

# **Quarterly Project Progress Report**

Name of Project: Integrated Environmental Management of the Fanga'uta Lagoon Catchment

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#### **Basic Project Information**

(Basic information can be completed by UNDP before sharing the report with the partner)

#### Project Title: Integrated Environmental Management of the Fanga'uta Lagoon Catchment

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UNDP Project ID Project Duration Reporting Period

Implementing Partners National collaborating agencies

Other UN/International collaborating agencies Cost-sharing third parties UNDP Programme Officer/Programme Analyst



Osnat Lubrani meeting with Deputy Prime Minister, Chair of the Project Steering Committee, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

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Community Training on Waste Characterization addressing issue of waste management,  $22^{\rm nd}$  March 2016

# 1. Project Implementation Status and Key Results

Implementation Status Summary (This needs to be completed by project)

Briefly assess (<150 words) how the project is progressing towards expected outcomes (UNDAF Outcome), highlighting any key activities or results during the reporting period. If project implementation is delayed, please indicate reason for delay and ways of resolving the issue, accelerating delivery in the next period.</p>

The project in this pass 3 months have continued to steadily treat the path towards achieving UNDAF Outcome Area 1. It was able to review developments of the project in the first year of its progress with its Project Steering Committee and approving 2016 AWP, monitored monthly by its Technical Committee and its Community Management Committee of its 26 communities. It hosted a tour with the government delegates of Sweden sharing the embryonic efforts made in managing Fanga'uta Catchment to address issues of climate change and disaster risk management. Series of consultations and trainings took place to enhance management capacity of relevant stakeholders to address issues faced. Four communities are in the process of drafting and finalizing their Management Plan, hopefully this will result in domino effect of the remaining 22 communities following similar foot steps to take ownership in protecting their precious environments.

Provide details on key Output/Activity during the reporting period in below table. Please add Output/activities as per QWP/AWP

## Implementation Progress Summary

(Table for the first 5 columns can be pre-filled. Project needs to complete last 3 columns. Where implementation delays for an activity, please Indicate alternative actions being suggested or taken)

		,		PLANNED	ACTIVITY PROGRESS TO		
<b>OUTPUT</b> In line with QWP/AWP	INDICATOR QWP	TARGET	STATUS OF TARGET (Achieved, On Track or Off Track)	ACTIVITIES List all activities to be undertaken during the period as stated in QWP/AWP	DATE Give detailed explanation of the status. Provide justification if delayed and new schedule planned and provide response strategy if any	RESULTS ACHIEVED Describe concrete, key results (policy, publication, key event etc.) achieved so far, vis-à-vis the specific targets set in the QWP/AWP	BENEFICIARY Approximate number of beneficiaries reached by project activities (disaggregated by sex/age), etc.
Output 1.1: Multi- stakeholder management system established to guide the updating of the EMP FLS and implementation of the FLC Integrated Environmental Management Plan (IEMP) <u>Output1.1.1</u> : Capacity of NECC and FLC Stakeholders enhanced to more effectively plan and implement an integrated lagoon ecosystem management approaches <u>Output 1.1.2</u> : Measures delivered to fully	Functional enabling environments for conservation and integrated management of the Fanga'uta Lagoon Catchment (FLC) Indicator for Output 1.1.1: Status of a multi- stakeholder FLC management authority with dedicated staff and sufficient budget	By Year 3 the feasibility of conversion of a FLC Management Committee into a National Committee with a statutory mandate has been assessed and implemented as appropriate <b>2016 Target</b> <b>Indicator</b> :100% of the work completed: a) 5 contact points from government are implementing IEMP concept for FLC and are working towards developing its policy and legislation; b) Plans for setting up a draft statutory mandate for Fangauta lagoon is discussed and implemented;	On track	Activity 1.1: 1.1.1 (d, e, g) d) Assess local training needs annually e) Develop training courses and materials on Integrated Environmental Management (IEM); Conduct trainings g) Formulate a draft statutory mandate of a "Tonga Interagency Council on FLC" to be assessed by Year 3 and adopted before end of the project	<ul> <li>Completed</li> <li>In progress</li> <li>Delayed Reason:</li></ul>	The Technical Working Group (TWG) and the Community Management Committee (CMC) has identified some training focus for the first two quarters of the project. The training engaged locals at national and local levels to develop their management capacity needed at this level. Each training targeted specific skills and knowledge with regards to effective monitoring and implementation.	TWG has active participants of 12 line ministries, 2 NGO and 1 Private Sector. This involves usually 10 females and 11 males; CMC involves 26 Town Officers, 1-line ministry and 2 NGOs. This involves 32 males and 2 females.

