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2nd Regional Programme Steering Committee Meeting for the GEF/SPC/UNDP Project Entitled: "Ridge to Reef – Testing the Integration of Water, Land, Forest & Coastal Management to Preserve Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods in Pacific Island Countries"

Nuku'alofa, Tonga, 31st July – 4th August, 2017

STATUS OF THE GEF R2R INTERNATIONAL WATERS PROJECT



Status of R2R Programme Implementation GEF/UNDP/SPC Pacific Regional IW R2R project

2nd Regional Programme Steering Committee Meeting
Nuku'alofa, Tonga
July 31st – August 4th 2017



GEF/UNDP/SPC Pacific Regional IW Project

Programme Goal:

To maintain and enhance Pacific Island countries ecosystem goods and services (provisioning, regulating, supporting and cultural) through integrated approaches to land, water, forest, biodiversity, sustainable livelihoods and climate resilience.

Purpose:

Mainstreaming of R2R principles in the promotion of climate resilient approaches to integrated land, water, forest and coastal management in PacSIDS through strategic planning, capacity building and actions to sustain livelihoods and preserve ecosystem services.

Project Objective:

To test the mainstreaming of R2R, climate resilient approaches to integrated land, water, forest and coastal management in the PICs through strategic planning, capacity building and piloted local actions to sustain livelihoods and preserve ecosystem services.





The Programmatic Approach



Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

Regional GEF Pacific
Ridge to Reef
Programme

National R2R STAR
funded R2R Projects

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Coordination,
Capacity building and
knowledge sharing

Regional IW funded
Pacific R2R Project



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Regional GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme

Regional IW funded Pacific R2R Project

National IW funded R2R Pilot Projects

Component One: National Demonstrations to Support R2R ICM/IWRM Approaches for Island Resilience and Sustainability

Component Two: Island-based investments in human capital and knowledge to strengthen national and local capacities for ridge to reef ICM/IWRM approaches, incorporating climate change adaptation

Component Three: Mainstreaming of ridge to reef ICM/IWRM approaches into national development planning

Component Four: Regional and national 'ridge to reef' indicators for reporting, monitoring, adaptive management and knowledge management

Component Five: Ridge to Reef Regional and National coordination





Project Details

Key Project Dates

PIF Approval Date	Jun 20, 2013
CEO Endorsement Date	Apr 6, 2015
Project Document Signature Date (project start date):	Sep 1, 2015
Date of Inception Workshop	Oct 7-11, 2016

Key Financing Amounts

PPG Amount	300,000
GEF Grant Amount	10,317,454

Cumulative disbursement as of 30 June (note: amount to be updated in late August): 1,543,235.69





Status of Project Implementation



Regional IW R2R project implementation status @end June 2017

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	Country Visits	Pro Doc Sign	PIC	SPC	CAR	AFTF	Project Manager
Palau	Completed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Leena Muller
FSM	Completed	Awaiting Congress Approval	Signed	Awaiting Signature			
Marshall Islands	Completed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Julius Lucky
Kiribati	Completed	To be signed	signed	Signed			
Tuvalu	Completed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Pesega Lifuka
Nauru	Completed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Berrick Dowiyogo
Samoa	Completed		Signed	signed			
Tonga	Completed	Signed	Signed	Signed			
Niue	Completed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Crispina Konelio
Cook Islands	Completed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Keu Mataroa
Fiji	Completed	Signed	Signed	Signed			
Vanuatu	Completed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Alick Thompson
Solomon Islands	Completed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Sammy Airahui
PNG	Completed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Senson Mark





GEF Pacific R2R Program Project Start/Finish																																
	2015				2016				2017				2018				2019				2020				2021				2022			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
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IW R2R National Demonstration Projects Summary

Country	Demonstration Site	Management Approach
Cook Islands	Muri Lagoon	Waste management implementation and coastal health assessment
Federated States of Micronesia		Integrated R2R catchment management assessment and planning
Fiji		Watershed assessment, mapping and planning
Kiribati		
Nauru	Nauru	Waste management implementation and Integrated Coastal Management planning
Niue	Niue	Coastal and groundwater protection, and Integrated Coastal Management planning
Palau	Ngerkil	Watershed management planning and implementation
Papua New Guinea	Tuna Bay	R2R approach in the protection of biodiversity and ecosystem functions in Bootless bay area
Republic of the Marshall Islands	Majuro/Laura	Waste management implementation and coastal health assessment
Samoa	Fangalii Watershed Area	Watershed management planning and implementation
Solomon Islands	Mataniko River Basin	Coastal health assessment and watershed management planning
Tonga		Coastal zone management plans and replication of IWRM/ICM Management models
Tuvalu	Funafuti	Waste management implementation and coastal health assessments
Vanuatu	Tagabe River Catchment	Watershed management planning and monitoring and assessment of management measures





Project Resources



Regional IW R2R Expenditure by component as at end June, 2017

Component One: National Demonstrations to Support R2R ICM/IWRM Approaches for Island Resilience and Sustainability

