

**Project: Enhancing Disaster and Climate Resilience in the Republic of Palau through improved  
Disaster Preparedness and Infrastructure**

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Output 1	1.1 Install VHF and HF radio (incl. of climate proofing) in key emergency operations facilities.	<p>A network of VHF and HF radio for the State Governments will be installed according to the request made by the National Emergency Management Office (NEMO).</p> <p>Summary of the requested equipment</p> <p>HF system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tobi state: 2 sites (both w/ Email) includes the main Koror office and the remote</li> <li>• Sonsorol state: 2 sites (both with email) w/Koror/remote.</li> <li>• Helen reef: 1 HF (without HF email)</li> <li>• Merir island 1 HF (without HF email)</li> <li>• Pulo Ana 1 HF (without HF email)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation for radios is on progress.</li> <li>• UNDP and PNCC have finalised drafting the LOA. Currently under internal revision for approval</li> <li>• Delairco Japan KK (Japan) is working with UNDP in the implementation plan for solars.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize LOA with PNCC.</li> <li>• Discuss with PNCC and NEMO for installation plan.</li> <li>• Once the radios come to Palau a telecom expert will arrive and check the equipment and do the programming.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NEMO : needs HF email</li> <li>• Education : needs HF email.</li> <li>• Hospital : needs HF email</li> </ul> <p>VHF system</p> <p>Kayangel, Peleliu and Angaur.</p> <p>Other equipment involves battery bank, solar panels, battery supply charger</p>		
Output 1	1.2 Install tsunami and multi-hazard warning sirens (incl of repeater stations) in key vulnerable locations.	The early warning systems will include multi-direction sirens to be installed in 13 States, according to NEMO request. The control centre for the sirens is proposed to be located at the NEMO facility. According to information provided by NWS and the decisions taken by the NEMO, the staff on duty could select only certain areas to sound the alarm or every siren at the same time. The sirens system will	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market research was finalised.</li> <li>• UNDP and PNCC have finalised drafting the LOA. Currently under internal revision for approval.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PNCC to facilitate the launching of a formal tender in accordance with their procurement procedure.</li> </ul>

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		<p>complement the community preparedness initiative currently under implementation by the NEMO.</p>		
Output 1	<p>1.3 Repair/Install Automated weather stations related equipment in key strategic and vulnerable locations both existing and non-existing according to WMO guidelines.</p>	<p>In coordination with the NWSO, 4 automated weather stations to complement the capacities to monitor weather conditions.</p> <p>The regular AWS will be located in Kayangel, Melekeok, Koror and Peleliu States.</p> <p>The equipment will be installed in State Government property land, and the maintenance will be done by the NWS technical officers (by using the 13 technical officers in main station and the 5 observers in the field).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 AWS have all been assembled in New Zealand by NIWA and almost ready to be dispatched to Palau.</li> <li>• One virtual training was provided by NIWA to 3 national staff from NWSO.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of AWS to Palau.</li> <li>• The NWSO technicians in Palau will assemble the complete station, including connecting and testing all the sensors, and communications systems in four different locations.</li> </ul>
Output 1	<p>1.4 Install 4 wave rider buoys to determine ocean conditions and surface wave monitoring</p>	<p>The NWSO has requested to modify the original request of a DART buoy for 4 wave riders buoys (3 to be installed and one spare). Considering their proximity to the coastlines, the Wave rider Buoys will enable NWSO to plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement between NWSO and University of Hawaii Office of Research Services (PacIOOS) was signed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UoH to start procurement of buoys.</li> </ul>

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		and predict the level of erosion and saltwater intrusion through storm damage and waves on coastal areas; and to make decisions oriented to the protection of natural ecosystems.		
Output 1	1.5 Reconstruction of AM Frequency Modulation Tower	The AM radio tower collapsed during Typhoon Bopha in 2012. From then on, the government radio broadcast operates only in FM, covering the area around Koror (approximately 50% of the country population). The AM radio tower to be rebuilt within this Project will expand the coverage to the entire population, including the Southwestern islands. A complete assessment report was submitted by the Department of Domestic Affairs, including the type of equipment required for the reconstruction of the AM tower, the installation of the respective equipment and the construction of a shelter (to house the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on the UNDP internal reviews, some amendment was made to the evaluation.</li> <li>• UNDP will seek internal approval.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award the bid.</li> <li>• Bureau of Domestic Affairs to increase the transformers on the site.</li> </ul>

