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# Quarterly Project Progress Report

Name of Project: Nauru Ridge to Reef

Date of report: 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

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## ***Instruction box and instruction notes under each heading - please delete before final submission***

- ❖ *These text box guidelines are not exhaustive, nor do you have to answer each question. They are a guide only and should complement other relevant information identified by the project team.*
- ❖ *Not all headings/tables will be relevant to your project. Delete/amend/supplement as necessary.*
- ❖ *Keep your narrative as succinct as possible. Try to keep the report main text within **8-10 pages**.*
- ❖ *Think of this report as an important **management and learning tool** and use this to guide discussions with partners and to inform any necessary activity adjustments. **Focus your report on RESULTS. Demonstrate project's value addition.***
- ❖ *The QPR should also serve as a justification for the upcoming budget request and activity plans.*
- ❖ *The report should be produced in close timely submission the next quarterly work plan*
- ❖ *Strategies to accelerate delivery (if delayed) should probably be a key activity in the next quarterly plan*
- ❖ *The report should be submitted together with FACE form and other supporting documents to request for advance settlement of previous quarters and request for new advance. The late submission of this Quarterly Progress Report may result in new advances being withheld.*
- ❖ *One copy of the report should be shared with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation for their information}.*

## **Basic Project Information**

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

The R2R Nauru Project is a national project developed to support the goal of the Pacific Islands National Priorities Multi-Focal Area 'Ridge-to-Reef' Program (Pacific Islands R2R Program) to "maintain

*and enhance Pacific Island countries’ ecosystem goods and services (provisioning, regulating, supporting and cultural) through integrated approaches to land, water, forest, biodiversity and coastal resource management that contribute to poverty reduction, sustainable livelihoods and climate resilience”.*

The goals of the *R2R Nauru Project* will be achieved through four specific interventions that will operate in an interconnected manner at national and district levels (community levels). Specific component of the *R2R Nauru Project* are (i) Improved management effectiveness of new Locally Managed Marine Areas- LMMAs (Marine Conservation Areas), (ii) Integrated landscape management practices adopted by local communities living within the ‘bottom-side’, and applicable ‘ridge’, and ‘topside’ areas not covered by mining, (iii) Biodiversity conservation and sustainable land management mainstreamed in policy and regulatory frameworks, and (iv) Knowledge management.

This program is designed to build stronger linkages between sustainable development and management of freshwater ecosystems (e.g. ground water systems for Nauru) and coastal/marine areas and promotes the implementation of holistic, integrated management of the nation’s natural resources. The *R2R Nauru Project* will deliver its community outputs through the development of pilot sites located in five (5) districts of Nauru, which include; Ananbar, Anibare, Ijuw, Menen and Buada.

Project Title:	
UNDP Award ID	00084678
UNDP Project ID	00092583
Project Duration	48 months
Reporting Period	
Implementing Partners	CIE, NFMRA
National collaborating agencies	
Other UN/International collaborating agencies	
Cost-sharing third parties	
UNDP Programme Officer/Programme Analyst	
Please insert 2-3 most meaningful photos relevant to the reporting period	

## 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 and Nauru Country Programme 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.*
- ❖ *Provide details on key Output/Activity during the reporting period in below table. Please add Output/activities as per QWP/AWP*

Nauru R2R commenced implementation in the month of January 2016. The Inception Workshop was conducted in the month of February with five staff on board the Project Management Unit; Advisor (UNV), Coordinator (national), Finance and Admin Officer (UNV), Land use Officer (UNV) and LMMA officer (UNV). The Advisor and the Land use Officer Contracts were prematurely terminated due to personal reasons.



*Photo by Ms Shoko Takemoto: Nauru R2R Inception Workshop 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2016*

Setting up and confirming institutional arrangements bilateral and community meetings/consultations were conducted which includes the Inception, the first Board Meeting (Feb), Community Based Organization Leaders' Meeting (March), community awareness consultation (April), the first meeting for the Technical Working Group (April) and frequently with national implementing partners.