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Component Budget vs Expenditure	
Budget C 1	4,450,000.00
Actuals C 1	716,763.75
Budget C 2	1,650,000.00
Actual C 2	301,444.48
Budget C 3	1,125,000.00
Actuals C 3	93,491.37
Budget C 4	1,000,000.00
Actual C 4	193,203.87
Budget C 5	1,576,582.00
Actual C 5	240,124.04
Budget C 6	515,872.00
Actual C 6/PM	114,773.58
Total Budget	10,317,454.00
Total Expenditure	1,659,801.10



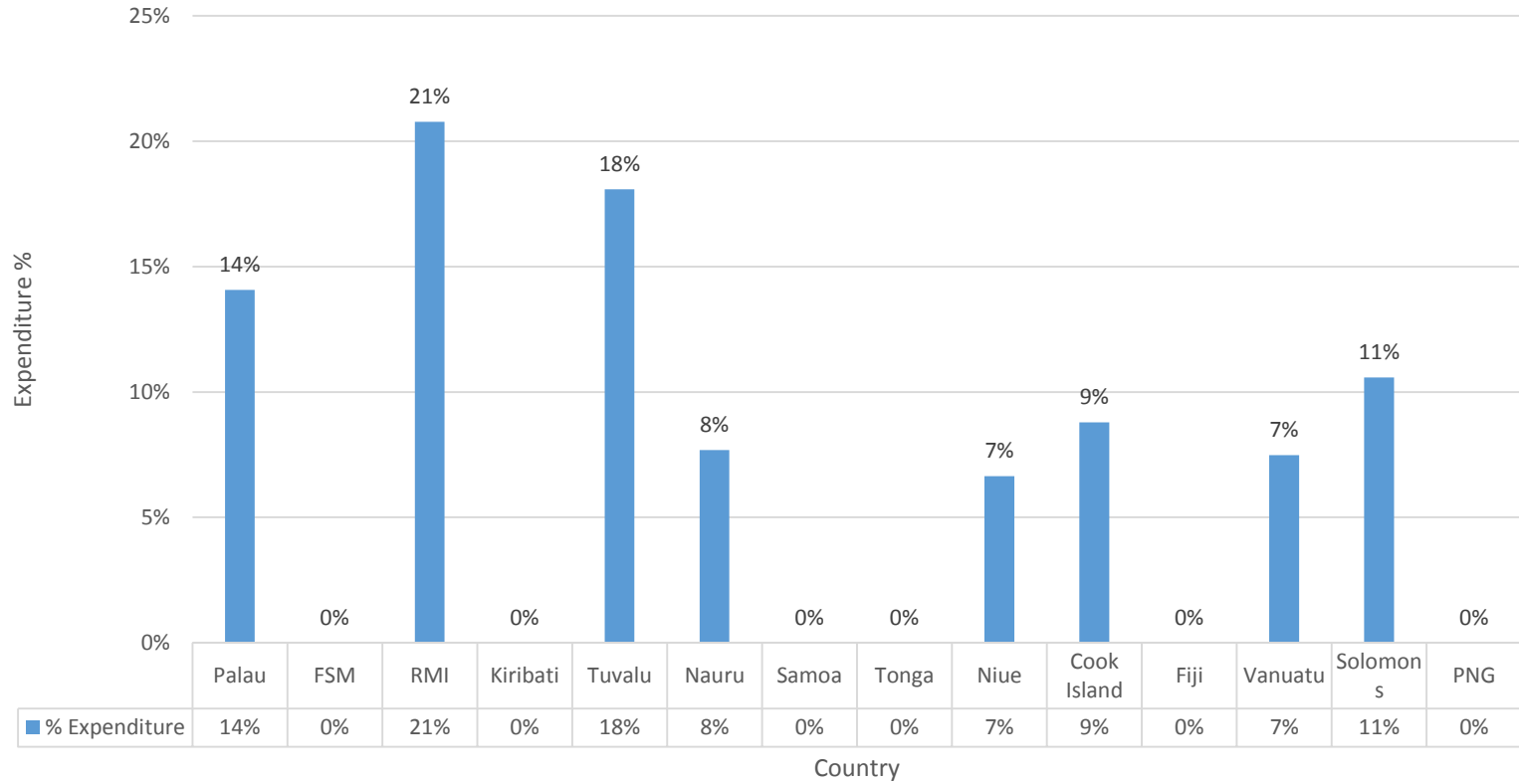


Country	Funds Advanced	Expenditure	% Exp
Palau	44,753.54	28,141.93	63%
FSM			
RMI	40,234.00	41,556.31	103%
Kiribati			
Tuvalu	37,020.00	36,155.72	98%
Nauru	15,000.00	15,357.58	102%
Samoa			
Tonga			
Niue	15,000.00	13,271.47	88%
Cook Island	15,000.00	17,587.44	117%
Fiji			
Vanuatu	15,000.00	14,948.49	100%
Solomons	30,000.00	21,149.47	70%
PNG	15,000.00		





