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Participants at the 4th Steering Committee Meeting in June 2014 in Niue share experiences about tank manufacture and rainwater harvesting techniques: south-south cooperation is an important component of the GCCA: PSIS project

List of Abbreviations

ACP Africa, Caribbean and Pacific

ACSE Adapting to Climate Change and Sustainable Energy project

Adapt Asia-Pacific Adapt Asia-Pacific Program (USAID)

APAN Asia Pacific Adaptation Network

AusAID Australian Agency for International Development BSRP Building Resilience and Safety in the Pacific

CCA Climate Change Adaptation

CCCPIR Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific islands Region

CROP Council for Regional Organisations in the Pacific

DPCC Development Partners for Climate Change

DRM Disaster Risk Management

EU European Union

FSM Federated States of Micronesia GCCA Global Climate Change Alliance

GCCA: PSIS Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States project

GIZ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

JNAP Joint National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change

Adaptation

KRA Key Result Area

LFA Logical framework Analysis
M&E monitoring and evaluation
NGO Non-governmental organisation
NIE National Implementing Entity

NIWA National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research (New Zealand)

PACC Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change project

PET polyethylene terephthalate
PCCP Pacific Climate Change Portal
PCCR Pacific Climate Change Roundtable

PDD Pacific Design Document

PIFACC Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change

PIFS Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat ROM Results Oriented Monitoring

RTSM Regional Technical Support Mechanism

SODIS Solar water disinfection

SPC Secretariat of the Pacific Community

SPC-GD Secretariat of the Pacific Community Geosciences Division SPREP Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

TA technical assistance TOR terms of reference

UN-SIDS United Nations Small Island Developing States UNDP United Nations Development Programme

USAID United States Agency for International Development

WARD CROP-CEO Working Arm on Climate Change and Disaster Resilient Development

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The project in Tonga to trial different coastal protection measures in eastern Tongatapu is well advanced

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 About the Project

The Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States (GCCA: PSIS) project is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Organisation (SPREP). The project budget is €11.4 million. The implementation period for the GCCA: PSIS project is from the date of signature of the agreement, 19 July 2011, to 19 November 2016.

The overall objective of the GCCA: PSIS project is to support the governments of nine Pacific smaller island states, namely Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Tonga and Tuvalu, in their efforts to tackle the adverse effects of climate change. The purpose of the project is to promote long term strategies and approaches to adaptation planning and pave the way for more effective and coordinated aid delivery on climate change at the national and regional level.

The project approach is to assist the nine countries design and implement practical on-the-ground climate change adaptation projects in conjunction with mainstreaming climate change into line ministries and national development plans; thereby helping countries move from an *ad hoc* project-by-project approach towards a programmatic approach underpinning an entire sector. This has the added advantage of helping countries better position themselves to access and benefit from new sources and modalities of climate change funding, e.g. national and sector budget support.

1.2 About this Annual Report

This 2014 Annual Report presents project progress over the period from 1 January – 31 December 2014. Section 2 of this report contains a summary of the main achievements, challenges, project administration and human resources and Section 3 provides more detail on the progress and performance of the project and presents the interim financial report as of 31 December 2014. Section 4 of the report contains the work plan for 1 January – 31 December 2014 (which covers this period of reporting), and Section 5 contains the work plan for 1 January – 31 December 2015 as approved by the Project Steering Committee on 27 June 2014.

Following the EU Results Oriented Monitoring (ROM) mission in October 2012, a revised log frame was prepared and endorsed at the Second Regional Steering Committee Meeting, 3-5 December 2012. The revised log frame has been agreed by the EU Delegation (12.02.14) and is used as the reporting framework for this report and presented as Annex 1. Dates for the indicators have been updated to reflect the situation as of 31.12.14.

Following discussions with the Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific in November 2012, it was decided to move the project reporting and the financial reporting to a six-monthly basis.



Explaining the importance of coastal planning at the Marshall Islands National Climate Change Dialogue, 9-10 September 2014



The Ministry of Marine Resources in Cook Islands together with technicians from SPC's Geosciences Division installed the water quality monitoring buoy in Manihiki Lagoon.

The buoy began transmitting data in September 2014

2. SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES, PROJECT ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

2.1 Summary of Achievements, January – December 2014

Advancing the overall objective

✓ The project has made sound progress to advance the overall objective: to support the countries tackle the adverse effects of climate change. Implementation of the climate change adaptation projects has commenced in all nine countries. Four countries (Cook Islands, Kiribati, Niue and Tonga) have reached or exceeded a 60% implementation rate. Implementation status as of 31 December 2014 for each country is shown in the table below.

Rate of implementation of climate change adaptation project for each country

Country	% Completion
Cook Islands - marine resources in outer islands	72.0
FSM – water security in outer islands	25.0
Kiribati – environmental health	59.0
Marshall Islands – coastal protection in outer islands	16.7
Nauru – water security	17.5
Niue – water security	92.0
Palau – water security in outer islands	20.0
Tonga – coastal protection	62.5
Tuvalu – food security in main and outer islands	44.0

✓ The climate change adaptation projects are supported by mainstreaming activities. For example, the Republic of Nauru Framework for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction (RONAdapt), which was completed in November 2014, identifies tangible on-the-ground actions for building resilience to climate change and natural disasters. The National Climate Change Finance Assessment for the Marshall Islands identifies opportunities to improve access to new resources and to improve the effectiveness with which the resources are used. National and sector-based mainstreaming activities completed or in progress in 2014 are listed in the table below.

National mainstreaming activities ongoing or completed in 2014

Kiribati Joint Implementation Plan for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management, supported by a Communications Plan. COMPLETED

Republic of Nauru Framework for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction (RONAdapt). COMPLETED

Niue Institutional Framework for a New Climate Change Division. COMPLETED

Palau Climate Change Policy Framework. IN PROGRESS

Sector based mainstreaming activities ongoing or completed in 2014

FSM, Yap State Hydrogeological assessment of water resources to inform water sector planning. IN PROGRESS

Kiribati Revision of the Public Health Ordinance. IN PROGRESS

Marshall Islands: Marshallese Glossary of climate change terms. IN PROGRESS

Nauru 20-year Water and Sanitation Master Plan. IN PROGRESS

Tonga Diagnostic Study of Coastal Characteristics and Issues in Tongatapu to inform a coastal management plan. COMPLETED

Tuvalu Agricultural Marketing Plan. COMPLETED

✓ On-the-job and specific training activities are ongoing. The 12 national training workshops in proposal preparation using the logical framework approach reached 291 people from governments, NGOs and communities. An impact survey revealed that at least 54 funding proposals had been prepared and submitted in the six months after the training and that 31 proposals had been funded. Several countries have requested refresher courses combined with monitoring and evaluation training. These will be conducted during 2015 as part of the project's exit strategy.

Advancing the project purpose

- ✓ Coordination amongst donors and partners continues to strengthen with regular coordination meetings: (i) among projects and divisions focusing on climate change and disaster risk management within SPC, (ii) among regional partners through the Development Partners for Climate Change (DPCC), and (iii) among regional partners through the CROP-CEO Working Arm on Climate and Disaster Resilient Development (WARD).
- ✓ The regular coordination is also resulting in joint activities being undertaken involving different partners, e.g. inter-agency collaboration to (i) prepare the Regional Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development; (ii) design and launch the Regional Technical Support Mechanism; and (iii) design the agenda for the 2015 Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR).
- ✓ Extensive effort is being directed towards on-the-job training in financial management including procurement, acquittals and reporting. This will provide long term benefit to the countries' financial management systems which will in turn help them to access new streams of climate change finance.
- ✓ Specific technical assistance in climate finance is being provided to Cook Islands who submitted their application to be accredited to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Adaptation Fund in December 2014 and to Tonga who plan to submit their National Climate Change Fund Bill to Parliament early in 2015.
- ✓ The arrangement to have a GCCA: PSIS climate change coordination officer based in SPREP is advancing several areas of specific collaboration between SPC and SPREP, e.g. the Pacific Climate Change Portal.
- ✓ Communication of the activities is an integral part of the project and one activity "Silver surfers expand climate change knowledge in the Pacific" caught the media's attention in the

Cook Islands where the project is working with senior citizens in the outer islands to share traditional knowledge to inform climate change research while they learn up-to-date internet skills.