engage the Fanga'uta Lagoon Catchment (FLC) communities in lagoon ecosystem management	Indicator for Output 1.1.2: Number of FLC villages and concerned entities involved in EMP updating and implementation & Number of individuals and/or organizations engaged in design and implementation of mini-projects from Outcome 2	2016 Target: 50% FLC villages and concerned entities have participated in EMP updating and implementation of mini projects (1 stakeholder consultative meeting on project planning and designing - MIA, District and community; 2 mini-project set- up training; 2 mini-project set- up)	On track	<ul> <li>1.1.2 (c, d, e, f)</li> <li>c) Develop a draft strategy for community action, approaches and functions</li> <li>d) Sponsor and organize bi-annual lagoon and catchment NGO and stakeholders' forums</li> <li>e) Undertaken demonstrations (or mini-projects) in FLC areas</li> <li>f) Establish a FLC community-based research and knowledge management centre to generate lagoon community action and positive social change through the use of multiple knowledge sources and networks</li> </ul>	□ Completed ■ In progress □ Delayed Reason:	Activity 1.1.2.c: Nukuleka and Nukunukumotu are currently reviewing their draft Community Management Plan, whilst Lapaha and Holonga are in the process of drafting their Plans to become a Special Management Area (similar to LMMA) facilitated by Fisheries and Environment Departments. <u>Activity 1.1.2.d</u> : These forums continue to take place regularly at the various spaces of reflection for the project in the Project Steering Committee, Technical and at Community Management Committee which involves all project relevant stakeholders in this past quarter. This will be a going practice quarterly. <u>Activity 1.1.2.e</u> : In addition to the SMA implementation the development of full implementation proposal (in the nature of a Make Over Approach) is done for Nukunukumotu and Vaini communities. <u>Activity 1.1.2.f</u> : It is currently being pursued with Internal Affairs and Tourism Department. Learnings acquired at the grassroots and national level is disseminated through quarterly newsletter (refer to Q1 Newsletter for 2016) and project Facebook page.	communities engaged in which so far involved about 296 men and women TWG has active participants of 12 line ministries, 2 NGO and 1 Private Sector. This involves usually 10 females and 11 males; CMC involves 26 Town Officers and 5 District Officers, 1-line ministry and 2 NGOs. This involves 32 males and 2 females. Beneficiaries for Nukunukumotu involves 20 and for Vaini immediately with a Women's Group of and its census block of 12 Engages 2 lines ministries involving 6 of its staff, the sharing of learning (knowledge management) is shared to all 55 stakeholders of the project at national and local levels
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Output 1.2: Participatory updating of the Fanga'uta Lagoon Catchment IEMP completed, adopted, endorsed and budgeted for	Amendments to the environmental management plan of the Fanga'uta Lagoon Catchment	<ul> <li>By mid-term, the existing EMP FLS has been updated incorporating IEM concepts and adaptive management approaches.</li> <li>By Year 3, updates/amendm ents to EMP FLS have been approved and adopted</li> <li>By the end of the project, the concerned authorities will institutionalize integrated ecosystem management and conservation objective for the FLC within the national development system.</li> </ul>	On track	Activity 1.2 1.2.1 (c-f, h-k) 1.2.2 (a-h) 1.2.3 (a-f)	<ul> <li>□ Completed</li> <li>■ In progress</li> <li>□ Delayed Reason:</li> <li>Refer to status for individual output below. General Activity</li> <li>1.2.1 is in progress as well as with 1.2.3, however Activity</li> <li>1.2.2 most of it will be implemented in Quarter 3 as advised in AWP for 2016 and is not shared in this report.</li> </ul>	Refer to progress below	Refer to below	progress
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Output1.2.1: FLC IEMP prepared and completed; establishing technical, biophysical, oceanographic, socioeconomic and demographic baselines; updating the EMP completed in 2001 with additional parameters to be established	• Amendments to the environmental management plan of the Fanga'uta Lagoon Catchment	2016 Targets: Updating on situation analysis of ecosystems degradation and ecosystem services management in FLC completed (100% completed)	On track	1.2.1 (c-f, h-k)	Activity 1.2.1c is currently on going with relevant stakeholders where they are including IEMP-FLC activities into their work plan for the year. Activity 1.2.1d-e, k is currently delayed until Quarter 3 when Policy Advisor is advisor will be available to join project. Activity 1.2.1f-i is currently being pursued by national consultants and it is not yet completed. Activity 1.2.1j environmental hotspots is already identified from last year annual reports. The editing of this report is not yet completed. It is hoped it will be completed before end of	At the various levels of stakeholder meetings of the project that is happening monthly or quarterly, relevant stakeholders continue to advise the project which of the project programs and activities that will be implemented from their side. At the moment local consultant is assisting with provision of policy review that hopefully will be available in time prior to Policy Advisor joining the project. Eight locals from government departments is currently assisting the project with provision of the demographic framework for FLC. Annual report editing is taking longer due to long term illness of key people engaged in this process.	Refer to previous shared beneficiaries above. 5 line ministries and 1 Private Sector is currently engaged in this activity. 26 communities, 12 line ministries, 2 NGOs and 2 Private Sectors
<b>Output1.2.3:</b> Multi-stakeholder participatory mechanisms conducted to ensure adaptive management during the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of FLC IEMP	• Regular monitoring of current status of lagoon environment and ecosystem services through a set of measurable key indicators and a response system established that enables modifying key indicators	2016 Targets: 100% of the work completed 1.Monitoring data and information prepared (Annual monitoring reports available; A draft monitoring plan is developed and finalized to track FLC system status and uncertainties including climate change impacts	On track	1.2.3 (a-f)	April. □ Completed ■ In progress □ Delayed Reason: Most of the activities (1.2.3a-f) is currently in progress. Activity 1.2.3f will be pursued in Quarter 4 this year as per advised in the AWP2016.	<ul> <li>1.2.3a: Line ministries and authorities is regularly consulted on any related issues raised from communities, government/non-government stakeholders. Main issues address is enforcement of regulations and policies.</li> <li>1.2.3b, d: This is currently being drafted and will be available soon.</li> <li>1.2.3c: Commitments is already confirmed from all levels in their actively engagement presently in the project. The paperwork for this will be finalized once the updated FLC IEMP is in place</li> <li>1.2.3e: This is currently pursued with 4 communities to regulate their Management plants</li> </ul>	Beneficiaries remains the same as previously stated.