*Photo by PMU: Ijuw District Community Consultation*



*Photo by PMU: Anabar District Community Consultation*

The project advanced an amount of AUD167, 340.60 on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February and was able to spend 80% of it by August. The implementation of activities planned for the 2016 were delayed due to many reasons which includes administration bottlenecks due to unfamiliarity and limited capacity to implement the big targets planned.

The project has completed the recruitment process of three nationals, to take up the positions of Finance Admin, Land use and the Communication Officers, and in the process of recruiting the Coordinator and the LMMA Officers.

The project is progressing to meeting its annual targets set for 2016 which are stepping stones to achieving the overall objective and are detailed in the table below.

## 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)

<b>OUTPUT</b> <i>In line with QWP/AWP</i>	<b>INDICATOR QWP</b>	<b>TARGET</b>	<b>STATUS OF TARGET</b> <i>(Achieved, On Track or Off Track)</i>	<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES</b> <i>List all activities to be undertaken during the period as stated in QWP/AWP</i>	<b>ACTIVITY PROGRESS TO DATE</b> <i>Detailed explanation. Provide justification if delayed and new schedule planned and provide response strategy</i>	<b>RESULTS ACHIEVED</b> <i>Describe concrete, key results (policy, publication, key event etc.) achieved so far, vis-à-vis the specific targets set in the QWP/AWP</i>	<b>BENEFICIARY</b> <i>Approximate number of beneficiaries reached by project activities (disaggregated by sex/age), etc.</i>
<b>Output1</b> Improved management effectiveness of new marine conservation areas	Agreement between Government and DCC on LMMA establishment management	4 agreements with 4 coastal districts	On track to be achieved Q4 2016	Activity 1.1.1.1 Recruited a Legal Fisheries Advisor to review the regulatory framework for community based management and develop necessary mechanism-Coastal Fisheries Act with first stakeholder consultation scheduled for 27 <sup>th</sup> September. Activity 1.1.1.2 Ongoing meetings and consultations with communities building awareness and the need to have the agreement in place Activity 1.1.1.1./1.1.1.2 A MMA Planning Specialist been recruited Sept-Oct to develop and endorse agreements.	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: Depending on the recruitment of the Marine Managed Area Planning Specialist	<b>Three reports developed resulted from the consultations. The reports consisted of issues related to managing the communities' marine resources.</b>	

	Ecosystem health survey identifying priority sites for protection and management	Important marine biodiversity protected through zoning plans	On track- Baselines are been collected and collated complemented by survey	<p>Activity 1.1.1.3</p> <p>a) Ongoing survey of artisanal catch and biological sampling of soldier spp.</p> <p>b) A survey conducted under National Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority using the transect method from 5<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September. It was conducted with the assistance of 2 Fisheries Technical Assistants from Fiji and Kiribati's departments of Fisheries.</p> <p>c) Initiating resource mapping with communities.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed <i>Reason:</i> <i>Awaiting the recruitment of the GIS DATA</i>	<p>Ongoing data collection of per catch (CREEL)</p> <p>Biological sampling of 5 soldiers species ongoing for the past 12 months</p> <p>52 sites of 50 meters lengths being surveyed using the transect methodology</p>	
	Development of island level (national) based / CCA / LMMA Plan	National LMMA plan prepared and adopted	On track - In the preliminary phase of collecting information through literature and survey	<p>Activity 1.1.2.1</p> <p>a) Community Awareness consultations are ongoing where project collected issues and possible solutions as the basis of the plans.</p> <p>b) Technical Support Officers are been recruited to assist project implement activities at the district level</p> <p>Activity 1.1.2.5</p> <p>a) Data has been collected as summarized above in activity 1.1.1.3</p> <p>b) The procurement of FADs are in progress and NFMRA continues to collect data from</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed <i>Reason:</i>	<p>A draft matrix of issues and solutions have been developed for each community</p> <p>Procurement conditions have been satisfied, 20 canoes been procured with 20 FADs awaiting payments.</p>	