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		AM and FM radio equipment, and a mini studio).		
Output 1	1.6 Training course for young technicians on how to maintain the current communications Infrastructure	In order to increase current and future capacities to install, repair, maintain and manage telecommunication equipment the Project has started some discussions with the Palau Community College to develop a training course for students majoring in Electronics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration form is being distributed to the potential candidates for pre-registration.</li> <li>• UNDP is working on a tentative program with telecom experts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting to be scheduled with all relevant national partners (PCC, PNCC, PEA, NEMO) and telecom expert to agree on possible content.</li> </ul>
Output 1	1.7 Conduct a Protection, Gender and Social Inclusion in Disaster Risk Management training	The Bureau of Gender, Aging and Disabilities is keen to promote a participatory process within the National Emergency Committee to review the instruments currently used for data collection in humanitarian assistance. This activity is linked to the training in Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA) proposed in Component 3, building upon the capacities already developed in-country through a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNDP and Red Cross sent to SPC and other national counterparts the draft agenda to enrich methodologies and facilitation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main counterpart to meet to finalize agenda and agree on the facilitation.</li> <li>• Training is set for February 2021.</li> </ul>

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		training of trainers course developed by UN-Women in 2018.		
Output 2	2.1 Provide appropriate and improved disaster preparedness and response equipment to NEMO (purchase of a generator to complement existing one)	<p>The project will provide the National EOC with the required equipment for information management, monitoring and coordination.</p> <p>This may include:</p> <p>computers and software, multimedia equipment, communication equipment (telephone, WIFI and fibre optic, if possible).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RFQ for the ICT equipment was finalized for launching the tender.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch the bid for ICT equipment.</li> </ul>
Output 2	2.2 Retrofit the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) facility to meet international and functional standards.	<p>The conference/meeting room of the NEOC will be expanded to accommodate the increasing number of representatives from the National Disaster Management Team. Moreover, an information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Environmental Quality Protection Board, EQPB, issued the permit for the construction of the National Emergency Committee retrofit. The civil works</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bureau of Public Works to implement civil works.</li> </ul>

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		management room will be added to the existing building.	started at the site with demolition activities.	
Output 2	2.3 Conduct LIDAR Imagery remote sensing mapping over key and vulnerable locations. High Resolution Digital Elevation Models (DEM) for Inhabited Coastal Areas developed	The Office of the Palau Automated Land and Resource Information System (PALARIS) is the main counterpart to prepare a topographic map (1m resolution) for the islands of Kayangel, Babeldoab, Koror, Peleliu, Angaur, Sonsorol and Hatohobei (for an approximate area of 415 square kilometres). The respective contract with the specialized company will include a training on the use of the LIDAR study, with emphasis on its potential for disaster risk modelling and disaster risk management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The technical Evaluation process for the LIDAR study was finalized.</li> <li>• Procurement of 2 vehicles was awarded.</li> <li>• Specification of PALARIS ICT equipment was developed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNDP Regional Bureau to review the evaluation of the LIDAR study for the internal approval process.</li> <li>• ETA for 2 vehicles is 15 December 2020.</li> <li>• Launch procurement of ICT equipment.</li> </ul>
Output 2	2.4 Provide key strategic islands with mobile storage facilities to store emergency stockpiles/supplies, emergency equipment.	The project will provide the NEMO with 5 mobile warehouse facilities (tents) to be stored at the NEOC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity completed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity completed.</li> </ul>