Output2.1: Improved conditions of critical lagoon habitats, productivity, water quality and fish production	Status of surrounding habitats and ecosystem services in the Fanga'uta Lagoon	•By project end, key habitats (mangroves) and ecosystem services in FLC improved compared to baseline level	On track	Activity 2.1 2.1.1 (b, c, e, f, g) 2.1.2 (a-d) 2.1.3 (a-d) 2.1.4 (b-d) 2.1.5 (a-i)	<ul> <li>Completed</li> <li>In progress</li> <li>Delayed Reason:</li> <li>Refer to the responses under each activity.</li> </ul>	Refer to the responses under each activity.	Refer to the responses under each activity.
through the implementation of priority interventions identified in the IEMP <u>Output 2.1.1:</u> Areas of approximately 80 ha of the lagoon's major coastal habitats (mangroves stands) restored <b>Output 2.1.2:</b> Mechanisms set	2.1.1: Area of mangroves in FL (80 ha)	2016 Indicators: 50 ha (63%) of mangroves and other biodiversity resources remained stable, protected areas conserved and managed mainly for sustainable use of natural ecosystems	On track	Activity2.1.1 (b, c, e, f, g) E-G will be reported in the quarters they are to be implemented on	Work is currently being pursued to complete for M&E procedures for 2.1.1b with the assistance of JICA in the process. Activity 2.1.1c: Key mangroves conservation hotspots is already identified with necessary actions currently being formulated in consultation with communities chosen.	Drafting of this procedure is not yet complete. All 7 communities engaged last year continued to assist with efforts in seedling collection. Efforts now is pursued to collect rare species that are declined in the project sites from other sites that have them in abundance. Also the maintenance of the nursery at Popua is ongoing.	7 communities engaged of which 14 focal points (youths 12 males/2 females) engaged; Waste Authority, Environment, Forestry and GIS are actively involved in this process. This involves 10 local staff, with 30+ from community of which 15% are women.
up to facilitate participatory fishing area and sustainable fisheries resources management by the FLC communities <b>Output 2.1.3:</b> Eco-tourism awareness to FLC community conducted and local initiatives demonstrated	2.1.2: Status of lagoon fisheries (as contributing to increased fish harvests, improved livelihoods, and healthy lagoon n ecosystems)	20% of the total area within the lagoon is identified and delineated for fisheries conservation and sustainable fisheries management (to be determined during implementation) through expert assessment and consultative process	On track	2.1.2 (a-d). This will report will only cover for b, c activities that falls in this quarter.	Activity 2.1.2 b: review of existing legal policies is currently being pursued, and it is not yet completed, it is expected for Quarter 2 that this will be available. Activity 2.1.2c: Series of technical and consultative meetings have been facilitated this quarter by Fisheries and Environment for 4 communities to mark managed areas	This is not yet complete, but review of various policies including fisheries regulation is currently being pursued by a local consultant in preparation for the International Policy Advisor joining. 15 consultative/workshop meetings have taken place with Nukunukumotu, Nukuleka in which their draft Management Plans is currently reviewed by their neighboring communities for their input. Lapaha and Holonga series of consultations is just beginning to develop their management plans for their selected area.	3 line ministries are engaged in this process 4 communities engaging about at least 80 participants in drafting the management process, facilitated by Fisheries and Environment Department.