				<p>deployed FADs</p> <p>c) Procurement of canoes completed and awaiting shipment</p>			
	Implementation of District level LMMA action Plans	4 Management Plans developed and implemented for each selected Districts	On track according to plan	<p>Activity 1.1.2.3</p> <p>Depending on the development of island level plans and the development of the Coastal Fisheries Activity 1.1.2.4</p> <p>Issues and lessons are been collected through past experiences of implementing community programs and plans.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason:</i>	<b>Reports of consultations and minutes of meetings capturing issues and lessons.</b>	
<b>Output 2</b>	Baselines for land-use plan and terrestrial environmental management established.	National assessment completed with detailed 5 district terrestrial profiles	Baselines are been collected The socio-economic survey is an important initial step however delayed.	<p>Activity 2.1.1.1</p> <p>a) Collection of baseline using secondary data and primary is ongoing.</p> <p>b) The project is supporting work under Foreign Affairs and Secretariat of the Pacific to conduct a desktop review on integrated land use planning.</p> <p>c) Working with national counterpart Nauru Bureau of Statistics to define the parameters for the socio-economic survey</p> <p>d) Drafting a ToR for the socio-economic Survey designer to be recruited by November 2016</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason: Lack of Capacity of the Unit to initiate and execute the processes.</i>	<p><b>Draft Terms of Reference been shared by Department of Foreign Affairs</b></p> <p><b>Draft ToR for the Survey Designer</b></p> <p><b>List of parameters and Survey templates of similar surveys been collected to be collated by Survey Expert.</b></p>	

	1 Integrated land-use plan	Island-wide integrated agriculture land-use plans developed with special focus on priority districts	On track-in the preliminary stages of collecting baselines and building awareness	<p>Activity 2.1.2</p> <p>a) Communities were consulted on issues affecting the management and conservation of terrestrial environment in their communities.</p> <p>b) A training on Integrated Vulnerability Assessment and Community Mapping Tool kit using QGIS was conducted 5<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September. The maps produced will be improved and populated over the next three months finalizing district profiles.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason: Lack of Capacity of the Unit to initiate and execute the processes. LMMA Officer fill in however not extensive</i>	<p><b>5 preliminary district GIS maps been developed.</b></p> <p><b>Completed Report appended</b></p>	
				<p>Activity 2.1.3</p> <p>a) Procurement of basic agricultural tools, shovels, spades, generator, wood chipper, chainsaws, etc</p> <p>b) Set up a training center at the Buada Nursery to train participants on planting, composting skills</p> <p>c) Working with FAO Technical Corporation Project on Acquiring seeds and shootings from local residents</p> <p>d) Initiate discussion with CePacT SPC on introducing resilient crops</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason: The heavy tool machineries were delayed due to Financial Processes to follow require time.</i>	<p><b>Basic agricultural tools, tables and chairs for the training center procured.</b></p> <p><b>Heavy machineries/tools procured and are been transported to Nauru.</b></p> <p><b>A list of preferable crops</b></p>	