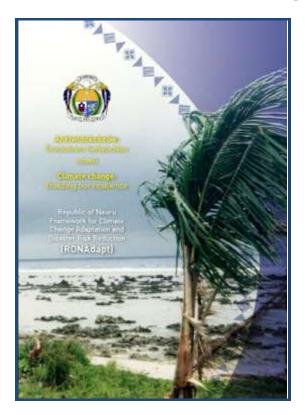


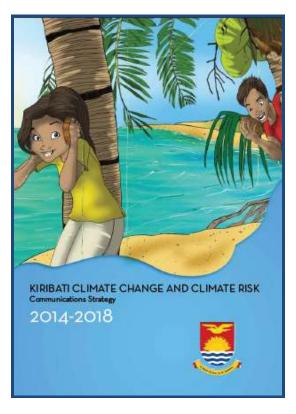
Cartoon published in Cook Island News, 21.08.14 (Kare translates as "no" and mokopuna as "grandchildren")

Advancing climate change mainstreaming (KRA 1)

- ✓ Mainstreaming of climate change into national policies and plans is being undertaken in Kiribati (KJIP), Nauru (RONAdapt), Palau (Climate Change Policy Framework) and Tonga (revision of Climate Change Policy starting in 2015).
- ✓ In Niue assistance has been provided to design a new Climate Change Entity expected to be submitted to Cabinet in 2015.
- ✓ Mainstreaming at the sector level is underway in FSM (water sector), Kiribati (health sector), Nauru (water sector), Tonga (coastal sector) and Tuvalu (agricultural sector).
- ✓ Additional mainstreaming requests have been received and are under review. These are expected to be finalised in the first quarter of 2015 so as to allow time for completion by the end of 2015.
- ✓ An SPC climate change communications plan and a GCCA: PSIS communications plan are being implemented. A communication plan is being implemented in Kiribati and support is being provided for a communications officer. Sector-based communication plans are being prepared in FSM and Palau. Communications are an important component of all the climate change adaptation projects.

- ✓ Articles on project activities are regularly included in the monthly SPREP newsletter (Climate Change Matters) and other national newsletters; nine media releases have been issued (see Annex 3). Other visibility products have been prepared and distributed. Nine national project briefs and one overall project brief have been published and distributed.
- ✓ Nine national lessons learnt videos were prepared by the countries and shown at the 4th Steering Committee Meeting in Niue in June 2014. Excerpts were shown in the sidelines of the UN-SIDS meeting in September 2014. The videos are being enhanced with additional footage and editing and will be distributed widely in 2015. The first video for Tonga was launched on 12.02.15 and is available at http://youtu.be/hpZ_RLGjwLA





Republic of Nauru Framework for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction (RONAdapt) and the Kiribati Climate Change and Climate Risk Communication Strategy were among the project's publications in 2014

Advancing well-articulated sectoral adaptation strategies that address budget support criteria number 1 (KRA 2)

- ✓ Nine countries have national coordinators in place and this is helping advance project activities in-country. In addition, 13 project officers (administrative, technical and financial) have been recruited in the countries, primarily to assist with the implementation of the climate change adaptation projects (KRA 3).
- ✓ Assistance has been provided to the Cook Islands to apply for national implementing entity status under the Adaptation Fund and the application was submitted in December 2014. The process of preparing the application has helped the country improve their financial management system.
- ✓ Assistance has been provided to Tonga to design a framework and prepare legislation for the Tonga Climate Change Fund. This builds on earlier work undertaken by the Asian

- Development Bank (ADB). The Tonga Climate Change Bill is expected to be submitted to Parliament early in 2015.
- ✓ The National Climate Change Finance Assessment for the Marshall Islands was completed and published in August 2014. This was a collaborative effort led by PIFS, with assistance from GCCA: PSIS, UNDP, USAID-Adapt Asia Pacific, Australian Government and the Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC). The assessment analyses a number of options that will improve the Marshall Islands' access to climate funds.
- ✓ The 12 national training workshops in proposal preparation using the logical framework approach reached 291 people from governments, NGOs and communities and were very well received by the partner countries. Four separate training workshops were held in FSM, one in each of the four states. An impact survey revealed that at least 54 funding proposals had been prepared and submitted in the six months after the training and that 31 proposals had been funded. Interestingly, participants reported that the logical framework approach had been used more often in their general work duties than in developing project proposals illustrating that the investment in the training programme had bought wider benefits than initially foreseen. Five countries requested refresher courses combined with monitoring and evaluation training as a follow-up. These will be conducted during 2015 and are expected to contribute to sustainability of the project's activities once the project is completed.

National climate change adaptation projects implemented (KRA 3)

- ✓ This KRA is where at least 60% of the project team's effort has been focused.
- ✓ Each of the climate change adaptation projects focuses on a specific sector and includes infrastructure improvements, mainstreaming activities, training and capacity building, as well as education and awareness. The following table shows the number of people in each country benefitting from (i) the infrastructure improvements alone, and (ii) the entire scope of the national climate change adaptation project.

Beneficiaries of national climate change adaptation projects

Country	No. of people* benefitting from infrastructure improvements		benefitti the entire the na climate	e scope of tional	Comments
	No.	% Total Pop.	No.	% Total Pop.	
Cook Islands - marine resources in the northern outer islands	243	1.37	1,112	6.25	
FSM – water security in outer islands of Yap State	294	0.27	11,376	10.63	
Kiribati – environmental health in South Tarawa and Kiritimati	58,086	56.36	58,086	56.36	

Country	No. of people* benefitting from infrastructure improvements		benefitting from benefitting infrastructure the entire sc		ng from e scope of tional change	Comments
Marshall Islands – coastal protection in Ailinglaplap	1,729	3.25	53,158	100.00	Scope of project to build the capacity of the Ministry of Public Works benefits entire population	
Nauru – national water security	10,084	100.00	10,084	100.00		
Niue – national water security	1,611	100.00	1,611	100.00		
Palau – water security in five outer island states	711	4.06	711	4.06		
Tonga – coastal protection in Tongatapu	3,367	3.26	3,367	3.26		
Tuvalu – food security in Funafuti and one outer island	6,780	70.90	6,780	70.90		

^{*}Population numbers based on 2011-2012 census data

- ✓ Significant progress has been made in implementation of the climate change adaptation projects. Over the nine countries the status of implementation is 45%, which represents a significant increase over the less than 10% at the same time in 2013.
- ✓ Cook Islands, Kiribati, Niue and Tonga have reached or exceeded a 60% implementation rate. These countries were among the first to select their focus sector and design the projects. In Tonga, where the project is 63% implemented, having a list of priority projects and budgets as part of the 2010-2015 JNAP, facilitated selection, design and implementation. In Niue, where the project is 92% implemented the project builds on and collaborates with ongoing water conservation activities implemented by the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) project funded by the Australian Government and UNDP-Global Environment Facility (GEF), thereby illustrating again the benefits of partnering.
- ✓ FSM, Palau and Tuvalu show between 20 and 44% implementation. Challenges are being faced especially in all three countries with transportation and logistics. FSM and Palau are implementing water conservation infrastructural activities in outlying islands some of which are extremely remote with few transportation options. In several cases there are no proper jetties for unloading and equipment has to be unloaded onto small boats to navigate narrow channels through the reefs an activity that is weather dependent, time consuming and labour intensive. This constraint had been identified at the design phase, but many of the project's countries have opted to focus on the outlying islands since the need was greater in those islands.



Transporting building materials in small boats and unloading manually is the reality of project implementation in the outer island states of Palau

- ✓ Marshall Islands signed their project design document in June 2014. One of the reasons for the delay was that the Government changed their focus from water conservation to coastal protection in a far-distant atoll in 2013 and then the declaration of a drought emergency in 2013 meant that all marine transportation was diverted to the drought affected atolls. This delayed the site visit of the design engineer to the designated atoll to the end of 2013. The project was further delayed in the second half of 2014 as there was only one full private sector proposal submitted to complete the work. As a result there was a redesign of the project's scope in the final quarter of 2014 such that the Ministry of Public Works is now implementing the project and a revised project design document was prepared (and signed in February 2015).
- ✓ In Nauru delays were experienced with obtaining Government endorsement of the project design document. This was discussed at the 4th Steering Committee Meeting in June 2014, when Nauru decided to change the project focus from household water conservation measures to community water conservation measures. A new project design document was signed in October 2014, the engineering design has been completed, procurement is in progress and implementation is expected to start early in 2015.
- ✓ As of 31st December 2014, the end of this reporting period, there is a serious concern that the climate change adaptation projects in Marshall Islands and Nauru may not be completed either in whole or in part during the project timeframe. There remains still the possibility that the other seven project countries could utilise some of funding available for the Marshall Islands and Nauru, provided it becomes available in the first part of 2015. The situation will be carefully monitored in 2015 and extra effort by the project team will be devoted to these two countries.

- ✓ Emphasis on the procurement, purchase and delivery of major infrastructure, equipment and services for FSM, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Tonga and Tuvalu has been a major focus of activities in 2014.
- ✓ In all nine countries supporting activities, including education and awareness, monitoring, and training are progressing well. For example, in Kiribati, education and awareness activities are focusing on solar water disinfection (SODIS), a simple method using ultra violet radiation to destroy harmful bacteria. PET bottles are filled with water and placed on corrugated iron roofs, and the UV rays destroy harmful bacteria in three hours on sunny days. SODIS is being trialled in one village, accompanied by the preparation of lesson materials, games and a video. It is hoped this simple method for water disinfection will reduce water borne diseases such as diarrhoea which is a major killer of children under five years in the Pacific region. (See photos on next page).
- ✓ The project team remains fully committed to work with all nine countries to complete the climate change adaptation projects within the project timeframes. In particular, special effort will be maintained in the next reporting period to the countries experiencing delays in implementation.

