QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT Q1 2020 (JAN-MAR 2020)

PROJECT TITLE: Enhancing Disaster and Climate Resilience in the Republic of Marshall Islands through improved Disaster Preparedness and Infrastructure

PROJECT NUMBER: 00115304

Applicable Output(s) from the SRPD (2018-2022):

- Outcome 1 of the UN Pacific Strategy 2018 2022: By 2022, people and ecosystems in the Pacific are more resilient to the impacts of climate change, climate variability and disasters; and environmental protection is strengthened.
- Indicative Output(s) with gender marker2: Output 3.2. Preparedness systems in place to effectively address the consequences of and response to natural hazards (geo-physical and climate related) and man-made crisis at all levels of government and community. Gender Marker: GEN2 (Gender equality as a significant objective)

PART 1: DESCRIBE THE KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THIS QUARTER:

- Tender for A&E design of EOCs in Majuro and Ebeye was launched in January 2020, readvertised in March 2020 (Activity 2.1 and 2.2).
- LOA for installing wave rider was developed, pending signature from NWSO (Activity 1.2).
- The project continues following up with the University of Hawaii to finalize the LOA to procure chatty beetles (Activity 1.1).

RESULTS RESOURCE FRAMEWORK QUARTETLY PROGRESS (**In some projects, Outputs in Project Documents are equivalent to Activity Results level in ATLAS)

EXPECTED ATLAS ACTIVITY RESULTS	ACTIVITY RESULTS INDICATORS	BASELINE	ANNUAL TARGETS	OUTPUTS INDICATORS RESULTS	EVIDENCE (SOURCE, LINK)
Output 1 Strengthened gender sensitive disaster communication	1.1 # of islands with upgraded (i.e. redundancy, marine grade, energy efficient, gender sensitive) climate and tsunami early warning system installed and operational	0	9	 LOA for installing wave rider was developed, pending signature from NWSO. 	
and climate and inundation monitoring Systems GEN 2	1.2 # of men and women with access to early warning information through the upgraded gender sensitive disaster communications, climate and tsunami early warning systems	0	54,705 Projection 2019 (from Census 2011)		
Output 2 Enhanced national and state disaster	2.1 Scale (%) of upgrading of the National Emergency Operational Centre with appropriate infrastructure and equipment to facilitate	0	35%	 Tender for A&E design of NEOC and Pohnpei EOC 	- Tender document

responders readiness	information management and effective coordination			was launched in March 2020.	
capacity and better resourced to minimise loss of lives and damages GEN 2	2.2 # staff and members of the Emergency Operational Centre and Disaster Management Team have improved their capacities in information management and coordination (equipment and gender sensitive guidelines)	0	0 (to be planned in 2021)		

PART 2: PARTNERSHIP

Implementing Partner (IP) and Focal Point Contact (Title, email, fax, phone, address)	Type of Partnerships/Role	Duration of Partnership	Progress of Deliverables from Partnership (**)
Kino Kabua Office of the Chief Secretary Office to the President – Acting Chief Secretary Email: <u>dcskabua.rmi@gmail.com</u> Office telephone: 692-625-3234 Fax: 692-625-7393	 Lead the overall intervention and responsible for strategic oversight Member of project board 	Whole project	
Abacca Anjain-Maddison – Deputy Chief Secretary Sef Korok – Assistant Secretary Email: <u>dcsanjainmaddison.rmi@gmail.com</u> Office telephone: 692-329-6074	 Lead the overall intervention Member of project board 	Whole project	
Timmy Langrine National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) Director Email: <u>ndmodirector@gmail.com</u> Office telephone: 692-625-5181 Fax: 692-625-6074	 Lead co-ordinator the overall intervention Member of project board Implementing partner for EOC and telecommunication improvement 	Whole project	
Reginald White National Weather Service Office Director NOAA Affiliate Email: <u>reginald.white@noaa.gov</u> Office telephone: 692-247-5705 Fax: 692-247-3078	 Implementing partner for the NWSO improvement Member of Project Board 	Whole project	Needs assessment submitted
Tommy Kijiner (CEO) and Yoshi Kaneko National Telecommunication Authority Email: <u>tkijiner@minta.mh</u> <u>ytkaneko@minta.mh</u>	 Facilitate the land for the construction of the NEOC 	Whole project	

Office telephone: 692-625-3852 Fax: 692-625-3618	- Counterpart for the construction of the ministerial back-up information centre		
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PART 3: RISK and ASSUMPTIONS

Update the *Risk Log* on this section.