						have been developed and yet to be finalized.	
<b>Output 3</b>	Number of policies developed for key sectors incorporating R2R considerations	By year 4 sectoral plans/strategies developed e.g. Waste Management; Integrated Agriculture Land Use; NBSAP implementation ; Environmental & Social Safeguards Policy & Guidelines	On Track- Preliminary Phase	Activity 3.1.1 a) Fisheries Legal Expert has been engaged to develop the Fisheries Coastal Act. b) A Terms of Reference has been developed for an Environment Social Policy Expert. The expert was to develop an Integrated Environment Policy for Nauru and provide recommendations for the Enforcement Act.	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: Awaiting recruitment of the IC.	<b>Work program and schedule for delivery of outputs finalized for the Legal expert</b>  <b>Senior Advisor- Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and Guidelines been recruited</b>	
<b>Output 4</b>	Number of Databases developed for DCIE	1 (integrated database)	On Track- Preliminary planning phase	Activity 4.1.1 A GIS/Data Management Expert is been recruited to train, national officers in respective implementing sectors, and set up and centralize geographical information from previous and current projects' efforts	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason:	<b>Recruitment in progress</b>	
	Number of training courses conducted on database setup & maintenance	4 (1per year)	On track	Activity 4.1.1.2 A training was conducted on QGIS toolkit targeting Communities as mentioned in activity 2.1.1.2. It is the basis for communities to review, develop and complete district profiles.	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<b>Stakeholders trained and developed 5 district maps</b>	

					<i>Reason:</i>		
	Number of Community members receiving information on R2R management and taking action to enhance environment	500 households		Two rounds of district communities' consultations, community leaders' meetings, the poster contest for primary and secondary students, a team building and awareness program- flash mob dance, training on IVA & Community Mapping using QGIS Toolkit, radio and news updates regarding R2R activities.	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed <i>Reason</i>	<b>Around 120 households consulted and engaged in the project's activities and consultation with a plan to increase this number.</b>	
	Number of knowledge products, including best practices, produced on all thematic areas, disseminated through various media	12 (3 per year)		<p>A poster contest was conducted from the 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August and were launched on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. A total of more than 100 posters collected from Primary and Secondary students.</p> <p>A team building and awareness program was organized by the project to support the launching of the poster on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. The event was a success which reach out to an audience of more than 400 people, inclusive of women, disable and vulnerable and children.</p> <p>A terms of reference was developed to engage a local video production company to produce two awareness video regarding the team building exercise and the reflection story of R2R from Jan-Oct 2016.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed  <i>Reason:</i> <i>The Communication Officer has just joined the Unit in end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Q. Awaiting the recruitment of Communication Advisor.</i>	<b>More than 100 posters collected with 6 finalists selected- develop a Collage</b>  <b>T.A Video Productionz company been engaged to produced 2 communication material; flash mob dance and R2R Reflection awareness video.</b>	

## 2. Financial Management

- ❖ Provide a summary of key financial information using the tables below as a guide. Put detailed information in an annex if necessary.
- ❖ Please add Output/Activity as per QWP/AWP. If required, provide additional information (eg list specific activities funded by the donor's contribution).

### Financial Information Summary (against valid AWP)

(first 4 columns can be pre-filled and project will report remaining columns.)

#### Reporting Period:

Output	Activities	Source of Funding	Activity Budget (USD)	Expenditure of the current reporting period (USD)	Accumulated Expenditure by current reporting period (USD)	Delivery Rate of the current reporting period (%)	Accumulated Delivery Rate by current reporting period (%)
Outcome 1.1: Improved management effectiveness of Locally Managed Marine Areas(LMMAs)	<p>Output 1.1.1.Support a review of the proposed marine regulatory framework for community based management of coastal areas and elicit DCC feedback into the process (linked to 3.1.1).</p> <p>Completed an island wide marine ecosystem health surveys with a focus on coral cover, fish and invertebrate abundance and other related.</p> <p>Community consultations on the management issues for each LMMA and development of specific key approaches and actions to address the management challenges</p>	GEF	513, 698	263,748	263,748	63	63

	Output 1.1.2 Gather data on inshore resource utilisation/catch and compare fishing pressure on resources when FADs are deployed in each of the project pilot communities feeding back into implementation of LMMA Management Plan (link to 4.1.1)						
Outcome 2.1: Integrated landscape management practices adopted by local communities living within the 'bottom-side', and applicable 'ridge', and 'topside' areas not covered by mining	Output 2.1.1. Collect and review biophysical, demographic, and socioeconomic parameters including site specific land use and ownership pattern for the 5 R2R pilot districts (to be linked with Activity 1.1.2.6) Develop district "terrestrial" profiles based on the studies in 2.1.1.1 and land ownership pattern for the 5 R2R pilot districts		316, 421	38,308	38,308	12	12
	Output 2.1.2 Review current information, district profiles with DCC and local stakeholders and review the implementation of existing plan						