Output 2.1.4: Activities based on sustainable land and forest management demonstrated in the FL catchment areas Output 2.1.5: Capacity for Fanga'uta Lagoon water quality control strengthened	2.1.3: Status of eco-tourism activities in FLC	At least 1 proposals to promote eco- tourism in FLC have been received from local tourism service providers At least 60 women and 60 youth have been engaged in eco- tourism activities	On track	2.1.3 (a-d). Only activity (a) to (c) was pursued in this quarter as per AWP.	Only activity (a) and (b) was able to be followed through in this quarter with series of consultation with selected communities already pre- selected by Tourism based on their identified criteria. Activity (a) was already submitted by Tourism, and identification of pilot sites in activity (b) is already done. The execution of the pilot sites is currently in the planning phase.	<ul> <li>2.1.3a: Tourism has submitted their proposed eco-tourism program strategy and implementation for review.</li> <li>2.1.3b: 4 areas already identified: Vaini, Tofoa, Havelu and Nukuhetulu has been selected as the eco-tourism sites. Vaini plan is currently being pursued for the detail of its arrangement. The other 3 will unfold throughout the year.</li> </ul>	The beneficiaries are: Vaini, Tofoa, Havelu and Nukuhetulu community; Tourism, Environment, Geology, GIS Department; Waste Authority. This is target to engage their women's group and youths, at the moment it has engaged over 40+people in the level of consultations already done.
and on-site activities demonstrated	2.1.4: Areas with improved vegetation in the lagoon catchment	2016 Targets: A total areas of 30 ha with improved vegetation cover in the FLC areas have been established or replanted • 2 biannual trainings on sustainable land management practices conducted and reported with at least a total of 60 participants attended	On track	2.1.4 (b – d). In the AWP all these activities are to take place at a later period during the year. However, will report on activity 2.1.4(b): Organize an annual campaign to plant trees and raise public awareness and soil conservation	Activity 2.1.4b: Status is in progress. Forestry is continuing collecting of propagules and seedlings for the wide distribution of trees to be planted at the selected sites. Presently there are over 3000 seedlings available now for distribution, and additional 5000 seedlings is yet to be received from Forestry.	Local campaigns are currently running in the 3 communities from the 8 selected villages selected as pilot sites facilitated by Forestry and Environment Department. At the moment Longoteme is confirmed to be the project sites to establish improved vegetation. Details of arrangement will be confirmed in 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter.	8 villages: at the moment it has engaged 3 from the 8 of which about 60+ locals have attended the 2 <sup>nd</sup> series of consultation to mark areas for tree planting at communities.