Streamlined technical assistance that supports national adaptation responses delivered by regional organizations in a collaborative manner (KRA 4)

- ✓ Most of the activities described in KRAs 1, 2, 3 are implemented in partnership with other regional organisations. This has been noted above and is not repeated here.
- ✓ The Pacific Climate Change Portal Strategic Plan and the Portal Communications Plan has been revised. The Strategy has five key result areas: (1) Access and delivery of information; (2) Promotion of awareness; (3) Serving as an information hub; (4) Programming activities; and (5) Administration. The Strategic Plan is supported by an M&E Plan. The Pacific Climate Change Portal is an important source of climate change information in the Pacific and discussions continue on ways to share platforms and search mechanisms with Pacific Disaster Net. The GCCA: PSIS key documents are archived on the Pacific Climate Change Portal.
- ✓ Work has continued with the Regional Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP), which was presented at the annual regional meetings for SPREP and SPC in the second half of 2014. This will be launched in 2015, together with a Regional Synthesis Report and a Compendium of Case Studies. A side event on the SRDP was held at the UN-SIDS meeting in September 2014 in Samoa. (The GCCA: PSIS climate change adaptation project in Niue also featured at a side event at the UN-SIDS meeting, in partnership with SPREP).
- ✓ Another area of focus has been the Regional Technical Support Mechanism (RTSM) which is a registered network of experts in Climate Change, who can provide coordinated and timely technical advice on appropriate resource opportunities, strategic approaches and technical assistance (TA) on climate change to Pacific Island countries on a needs basis. The long term vision is that this will evolve into a long term climate change financing facility for the Pacific. The RTSM was launched in July 2014 in Palau.
- ✓ Collaboration with other donors and partners has continued through (1) WARD meetings in February, April, June and September, 2014. (WARD is the CROP-CEO Working Arm on Climate and Disaster Resilient Development and was formerly known as WACC); and (2) Development Partners in Climate Change meetings in March, June, August, September and November 2014.
- ✓ Internal coordination within SPC has also improved with monthly meetings of climate change and disaster risk management managers to share information and discuss collaboration.

Solar Water Disinfection (SODIS) in Kiribati



PET bottles filled with water on a roof in Kiribati. The water is good for drinking following three hours disinfection by the sun's ultra violet rays, as shown by research conducted as part of this project.

Demonstrating the use of SODIS to a Kiribati resident





Launch of SODIS in Kiribati in October 2014.

2.2 Challenges

- ✓ Key challenges identified in the previous reporting periods relating to limited human resources in climate change in all the project countries; the large number of donor-driven climate change projects ongoing in the region and competing for the limited human resources; and the difficulties of implementing on-the-ground climate change adaptation projects within the project timeframe still remain significant constraints.
- ✓ Other challenges relate to the fact that four countries have chosen to focus their climate change adaptation projects in outer islands where there are the added problems of accessibility and long travel time.



Water tanks bound for Fais Island, Yap State, FSM, start their long journey from Auckland in December 2014

- ✓ Another emerging challenge is some countries' inexperience with national procurement procedures, particularly outside of national finance and infrastructure ministries. This has caused delays in implementation. To try and assist the countries and provide training in procurement, a new Climate Change Adviser (who replaces one who resigned in October 2013) with specialist skills in water resources engineering and procurement has been recruited to assist the countries in this field and started work in March 2014.
- ✓ In some countries, skills are also lacking in project management, understanding of the project management cycle, monitoring and evaluation and the design of a terms of reference for an activity or consultant. Addressing this type of capacity building will require a concerted and coordinated effort involving countries and development partners and involving accredited short courses offered regularly. The project will undertake a round of refresher trainings in selected countries in 2015 on proposal preparation with an emphasis on monitoring and evaluation. This is seen as part of the project's exit strategy.

- ✓ Setting up and monitoring quarterly financial and narrative reporting for funds and activities managed directly by the countries is continuing to be a challenge that requires extensive time input from the project team. To address this issue project finance officers have been recruited in four countries specifically for the GCCA: PSIS project and is proving beneficial in those countries.
- There are a total of 24 in-country project staff members. These are national coordinators; administrative, technical and finance officers. Whilst these staff members increase the countries' human resource capacity within the project timeframe, it is unlikely the countries will be able to retain their services. Discussions on ways to share staff with other new projects are being held. In one or two countries discussions are underway on ways to retain project staff by establishing the positions in national budgets.
- ✓ SPC's procedures require that funds are transferred to the Ministry of Finance which then disperses the funds to relevant ministries of government. This system provides important safeguards but in some countries delays have been experienced in the Ministry of Finance dispersing the funds to the relevant ministry, slowing down project delivery.
- ✓ Retaining professional staff in the project team and in the countries will become a challenge especially in 2015 as project activities wind down towards the end of the year and individuals search for other job opportunities.

2.3 Finalisation and Completion of Project Activities

- ✓ The project's exit strategy was the focus of a panel discussion at the 4th Steering Committee Meeting in Niue in June 2014. Development partners contributed to the panel.
- ✓ Following this panel session, completion of project activities was discussed in depth and a schedule was prepared. Key milestones are:
 - o 30th June 2015 major activities in the countries start to wind down
 - o 30th June 2015 no new contracts to be issued after this date
 - o 31st December 2015 all country activities completed and financial acquittals provided to the project team; all national project staff positions finish
 - o January March 2016 Final external evaluation including visits to selected countries
 - April June 2016 Final audit conducted, final report prepared, project team staff positions finish.

2.4 Project Administration and Human Resources

A revised log frame, risk management strategy and exit strategy were agreed by the Project Steering Committee during the Second Regional Steering Committee Meeting, 3-5 December 2012. The revised log frame was accepted by the EU in February 2014 and is used in this report. Dates for certain indicators have been revised to reflect project progress as of 31.12.14. The log frame is presented as Annex 1.

The following table lists the project core team as of 31.12.14.

Position	Position Holder	Date of
		Commencement
Project Manager	Gillian Cambers	16.01.12
Climate Change Adviser 1	Pasha Carruthers	31.01.12
Climate Change Adviser 2	Juliana Ungaro	24.06.13
Climate Change Adviser 3	Aaron Atteridge	09.09.13

Position	Position Holder	Date of
		Commencement
	Resigned effective 05.09 14	
	Replaced by Sanivalati Tubuna as of 06.09.14	06.09.14
Climate Change Adviser 4	Clinton Chapman	05.03.14
Climate Change Coordination	Tagaloa Cooper	15.08.12
Officer (SPREP)		
Project Finance Officer	Sheik Irfaan	15.06.12
Project Liaison Assistant	Sanivalati Tubuna	01.12.12
	(Changed position as of	
	06.09.14)	
	Titilia Rabuatoka	01.10.14
Climate Change	Sean Hobbs	25.03.13
Communications and	Resigned as of 15.01.15	
Information Officer (a position		
shared with CCCPIR)		
Project Communications	Zhiyad Khan	06.10.14
Assistant		

During most of 2014, the project core team meet regularly, every 10-14 days, using Skype to coordinate project activities. Meetings are minuted. As of October 2014, the schedule of meetings was changed, such that a full day video conference meeting is held every second month, with a shorter skype meeting in the month in between. The project team met once face-to-face, 18-20 June 2014 in Niue, prior to the 4th Steering Committee Meeting.

The following table lists details relating to the national coordinators.

Country	Position Holder	Date of
		Commencement
Cook Islands	1. Teina Rongo, Climate Change Cook	07.01.13
	Islands	
FSM	1. Belinda Hadley, Office of	25.11.13
	Environment and Emergency	
	Management	
Kiribati	1. Choi Yeeting, Office of Te	12.08.13
	Beretitenti (OB)	
Marshall Islands	1. Ywao Elanzo, Office of	01.10.13
	Environmental Planning and Policy	
	Coordination	
Nauru	1. Claudette Wharton, Department of	19.06.13
	Commerce, Industry & Environment	
Niue	1. Haden Talagi, Department of	17.07.14
	Environment	
Palau	1. Erbai Xavier Matsutaro	09.09.13
	2. Amand Alexander,	26.08.13
	Office of Environmental Response and	
	Coordination	
Tonga	1. Manu Manuofetoa, Ministry of	11.03.13
	Meteorology, Energy, Information,	
Disaster Management, Environment,		
	Climate Change and Communication	
	(MEIDECCC)	
Tuvalu	1. Faoliu Teakau	01.08.13

Country	Position Holder	Date of Commencement
	2. Epu Falenga, resigned 04.06.14, Department of Environment	

Staff have also been recruited in the countries to manage and implement the climate change adaptation projects as shown in the following table.