	Output 2.1.3 Further expand the production capability of the government plant nurseries to improve production and distribution of stocks of suitable trees						
Outcome 3.1: Biodiversity conservation and SLM mainstream in policy and regulatory frameworks	Output 3.1.1 Review and develop Fisheries Act. Regulation and Law with NFMRA(link to component 1)		104,549	8,208	8,208	8	8
Outcome 4.1 Integrate data and information on biodiversity and sustainable land management and relevant sectors on the Environment; provide inputs to the regional R2R program on monitoring and progress reporting on the Pacific R2R program	Output 4.1.1 Develop and deliver capacity building and training to relevant staff to increase knowledge, skills, and capacity associated with data base systems with in DCIE (Community Mapping using QGIS Toolkit)		32,818	375	375	1	1
	Output 4.1.2 Develop and deliver communication and knowledge products developed on all thematic areas associated with the R2R project						
		<b>Total</b>	1,008,143	353,524	353,524	41	41

**Financial Information Summary** (against Project Document / Budget)

Reporting Period:

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	Improved management effectiveness of new marine conservation areas.	GEF	1,312,525	263,746	263,746		
C 2	Integrated landscape management practices adopted by local communities living within the 'bottom-side', and applicable 'ridge', and 'topside' areas not covered by mining.	GEF	765,310	38,308	38,308		
C3	Biodiversity conservation and SLM mainstream in policy and regulatory frameworks	GEF	334,095	8,208	8,208		
C4	Integrate data and information on biodiversity and sustainable land management and relevant sectors on the Environment; provide inputs to the regional R2R program on monitoring and progress reporting on the Pacific R2R program	GEF	107,428	375	375		
<b>Total</b>			2,644,358	353,524	353,524		



Photo 1: IVA & QGIS Community Training Program



Photo 2: Signing of Agreement between EUGCCA (PACE) & CIE (R2R).



Photo 3: Students of Yaren Primary School- Poster Awareness



Photo 4: The arrival of project car, Nissan Navarra.



Photo 5: Group Photo at the opening of IVA & QGIS Community Training



Photo 6: The wet lab under construction for biological sampling at NFMRA

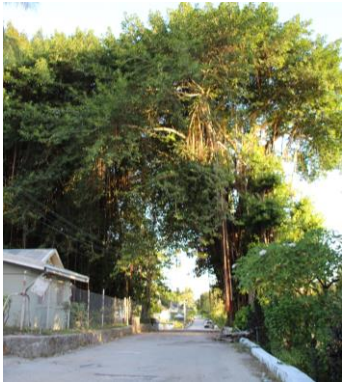


Photo 7: Tall canopies at Deniq, expats residence.



Photo 8: Boe District towards the Port Harbor capturing the Ram & the passage.



Photo 9: Posters that won the awards for their creativity

### 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.*

The unexpected departure of the UN Volunteers, PMU Advisor in the first quarter and the Land Use Officer in the second quarter, was critical in disabling the project from delivering as anticipated.

In the absence of the PMU advisor much of the needed direction fell on the Project Coordinator whose eventual termination stagnated progress even further, delaying the use of first quarter advance.

The replacement PMU advisor commenced at the beginning of second quarter.

The remaining staff were comprised of two expatriate UNV's - the Finance/ Admin Officer and the LMMA Officer whose continued presence enabled the implementation of planned activities under Outcome One<sup>1</sup> for first and second quarters under the direction of the PMU advisor who was also appointed Interim Project Coordinator for the third quarter.

By the end of Quarter three 2 out of 4 local appointments had been confirmed. They were the Land Use officer and the Communications officer. At the time of this report the local Finance/ Admin officer and the Project Coordinator were yet to be appointed.