2.1.5: Measures to control pollution discharged from domestic and other sources adopted and enforced	2016 Targets: • A set of recommendations for improvement of water quality in the lagoon have been prepared and submitted for FLC IEMP • Course content on sanitation improvement and related technical knowledge targeting FLC communities identified and discussion for development with at least 1 training carried out At least one on- site demonstration/pil ot activity identified and plans for implementation initiated	On track	2.1.5 (a-i). This report will provide only for activity (b-e, g) as intended for this Quarter from the AWP.	<ul> <li>2.1.5(b): In progress - where a set of recommendations is already identified suggesting methodology but not yet complete.</li> <li>2.1.5(c): This is already done for 2015, however it has been decided this will defer to once a year to take place at Quarter 3 instead so that more time is spend on implementation of solutions rather than on more monitoring.</li> <li>2.1.5(d): Some technologies is already discussed in various forums for controlling pollution in which it will be trialed in one specific community when implementation takes place. However further recommendations is suggested for national sewage system for Tongatapu.</li> </ul>	Waste Authority is taking lead in assisting the project finalizing this activity with the assistance of Geology, Urban Planning and Infrastructure departments. The initial water quality scheduled for Quarter 1 has now been deferred for all heavy duty monitoring activities in Q3, whilst Q1-3 is more focus on implementation on awareness on sanitation, and finalizing demonstration sites. Waste characterization training has taken place with 6 communities to assist with waste clean-up at the marine sites of areas chosen for mangroves rehabilitation. Issues of addressing failed septic system is currently being pursued another sub-sanitation project funded by ADP to confirm which communities in the lagoon that will be assisted, and that the project will only focus on communities with critical issues due to limited budget availability.	3 communities already engaged during the waste training of which over 60+ participants attended, and about 15% where women. This was co-facilitated between Waste Authority and Environment Department.
				2.1.5 (e): Area is already identified, however logistic plans for executing demonstration is still currently being draft and not yet ready.	Site is already identified, the proposal for implementation of the project site is still yet to be completed prior implementation.	

Output 3.1: Increased awareness and appreciation of the ecosystem services of the Fanga'uta Lagoon	Increase awareness of the significance of FL management across multiple stakeholders	• Production of a series of selected awareness and communication materials, which have been disseminated in all relevant Agencies associated with the NECCC as well as in all lagoon villages and the nearby areas of Tongatapu	On track	Activity 3.1 a-h For this quarter it will report on (a-c, e-h)	<ul> <li>Completed</li> <li>In progress</li> <li>Delayed Reason:</li> <li>Activity 3.1.1 a, c, e is currently in progress with regular assessment of communication materials and production using existing structure.</li> <li>Activity 3.1.1b &amp; h is deferred to next quarter as it was not implemented in this quarter.</li> <li>Activity 3.1.1f this is currently pursued with the Ministry's main website.</li> <li>Activity 3.1.1g this is ongoing practice.</li> </ul>	TWG, CMC, PSC as well as the Department of Environment continue to review proposed production of awareness materials in their regular meetings. TV ads (3), short documentaries (4) and TV (2) panel discussions was done in this quarter. Recently since February project contracted with Digicel covers SMS digicel blast to over 500,000 subscribers on Fanga'uta awareness campaigns on a weekly basis. This has led to series of phone calls enquiring more information on the project. Project website has been requested to be included in the Ministry's website, and this is currently being delayed due to the procedurals required with host of the websites. Project also carried out public awareness on its facebook page, TV program, SMS blast on digicel customers and quarterly newsletters and school visit to the project Office.	Same beneficiaries as mentioned above, including 51,850 digicel subscribers, 35 Class 1 students, locals with owned TV/Radio (stats have yet to be confirmed) and 295 followers of facebook page.
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# 2. Financial Management

### **Financial Information Summary**

#### Reporting Period: Quarter 1, 2016

Output	Activities	Source of Funding	Activity Budget (USD)	Expenditure of the current reporting period (USD)	Accumulated Expenditure by the current reporting period (USD)	Delivery Rate of the current reporting period (%)	Accumulated Delivery Rate by the current reporting period (%)
Output 1	1.1	UNDP/GEF	\$51,093	TOP\$17,570.74 USD\$7963.06	USD\$7963.06	15.59	15.59
	1.2	UNDP/GEF	\$83,508	TOP\$60,763.70 USD\$27,538.11	USD\$27,538.11	32.98	32.98
Output 2	2.1	UNDP/GEF	\$550,535	TOP\$275,490.49 USD\$124,852.29	USD\$124,852.29	22.68	22.68
Output 3	3.1	UNDP/GEF	\$18,100	TOP\$10,236.60 USD\$4,639.23	USD\$4,639.23	25.63	25.63
Project Management		UNDP/GEF	\$18126	0	0	0	0
			Total	TOP\$364,061.53 USD\$164,992.69	USD\$164,992.69	22.87	22.87

#### Financial Information Summary (against Project Document / Budget) Reporting Period: 2014-2017 (Year 2016)

Component	Outcome	Source of Funding	Activity Budget (USD)	Accumulated Expenditure of the current reporting year period (USD)	Accumulated Expenditure by previous years (USD)	Delivery Rate of the current reporting year (%)	Accumulated Delivery Rate since start of project (%)
C 1	1.1	GEF/UNDP	\$150,000	\$7,963.06	\$5,484	15.59	8.97
	1.2	GEF/UNDP	\$225,000	\$27,538.11	\$121,831	32.98	66.39
C 2	2.1	GEF/UNDP	\$1,248,220	\$124,852.29	\$473,691	22.68	47.95
C 3	3.1	GEF/UNDP	\$50,000	\$4,639.23	\$8,123	25.63	25.52
C 4	Project Management	GEF/UNDP	\$83,660	0	\$41,746	0	49.9
			Total	\$164,992.69	\$653,562	22.87	46.59

