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**Integrating Global Environment Commitments in Investment and
Development Decision Making (IGECIDDM) Project.**

Project Implementation Quarterly Report.

2nd Quarter Report

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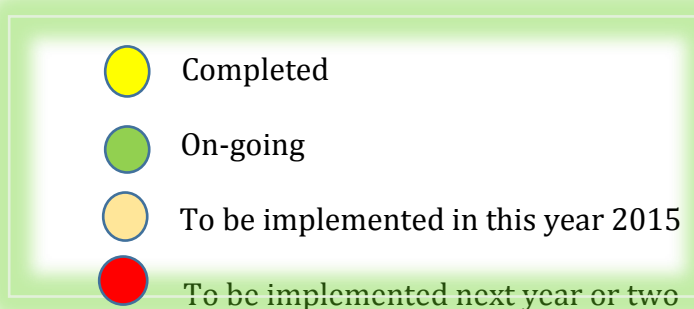
Introduction

This report mainly provides an overview of: 1) key activities implemented over the second quarter period and the achievements; 2) the challenges faced and how they are being mitigated; and 3) the upcoming activities expected to be implemented in the third quarter of the year.














1.0. Summary of status of activities implemented and achievements














Table 1 below highlights the key activities already being implemented and completed, those that are currently being implemented (ongoing), and those that are yet to be implemented in this year, and finally those which will be implemented next year or the year after. You will note that these activities are the same ones contained in the 2015 Annual Work Plan (AWP) as well as the Multi-year Work plan 2016-17 (MYWP).













For Convenience, a 'traffic light' key is given below to better understand the status of these activities implementation.



Components, Outputs and Activities	Traffic Light	Status/ Achievements	Indicator
Component 1: Strengthening institutional capacities to implement Rio Conventions			
Output 1.1	Strengthened management arrangements for Rio Convention implementation		
1.1.1	●	On-going/ ToR for consultant and Job Description of 2 nd REDD+ Officer draft completed	RIU has mandate to coordinate CC CD Activities
1.1.2	●	To be implement this year	NRC & Focal points formally established
1.1.3	●	To be implement this year	MOU signed between NRC, TWGs and Govt ministries
1.1.4	●	To be implement this year	LDWG established & NLUP

				Endorsed
1.1.5	Convene training workshops for improved inter-agency coordination and collaboration.		To be implement this year	Training workshop materials
Output 1.2	Mainstream RCs into selected development plans through REDD+ framework			
1.2.1	Develop analytical framework for Rio Convention obligations into sector planning		To be implement this year - Pending recruitment of the consultant	Analytical Framework
1.2.2	Convene expert working group to integrate conventions into forest sector planning		To be implemented next year or two	Tracking and Progress Reports, Meeting Minutes
1.2.3	Convene expert working group to integrate conventions into agriculture sector planning		To be implemented next year or two	Tracking and Progress Reports, Meeting Minutes
1.2.4	Convene expert working group to integrate conventions into provincial development plan		To be implemented next year or two	Tracking and Progress Reports, Meeting Minutes
1.2.5	Convene training sessions to integrate environmental priorities into development plans		To be implemented next year or two	Meeting minutes, Tracking & Progress Reports
1.2.6	Pilot forest management approach using REDD+ (building on 1.2.2, 1.2.3 and 1.2.4)		To be implemented next year or two	Tracking and Progress Reports
1.2.7	Prepare lessons learned report from piloting activity 1.2.6		To be implemented next year or two	Lessons learnt report
Output 1.3	Resource mobilization strategy			
1.3.1	Develop Resource Mobilization Strategy and Plan for National REDD+ Roadmap.		Pending recruitment of the consultant	Resource mobilization strategy
1.3.2	Identify best practices and instruments to pilot and implement REDD+ Roadmap		Pending recruitment of the consultant	Feasibility study report on best practices
Component 2: Mainstreaming Rio Convention obligations into Development Consent Process				
Output 2.1	Global environment priorities and REDD+ Safeguards integrated into DC process			
2.1.1	Develop safeguards framework integrating Rio Conventions and REDD+ safeguards		To be implemented next year or two Pending recruitment of the consultant	Country safeguard system framework
2.1.2	Integrate Rio Conventions obligations into agriculture and forestry sectors EIA guidelines		To be implemented next year or two Pending recruitment of the consultant	Strengthened EIA Guideline/checklist for MoFR & MAL
2.1.3	Convene training sessions on updated EIA guidelines for agriculture and forestry sectors		To be implemented next year or two	Training & workshops for revised