Country	Position Holder	Date of
J		Commencement
Cook Islands	1. Teariki Rongo, Project Manager,	03.07.13
	based in Rarotonga	
	2. Tina Weir, Marine Biologist based in	26.09.13
	Manihiki (resigned as of September	
	2014)	
	2a. Teuru Tiraa Passfield, Marine	05.01.15
	Biologist	
	Ministry of Marine Resources	
FSM	1. Raymond Tamow, Project Officer,	11.12.13
	Yap State Department of Resources &	
	Development	
Kiribati	1. Tianuare Taeuea, Project Officer	12.12.13
	2. Kiatoa Tio, Project Finance Officer,	
	Environmental Health Unit	03.02.14
	3. Rirati Teeta, Communications	06.10.14
	Officer	
	President's Office	
Marshall Islands	1. Rodrigo G. Hernandez III, Project	01.03.15
	Engineer, Ministry of Public Works	
Nauru	None	
Niue	None	
Palau	1. John Kintaro Jr. Project Coordinator/	09.02.14
	Project Officer, Palau Public Utilities	
	Commission (PPUC)	
	2. Dee Lola Reklai, Finance Officer,	01.09.14
	PPUC	
Tonga	1. Pesalili Tu'iano, Civil Engineer,	02.02.14
	2. Aneti Penateti Havili, Finance	01.08.14
	Assistant,	
	Ministry of Meteorology, Energy,	
	Information, Disaster Management,	
	Environment, Climate Change and	
	Communication	
Tuvalu	1. Tinai Temamila, Project Finance	02.04.14
	Manager; resigned 03.12.14	
	1a. Enalizer Kaufakatasi, Project	24.11.14
	Finance Manager, Department of	
	Agriculture	
	2. Tavau Teii, Agroforestry Technical	02.04.14
	Officer, Department of Agriculture	
	3. Fialua Monise, Project Machinery	27.10.14
	Vehicle Operator, Department of	
	Agriculture	
	Agriculture	

The 4th Project Steering Committee Meeting was held from 20-27 June 2014 in Niue. The meeting involved country representatives and regional partners from the:

- EU Delegation
- GIZ/Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Islands Region Programme
- Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change Project (PACC)
- Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)
- Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- SPC-USAID Enhanced Climate Change Resilience for Food Production Systems Project
- University of the South Pacific, EU-ACP-GCCA project

The mid-term evaluation was conducted by F & P Consulting Partnership in the final quarter of 2013. The final report was accepted on 17^{th} March 2014.

The Project Team also provided input to a global evaluation of the GCCA over the period February – June 2014.



Attachments, on-the-job training and dedicated workshops are an important part of the project. In an agroforestry workshop in Tuvalu, participants learnt about planting techniques.

3. REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND PERFORMANCE

The following description of progress and activities is presented using the revised log frame. Only activities commenced, continued and completed during the period January – December 2014 are presented. The 2014 work plan, endorsed at the Third Steering Committee Meeting 30^{th} September – 1^{st} October 2013, is used as the basis for planned activities.

3.1 Description of Activities

]	Performance and success indicators from log frame	Planned Activities for January- December 2014	Progress and issues January-December 2014	Activities for January – June 2015			
	Overall objective: To support the governments of Cook Islands, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Tonga and Tuvalu, in their efforts to tackle the adverse effects of climate change						
•	Ten new activities that address country requests for climate change adaptation undertaken in an effective and sustainable manner.	Detailed under KRAs	Detailed under KRAs	Detailed under KRAs			
•	Capacity of a minimum of 40 national sector specialists for integrating climate change adaptation into at least three sectors built from minimal level to moderate level.						

Performance and success indicators from log frame	Planned Activities for January - December 2014	Progress and issues January-December 2014	Activities for January – June 2015		
Purpose: To promote a long term/strategic approach to adaptation planning and budgets and to pave the way towards more effective and coordinated aid delivery modalities at national and at regional level.					
At least one new formal mechanism in SPC to coordinate four different donors/partners engaged in delivery of climate	Detailed under the KRAs	Detailed under KRAs	Detailed under the KRAs		

Performance and success indicators from log frame	Planned Activities for January - December 2014	Progress and issues January-December 2014	Activities for January – June 2015
 change resilience. National climate change policy that integrates disaster risk management and includes a budgeted action plan prepared in a minimum of two countries. 			
 New/revised sector plans incorporating climate change resilience in at least four countries by 12/2015. National climate change policy in at least one country by 09/2015. 	Key Result Area 1 Climate change mainstreamed into nation	al and/or sector response strategies. les that identify how climate change is addressed	in each country and revise annually
	1 0 1	,	
	 No further versions are planned. Version 2 on Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP). 	No further activities	No further activities
	1.2 Prepare and/or advance detailed natio countries	nal and/or sector-specific climate change respons	e strategies and plans in at least four
	1.2.1 Advance national climate change response strategy in one country	 <u>Kiribati</u> – Joint Implementation Plan (KJIP) for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management: Completed <u>Nauru</u> - Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation & Disaster Risk Management (RONAdapt): Completed, launched 31.01.15 <u>Niue</u> – Design of an Institutional Framework for a New Climate Change Division: Completed <u>Palau</u> – National Climate Change Policy: This is a 4-part TA, part 3, preparation of the climate change policy framework, and part 4 preparation of the action plan are in progress; expected completion June 2015 	 <u>Kiribati:</u> Assist with implementation where necessary <u>Nauru:</u> Assist with follow-up activities where appropriate – see Water and Sanitation Plan in 1.2.2 <u>Niue:</u> No further activities Government reviewing recommendations <u>Palau:</u> Oversee the consultancies

Performance and success indicators from log frame	Planned Activities for January - December 2014	Progress and issues January-December 2014	Activities for January – June 2015
	1.2.2 Sector-specific climate change response strategies advanced in two countries 1.2.3 Requests for technical assistance for mainstreaming received and acted on for up to six countries	 <u>Kiribati</u> – National Environmental Health Action Plan: Completed <u>Kiribati</u> – Public Health Ordinance Revision: To start February 2015 <u>Nauru</u> – 20-year Water and Sanitation Master Plan: In progress, completion July 2015. <u>Tonga</u> – Diagnostic Study to inform a coastal management plan for Tongatapu: Completed <u>Tuvalu</u> – Tuvalu Agricultural Marketing Plan 2015-2020: Completed December 2012 <u>Cook Islands</u> – Training senior citizens in IT skills and climate change impacts in six of the southern group of islands: Completed <u>Marshall Islands</u> – Technical design of coastal protection works: Completed <u>Nauru</u> – Technical design of community water tank: Completed 	 Kiribati: Assist with implementation where required Kiribati: Oversee consultancy Nauru: Oversee consultancy Tonga: Ensure Diagnostic Study incorporated into the Integrated Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning process Tuvalu: Oversee adoption of the plan Cook Islands: Collaborate with SRIC-CC project who are expanding the training to the northern islands Marshall Islands: Oversee implementation Nauru: Oversee construction All countries: Review and progress as appropriate new requests
	1.3 Develop and implement a climate ch	hange communications plan for SPC	
	 1.3.1 Develop a climate change communications plan for SPC 1.3.2 Develop a climate change communication plan for GCCA: PSIS project 	 Completed Completed and being implemented 9 media releases on project activities were issued in 2014 (see Annex 3) 	Assist with implementationContinue implementationMonthly media releases

Performance and success indicators	Planned Activities for January -	Progress and issues January-December	Activities for January – June 2015
from log frame	December 2014	2014	
		 Several articles published in the monthly SPREP "Climate Change Matters" Newsletter; and "Climate Change Cook Islands" Newsletter (Annex 3) Prepare and distribute 9 national project briefs and one overall project brief summarising the activities in each country: Completed 	 Maintain visibility in SPREP and other newsletters Revise and expand the project briefs as activities progress
	1.3.3 Recruit a Climate Change Communications Officer to implement the plan	Officer in place since 2013; Project Communications Assistant recruited and started in November 2014	Implement communication activities
	1.3.4 Prepare and distribute four national and one regional climate	• 4 national and 1 regional video completed in 2013	Continue distribution
	change adaptation videos.	 Nine national lessons learnt videos prepared by countries in 2014. Further work underway to collect additional footage and finalise Video highlights displayed at sidelines of UN-SIDS meeting 	Finalise national videos and launch
	1.3.5 Share activities among countries and distribute visibility products	Visibility products (t-shirts, bags, memory sticks, banners, caps) produced and distributed	
	1.4 Develop and implement national cli	imate change communications plans for at least fo	our countries
	1.4 Assess country needs for national climate change communication plans	FSM – Consultant recruited November 2014 to prepare and implement a communications plan for the water sector Kiribati – Climate Change Communications Plan prepared.in 2013; national communications officer recruited	FSM: Oversee consultancy Kiribati: Oversee work in communications
		October 2014 to implement the plan Palau – Consultant recruited December	Palau: Oversee consultancy

