QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT QUARTER 1. 2020

PROJECT TITLE: TUVALU COASTAL ADAPTATION PROJECT

PROJECT NUMBER: 00100068

Applicable Output(s) from the SRPD (2018-2022):

ATLAS Output ID: 00103205

PIMs ID Number: 5699

Implementing Partners: UNDP

PART 1: DESCRIBE THE KEY ACTIVITY RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THIS QUARTER:

RESULTS RESOURCE FRAMEWORK QUARTETLY PROGRESS (**In some projects, Outputs in Project Documents are equivalent to Activity Results level in ATLAS)

1. Project Implementation and Results

The Project Board approved at its meeting in October 2019, the 2020 AWP for the project. Total budget for 2020 was originally estimated at USD\$8.7 million, but after some revisions, it went down to USD\$6,239,406. Budget for the first quarter 2020 was \$524,764 for all outputs. Again, after some revisions and some unforeseen circumstances, the budget decreased to \$84,456 for Q1, 2020.

This Q1 progressive report is the first of its kind for the project. It highlights the outputs achieved, activities implemented, and challenges encountered and risks arising that cause the delays and hinders the progress of the project. Lessons learnt will also be highlighted.

Summary of achievements

- Five students received scholarships from the project to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies under Output 1. Two students will study for their undergraduate degrees while three students will pursue Masters degrees. In February 2020, Simon Willy took up his award at the University of the South Pacific, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Geospatial Science and Environmental Science. The remaining students will pick up their studies next year at Australian universities due to unforeseen circumstances.
- 2. Photocopiers for the Curriculum Development Unit and Motufoua Secondary School were procured and delivered to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MEYS) in January as part of the project's assistance to capacity development in the country (Activity 1.3.1).
- 3. The Coastal Engineer, CTA and Project Manager met in February in Suva and approved the final conceptual design to be presented to island communities (Funafuti, Nanumea, Nanumaga) in March when the team consult with communities.
- 4. Despite shipping challenges, the Department of Local Government and the TCAP team chartered the government patrol boat MS Mataili to drop them to Nanumea and Nanumaga in mid-March to carry out Kaupule training on climate financing and mainstreaming climate change into their Island Strategic Planning. Due to the declaration of the State of Emergency for Tuvalu, the Mataili and the team were recalled to Funafuti, and were not able to carry out training on Nanumaga.
- 5. A letter of consent from the Nanumea Island Chief was given to the project, agreeing to let the project use sand from the southern end of the island for the BTB.

2. Issues and Challenges

Travel to Tuvalu's outer islands has been extremely challenging to arrange at the best of times. Vessel mechanical failures, unplanned changes in schedules and occurrence of tropical cyclones have all culminated to delay PMU outer island travel. The PMU, contracted design engineer and contracted ESIA team had been planning travel to the outer islands since the last quarter 2019 however this has been continually delayed and pushed back due to reasons beyond our control. Finally, in March 2020 a special charter was arranged to the outer island and PMU staff all travelled to Funafuti in preparation to board the vessel, before they could board Covid 19 travel restrictions started to come into play. Our Australian Engineer was advised to return to Australia immediately and likewise the Fiji based (SPC) ESIA team.

Our TCAP Tuvalu and Fiji based PMU team including the LoCAL consultant continued with the voyage and successfully delivered their work on Nanumea but the trip was then cancelled by the local Tuvaluan authorities (due to Covid 19 emergency measures) before the Team could reach Nanumaga.

This is a hugely frustrating and costly delay; the Project has been continually frustrated in our attempts to travel to the outer islands and now this charter has also been cut short. A follow up trip which includes the design engineer and ESIA team is required at the earliest possible opportunity. Otherwise, adequate interaction was achieved on Nanumea on some tasks, and the PMU managed to gain acceptance from the Island Council for the final TCAP infrastructure designs, agreement to use storm deposits on island for the building of the BTB's and agreement regarding the location (footprint) of the BTB's. The performance base grants training was also carried out successfully on Nanumea.

At this time:

- Presentation and approvals for the proposed infrastructure work on Nanumaga is delayed.
- The ESIA's for both Nanumea and Nanumaga are delayed.
- The finalization of Engineering design on both islands will be delayed.
- The Performance Based Grant's training on Nanumaga is delayed.
- The finalization of Engineering design and ESIA in Funafuti is also delayed.

These delays are incurred namely due to Covid19 travel restrictions and we cannot at this time provide better guidance on when restrictions may be lifted.

Table 1: List of completed activities and corresponding outputs and outcomes

Description of Activities	Activities completed	Corresponding Output	Corresponding Outcome

3. Emerging Risks

- Due to the outbreak of the Corona pandemic, the project may run into the risk of activities being delayed. Mobilisation of PMU and project staff would be restricted, and there will certainly be delays in international travel.
- Short-term trainings under Output 1, where consultants are required to visit Tuvalu for one week to carry out in-house trainings are now on hold.
- Inter-island travel is also an emerging risk, since the country has only one sea-worthy vessel, the MV Nivaga. The Manufolau has been at the wharf since late last year and it has been announced by the Minister of Communication that the inter-island trips has been reduced to once a month until further notice. This will pose some serious issues as the project will certainly delay its outer islands visits.

PART 2: PLANNED ACTIVITES FOR SECOND QUARTER 2020

The activities planned for Q2, 2020 are:

- (i) Revision of scholarship workplan for MEYS and HRM (Sub-activity 1.2.1). The scholarship workplan for both MEYS and HRM was initially scheduled for March, but the officer designated to do this, Mike Ravono was recalled on the last flight out of the country due to the corona outbreak and the closing of borders to Tuvalu. This activity is now scheduled for the second quarter of 2020.
- (ii) Recruitment of Safeguard specialist in April 2020. The consultant will work closely with the project to:
 - a. Support ESIA process for the 3 project islands of Nanumea, Nanumaga & Funafuti
 - b. Update the SESP and ESMP
 - c. Advise stakeholders and partners on GoT, GCF and UNDP safeguard requirements
 - d. Develop a Grievance Redress Mechanism Document
 - e. Develop Safeguards Compliance Monitoring templates
 - f. Provide Quarterly audits with audit reports
 - g. Write Annual SESP and Compliance Monitoring Reports
 - h. Submit Field Mission Reports
- (iii) Recruitment of Maritime expert. The Maritime expert will assist the project with the identification of suitable companies/firms/consultants to carry out the actual construction of protection measures on the 3 project sites.
- (iv) Review of the ISP under Output 3.1. Plans to have project islands of Nanumea, Nanumaga, and Funafuti review their Island Strategic Plans under Output 3, Activity 3.1 is planned for the 2nd Ouarter, given the availability of local government vessel.
- (v) Tendering of Expressions of Interest

PART 3: PARTNERSHIP

PART 4: RISK and ASSUMPTIONS

Update the *Risk Log* on this section.

PART 5: KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

PART 6: KEY LESSONS LEARNT AND CHALLENGES

PART 7: SUSTAINABILITY AND SCALING UP

PART 8: QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

PART 9: LIST OF EVIDENCE PROVIDED AS ANNEX

PART 10: QUALITY ASSUARANCE

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