			Pending recruitment of the consultant	guidelines completed
2.1.4	Initiate approval process for National Safeguard Information System and EIA guidelines		To be implemented next year or two year	NSIS & Updated guidelines endorsed by cabinet
2.1.5	Initiate process to explore valuation of ecosystem services in EIS and PER processes		To be implemented next year or two year	Study on ecosystems services valuation within EIS & PER Process
Output 2.2	Improved EMIS and NFMS			
2.2.1	Carry out an in-depth baseline analysis of information needs		To be implemented next year	Information Analysis study
2.2.2	Convene technical working group to improve EMIS		To be implemented next year or two year	working group established and meet to draft & review proposal for improved EMIS
2.2.3	Strengthen institutional linkages with NFMS and Development Consent processes		To be implemented next year or two year	unified data for all SG institutions
2.2.4	Develop training programme and technical training resources on EMIS and NFMS		To be implemented next year or two year	Training program & resources for EMIS & NFMS
2.2.5	Train government staff on revised EMIS and NFMS		To be implemented next year or two year	Training program implemented in month 15 & 27
Component 3: Strengthening awareness of REDD+ as a strategy to meet Rio Convention obligations				
Output 3.1	Project Launch and Results Workshop			
3.1.1	Organize and convene one-day project launch workshop		Completed/ Achieved	Inception Report, minutes& attendees list
3.1.2	Organize and convene one-day project results workshop		To be implemented in final year of project	Workshop report, minutes
Output 3.2	Public Awareness campaign, survey, and educational materials			
3.2.1	Conduct broad-based survey of line ministries' understanding of Rio Conventions		To be implemented next year	Survey report on understanding of RCs
3.2.2	Prepare comprehensive public awareness implementation plan		To be implemented next year	Public Awareness plan
3.2.3	Prepare articles and brochures on Rio Conventions and REDD+ activities	 	Achieved/ however, more brochures/ articles will be	Brochures and Sol star newspaper article

			published as the project progresses	
3.2.4	Develop and integrate an education module on the global environment for high schools		To be implemented next year or two year	High School Education models
3.2.5	Develop an education module for inclusion in environmental science course at SINU		To be implemented next year or two year	Education modules for SINU
3.2.6	Prepare radio PSA discussing good community practices to safeguard global environment		On-going	PSA Radio programs
Output 3.3	Awareness-raising dialogues and workshops			
3.3.1	Organize and convene private sector sensitization panel on Rio Conventions and REDD+		To be implemented next year and the final year	3 panel discussions minutes
3.3.2	Organize and convene provincial awareness workshops on Rio Conventions and REDD+		On-going	Provincial workshop minutes and awareness materials
Output 3.4	Internet visibility of good practices for REDD+ implementation			
3.4.1	Improve selected or create webpage with info on all REDD+ & Rio Convention activities		On-going	Website launch
Project Management				
A	Locally recruited personnel: Project Coordinator		Achieved/ Completed	Copy of Contract
B	Locally recruited personnel: Project Assistant		Achieved/ Completed	Copy of Contract
C	International Evaluation Consultant: Terminal Evaluation		To be implemented next year or two	
D	Office facilities and communications			
E	Project start-up: Organize project team and review work plan		AWP 2015 Approved	Copy of AWP
F	Policy Board meetings		Ongoing	Board minutes

2.0. Challenges/risks faced and their mitigation

Potential Risks	Category	Mitigation strategy
1. Bureaucratic process and limited capacity risk		
UNDP Limited procurement capacity within UNDP – Honiara sub-office resulting in long delays	Medium	Currently developing a procurement plan to be forward to the procurement section. Organize quarterly meetings with Procurement team to update them on the project implementation focusing especially areas which will need their

in procuring of goods and services essential for moving the project forward.		inputs.
SIG Competing for priority with other UNDP Projects and Donor Agencies – All projects demanding time and effort from a limited pool of officers within the Government and partner agencies.	Medium	Convene Quarterly meetings with MECDM, MoFR & MAL to update them on progress as well as rallying their support for the project.
2. Political will risk		
SIG Currently experiencing delays with submission of REDD+ Roadmap to cabinet. Reason Minister of MoFR-has conflicts of interest given he is a logger- This hinders progression of REDD+ Roadmap from being approved by Cabinet.	High	Liaise with PSs MECDM/MoFR to regularly update their minister on progress of the project.
3. Duplication of Roles with		
Other UNDP projects or donor partner projects	Low	Regularly provide updates to UNDP Sub-office fortnightly meetings on progress. Liaise and meet with other donor agencies/NGOs (e.g. ADB) once in a quarter to get updates on the progress of their relevant projects and inform the MECDM & MoFR and UNDP.

3.0. Upcoming activities for the third quarter

The key activities in line for the third quarter are as follows:

1. Under output 1.1, Activity 1.1.1- Strengthening capacity of the RIU-MoFR,

PMU will:

- Finalise the Job Description of the second RIU Officer and TOR of the Technical Assistance (TA) , and the MOU with SIG on arrangements regarding the second RIU officer. Expected completion Date – 27th July
- Liaise with MoFR and UNDP Procurement to recruit the second IRU officer and the TA.
 - Expected starting date of second officer- September 30th
 - Expected starting date for consultant- October 30th

2. Under output 3.2, Activity 3.2.6- Public awareness, PMU will:

- Be liaising with MECDM and MoFR to develop Public awareness programs or radio programs to be aired on radio. This program should focus on good community practices to safeguard global environmental benefits. This program should be aired at strategic intervals. Special consideration will be made to translate the audio version of the PSA into key indigenous language for the radio version.

Expected date of completing a radio awareness program- 30th Sept 2015.

3. Under output 3.3, Activity 3.3.2- Awareness workshops, PMU will:

- Be liaising with MoFR and MECDM, draft awareness materials and convene at least one provincial awareness workshop this year. The provinces to hold the workshop is yet to be confirmed by MoFR and MECDM.
- Expected date of convening a workshop- 30th Sept 2015.

In summary, these activities cannot be completed if the risks mentioned in table 2 are not mitigated effectively. However, it should also be noted that despite the PMU's best efforts, there might be some risks which is beyond its control, including SIGs.