Performance and success in	dicators Planned	Activities for January -	Progress and issues January-December	Activities for January – June 2015
from log frame		December 2014	2014	
			2014 to prepare and implement a	
			communications plan for the water sector	
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Performance and success indicators from log frame	Planned Activities for January- December 2014	Progress and issues January- December 2014	Activities for January – June 2015
Climate change coordinators in place and contracts signed in at least four countries by 12/2013	Key Results Area 2 Well articulated sectoral adaptation strategies	s that address budget support criteria numbe	er 1 in place
Sectoral policies/strategies that address budget support criterion 1 ¹ in at least 2 countries by 12/2015			
Capacity to apply the Logical Framework Approach to project design built in at least six countries by 12/2014			
	2.1 Enhance national climate change coording	nation in at least five countries	
	2.1.1 High level agreements signed with 9 countries for project implementation in 2013	No further action required	·
	• 2.1.2 Recruit national climate change coordinators in a minimum of 7 countries	• 9 national coordinators are on-the- job – see Section 2.4 for details	Oversight of activities and reporting; liaison with national coordinators
	2.2 Review budget support readiness in at le	ast seven countries and share findings region	nally
	• 2.2.1 Review budget support	• Completed in 2013	

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¹ Criterion 1 relates to the existence of national or sector policies or strategies that meet the criteria of relevance and credibility (relevance refers to poverty reduction, sustainable and inclusive growth and democratic governance as well as specific national challenges; and credibility refers to the track record in policy implementation, policy financing, institutional capacity and ownership, and the quality of data and analysis underlying the policy).

Performance and success indicators from log frame	Planned Activities for January- December 2014	Progress and issues January- December 2014	Activities for January – June 2015
	readiness in a minimum of 7 countries (especially criterion 1) • 2.2.2 Hold a regional workshop to discuss budget support and prepare plan of action for national follow-up	 Regional workshop completed in 2013 Response to requests from countries: Cook Islands: Technical assistance to Cook Islands for NIE accreditation to the Adaptation Fund. Application submitted to Adaptation Fund December 2014 Marshall Islands: Technical assistance provided to prepare a National Climate Change Finance Assessment (together with other development partners); report published August 2014 Tonga: Technical assistance provided to design the framework for the Tonga Climate Change Fund; Draft Tonga Climate Change Fund Bill prepared December 2014 	 Respond to specific request from countries Cook Islands: Complete consultancy; liaise re feedback from Adaptation Fund Board; possibly provide further assistance Marshall Islands: No further action envisaged Tonga: Assist with operational manual and regulations to support the bill; liaise with Tonga authorities re submission of bill to Parliament
	2.3 Prepare national and/or sectoral policies criterion 1 in at least two countries	and plans that incorporate climate change ar	nd better comply with budget support
	2.3 Prepare national and/or sectoral policies and plans that incorporate climate change and better comply with budget support criterion 1 in at least two countries	The investment plans attached to the mainstreaming activities described in 1.2.1 for the following 3 countries address this activity: Kiribati – Joint Implementation Plan (KJIP) for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management Mauru – Technical assistance to prepare a 20-year Water and Sanitation Master Plan & Climate	 <u>Kiribati</u>: Liaise with Kiribati re implementation of KJIP <u>Nauru</u>: Oversee preparation of the master plan

Performance and success indicators from log frame	Planned Activities for January- December 2014	Progress and issues January- December 2014	Activities for January – June 2015
		Change Palau – National Climate Change Policy Framework and prioritised investment plan in progress and to be completed by July 2015	Palau: Oversee the consultancies Tonga: Contract consultants to revise the Tonga Climate Change Policy and ensure it is aligned with the 2015-2020 JNAP revision which is in progress
	2.4 Provide regional training in project prop	osal preparation and national level training i	n at least four countries
	2.4 Conduct national training in project proposal preparation using the logical framework approach (LFA) in 4 countries	 12 national training workshops completed by June 2014 291 people from governments (including meteorological officers), NGOs, communities in the 9 countries trained in LFA An impact survey revealed that at least 54 funding proposals had been submitted in the time period between the LFA training and the impact survey. LFA was used in 85% of these proposals. 31 of the 54 funding proposals had been approved 	Conduct refresher training in LFA and M&E in 5 countries
 Climate change adaptation activities implemented in three different sectors by 12/2015 Lessons learnt about (on-the- ground) climate change adaptation activities compiled, analysed and shared by 12/2015 	Key Result Area 3 National climate change adaptation projects	implemented.	
	3.1 Prepare selection criteria and assist with	identification of needs and prioritisation of	a specific sector for climate change

Performance and success indicators from log frame	Planned Activities for January- December 2014	Progress and issues January- December 2014	Activities for January – June 2015
	 adaptation activities in nine countries 3.1 Select a specific sector for an adaptation project and prepare a concept in 9 countries 	Completed	No further action required
	3.2 Assist at least seven countries to design	adaptation projects in a participatory manner	and using the logical framework approach
	3.2 Prepare detailed project designs in a participatory manner in at least 7 countries	 Multi-stakeholder participatory planning workshops held in 9 countries 9 project design documents (PDD) completed and approved. PDDs revised for Marshall Islands and Nauru and finalised in 2014. Amendment to FSM PDD signed August 2014 	Continue to use the PDDs as a guide to project implementation and revise activities and indicators as appropriate
	3.3 Oversee and guide at least seven countri	es in the implementation and evaluation of the	neir adaptation projects
	• 3.3. Start project implementation in at least 5 countries This activity currently takes up 60% of the project team's time	 Implementation has commenced in 9 countries Four countries: Cook Islands, Kiribati, Niue and Tonga have reached or exceeded a 60% rate of implementation Three countries: FSM, Palau and Tuvalu have reached between 20-40% rate of implementation Marshall Islands and Nauru have reached between 10-20% rate of implementation Further details in Annex 2 	Oversee and assist countries with the main activities: Recruitment and oversight of project staff; Establishment of national steering committees; Procurement of infrastructure, equipment and services; Purchase and installation of infrastructure and equipment; Supervision and oversight; Narrative reporting; Financial acquittals and reporting; Delivery of supporting activities – education,

Performance and success indicators	Planned Activities for January-	Progress and issues January-	Activities for January – June 2015
from log frame	* *	Om the national adaptation activities and dissen	awareness, monitoring, training and capacity building These activities need to be completed in 2015
	3.4 Compile lessons learnt from adaptation projects	Lessons learnt to date shared with new EU-funded projects: Adapting to Climate Change and Sustainable Energy programme (ACSE); Building Resilience and Safety in the Pacific (BSRP); Enhancing the Capacity of Pacific Island Countries to Address the Impacts of Climate Change on Migration 9 national lessons learnt videos prepared by June 2014; editing and finalisation in progress Highlights from the Lessons learnt videos shared at sidelines of UN-SIDS Meeting in Samoa, September 2014	 Continue to compile lessons learnt and share at appropriate events Share lessons learnt at Pacific Climate Change Roundtable, May 2015 Project Lessons Learnt Meeting in Yap, FSM September 2015 (back to back with Steering Committee Meeting)
Performance and success indicators from log frame	Planned Activities for January – December 2014	Progress and issues January – December 2014	Activities for January-June 2015
 Two new regional coordination tools available, by 12/2012 Minimum of three national representatives representing a minimum of three countries regularly contributing to the 	Key Result Area 4 Streamlined technical assistance that support manner	ports national adaptation responses delivered by	regional organizations in a collaborative

Performance and success indicators from log frame	Planned Activities for January- December 2014	Progress and issues January- December 2014	Activities for January – June 2015
 Climate Change Portal by 12/2015 At least ten regional/sub-regional climate change resilience building activities implemented collaboratively by regional organisations by 12/2015 			
		change activities and assist with the uptake and dentify and formulate appropriate adaptation resp	
	4.1.1 Develop a matrix of climate change activities by sector for the Pacific region	1 matrix developed in 2012; revised and published in 2013	
	4.1.2 Populate the Climate Change Portal with GCCA: PSIS and other information	 Project information available on the Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP) under Projects Contribute to the quarterly PCCP advisory meetings Contributed to the revision of the PCCP Strategic Plan (prepared 05.04.14) Contributed to PCCP Communications Plan 2014-2015 	 Schedule a visit to SPREP to reorganise and update project information on the PCCP Continue activities related to the management and future development of the PCCP
	4.1.3 Provide national training in updating the Climate Change Portal through 2 sub-regional training workshops	Completed in 2013	
		bugh undertaking country activities jointly with or buting to regional planning frameworks such as the	
	4.2.1 Participate in PCCR and contribute to follow-up in project countries, particularly Regional Strategy for Climate and Disaster	 PCCR and Joint CCA and DRM Roadmap meetings completed in 2013. Provision of assistance (through GCCA: 	Contribute to continued development and finalisation of the SRDP especially (i) finalisation of strategy; (ii)