Critical and timely remedial actions by the UNDP helped propel the implementation of several key activities at the close of the third quarter.

- **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Several lead and lag indicators have been achieved and several are active work in progress. The following briefly highlights some key foundational activities.

Development of a detailed work plan from the results framework and aligning it to the multiyear work plan that allows PMU to track and monitor performance.

Project continues to gather baselines through community consultations, literature reviews, discussions/meetings with partners and stakeholders NFMRA, DoA, Water Unit (CIE). International Consultants are being recruited to assess baselines in the various sectors of Ridge to Reef. To date only the Fisheries legal expert has been recruited in June with work commencing in October.

For long term monitoring, the project, in partnership with the Nauru Bureau of Statistics, is planning to conduct a Socio economic survey. This survey is aimed at collecting gathering more baselines to review activities and monitoring impact of project interventions with the use of a data management tool AKVO.

- **Risk management**

(Actual/ anticipated operational, political and environmental risks)

Operational - The biggest initial Operational threat was posed by the high turnover of personnel during the first and second quarters. This has been detailed earlier. Timely facilitation of the recruitment of key positions cushioned any anticipated associated risk.

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<sup>1</sup> Improved management effectiveness of Locally Managed Marine Areas(LMMAs)



There was a real and significant grievance raised by one of the pilot sites concerning the project's ability to meet planned targets as expected. There was a reported sense of division which could be attributed to the absence of a Project Coordinator.

Low commitment from communities was evident in the first workshop but vigorous community engagement was done to raise awareness focusing on environment related issues and how R2R approach may provide a leeway for future generations. The end result was a good relationship between the Community based Organization leaders<sup>2</sup> as project focal points. A key outcome of our dialogues was the need to formally appoint local Technical support officers to provide ground assistance to the LMMA Technical Support officer and the Land Use Officer.

*For Output 4 the target of 500 households as detailed in the Project document maybe unrealistic as there are only 512<sup>3</sup> households from the total 15 districts on Nauru.*

*Recommendation: If it is a typographical error then 500 individuals is more realistic target as opposed to the entire population of 500 households. A second alternative is to identify a reasonable percentage which should preferably be identified in consultation with Bureau of statistics.*

Financial processes – In the first and second quarter period payment turnaround time was quite a long and cumbersome exercise. While the following section on Political environment gives some explanation it is worth noting that this could remain an anticipated risk if basic financial processes are not diligently adhered. The UNV Finance/ Admin officer continues to conduct on going training for the newly recruited local replacement and has a training checklist that will be used as a basis for future staff appraisal and or job evaluation exercises.

Political – The country's general election was conducted in July and the project anticipated possible political shift and influence on planned activities. Fortunately there was very little disturbance to operations while appointments and recruitment carried on as scheduled. There is also a general sense of reinforced political will and support for the project. This is evident in the enthusiasm and smooth facilitation of processes by the relevant Government departments towards the PMU.

Environment – The R2R office is now comfortably situated within the newly refurbished CIE office with all new modern office equipment and furniture. It's also ideally located within the same office building as the main Government offices within what would be referred to as the main CBD on Nauru. This provides a very convenient administrative flow with different Government departments and stakeholder parties.

Although the Fisheries and Marine Resources Department is some 10kilometres away with the current LMMA officer (UNV) stationed there, purchase of the new scooters/ mopeds will greatly aid physical movement and shuttling.

Connectivity - The presence of Digicel<sup>4</sup>, the only monopoly Internet Service Provider, although generally expensive<sup>5</sup>, provides a relatively steady Internet connection to keep Nauru within cyber

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<sup>2</sup> There Community based leaders are directly appointed by current members of parliament and therefore critical to the success of the project implementation

<sup>3</sup> Data confirmed by bureau of statistics

reach. However it must be noted that connectivity can be very limited at times and cause frustration both internally and in terms of communications abroad.