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Output 2	2.5 Appropriate equipping of emergency disaster response stations, East coast and Westcoast of Babeldaob island with response and rescue vehicles (specifically fire trucks and first responders' vehicles)	The project will procure one fire truck for the East coast and Westcoast of Babeldaob island. A specific request has been shared by the Bureau of Public Service (Ministry of Justice). The fire truck will be placed in the Melekeok Fire Department Sub-station for assisting the States located in the Babeldaob Island.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under manufacturing process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNDP is following up for the delivery schedule.</li> </ul>
Output 2	2.6 Provide key disaster responders and Search & Rescue institutions with 2 portable man pack HF radio	Provide key disaster responders and Search & Rescue institutions with 2 portable man pack HF radio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity completed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity completed.</li> </ul>
Output 3	3.1 Provide emergency backup power for schools as evacuation centres (Low tech off grid electrical power system for three schools in Sonsorol, Pulo Anna and Hatohobei, Southernmost islands).	This will involve procurement of 3 solar panel systems to be installed in three schools of the Southwestern islands of Sonsorol, Pulo Anna and Hatohobei States. For the PEA, this project is considered a pilot initiative to then expand the provision of solar panels to all households in the mentioned islands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delairco Japan KK (Japan) is working with UNDP in the implementation plan for solars.</li> <li>MoE and Governors of Hatohobei and Sonsorol states have collectively agreed on a rectangular space of 20mx35m that is close to the school building that could be</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manufacturing and delivering of the solar panels.</li> <li></li> </ul>



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			cleared for the solar panels at the three remote schools.	
Output 3	3.2. Restoration and protection of cultural heritage sites in coastal communities rated high risk (Palau Historical Preservation Office, Vulnerability Assessment) – in line with Palau Climate Change Policy (PCCP) for Climate & Disaster Resilient Low Emissions Development.	The Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation is the implementing partner for the implementation of this activity. This includes the preparation of vulnerability assessments of 10 cultural heritage sites (to be developed by 4 international specialists already contacted by this Bureau) and climate risks mitigation works in 2 prioritized sites. The mitigation works are aimed to protect cultural heritage sites and will be developed considering a high level of participation of the communities in order to raise the awareness for the protection of cultural sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCCA has submitted to UNDP a draft of the final assessment title “Disaster Risk and Climate Change Impact Survey in the Republic of Palau” and a draft copy of a comic produced with information from the assessment.</li> <li>• MCCA is working on the revision of the 3rd acquittal and will refund of the remaining balance as the advance is outstanding more than six months.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expected deliverables are expected to be completed by December 2020.</li> <li>• The two intervention projects are expected to be completed by November 2020. 1) Intervention Kukau el Bad and 2) Iporu burial site in Tobi.</li> </ul>
Output 3	3.3 Procure a double function vehicle for the Fire Department, to secure water resources during droughts	A double function vehicle will be procured for the Fire Department, which can be used as a fire truck but also as a 3,000 gallons water tank truck. This vehicle will have the capacity to transport water to schools,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under manufacturing process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNDP is following up for the delivery schedule.</li> </ul>

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		hospitals and communities affected by water shortage due to droughts or any deficiency in the water system.		
Output 3	3.4 Throughout this project, the NWSO and NEMO will be provided with vehicles and boats to improve their capacity to access the areas where the monitoring equipment will be installed as well as to support evacuation and humanitarian assistance in case of disasters.	<p>The Fire Department facilities will be improved.</p> <p>Following critical vehicles will be purchase</p> <p>a) NWSO pick up, b) 5 Tones pick up, c) 1 NEMO Vehicle d) 1 Boat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension of roofing at Koror Fire Dept: The Environmental Quality Protection Board, EQPB, issued the Construction for the Fire Department.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ETA for a truck with crane will be in October 2020.</li> <li>Construction of roofing at Koror Fire Department to start.</li> </ul>
Output 3	3.5 Provide food preservation training to vulnerable communities through all relevant national and state actors to enhance community resilience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity canceled and funding relocated to purchase of Search and Rescue Equipment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity canceled and funding relocated to purchase of Search and Rescue Equipment which was delivered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity canceled and funding relocated to purchase of Search and Rescue Equipment which was delivered.</li> </ul>
Output 3	3.6 Conduct a Protection, Gender and Social Inclusion	The Bureau of Aging, Disability, and Gender (within the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs) has	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please see 1.7 above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please see 1.7 above</li> </ul>

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	in Disaster Risk Management training	proposed the delivery of a training in the methodology of Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA), considering the capacities developed in a regional training for trainers course by UN-Women. This activity will be linked to Activity 1.7 oriented to mainstream gender and social inclusion consideration in humanitarian assessment tools.		
Output 3	3.7 Conduct PDNA and DRF Training of Trainers to key government sectors		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity completed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity completed.</li> </ul>