Performance and success indicators	Planned Activities for January-	Progress and issues January-	Activities for January – June 2015
from log frame	December 2014	December 2014	
	Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP) • 4.2.2 CROP CEO's Climate Change Sub-Committee - Working Arm on Climate Change and Disaster Resilient Development (WARD) and Development Partners for Climate Change (DPCC) informed about GCCA: PSIS activities	PSIS Project Officer based in SPREP) with the public consultations and country engagement relating to the draft Regional Strategy for Disaster and Climate Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP) Contributed to technical working group (CROP) and UN agencies for the SRDP, February 2014 Provide support to the preparation of the Regional Synthesis Report and Compendium of Case Studies; drafts prepared and finalisation in 2015 Contributed to the side event on the SRDP at the UN-SIDS meeting in September 2014 Support the finalisation of the SRDP at the SPC-CRGA and the SPREP Annual General Meeting Contributed to WACC meetings in Feb, April, June and September 2014 Contributed to development of the Regional Technical Support Mechanism (launched July 2014 in Palau) Contributed to DPCC meetings in March, June, August, September, November 2014 1 quarterly meeting held with PIFS, UNDP and SPREP to collaborate work in climate change financing	 Preparation of Compendium of Case Studies; and (iii) Regional Synthesis Report Continue to participate in WARD and DPCC meetings and other collaborative activities
	4.2.3 Coordinate all donor funded climate change activities implemented through SPC	• Monthly meetings conducted to collaborate with SPC's climate change and DRM projects. (Other donor-funded projects, e.g. EU Migration project, invited on occasion)	Continue monthly coordination meetings

Performance and success indicators from log frame	Planned Activities for January- December 2014	Progress and issues January- December 2014	Activities for January – June 2015
	4.3 Enhance coordination especially between	een SPC and SPREP in the planning and deliver	ry of climate change activities in countries
	4.3 1 At least 5 joint SPC/SPREP activities conducted	 Preparation of SRDP – joint SPC/SPREP activity Preparation of proposal for GCCA+ - CROP, especially SPC, SPREP, PIFS, USP; concept note prepared October 2014 EU-ACP Steering Committee, Brussels, May 2014, joint SPC/SPREP/PIFS/USP presentations on Pacific activities GCCA: PSIS 4th SCM – Development partners Panel Session (GIZ, USP, PIFS, SPREP, SPC-USAID) Preparation and Launch of RTSM, a CROP collaboration The following are a selection of national collaborative activities in 2014: Cook Islands: Delivery of senior citizen IT and climate change training in collaboration with UNDP-SRIC-CC project (Resilience of our Islands and Communities to Climate Change) Kiribati: Delivery of health legislation review with WHO, in progress, to be completed 2015 Niue: Implementation of rainwater harvesting adaption project with PACC and PACC+ Project (SPREP) Palau: Support development of climate change policy framework with GIZ-CCCPIR Tonga: collaboration with ADB to extend 	Continue to work with other development partners and projects to deliver climate change activities
		scope of the coastal protection measures	

3.2 Interim Financial Report 1 July 2011 – 31 December 2014

Expenditure based on Acquittals and Advances made to Countries

An external audit was completed during this reporting period and covered project spending to 31 December 2013. This audit was finalised on 9th April 2104 and showed that the total expenditure inclusive of commitments and advances to countries, for the period 19 July 2011 to 31 December 2013, was Euros 3,889,628 (an expenditure rate of 34%).

Following completion of the audit, the third tranche of funds was requested. The third tranche of funds, Euros 4,980,155, was received on 26th May 2014.

An external audit is in progress during quarter 1 of 2015 for the period 19 July 2011 to 31 December 2014.

Expenditure based on Acquittals only

The Interim Financial Report as of 31 December 2014 is shown overleaf. This Interim Financial Report refers to acquitted funds only. It does not reflect in full the advances made to countries for their adaptation projects and project engagement activities (national coordinators). The expenditure rate over the general budget is 50% (Euros 5,727,103).

The following table shows the acquitted funds as of 31 December 2013 (and as reflected in the external audit conducted in 2014) and the acquitted funds as reflected in the Interim Financial Report as of 30 June 2014, and in the Interim Financial Report as of 31 December 2014.

Date	Total acquitted expenditure	Expenditure rate over General Budget
31.12.13	2,617,223	23%
30.06.14	3,951,333	35%
31.12.14	5,727,103	50%

It should be noted that there has been a significant increase (+27%) in expenditure rate between 31.12.13 and 31.12.14 and this partly reflects the significant efforts made by the countries and the Project Team to fully acquit project funds.

It is anticipated that this expenditure rate will continue to increase in the first half of 2015 as major infrastructure items are acquitted.

Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States (GCCA: PSIS) project Interim Financial Report as of 31st Dec 2014

-	General	Actuals	% over General		
EURO	Budget	Expenditure	Budget		
Technical Assistance					
Long Term Technical Assistance					
Project Manager/ Team Leader	329,400	232,605	71%		
Climate Change Advisor-Suva	294,690	166,928	57%		
Climate Change Advisor-Pohnpei	316,470	214,490	68%		
Climate Change Advisor-Suva	214,095	99,996	47%		
Climate Change Advisor-Suva	214,069	84,209	39%		
Project Finance Officer	197,560	119,840	61%		
Project Liaison Assistant	44,500	28,842	65%		
Communications Officers	89,216	61,961	69%		
Long Term Tech Assist to SPREP	240,000	226,238	94%		
Specialist Short Term Tech Assistance to Beneficiary countries	1,480,000	739,613	50%		
Countries	1,480,000	739,013	30%		
Sub Total	3,420,000	1,974,721			
	3) 123,535	2,07 1,722			
Training , Technical, Attachments, National project engag Visibilty, Office Equipment and Consumables	ement support,	, Travel, Project			
Support to SPREP for Travel and in country cost	100,000	102,529	103%		
Support for participating country Proj Engagements	520,000	324,224	62%		
Regional Training Workshops and Tech Attachments	680,000	706,869	104%		
Project equipment and consumables	190,000	122,158	64%		
Pilot Adaptation Project	4,640,000	1,613,167	35%		
Travel and in Country Cost	600,000	400,459	67%		
Visibility	115,000	48,564	42%		
Sub Total (Direst Cost)	6,845,000	3,317,970			
Total Direct cost	10,265,000	5,292,691			
In-direct cost (7%)	718,550	372,372	52%		
Evaluation	200,000	62,040	31%		
Contingencies	216,450	-	0%		
Total Cost estimate	11,400,000	5,727,103			
Expenditure Rate over Gene	Expenditure Rate over General Budget				

4. WORK PLAN FOR 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2014

The following work plan was endorsed at the 3rd Project Steering Committee meeting, 30 September – 1 October, 2013.

Activity	Output	Q1, 01-03	Q2 04-06	Q3 07-09	Q4 10-12
KRA 1 Climate change mainstreamed into national and/or sector response strategies.					
1.2.1 Prepare national climate change response strategy in Palau and Nauru Respond to requests from other countries	Palau: (1) Policy prepared; (2) Implementation plan prioritised and costed. Nauru: JNAP (RONAdapt) finalised and (2) Climate change policy prepared				
1.2.2 Advance sector-specific climate change response strategies in minimum 3 countries: Nauru: 20 year water sector and climate change plan Niue: Drought policy Tonga: Coastal management plan for Tongatapu And respond to requests from other countries	TOR for technical assistance; consultant(s) recruited; technical assistance reports completed				
1.2.3 Respond to requests for training and/or attachments in up to three countries: Tuvalu: Request for CCA Attachment Tuvalu: Request for training in food security from National Council for Women Respond to requests from other countries	List of requests and responses; reports on training activities				
1.3.1 Implement SPC climate change communications plan and GCCA: PSIS communications plan 1.3.2 Plan a regional climate change video documenting lessons learnt from adaptation projects	Climate change communications plan implemented; activities documented Storyboard and preliminary footage				
1.3.3 Share activities among countries and distribute visibility products 1.4.1 Prepare climate change communication plans for 3 countries Tonga: Request received	Regular country updates; updated website; visibility products distributed Climate change communications plans prepared				