- **Communication and advocacy**

In quarter 1 and 2 the project did not conduct advocacy or public awareness but participated in activities organized by national partners, CIE and NFMRA. The project focused on building awareness in the five selected district conducting leaders meetings and community consultations.

The project is in the process of recruiting the Communication Adviser to formulate a strategy for communication and advocacy purposes. The Advisor is to develop a communication plan and train key stakeholders or a target group to implement the communication plan.

In the third quarter the Local Communications officer was employed and the following main stream and social forms of media has been utilized; radio, television and digicel network texts blast to inform the public of activities and advertisements in real time.

The third quarter activities culminated in a combined poster competition for primary and secondary students portraying their perceptions on what they value most about the environment and what their hopes are for the future of Nauru. This was done in conjunction with a street dance known as Flash mob which saw the participation of various youths from different districts and factions of society including primary and secondary school students and teachers. The dance was a public show starting from the main shopping Centre moving across some 70 meters along the main street in the district of Aiwo to the Centennial building where all the Poster entries had been displayed as well as the banners from the five districts. The choice of songs was in line with a general plea to make a stand for the environment protecting it for future generations.

- **Focus on gender equity and equality**

A comprehensive assessment has never been carried out however engagement of gender in community consultation have been noted through reporting. During the various consultations there is evidence of women participation and presence. August and September activities saw the participation of 100 female attendance to a total of 203 participants. The participation of gender has improved since the inception phase of the project.

With regard to decision making and taking actions further there is a high participation of women specifically in Technical Working Committee, Community Based Organization meetings.

In the month of August the project launched a poster contest for primary and secondary schools from 12<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August 2016. There were more than 100 posters collected with all five schools involved. To support the launching of the posters and awarding the winners for their creativity the project organized a team building awareness exercise, the flash mob dance where 105 primary and secondary students participated together with around twenty youth or young adults.

The project, during its consultations with communities, encouraged the participation of the youths by specifically sending out invites to individual. The turnout to workshops and awareness consultation is satisfactory. The project also launched a logo completion targeting young artists from the five districts

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<sup>4</sup> Digicel is an Irish owned and run Company providing Internet to most Pacific Island Countries starting in PNG and successfully penetrating other Pacific markets. It started out in the mobile phone industry and has successfully diversified acquired other business including Unwired ISP and Sky Pacific.

<sup>5</sup>Digicel in Nauru - \$45AUD for 3GB data compared to Digicel in Fiji \$32AUD for 40GB

but there were no submissions. The involvement of youths in the flash mob dance was an indication that they are interested and most of the participants were from districts not selected under the project.

In terms of equity there is a need for further assessment to identify community specific need areas which will be confirmed by the planned socio economic survey as discussed above.

#### 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.*

#### **Governance and Management of Project**

The proposed structure for the project details three levels of management; the Board, the Steering committee and the Technical Working Group. Seeing that most of the duties and responsibilities will overlap and cause unnecessary bottlenecking and delays the steering committee was deemed pointless and therefore made redundant.

After the Project Implementation Review in June, the steering committee was reinstated to provide project assurance, carrying out objective and independent project oversight and monitoring. To do this the Board, which had been meeting regularly, became the steering committee largely due to its composition. The project Board will meet once a year only to carry out its mandated purpose.

The TWG supports the idea of having or reinstating the Steering Committee absorbing some of the Board's roles and responsibilities and mindful of the delegation of powers. The project proposed that the Steering Committee meet twice a year and the Board once a year.

#### **Sustainability & Continuity**

The project is concentrating on five districts with the idea that it will be rolled over to the remaining ten districts if time and resources permit. At the moment the project is receiving expression from other district as to when or how they can be included in the project.

The TWG has recommended that the project include other districts in awareness consultation, trainings and campaigns.

**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*
- ❖ *Project Monitoring and Communication Plan*
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- ❖ *Faceform for next quarter advance request*

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