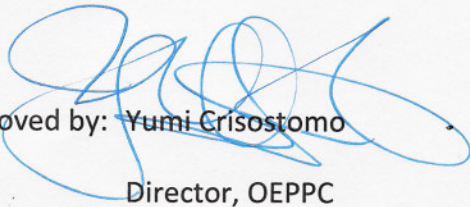
Challenges and Constraints: 1. Due to the differences in financial or funds drawdown procedures between the government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the UNDP, certain aspects of the Admire project encountered implementation delays and subsequent project outlooks. 2. Need more time planning and reviewing of work against ADMIRE prodoc and priorities of RND/MEC

Anticipated solutions: 1. A) Hold discussions with UNDP re: and work out a workable solution for advancing funds for salaries and/or consultancy payments. B) Assess appropriateness and Incorporate codes for both RMI and UNDP and outline per quarter. C) Follow up on requests for payments with MOF at least 2 times a week, D). Schedule time frame for financial training with UNDP . 2. OEPPC Management continue to assist in building capacity of ADMIRE Staff and allow appropriate time for in house training and consultations of activities/work-plans with MRD/MEC.



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