Activity	Output	Q1, 01-03	Q2 04-06	Q3 07-09	Q4 10-12
Respond to requests from other countries					
KRA 2 Well articulated sectoral a	ndaptation strategies that address budget support cri	iteria in p	olace		
2.1.1. Recruit national climate change coordinators in remaining 2 countries: Marshall Islands, Niue	Quarterly progress reports (narrative and financial) from national coordinators in all 9 countries				
2.3.1 Assist up to 2 countries with NIE accreditation Cook Islands: Ongoing Respond to requests from other countries	TOR, report on the technical assistance				
2.3.2 Respond to requests from countries and partner organisations for advancing eligibility for budget support	Technical assistance reports				
2.4.1 Conduct remaining proposal preparation trainings in FSM, Palau, Tonga; Conduct additional (top-up) national training in project proposal preparation using the logical framework approach in 3 countries: Niue, Kiribati and Marshall Islands; respond to FSM's request to conduct individual training in all four states; respond to requests from other countries	Minimum 50 persons capable of using logical framework approach in project planning				
2.4.2 Conduct regional training in M&E with SPREP and APN; and conduct national training in M&E in 3 countries depending on requests	Minimum 50 persons capable of applying M&E training to their normal job activities				
2.4.3 Respond to new requests for training that might apply to several countries					
KRA 3 National climate change adaptation projects implemented.					
3.2 Prepare detailed project designs in a participatory manner in remaining two 2 countries: Marshall Islands, Nauru, and prepare project design documents	Design documents including scheduling and budgets for all 9 countries				

Activity	Output	Q1, 01-03	Q2 04-06	Q3 07-09	Q4 10-12
3.3. Continue project implementation in 9 countries (refer to Annex 1 for details on scheduling of national CCA projects)	Quarterly progress narrative and financial reports; project log frames reviewed and revised where necessary				
3.4 Compile lessons learnt from adaptation projects and hold a regional forum back to back with 4 th SCM, possibly before or after the SPREP Annual Meeting scheduled for July 2014 in the Cook Islands, tbc and subsequently deferred to 2015	Compilation of lessons learnt shared with countries and donor(s)				
KRA 4 Streamlined technical assistance that supports manner	s national adaptation responses delivered by region	nal organ	izations	in a colla	borative
4.1.1 Continue to populate the Climate Change Portal with GCCA: PSIS and other information	GCCA: PSIS project activities up to date on the portal				
4.1.2 Regional training for GCCA: PSIS national coordinators on project coordination, knowledge management, and application of tools including the Climate Change Portal, in collaboration with USP and SPREP; proposed dates 7-10 April 2014 in FSM (subsequently moved to preparatory meeting prior to 4 th Steering Committee Meeting due to cost constraints)	Report on regional meeting; portal updated at least quarterly				
4.2.1 Contribute to follow-up on Roadmap for Post 2015 Strategy for Disaster and Climate Resilient Development in the Pacific region in project countries					
4.2.2 CROP CEO's Climate Change Sub-Committee - Working Arm on Climate Change (WACC) and Development Partners for Climate Change (DPCC) informed about GCCA: PSIS activities	Minutes from meetings of WACC and DPCC				
4.2.3 Coordinate all donor-funded climate change activities implemented through SPC	Minutes of SPC Climate Change Managers meeting				

Activity	Output	Q1, 01-03	Q2 04-06	Q3 07-09	Q4 10-12
4.2.4 Project activities to support the Joint National Adaptation Plans (or equivalent) for CCA and DRM conducted in at least two countries in response to country requests	JNAP				
4.3.1 At least 5 joint SPC/SPREP activities conducted	Documentation relating to joint activities				

5. WORK PLAN 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2015 (Approved at 4th Steering Committee Meeting, 27th June 2014)

Activity	Output	Q1, 01-03	Q2 04-06	Q3 07-09	Q4 10-12	
KRA 1 Climate change mainstreamed into national and/or sector response strategies						
1.2.1 Complete national climate change response strategy in Palau, Nauru and Niue	Palau: (1) Climate change policy framework prepared; (2) Investment plan prepared; (3) JNAP Nauru: Final work relating to RONAdapt (tbc) Niue: Institutional framework for Climate Change Division completed					
1.2.2 Complete sector-specific climate change response strategies, including: Kiribati: Review of the public health legislation to update it and incorporate climate change concerns Cook Islands: Pearl management plan Palau: Private sector water conservation programme Tonga: Coastal management plan for Tongatapu; and possibly including: Marshall Islands: Coastal protection guidelines Nauru: 20 year water sector and climate change plan	TOR for technical assistance; consultant(s) recruited; technical assistance reports completed					
1.2.3 Complete responses to requests for training and/or attachments: Kiribati: environmental health monitoring & data analysis Palau (with Tonga): Sharing on-the-ground experiences with coastal protection measures & climate change Tuvalu: procurement training; training for the national women's council members on home agriculture; attachment in plant research and propagation to SPC CePaCT.	List of requests and responses; reports on training activities					
1.3.1 Implement SPC climate change communications plan and GCCA: PSIS communications plan	Climate change communications plan implemented; activities documented and assessed					

Activity	Output	Q1, 01-03	Q2 04-06	Q3 07-09	Q4 10-12
1.3.2 Complete a regional climate change video/or series of short videos documenting lessons learnt from adaptation projects	Video/series of short video clips completed, aired widely	01-03	04-00	07-09	10 12
1.3.3 Share activities among countries and distribute visibility products	Regular country updates; updated website, Climate Change Portal, C4Dev website; visibility products distributed				
KRA 2 Well articulated sectoral	adaptation strategies that address budget support c	riteria in	place		
2.1.1. Assess role of project national climate change coordinators and different modes of project finance and lessons learnt	Quarterly progress reports (narrative and financial) from national coordinators in all 9 countries; assessment report				
2.3.1 Complete specific assistance to countries relating to climate change finance Cook Islands: NIE accreditation Tonga: Tonga Climate Change Fund Marshall Islands: Follow up activities from 2014 Climate Finance Study (tbc)	TOR, report on the technical assistance				
2.3.2 Collaborate with SPREP and APAN to provide training in gaining eligibility as NIEs to the Adaptation Fund	Training and follow-up provided				
2.4.1 Complete national training in project design, budgeting and M&E	Training completed and post-training impact evaluated				
2.4.2 Enhance project financial management at the national level	At least three project financial officers regularly reporting and providing feedback and response				
KRA 3 National climate change adaptation projects implemented					
3.3.1 Complete project implementation in 9 countries, see Addendum 1 for more details	Quarterly progress narrative and financial reports; project log frames used for M&E				

Activity	Output	Q1, 01-03	Q2 04-06	Q3 07-09	Q4 10-12
3.3.2 Assist countries with implementation of project exit strategies	Documentation of successful transitions				
3.4 Compile lessons learnt from adaptation projects and hold a regional forum back to back with another major meeting and other development partners	Compilation of lessons learnt shared with countries and development partners				
KRA 4 Streamlined technical assistance that suppor	ts national adaptation responses delivered by region manner	al organi	zations ir	ı a collab	orative
4.1.1 Continue to populate the Climate Change Portal with GCCA: PSIS and other information	GCCA: PSIS project activities up to date on the portal				
4.2.1 Contribute to the endorsement and implementation of the Regional Strategy for Disaster and Climate Resilient Development in the Pacific region	SRDP, Compendium of Case Studies, regional synthesis of progress over past ten years				
4.2.2 Working Arm of CROP CEOs Sub-Committee on Climate Change and Disaster Resilient Development (WARD) informed about GCCA: PSIS activities	Minutes from meetings of WARD and DPCC; RTSM and RRF				
4.2.3 Dedicated climate change and DRM activities implemented through SPC better coordinated	Minutes of SPC Climate Change/DRM Managers meetings; SPC Focal Points meetings				
4.2.4 Project activities undertaken to support the Joint National Adaptation Plans (or equivalent) for CCA and DRM	Documentation of activities directly supporting JNAP				
4.3 1 Joint SPC/SPREP activities conducted, e.g. Kiribati "whole of island approach"	Documentation relating to joint activities				

Annex 1: Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Islands States project: Logical Framework (Revised version approved 12.02.14) (Indicator dates have been revised as of 31.12.14)

Description	Verifiable Indicators	Verification Sources	Assumptions
Overall Objective To support the Governments of Cook Islands, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Tonga and Tuvalu, in their efforts to tackle the adverse effects of climate change	 Ten new activities that address country requests for climate change adaptation undertaken in an effective and sustainable manner. Capacity of a minimum of 40 national sector specialists for integrating climate change adaptation into at least three sectors built from minimal level to moderate level. 	 Government documents, project and workshop reports, media reports. Baseline questionnaires. Workshop/conference reports and evaluations; presentations and media interviews given by national specialists; changes in national job descriptions. 	
Purpose To promote a long term/strategic approach to adaptation planning and budgets and to pave the way towards more effective and coordinated aid delivery modalities at national and at regional level.	 At least one new formal mechanism in SPC to coordinate four different donors/partners engaged in delivery of climate change resilience. National climate change policy that integrates disaster risk management and includes a budgeted action plan prepared in a minimum of two countries. 	 Meeting minutes, documented evidence of actions being implemented. Climate change adaptation and DRM plans and policy documents; government documents, mission reports 	 SPC continues to integrate climate change throughout the organisation. Beneficiary governments are committed to integrating CCA and DRM policies, plans and actions.
Key Result Area 1 Climate change mainstreamed into national and/or sector response strategies.	 New/revised sector plans incorporating climate change resilience in at least four countries by 12/2015. National climate change policy in at least one country by 09/2015. 	 Government sector documents Annual reports from government sectors Reports for short term technical assistance activities 	Beneficiary governments, especially the line ministries selected as focal areas for this project are willing to formulate national and sector specific climate change plans/strategies
Key Results Area 2	Review conducted in at least 4 countries of the extent to which	Letters of Agreement SPC and	Ministries of Finance and line ministries are willing to provide information to contribute

