



## **TUVALU COASTAL ADAPTATION PROJECT**

### **PROGRESS BRIEF AS AT 30 September 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 ongoing. 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.
- Discussions underway with Scholarship awardees 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.**

- Tuvalu PMU staff visited Nanumaga to do consultations with the Nanumaga island community. The purpose of the visit is to discuss the Gender Strategy and Action Plan with different community groups on the island. The team also took 2 drone pilots from the Department of Lands to take aerial imagery of the project sites. Secondly, the Falekaupule agreed to give the sand for the project free of charge, provided TCAP protects the foreshore of the church and TCS building.
- Tuvalu PMU staff visited Nanumea on the Mataili (4/09) to discuss the ESIA with community groups on the island. Validation of the Gender strategy and action plan was also done during this trip.
- 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.
- Engagement of two (2) IC positions namely, 3D Visual Designer (15<sup>th</sup> September 2020) and the Communications Specialist (30<sup>th</sup> September 2020).
- Procurement meetings with respect to the Civil Construction works at all the 3 project islands have been ongoing - involving procurement advisors from Bangkok as well as HQ. The objective was to put in place a sound procurement roadmap for TCAP – especially for the civil construction works.

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

- Contract of the ISP Consultant has been extended to Dec 2020.
- TCAP shared the Due Diligence report (for the Tuvalu Survival Fund) with Government of Tuvalu for their comments. Still awaiting their responses.



- Team from Department of Local Government led by ISP Consultant went to Nanumaga to conduct training for Kaupule staff on climate financing, book-keeping, and reporting.
- ISP review and formulation for Niutao, Nanumaga and Nanumea underway. ISP teams remained on the islands for one month
- 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 were all be undertaken by the Tuvalu PMU team as there is no restriction on that.

With these current Covid 19 restrictions, this issue is beyond Project control.

### Covid 19

Without doubt, Covid19 is the most important emerging risk of Q2. The project will incur delay due to the travel restrictions now in force and the full implications are yet to be fully understood and is dependant on the duration of restrictions as the pandemic runs its course. With the re-emergence of a 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of the COVID19 in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji, it is going to be much harder to anticipate a pronounced return to normal in terms of travels.

## ***PART 2: PLANNED ACTIVITES FOR FOURTH QUARTER 2020***

Some important headlines on planned activities for Q4 include:

- (i) Revision of scholarship workplan for MEYS and HRM (Sub-activity 1.2.1). This activity was discussed with MEYS in Q2 and was not discussed again in Q3 2020.
- (ii) Recruitment of the Operations CTA is scheduled to commence in Q4 and will be stationed in Tuvalu
- (iii) 3-D designer to work closely with the Coastal Engineer and CTA on the final designs for Funafuti, Nanumea and Nanumaga
- (iv) Submission of the ESIA's for Nanumea, Nanumaga, and Funafuti 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) Project Board Meeting is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> 2020
- (viii) Continued monitoring of, and response to the Covid 19 situation.

**PART 3: FINANCIAL UPDATE AS AT SEPTEMBER 2020**

The below financial update incorporates the expenditure breakdown per Output from project inception in 2017 to September 30, 2020.

Row Labels	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Grand Total
OUTPUT1	30,892	28,708	4,376	6,977	11,440	11,526	14,934	11,760	21,494	12,886	7,714	6,892	169,601
OUTPUT2	16,120	229,195	32,925	5,282	63,542	44,748	50,053	71,242	20,314	236,160	24,726	167,665	961,973
OUTPUT3	16,602		49,377		10,453	19,099	(2,548)		2,797			8,750	104,530
OUTPUT4	20,126	22,390	18,053	18,632	24,606	22,720	19,804	19,795	34,476	12,136	24,592	42,998	280,328
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>83,740</b>	<b>280,293</b>	<b>104,732</b>	<b>30,891</b>	<b>110,042</b>	<b>98,094</b>	<b>82,244</b>	<b>102,797</b>	<b>79,081</b>	<b>261,182</b>	<b>57,032</b>	<b>226,305</b>	<b>1,516,432</b>

**Brief Summary:**

- Total expenditure from 2017 to September 2020 – \$3,686,888.99;
- Output 2 contributed the most to date - \$1,431,246.41;
- For year 2020 only, delivery to date (\$471,530,47) stands at 15%;
- For year 2020, amount left to be spent by Dec 31 is \$2,571,880.53;