

NDC Support Programme

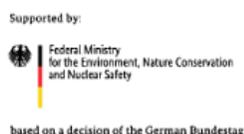
Country Quarterly Progress Update 2021



Project Information

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| Country: | El Salvador |
| National Project Title: | Agenda de cumplimiento de las Contribuciones Nacionalmente Determinadas |
| Total Project Funding: | USD 631,800 |
| Project Timeline: | May 2020 – December 2021 |
| NDC SP Donor Portal SharePoint: | Country folder |
| NDC SP Website: | Country webpage (available soon) |

| Progress Update | Quarter 1 (January-March) |
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| <p>What key results and achievements occurred during the reporting period? How did these contribute to higher-level project results?</p> | <p>The start of the project in El Salvador encountered delays due to 2 main challenges: 1) the restrictions due to the pandemic during 2020 greatly affected and 2) the elections for Deputies of the Legislative Assembly and Municipal Councils on February 28, which kept the interest in working on Climate Change on hold. Despite these challenges, during the first quarter of 2021, the First Project Board was held and the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, MARN in its Spanish acronym) appointed referents to start the work.</p> |
| Challenges encountered, lessons learned | |
| <p>What challenges were encountered (e.g., changes in political environment/ministries, delays in adoption of key legislation) and how were they resolved? What lessons were learned? Are there any conditions/issues emerging that might impact or delay delivery?</p> | <p>In addition to the challenges mentioned here above, the project encountered the following difficulties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of ideal candidates for the position of Project Coordinator - with experience in Climate Change Governance and the management of NDCs - is very limited. The position couldn't be filled despite the fact that 2 public recruitment processes were launched. In order to overcome this difficulty, it is expected to seek a strategy to streamline the process in conjunction with MARN. - Another challenge is the limited knowledge of the new government officials as well as in civil society on the Paris Agreement, the NDCs and the basic aspects of climate change. This will require a capacity development process that allows to introduce the basis of general knowledge in this area. |
| Partner & stakeholder engagement | |



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| Any notable plans for the forthcoming quarter? |

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| During this introduction phase, the two key ministries - of Finance and of Environment and Natural Resources - have appointed the technical referents to lead the NDC compliance Agenda. The project will engage with other stakeholders during the next phase of implementation. |
| UNDP El Salvador is preparing to disseminate educational information on the importance of the Paris Agreement and the NDCs that El Salvador has presented and is going to review, as well as on the basic aspects of Climate Change for El Salvador. To date, no completed activities are to be reported. |
| It is expected to prepare didactic material that will allow the target audience (Decision makers, cooperation agencies, technical staff from government and society in general) to be introduced to the Paris Agreement, the commitments of the NDCs of El Salvador and how Climate Change affects the country. During the next quarter, it is also expected to have the Project Coordinator and most of the project team on board, have the annual workplan developed and be able to start the procurement processes accordingly. |

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| Quarter 2 (April-June) |
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| Progress Update | Quarter 4 (October-December) |
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