

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT Q2 2020 (APR-JUN 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)

ATLAS Output ID: 00115304

PIMs ID Number: N/A

Implementing Partners: UNDP (Direct Implementation Modality)

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

- Evaluation of the tender for A&E design of EOCs in Majuro and Ebeye was completed in June 2020, awaiting for the UNDP internal approval (Activity 2.1 and 2.2).
- LOA for installing wave rider was concluded with the NWSO and the first tranche was transferred (Activity 1.2).
- The project continues following up with the University of Hawaii and National Weather Service Office (NWSO) 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 INDICATORS	RESULTS	BASELINE	ANNUAL TARGETS	OUTPUTS INDICATORS RESULTS	EVIDENCE (SOURCE, LINK)
Output 1 Strengthened gender sensitive disaster communication and climate and inundation monitoring Systems GEN 2	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	1.1: 0 [LOA for installing wave rider was concluded, the first tranche was transferred.]	
	1.2 # of men and women with access to early warning information through the upgraded gender sensitive disaster communications,		0	54,705 Projection 2019 (from Census 2011)	1.2: 0	

	climate and tsunami early warning systems				
Output 2 Enhanced national and state disaster responders readiness capacity and better resourced to minimise loss of lives and damages GEN 2	2.1 Scale (%) of upgrading of the National Emergency Operational Centre with appropriate infrastructure and equipment to facilitate information management and effective coordination	0	35%	2.1: 5% [Evaluation of the tender for A&E design of NEOC and Pohnpei EOC was completed in June 2020, awaiting for the UNDP internal approval.] 2.2: 0 [planned for 2021]	- Tender document
	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: PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT QUARTER

Activity 1.1: Install chatty beetles

- Conclude the agreement between the UNDP and NWSO for the procurement of chatty beetles.

Activity 1.2: Provide wave riders

- Conclude the agreement between the NWSO and the University of Hawaii.
- Initiate the procurement of wave rider buoys.

Activity 2.1 and 2.2: Construction of EOCs in Majuro and Ebeye

- Conclude the contract for the A&E design for EOCs in Majuro and Ebeye.
- Conclude the LOA with MoWIU for supervision of design and construction works.
- Initiate the design work.
- Initiate the ex-ante review of the procurement of construction works for EOCs in Majuro and Ebeye.

PART 3: 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: dcskabua.rmi@gmail.com Office telephone: 692-625-3234 Fax: 692-625-7393	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lead the overall intervention and responsible for strategic oversight - Member of project board 	Whole project	

<p>Abacca Anjain-Maddison – Deputy Chief Secretary Sef Korok – Assistant Secretary Email: dcsanjainmaddison.rmi@gmail.com Office telephone: 692-329-6074</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lead the overall intervention - Member of project board 	Whole project	
<p>Timmy Langrine National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) Director Email: ndmodirector@gmail.com Office telephone: 692-625-5181 Fax: 692-625-6074</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lead co-ordinator the overall intervention - Member of project board - Implementing partner for EOC and telecommunication improvement 	Whole project	
<p>Reginald White National Weather Service Office Director NOAA Affiliate Email: reginald.white@noaa.gov Office telephone: 692-247-5705 Fax: 692-247-3078</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing partner for the NWSO improvement - Member of Project Board 	Whole project	Needs assessment submitted
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<p>Anjojo Kabua III Kwajalein Atoll Development Authority Director Email: limikekabua@gmail.com Cellphone: 692-235-5634</p> <p>Ariston Santiago Kwajalein Atoll Development Authority Chief Engineer Email: aqsantiago0222@yahoo.com.ph</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counterpart for the construction of the GOB/EOC Ebeye 	Whole project	
<p>Mariko Senda First Secretary Embassy of Japan Email: mariko.senda@mofa.go.jp Tel: +692 6253311</p> <p>Sho Matsumura Embassy of Japan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donor representative in RMI 	Whole project	

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Melvin Dacillo Ministry of Public Works, Infrastructure and Utilities PMU Manager Email: architectpmurmi2005@gmail.com Tel: +692 625 8911 / 8931	- Counterpart for the construction activity	Whole project	

PART 4: 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 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.	Whole project duration	Project continues monitoring the situation.
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	Whole project duration	Need to ensure at least three or four personnel from the relevant government line Ministries are part of the project design,

	and implementation for ownership and sustainability purposes.		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	[Updated in June 2020] Considering the travel restriction currently imposed, the project is planning to implement the design work remotely without having the missions by the consulting firm to be appointed in order to expedite the implementation.

Activities (to be) affected by the COVID-19

Activity	Challenges caused (will be caused) by COVID-19
Chatty Beetles/Waverider (Activity 1.1 and 1.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NWSO and UH are fully engaged to COVID19 response which caused further delay of implementation. Procurement, delivery, and installation may be delayed further due to the limited supply-chain and travel restrictions.
Construction of EOCs in Majuro and Ebebe (Activity 2.1 and 2.2)	<p>A&E Design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the evaluation stage, additional time was spent to make clarification and evaluate on the risk mitigation plan caused by travel restriction. As the design company will not be able to travel to RMI, there will be a risk of compromising the quality. The project will request further supports to MoWIU and UNDP will hire an engineer for quality assurance. <p>Construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We may experience less interest for potential companies to participate in the tender. Construction work may be delayed further due to the limited supply-chain and travel restrictions. <p>Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An engineer (international) who will be hired by MoWIU may be delayed due to the travel restrictions.
UNDP RMI team composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP hold recruitment process of Country Project Coordinator due to the travel restrictions. Instead, the project engaged a consultant as home based.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment of a new person may be further delayed due to the travel restrictions.
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PART 5: KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

No publication during Q2 2020.

PART 6: 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 7: SUSTAINABILITY AND SCALING UP

N/A

PART 8: QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

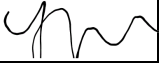

	2019 (USD)	2020 (USD)	Total (USD)
EXPENDITURE			
O1- Strengthened Disaster Communication & Climate & Tsunami Monitoring Systems	46,162	9,053	55,215
O2- Enhanced National Disaster Responders readiness capacity & better resourced to minimise loss of lives and damages	90,905	48,112	139,017
Total Program Expenditure	137,068	57,165	194,233
O3- Program Management Unit	<u>384,616</u>	<u>138,757</u>	<u>523,373</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>521,684</u>	<u>195,921</u>	<u>717,606</u>

* Tentative figure until 30 June 2020 retrieved from Combined Delivery Report (CDR) on 07 July 2020

PART 9: LIST OF EVIDENCE PROVIDED AS ANNEX

- Annex 1: Monthly Progress Reports (Apr-Jun 2020)

PART 10: QUALITY ASSUARANCE

PROJECT MANAGER	PROGRAMME CLEARANCE	IRMU CLEARANCE ¹	RSD MANAGEMENT APPROVAL
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Title: Project Manager	Title: Deputy Team Lead	Title: M&E Analyst	Title: Resilience and Sustainable De
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¹ (VALIDATION ON RBM, EVIDENCE BASED REPORTING & CLEARANCE FOR CORPORATE UPDATE OF RESULTS (ATLAS &CPS))


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