

NDC Support Programme

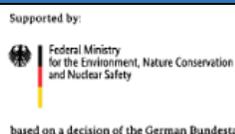
Country Quarterly Progress Update 2021



Project Information

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)
<p>What key results and achievements occurred during the reporting period? What were the deliverables produced? 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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Looking Ahead

Any notable plans for the forthcoming quarter?

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)

Following the 2nd Project Board meeting held on 22 March where additional resources from a UK contribution (USD 15.000) were approved to be included into the overall budget, the Project Coordinator was hired and started to work in May. With the project coordinator on board, the 2021 workplan was developed and approved in an extraordinary meeting of the Project board on 3rd June.

During the period, the following results were achieved:

- 1) The project workplan has been designed and agreed with government counterparts.
- 2) A draft Climate Change Capacity Building Plan that targets public and private sector as well as the general public is being validated by the environmental authority.
- 3) An initial proposal for a citizen awareness campaign was developed and is currently under validation process. This campaign is looking to further engage citizens into climate action.
- 4) On 29 June, the [first inception workshop](#) on the global climate agenda and the NDC was held. The activity was directed to government entities, in coordination with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources

(MARN) and the Ministry of Finance and is a part of the work strategy for the evaluation, review and update of the NDC of El Salvador.

For more information on the deliverables produced during the quarter, please consult the list of products available on the NDC SP Donor Portal.

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During these months, MARN has shown willingness and interest in moving forward with project activities and ratified its commitment to present an updated NDC at COP26. MARN does not wish to assume visible public leadership of the climate change process and agenda in general, mainly due to political concerns which delayed the official launch of the project. An agreement has been reached to promote the process with government institutions and subsequently to incorporate representatives of the productive sector and civil society organizations in the NDC implementation planning process. Finally, in the first Induction Meeting, the need to improve the general knowledge of public officials on the subjects related to climate change, NDC and climate financing through the implementation of awareness-raising and training activities - has been evidenced.

UNDP Country Office will keep implementing the project in close coordination with the government and will promote government's empowerment in the NDC implementation process. It is expected that several high-level meetings will be conducted in the future to achieve this goal.

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- MARN has appointed the Direction of cooperation and international agreements as the new institutional and technical counterpart, while the appointment of the officials of the Ministry of Finance is maintained. An effective communication with both counterparts has been established.
- UK cooperation has joined the project and their representatives participate in the activities carried out so far.
- It is planned to hold a workshop on the project with the United Nations agencies with the objective of strengthening technical cooperation in support of the sectoral plans for the implementation of the NDC.
- There is also an ongoing conversation with the NDC Partnership to identify means of working together.

For more information on the engagements undertaken during the quarter, please consult the list of engagements available on the NDC SP Donor Portal.

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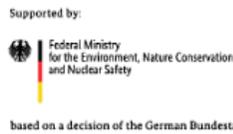
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[Project visibility material](#) has been designed and reproduced. This material was distributed among the participants in the first induction workshop held on 29 June. Complementary infographic material ([1](#) / [2](#)) is being prepared. An [identity manual](#) has also been developed.

A [press release](#) and messages for social networks were prepared and disseminated informing about the first induction workshop held at the end of June.

	<p>As the project just started, there are no hard knowledge products yet developed. <i>For more information on the C&V material produced during the quarter, please consult the list of products available on the NDC SP Donor Portal.</i></p>
<p>Looking Ahead</p>	
<p>Any notable plans for the forthcoming quarter?</p>	<p>For the next period, the following is planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Develop the 2nd Induction Workshop on Climate Change, Climate Financing and NDC; (ii) Establish the sectoral technical groups and develop the process of evaluation, review and update of the NDC; (iii) Hire the project team with specialists in Climate Change, Climate Financing; Technical assistant for MARN; Facilitator of multi-stakeholder processes and Communications; (iv) Coordinate the project's communications strategy with MARN and launch the first awareness campaign; (v) Implement actions within the framework of the Climate Change Capacity Building Plan with public institutions on climate change and climate finance.

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