

	United Nations Development Programme Pacific Office	BACK TO OFFICE REPORT (BTOR)	
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1. Practice Area: RESPAC Project, Pacific Office 2. Service Line(s): Climate Early Warning, Disaster Preparedness and Recovery			
3. Mission Period (incl. of travel days):			
From: 9 December 2019		To: 21 December 2019	
4. Type of Service/Mission	5. Client(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy <input type="checkbox"/> Analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Advice <input type="checkbox"/> Programme / Technical Backstopping <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Technical Consultations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training / Capacity Development <input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify):	Fiji Meteorological Services Kiribati Meteorological Services Solomon Islands Meteorological Services Nauru Emergency Services		
6. Purpose of Mission:	7. Documents, Materials, Resources from Mission		
Mission to Nadi	- Agenda for the 1 week Basic Forecasters Training		
8. Mission Member(s) (include consultants if any) Navin Bhan – Associate Project Manager (APM) – RESPAC	9. Cost (for RCC staff only) Air ticket = USD200 DSA and Terminals = USD1,000		
10. Brief Summary of the Mission:			
10A. Findings			
Himawari-Satellite Aid Training (December 9 – 13, 2019)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in collaboration with the Japanese Meteorological Agency (JMA) conducted the Himawari Satellite Aid Training from December 9th to 13th. - UNDP was requested to fund the training of 1 Forecaster from Vanuatu (Mr. Fred Jockley), 1 Forecaster from Kiribati (Mwata Keariki), 1 participant from Nauru (Mr. Graymea Ika) and 1 participant from Solomons (Mr. Gregory Auwakea). In addition, Mr. Tiban Teanaki, IT Officer from the Kiribati Meteorological Services (KMS) also participated in this week-long training. - RESPAC was requested to fund the participant from Cook Islands given that the request to participate was relayed late and there was a last-minute change, JICA requested UNDP to purchase the Air Ticket for the Cook Islands participant. The - The final report for this training can be obtained from the Fiji Met Services or the JMA. 			
Basic Forecasters Training (December 16 – 21,2019)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the Himawari Sat Aid Training, it was deemed by the RESPAC Manager to have the trainees have a one-week attachment training with the Nadi Forecasting Center. This was deemed important as the Nadi Office covers most of the Pacific Region and is the accredited center responsible for cyclone tracking. - The following 8 officers from 4 countries participated in this training: - Ms. Glenda Pakoa – Vanuatu - Ms. Mwata Keariki, Ms. Teerra Tetam and Mr. Tiban Teannaki from Kiribati. - Mr Gregory Auwakea and Mr. Manoa Tepah from the Solomons Met Service. 			

- Mr. Graymea Ika and Mr. Ricky Joram from Nauru.
- A schedule of training attachment was developed on Monday 16th in a meeting in the Climate Office. Mr Stephen Meke who is the Officer in Charge for the Forecasting was happy with the allocation of trainees on the rotational shift basis so that it gave the trainees more time with the forecasters.
- The first trainees to be attached with the forecasters were Mr. Graymea Ika and Mr. Ricky Joram from Nauru.

Site Visit to the Rarawai Field Sector Office (December 19, 2019)

- The regional trainees were briefed on the AWS, basically how it records data from the sensors and how these data is transferred to the FMS HQ. The importance of these data for the daily usage for forecasting and also for climate early warning systems was also highlighted. The maintenance of AWS was also discussed for accurate and reliable data.
- The background and the history for the Rarawai station was also highlighted since the station is recording from 1905.
- The team also went to SIRIF sector office to see the works carried out and the importance of weather and climate for their needs.

Farewell Dinner combined with FMS staff function

- A combined dinner and farewell function was held on the 21st as a gesture to the departing trainees and thank you to the trainers.
- The function was held at the Melanesian Hotel and the FMS Staff and Social Committee was contracted by RESPAC to do the catering.

10B. Results Achieved (concrete outputs)

Even though the training was a very basic attachment, feedback was very positive as the technology and equipment at the Nadi Weather Forecasting Center is far more advanced than other regional NMHS. Hence participants were exposed to something new which improved their knowledge and skills.

10C. Expected Outcome(s) and Impact

The expected outcome of this training is to ensure that all forecasters in the region are aware of the capabilities and reporting structures at the Nadi Weather Forecasting Center. This knowledge will be quite handy when there is a period of bad or inclement weather.

11. Key counterpart (s) and persons you met in each location and their contact details:

Name:

Kiribati Meteorological Services

Mr. Mwata Keariki – Forecaster, Kiribati Met Services

Mr. Tiban Teanaki – IT Officer

Mr. Teera Tetam - Forecaster

Vanuatu Meteorological and Geo-Hazards Division

Mr. Fred Jockely – Head of Forecasting

Ms. Glenda Pakoa – Climate Officer

Nauru Emergency Services

Mr. Graymea Ika – NES

Mr. Ricky Joram - NES

Solomon Islands Meteorological Services

Mr. Gregory Auwakea – Forecaster

Mr Manoah Tepa - Forecaster

Contact Information:

12. Follow-up Action Matrix

12.1 Disaster Resilience for Pacific SIDs (RESPAC)

Actions to be taken	By Whom	Expected Completion Date
Follow up individual reports on the Basic Forecasters Workshop	Navin Bhan	13 January

13. Distribution List (BTOR sent to): Internal Clients: - RESD Group Email, MET Directors