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TCAP PROJECT UPDATE TO NACC – 26th JULY 2018

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Project Name: Tuvalu Coastal Adaptation Project (TCAP)

Reporting period: JUNE – JULY 2018

Background

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP- Pacific Office) in partnership with the Government of Tuvalu is directly implementing the Green Climate Fund (GCF) funded Tuvalu Coastal Adaptation Project (TCAP) which was signed in June 2017; and officially launched on the 30th of August 2017.

The TCAP Project's **main objective** is *to reduce the vulnerability of three islands of Tuvalu (Funafuti, Nanumea and Nanumaga) to the impacts of climate-induced sea level rise and intensifying storm events on their key coastal infrastructures.*

Key Activities by Outputs (*What activities been implemented during this period*)

<p><u>Output 1: Strengthening of institutions, human resources, awareness and knowledge for resilient coastal management</u></p>

Activity 1.1. Technical capacity, knowledge and awareness of the Government and community strengthened for coastal monitoring, protection and maintenance of coastal protection infrastructure

- Capacity Needs Assessment Consultant accepted and signed contract to commence in August 2018.
- Completed a Joint DRD/TCAP Finance and Procurement training for DRD staffs, Kaupule Treasury staffs from OIs and Funafuti and gov't partners -first week of July

Activity 1.2. Long-term national human resource capacity and awareness enhanced for sustainable coastal protection

- *Travel logistics for TCAP sponsored scholarship awardees has been finalized.* Ms Tanu Sume departed the country on 28th June to pursue BSc in Geospatial Science at the University of South Australia, Adelaide.



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Mr Palakua Vaolilo Sakaio departed Funafuti on the 30th July to pursue a BSc in Civil Engineering at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

Output 2: Vulnerability of key coastal infrastructure including homes, schools, hospitals and other assets is reduced against wave induced damages in Funafuti, Nanumea and Nanumaga

Activity 2.1. Coastal protection design, site-specific assessments and Environmental and Social Impact Assessments undertaken in all islands in a participatory manner

- Recruitment of Environmental Social Safeguards Specialist for TCAP - selection of the consultant has been finalized.
- Mr Kilifi O'brien (local consultant) won the consultancy and official notification has relayed to Mr O'brien. Due date for acceptance of contract offer is 29th June 2018 and date of contract activation is 9th July 2018.
- Negotiations between UNDP and SPC to produce integrated (social + biophysical) island reports on coastal vulnerability is still ongoing – still preparing paper works to consider the views of stakeholders and gov't interest in land reclamations in Fongafale.
- Will provide update/progress in next meeting.

Activity 2.2. Coastal protection measures implemented

- None of the coastal works on setting up coastal protection measures have been implemented. Coastal works will commence once the island specific assessment reports have been submitted and approved by CGF.
- Draft TOR for Coastal Engineer has been drafted and is on standby for any final directions from the wider TCAP technical team on when to advertise for the consultant vacancy.

Output 3: A sustainable financing mechanism established for long-term adaptation efforts



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Activity 3.1. All Islands Strategic Plans and annual budgets integrate island-specific climate risks through existing gender sensitive, participatory processes.

- TOR for Island Strategic Planning Consultant (a 6 months contract already advertised through UNDP online portal and submission will be closed by end of July 2018. Vacancy has been shared with relevant online networks in Tuvalu.

Activity 3.2. Capacity of Kaupules, Falekaupules and community members strengthened for monitoring coastal adaptation investments

- PMU/DRD will deliver Finance, Procurement and M&E training for Kaupule Treasury personnel and DRD staffs in July
- TCAP is working in close collaboration with CCPDCU to identify and address potential conflicting and duplicating works.
Eg: TSF and PBCRG procedures; Primary School Curriculum Change, mainstreaming of CC related adaptation measures during Kaupules ISP planning process.

Project Management

- Development of microsite for TCAP completed and awaiting final comments from PMU UNDP and CCPDCU (to be consolidated by NPM) by the 9th July.
- Official appointment letter for TCAP project board (as an action item from 2nd PB meeting) was shared to CCPDCU on 20th June for onward pass to OPM. (Need update from CCPDCU)
- Mr Alan Resture has been recruited as a short-term project management consultant in mid July to provide supporting roles to TCAP PMU based in Tuvalu. Duration of contract is for one month.
- Advertisement for Communication Officer - advertised for the third time (July) due to no interested local (Tuvalu nationals) applicants. Call for application was closed on the 23rd July and received 4 applications.
- TCAP's 3rd Project Board Meeting is expected to be held in first week of November, 2018.

Expected tasks to be completed next month (August)

- ESS for TCAP to commence stakeholders' consultations
- Recruitment of Communication Officer's vacancy and recruitment



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