

Reporting Agency: UNDP
Country: Namibia

Quarterly Progress Report

Project No. 00099964 and Project title: Namibia's Fourth National Communication (NC4) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Reporting period: January to April 2017

I. PURPOSE

To enable the preparation of the NC4 to the UNFCCC as mandated by Article 4 and 12 of the convention to be submitted at the Conference of the Parties (COP) in the year 2018. The NC4 is managed under National Implementation Modality, with the MET DEA serving as National Implementation Partner Agency (NIPA) with the National Project Director, who signs off request for direct payments to UNDP for payments. The PMU is made of four staff members, 1 female and 3 male, who manages the day-to-day implementation activities with a number of technical consultants contracted to deliver key outputs of the NC4.

II. RESOURCES

Total approved budget for the year 2017 is USD180,000.00

III. RESULTS

About 90% of the planned activities for quarter 1 were implemented as planned. Thus, the project is on course with its planned activities. The NCCC members are fully updated on project progress as last meeting held on 30 March 2017; with about 24 attendances by NCCC members.

Main achievements related to each outcome:

OUTCOME 1: National GreenHous Gas (GHG) inventory on emissions by sources and removal by sinks prepared for the years 1995 to 1999 as recommended in the TTE report and 2013 to 2015

- Consultations conducted with key stakeholders to establish a sustainable institutional arrangement for BURs and National Communications (NCs) compilation, this is an on-going activity through the project duration on ad hock basis.
- Simplified spreadsheets developed based on the Inter-governmental Pannell on Climate Change (IPCC) developed to facilitate in data collection as recommended under BUR2 for all the four sectors of 1) Energy; 2) Waste; 3) Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU); and 4) Agriculture Forest and Other Land Use (AFOLU). See annex 1
- Activity data collection using the spreadsheets for the years 1995 to 1999 and 2013 to 2015 has commenced, and it is being collected by the working group members with the spreadsheets being circulated to the working group members to populate
- Terms of References (ToRs) for the GHG Technical expert to further capacitate the GHG working group, developed, advertised and the selection made and recommendation made to the Ministry's management for approval. See annex 2.
- NC4 PMU helped organize and attended the African regional workshop on sustainable GHG management held in Swakopmund from the 24th to the 28th April 2017 organized by the UNFCCC. The workshop aimed at providing training on the 2006 IPCC guidelines and software for conducting GHG inventories. About 55 African experts attended the training. Working group members from NC4, Ms. Susan Tise and Ms. Sarafia Ashipala from the Energy and AFOLU sectors, respectively, attended the training workshop. This will benefit the NC4 process, as it will be using the 2006 software and guidelines.

OUTCOME 2: Vulnerability of key sectors assessed & adaptation measures proposed

- Terms of References (ToRs) for the V&A Technical expert to further capacitate the V&A working group, developed, advertised and the selection made and recommendation made to the Ministry's management for approval. See annex 3.
- Desktop studies by the PMU being conducted to identify some of the sectors on which to undertake the vulnerability and adaptation assessment, whilst awaiting for the consultant to come on board.

OUTCOME 3: Analysis of mitigation options carried out

- This outcome depends on the findings of outcome 1 (National Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory on emissions by sources and removal by sinks), the reason being that once the key emitting sectors are identified its only by then the mitigation measures can be proposed to curb the emissions. Thus, this outcome will be implemented in 2018.

OUTCOME 4: National circumstances; constraints & gaps, related financial, technical & capacity needs; other information considered relevant to the achievement of the objective of the Convention

- Review and update of the National Circumstances using the latest reports like the 2011 census has commenced being done in-house by the PMU instead of outsourcing. This will continuously be updated by the PMU throughout the project duration and will be finalized by end of 2018.
- From previous experiences, it was found out that the Constraints, & Gaps, related financial and capacity needs has very strong linkage to the identified mitigation measures, thus there is not yet any to report until such a time the Mitigation Measures are identified and completed.
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OUTCOME 5: NC4 Compiled & submitted to UNFCCC

- No activities for this reporting year

Third Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC (BUR3)

- Project Identification Framework (PIF) for BUR3 was drafted submitted to UNDP CO, and the UNDP RTA for reviews and inputs. Most of the Inputs received and were incorporated resulting in an updated BUR 3. Some of the review comments and inputs like a matrix outlining progress made from BUR1 to now in terms of institutional arrangements will be addressed during the Project Development process, and another version produced and submitted
- Draft BUR3 document also drafted, and will be submitted to a thorough review by key stakeholders prior to it being finalized and submitted to the GEF for approval.
- The timeline for the BUR 3 Prodoc submission is by June 2017

PMU, M&E and Reporting

- Under the reporting period, two major consultants were commissioned out, see annex 2 and 3 for the detailed ToRs.
- The project team also participants in monthly Department and Division meetings to, firstly give feedback on progress and also to ensure that there is close collaboration and mainstreaming of NC4 work into the overall MET objectives.
- So far one quarterly National Climate Change Committee meeting was held, to the PMU participated and presented on progress.
- Performance agreement was signed between the project coordinator as the head of the PMU and the ministry and key annual performance targets were agreed for the year 2017.

Challenges, experiences and lessons learnt

- The project is still very much at its inception phase, thus no major challenges have been experienced so far, however major budget cuts in the ministry will possibly threaten the implementation of some of the activities, as they have to be implemented together with the GRN counterparts.

Risks and Risks Management: In this period there were no major risks identified thus the original Risk Matrix contained in the Approved NC4 Prodoc remain as it is. It is re attached to this report, see annex 4.

V. FINANCIAL IMPLEMENTATION

Budget –	TOTAL:	US\$	180,000.00 (GEF)
Total Approved Budget			180,000.00
Total expenditure/disbursement			<u>38,914.00</u>
Total Remaining balance			141,086.00
<i>Percentage utilized</i>			22%