Description	Verifiable Indicators	Verification Sources	Assumptions
KRA 2: Countries better equipped to access climate change funds through different financing modalities.	climate change is mainstreamed in national and sector policies so as to inform the delivery of funds via modalities such as budget support by 06/2014. Capacity to apply the Logical Framework Approach to project design built in at least six countries by 12/2014.	 country, job descriptions for coordinators. Policies and strategies from 2012 and 2014. Reports for short term technical assistance activities. Questionnaires. Design documents for climate change adaptation projects using the logical framework. 	to the review of the extent to which climate change is mainstreamed in national and sector policies so as to inform the delivery of funds via modalities such as budget support.
Key Result Area 3 National climate change adaptation projects implemented.	 Climate change adaptation activities implemented in three different sectors by 12/2015. Lessons learnt about (on-the-ground) climate change adaptation activities compiled, analysed and shared by 12/2015. 	 Project concept notes, design documents and progress reports. Minutes of regional and Steering Committee meetings; implementation of climate change communications strategy. 	 Governments willing to proceed with project implementation and sufficient local resources and skills available to implement and maintain the projects. Natural and man-made hazards do not adversely affect project implementation.
Key Result Area 4 Streamlined technical assistance that supports national adaptation responses delivered by regional organizations in a collaborative manner	 Two new regional coordination tools available, by 12/2012. Minimum of three national representatives representing a minimum of three countries regularly contributing to the Climate Change Portal by 12/2015 At least ten regional/subregional climate change resilience building activities implemented collaboratively by regional organisations by 12/2014. 	 Matrix of regional and national climate change activities. Reports from Climate Change Portal training workshops and web statistics. Reports and evaluations from regional/sub-regional workshops. 	Beneficiary countries, development partners and other entities are willing to set aside sufficient time to collaborate in joint activities.

Activities	Means	Indicative budget	
 Prepare national climate change profiles that identify how climate change is addressed in each country and revise annually. Prepare and/or advance detailed national and/or sector specific climate change response strategies and plans in at least four countries. Develop and implement a climate change communications plan for SPC. Develop and implement national climate change communications plans for at least four countries. Enhance national climate change coordination in at least five countries Review budget support readiness in at least seven countries and share findings regionally. Prepare national and/or sectoral policies and plans that incorporate climate change and better comply with budget support criterion 1 in at least two countries. Provide regional training in project proposal preparation and national level training in at least four countries. 	 Technical assistance Missions to countries Training workshops Meetings and conferences Media involvement Equipment purchase Recruitment of national coordinators Letters of Agreement SPC/countries National climate change profiles Reporting and evaluation 	See main project budget 1. € 700,000 TA, travel, training, visibility products. 2. € 1.22 million: national coordinators, training, TA, travel 3. €4,640,000 TA, travel, national staff, small scale infrastructure, equipment, supplies, evaluation missions, regional workshops. 4. €940,000 Workshops, TA, training, meetings, grant to SPREP	
3.1 Prepare selection criteria and assist with identification of needs and prioritisation			

Activities	Means	Indicative budget	
of a specific sector for climate change adaptation activities in nine countries.			
3.2 Assist at least seven countries design adaptation projects in a participatory manner and using the logical framework approach.			
3.3 Oversee and guide at least seven countries in the implementation and evaluation of their adaptation projects.			
3.4 Compile and analyse lessons learnt from the national adaptation activities and disseminate widely at the national and regional level.			
4.1 Develop a matrix of regional climate change activities and assist with the uptake and development of the Pacific Climate Change Portal to assist countries to identify and formulate appropriate adaptation responses.			
4.2 Strengthen regional coordination through undertaking country activities jointly with other organisations, utilising cross sectoral framework such as JNAP and contributing to regional planning frameworks such as the PCCR and CROP CEOs Climate Change Subcommittee (WACC).			
4.3 Enhance coordination especially between SPC and SPREP in the planning and delivery of climate change activities in countries.			

Annex 2: Status of Climate Change Adaptation Projects (KRA 3) as of 31 December 2014

Clin	nate Change Adaptation Project	Date Project Design Document signed	Implementation started	Percentage implemented as of December 2014
1.	Environmental monitoring to enhance community livelihoods and build resilience to climate change in low-lying atolls of the Cook Islands .	11.04.13	✓	72
2.	Increasing coastal water and food security for climate change in selected FSM State outlying islands. Amendment 1 signed 15.08.14.	21.09.13	✓	25
3.	Improving implementation of environmental health surveillance and response to climate sensitive health risks in Kiribati.	12.06.13	✓	59
4.	Protecting atoll habitability, land and infrastructure in Ailinglaplap, Republic of Marshall Islands. Major revision and version 2 of PDD signed 06.02.15	25.06.14 06.02.15(v2)	✓	16.7
5.	Increasing national water storage capacity and improving water security in Nauru . Change of project focus confirmed in PDD signed 03.10.14	03.10.14	✓	17.5
6.	Augmentation of rainwater capture and storage in Niue.	24.08.13	✓	92
7.	Addressing water sector climate change vulnerabilities in the outlying states of Palau	31.07.13	✓	20
8.	Trialling coastal protection measures in eastern Tongatapu, Tonga .	13.08.13	✓	62.5
9.	Improving agro-forestry systems to enhance food security and build resilience to climate change in Tuvalu.	01.12.13	✓	44

Annex 3: List of Media Releases and Major Articles (The list does not include all national media coverage or international radio and TV interviews)

Article Title	Web Address
Cook Islands	
Silver surfers expand climate change knowledge in the Pacific	GCCA News, July 2014 SPREP Climate Change Matters 2014 Cook Island News Cook Island News Cartoon Kura Taui'anga Reva, April 2014
Rauti Para Tablet Training – Atiu Island	Kura Taui'anga Reva, March 2014
SPC EU GCCA Pearl Farm Project Manihiki	Kura Taui'anga Reva, March 2014
Rauti Para Tablet Training Project	Kura Taui'anga Reva, April 2014
SPC EU GCCA: PSIS Rarotonga Reef Monitoring	Kura Taui'anga Reva, May 2014
Are Pa Metua receives tablet training	Kura Taui'anga Reva, May 2014
SPC EU GCCA: PSIS Annual conference - Niue	Kura Taui'anga Reva, June 2014
Silver Surfers (Rauti Para) hit "KATA"	Kura Taui'anga Reva, August 2014
Partnership through increased capacity	Kura Taui'anga Reva, December 2014
Submission of application for accreditation to Adaptation Fund	SPREP Climate Change Matters February 2015
Kiribati EU and Kiribati against Climate Change Diseases	EU Delegation Press Corner, April 2014 Radio New Zealand International SPREP Climate Change Matters, June 2014
New solar disinfection method addresses water security in Kiribati	SPC Media Release, October 2014 Reliefweb Update, October 2014
Marshall Islands Marshall Islands holds first National Climate Change Dialogue	SPREP Climate Change Matters, November 2014
Nauru Partnership results in Climate and Disaster Resilience Plan for Nauru	SPC Media Release, February 2015 Marianas Variety Newspaper South Pacific Tourism Organisation News, February 2015
Niue Vital Harbour Launch at SIDS 2014 featuring side event on	SPREP Climate Change Matters, November 2014

Article Title	Web Address
partnership in Niue	
Palau SPC EU support for Palau Water Sector	SPC Media Release, August 2013 EU Delegation Press Corner, August 2013 Humanitarian News
Supporting Palauan action on climate change policy	SPC Media Release, November 2014 Pacific Islands Development Program, November 2014 Reliefweb Update, December 2014
Tonga Construction begins on coastal protection measures in Tonga	SPC Media Release, August 2014
SPC and EU support South-South cooperation between Palau and Tonga	SPC Media Release, February 2015 Tonga Daily News Reliefweb Update, February 2015
Tuvalu SPC enhances scientific knowledge of Pacific Islands	SPC Media Release, July 2014
Agroforestry training builds capacity of farmers in Tuvalu	SPC Media Release, October 2014 SPREP Climate Change Matters, November 2014 World Agroforestry Centre
Home gardening training empowers Tuvaluan women	SPREP Climate Change Matters, December 2014
Regional Delegates discuss successes and challenges in national climate change adaptation projects (4 th Regional Steering Committee Meeting, June 2014)	SPC Media Release, July 2014