



TUVALU COASTAL ADAPTATION PROJECT PROGRESS BRIEF AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2020

SUMMARY NARRATIVE BY OUTPUTS

Output 1 Strengthening of institutions, human resources, awareness and knowledge for resilient coastal management.

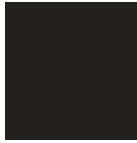
- Negotiations with SPC on providing a comprehensive training package for our government partners in Tuvalu is now confirmed. SPC will deliver hands on training in coastal hazards, coastal management and coastal adaptation. This training is essential for the project, as it is one of indicators and targets for Output 1 and will commence from 2021 until 2023
- Arrangements with Scholarship awardees is continuing to contact their institutions for online courses in 2021 until such time that covid-19 travel restrictions are relaxed

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

- PMU Tuvalu staff visited the Funafuti island community and different community groups on the island to discuss and validate the ESIA.
- The ESIA for Nanumaga, Nanumea, and Funafuti was submitted to the Department of Environment for endorsement.
- The detailed design plans for Nanumaga, Nanumea and Funafuti have been finalised and to be reviewed by the Maritime Construction Expert once on board
- Engagement of a Maritime Construction Expert (MCE) is anticipated by early Q3 upon approval from the UNDP regional bureau in Bangkok.

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

- Continue consultations review of ISPs on Nanumea, Nanumaga and Niutao
- Continued discussions on the disbursement of funds under the Performance Based Grant. TCAP shall do further consultations with UNCDF in Q3 looking into having an MOU with them to facilitate the baseline assessment works for the 3 project islands of Funafuti, Nanumea & Nanumaga. Under the current COVID19 situation, other alternatives may need to be looked at in view of undertaking the baseline assessments.



1. Issues and Challenges

Travel

The Covid 19 restrictions are still in force and with the mandatory self-isolation periods being imposed, a single trip (by non-Tuvaluan members of the TCAP project team) could take months. It is impossible to foresee how travel will resume under such conditions. In the meantime, travels to the 2 project islands of Nanumea & Nanumaga will all be undertaken by the Tuvalu PMU team as there is no restriction on that.

PART 2: PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 2020

Some important headlines on planned activities for November include;

- (i) Project Board meeting on 12th November;
- (ii) Recruitment of the Operations CTA on 9th November;
- (iii) 3-D designer to work closely with the Coastal Engineer and CTA on the final designs for Funafuti, Nanumea and Nanumaga
- (iv) Completion of the ESIA's for Nanumea, Nanumaga, and Funafuti and submission to the Dept of Environment Tuvalu.
- (v) Consultation with UNCDF on the disbursement of funds under the Performance Based Grant and the finalization of the Operational Manual.
- (vi) Further consultation with government on the endorsement on re-programming avenues for the \$3.5m
- (vii) Continued monitoring of, and response to the Covid 19 situation.

PART 3: FINANCIAL UPDATE AS AT OCTOBER 2020

The approved budget for 2020 was \$1,382,389. The below financial update incorporates the expenditure breakdown per Output as of October 31, 2020.

Expenditure by Output	October
Output 1	12,886
Output 2	236,160
Output 3	
Output 4	12,136
Grand Total	261,182

Brief Summary:

- Total expenditure from January to Oct 2020 \$1,233,096;
- Output 2 contributed the most to date \$769,581;
- For year 2020 only, delivery to date (\$471,530,47) stands at 89%;
- For year 2020, amount left to be spent by Dec 31 is \$149,293.