# 3. Project Management and Oversight

(This section should be completed by project in coordination with UNDP)

Briefly assess (<150 words) whether during the reporting period, management and oversight of the project was sufficient to support progress of the project.</p>

Consider the following questions:

- What M&E work was conducted during the reporting period (e.g. data acquisition, mid-term review...)

- How identified risks in the project document or identified during the project are being managed, and did any new risks emerge?

- What significant communications and advocacy efforts have been / are being undertaken in the project?

#### Monitoring and Evaluation

(Update indicators as per project document. Indicate how progress monitoring and acquisition of data from project interventions are being captured and utilized.)

With regards to data acquisition much of this has been established in the first year of project (2015), and therefore this year will be the implementation of solutions to the issues raised from previously. The midterm review of the project has yet to take place, in which it is now proposed towards Quarter 4 of this year. The Monitoring and Evaluation of the project has been done via desktop assistance in several occasions with UNDP Program Analyst and also Regional Technical Specialist. The Project Director and the Technical Working Group closely monitored progress in its monthly meeting.

#### Risk management

(Actual/ anticipated operational, political and environmental risks)

One of the risk observed is the political support/community buy-in for biodiversity conservation and sustainable land management. Presently awareness is being raised with the community on this, however more hands on training is require to as many people as people is needed to change mindset and habits of thoughts to give more care to the mangroves vegetation, waste management and vegetation replanting. This is similar to the issue of complex land tenure arrangements impeding efforts for land rehabilitation. However, in the meantime approach toward this risk is the commitment of individual community members to identify their land as part of the project sites with the risk that they may change their mind for unforeseen reason further down the road of the project. Climate change threats to terrestrial and marine resources is another risk, shared by the people that high sea level is a growing concern for families living along inundated coastline. The project does not have the finance for hard technology to establish permanent foreshores for these vulnerable areas, however, it is making its efforts to identify other relevant projects with similar vision who will take on these vulnerable areas.

#### Communication and advocacy

This is one of the project strength in establish good communications with its stakeholders as well as advocating for the project through various means such as the project facebook page, quarterly newsletter, TV programs, using of TV ads, showcasing short documentaries and efforts to establish a website.

#### Focus on gender equity and equality

(highlight specific activities and achievements)

In viewing the participants of the trainings and workshops, there is a growing number of women participants and youths observed, at around 55% in the various activities of the project carried out from

a total of 500 participants engaged. Although this suggests imbalance in gender, what is observed that those at the forefront moving people to care for the environment are the women, even hence the reason for why there are many more of them. It is recognized there is a growing number of women's group involving with eco-tourism efforts, mangroves replanting and tree planting, whilst more men are interested with marine monitoring and water quality monitoring. In the higher level of management there are more men engaged, but implementation of grassroots activities women are the ones taking the lead.

#### 4. Management Responses and Recommendations

(To be completed by project in coordination with UNDP)

- Update on the implementation of audit, Spot Check recommendations & management responses to project evaluation
- Highlight if there is any key issue that requires the attention of management / steering committee in the next quarter.

1. Request for an efficient mechanism to quickly approves activity proposal of which its expense is more than \$50,000. Presently all proposals are submitted to PMU to review, and then Submit to the Technical Committee for its approval. The more expensive proposal requested for the immediate attention of the Project Steering Committee of which now has a Sub-Committee that can be on call for urgent meeting to address immediate issues.

2. To consider having additional staff to the Project Management Unit to assist with monitoring and overseeing work on the ground. The project currently engages 93 government staff of which ranges between 60 at most at busy quarters in utilizing to assist with technical skilled work, as well as managing the activities and needs occurring at 26 communities to expand from 4 staff to additional 2 more to the staff.

# 5. Annex/s

(Example of annexes attached to the report as the following, more annexes can be added as appropriate)

- Combined Delivery Report (provided by UNDP)
- Draft Quarterly Work Plan for the following quarter
- Accumulated list of other detailed project information (financial details, activity report, maps, brochures, M&E report, field visit reports, media, news, internet etc).
- Faceform for next quarter advance request

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