Risk	Mitigation Action	Timeframe	Mitigation Action Progress
Construction of GOB/EOC/Warehouse will be delayed due to local hurdles in acquiring permits and approvals	Strong existing and new partnerships with organisations that are on the ground and have the experience and connections	Whole project duration	The land tenure issue was resolved both for Majuro and Ebey in January 2020. The board agreed that the current plan for Ebeye EOC would be implemented without change to minimize the possibility of further delays.
Funds to support the construction of one GOB/EOC in Ebeye are insufficient	Additional funds to be sought to complete the construction of the GOB/EOC facility	Whole project duration	The board agreed to shift the funds from output 1 in November 2020.
Natural Disasters in the North Pacific	Preparedness activities will need to be activated and cease project implementation in the event of	Whole project duration	Project continues monitoring the situation.

	warnings issues by the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO). The intention is to avoid loss of life, damage to project assets and residual unforeseen circumstances.		
Engagement and coordination within RMI and Development Partners	Consultation space need to be very open, frank and accommodative being mindful of the parameters of the funding modality, contingencies and allow room for flexibility.	Whole project duration	The project shares monthly progress and communicate with the counterparts and development partners.
Availability of Equipment from Suppliers and procurement delays	Mapping of preferred supplies and/or existing suppliers and internal arrangements can still be made based on best practises consistent with UNDP Procurement guidelines.	Whole project duration	The procurement officer conducts market research and provide the list of potential suppliers.
Staff Turnover	Need to ensure at least three or four personnel from the relevant government line Ministries are part of the project design, conceptualisation and implementation for ownership and sustainability purposes.	Whole project duration	Need to ensure at least three or four personnel from the relevant government line Ministries are part of the project design, conceptualisation and implementation for ownership and sustainability purposes.
Logistics challenges (e.g. disease epidemic, land tenure issues)	Preparedness on preventive/containment measures and consultation with key stakeholders	Whole project duration	Please see the last risk related to COVID-19.
Inadequate early warnings system do not reach the potential affected communities	Integration of the equipment to be provided into the efforts of the communication cluster and other entities with presence at community level (e.g. Min. Education and Health, WUTMI, Red Cross)	Whole project duration	The project also coordinate with other partners (such as WB or WFP).
Population affected by human rights violations and environmental degradation	Proper training of all partners and contractors	Whole project duration	Project continues monitoring the situation.
NEW RISK added in Feb 2020] Ongoing Covid-19 pandemic creates huge risk on travel, trade and supply of goods and services which affects project implementation.	UNDP will intensify monitoring of ongoing activities, maximize use of virtual meetings and increase coordination with suppliers and potential bidders.	From February 2020	Newly added in Feb 2020.

PART 4: KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

UNDP Facebook post about the Project Board meeting https://m.facebook.com/UNDP.Pacific/posts/2709152415806477



The Republic of the Marshall Islands is taking a number of steps to increase safety measures during a time of disaster, protect natural ecosystems and restore community livelihoods. First through data recorded in Waverider Buoys, which is a floating recording device that provide critical data on oceanographic measurements and predict wave patterns and erosion through storm damage. Second is the construction of a new Emergency Operation Centre in Majuro and third, is getting small portable satellite terminals called Chatty Beetles that allow remote communities without access to internet and telecommunications, to send text-based alerts and messages to the main Island when a disaster strikes. These developments are part of the Enhancing Disaster and Climate Resilience in RMI Project, and were part of its recent board meeting discussions. The project is being implemented by UNDP in partnership with the Government of RMI and funding from the Government of Japan.

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PART 5: KEY LESSONS LEARNT AND CHALLENGES

- All meetings during the project planning phase should be minuted and the minutes of meeting shared with all stakeholders to confirm the agreements on project activities to avoid changes later.
- The Project timeframe should be decided with due consideration to the constraints in the country of implementation.
- All the project costs should be accurately budget in the AWP.

PART 6: SUSTAINABILITY AND SCALING UP

**This question is only applicable if project is reporting on its final quarter.

Describe how the project have used relevant national systems to sustain and scale up the results achieved. Describe how the national capacities have been strengthened through this project and how national ownership have been realized.

PART 7: QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

	2019 (USD)	2020 (USD)	Total (USD)	BUDGET (USD)
EXPENDITURE O1- StrengthenedDisaster Communication & Climate & Tsunami Monitoring Systems	46,162	3,344	49,506	1,202,332
O2- Enhanced Nationa Disaster Responders readiness capacity & better resourced to minimise loss				
of lives and damages	90,905	44,067	134,972	5,211,052
Total Program Expenditure	137,068	47,410	184,478	6,413,384
O3- Program Management Unit	384,616	79,739	464,355	986,616
Total Expenditure	521,684	127,149	648,834	7,400,000

* Tentative figure until 31 March 2020 retrieved from Combined Delivery Report (CDR) on 15 April 2020

PART 8: LIST OF EVIDENCE PROVIDED AS ANNEX

- Annex 1: Monthly Progress Reports (Jan-March 2020)
- Tender Document of A&E Design for EOCs in Majuro and Ebeye

PART 9: QUALITY ASSUARANCE

PROJECT MANAGER:	REVIEWED & APPROVED:	VALIDATION ON RBM, EVIDENCE BASED REPORTING& CLEARANCE FOR CORPORATE UPDATE
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