Country Expenditure as at 30th June 2017





Development Progress



Outcome 1: 1.1 Successful pilot projects testing innovative solutions involving linking ICM, IWRM and climate change adaptation [linked to national STAR projects via larger Pacific R2R network]				
	Description of Indicator	Target level at end of project	Level at 30 September 2016	Cumulative progress since project start
	1.1.1 Number and quality of baseline environmental state and socio-cultural information incorporated in project area diagnostics	1.1.1 14 national pilot project area diagnostics based on R2R approach including: baseline environmental state and social data incorporating CC vulnerabilities; and local governance of water, land, forests and coasts reviewed	All countries visited, follow up visits for Inception Meetings in Tuvalu and Vanuatu undertaken in Q4. Summary of the status of National R2R projects(both STAR and IW) Refer Section 1.	Baseline monitoring guidelines developed and presented at RSC1 in October, 2016 Waste water monitoring manual development and presented at RSC1
	1.1.2 Stress reduction and water, environmental and socioeconomic status indicators	1.1.2 14 national pilot projects test methods for catalyzing local community action, utilizing and providing best practice examples, and building institutional linkages for integrated land, forest, water and coastal management.	Awaiting establishment of National PMs and National R2R Governance Structures.	Nine pilot projects commenced implementation, including: Cook Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, PNG, RMI, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.





Outcome 2: 1.2 National diagnostic analyses for ICM conducted for prioritizing and scaling-up key ICM/IWRM reforms and investments				
	Description of Indicator	Target level at end of project	Level at 30 September 2016	Cumulative progress since project start
	1.2.1 By end of the project, number of diagnostic analyses conducted for priority coastal areas	1.2.1 14 diagnostic analysis for ICM/IWRM and CCA investments conducted to inform priority areas for scaling-up in each of 14 participating PICs	First draft of diagnostic methodology presented at the RSC Meeting in October.	Develop methodology for diagnostic analysis in June for July pilot in Samoa.
	1.2.2 Number and quality of ICM-IWRM investments incorporating baseline environmental state and socio-cultural information for the prioritization of investment sites	1.2.2 Up to 14 ICM-IWRM investments utilizing methodology and procedures for characterizing island coastal areas for ICM investment developed by the project	As per above	Workshop of experts convened in June in Suva, Fiji to develop indicators for trial in August 2017 in Apia, Samoa.





Outcome 3: Multi-stakeholder leader roundtable networks established for strengthened 'community to cabinet' ICM/IWRM				
	Description of Indicator	Target level at end of project	Level at 30 September 2016	Cumulative progress since project start
	1.3.1 Number of local leaders and local governments engagement/ participating in multi-stakeholder leader roundtable networks	1.3.1 Institutional relationships between national and community-based governance structures strengthened and formalized through national "Ridge to Reef" Inter-Ministry Committees in 14 Pacific SIDS	Awaiting establishment of National PMs and National R2R Governance Structures.	Inception workshops held in Tuvalu (Aug), Vanuatu (Dec), Solomon Islands (Jan) and PNG (May), convening key stakeholders from government, CSO, community and private sector.
	1.3.2 Number of forums held to discuss opportunities for agreements on private sector and donor participation in PIC sustainable development	1.3.2 Up to 14 new national private-sector and donor partnership forums for investment planning in priority community-based ICM/IWRM actions	Awaiting establishment of National PMs and National R2R Governance Structures. Two potential partnerships under negotiation	





Outcome 4: National and local capacity for ICM and IWRM implementation built to enable best practice in integrated land, water, forest and coastal management and CC adaptation				
	Description of Indicator	Target level at end of project	Level at 30 September 2016	Cumulative progress since project start
	2.1.1 Number of PIC-based personnel with post-graduate training in R2R management. *Data will be gender disaggregated	2.1.1 At least 10 people with post-graduate training in R2R management. *At least 5 people will be women	James Cook University contracted to deliver Postgraduate Courses. 70 EOIs collected from interested participants.	Engaged James Cook University to deliver post graduate certificate in Ridge to Reef Sustainable Development to commence in August 2017 and end in 2019. Regionally appropriate training materials and strategies developed. As at end June 50 applicants were offered a place in the PGC of which at least 10 are women.
	2.1.2 Number of community stakeholders (i.e. catchment management committees, CSOs, etc) engaged in R2R planning and CC adaptation activities	2.1.2 At least 14 community stakeholder groups (ie. Catchment management committees, CSOs, etc) engaged in R2R planning and CC adaptation activities.	Regionally accredited VET Level R2R Training certification being developed in partnership with other Resilience Sector Participants in CCA and DRR.	Regionally accredited VET Level R2R Training certification being developed in partnership with other Resilience Sector Participants in CCA and DRR





Outcome 6: National and regional strategic action framework for ICM/IWRM endorsed nationally and regionally				
	Description of Indicator	Target level at end of project	Level at 30 September 2016	Cumulative progress since project start
	3.1.1 Number of sectoral governance framework harmonised and strengthened through national and regional development frameworks	3.1.1 National recommendations for 14 PICs for coastal policy, legal and budgetary reforms for ICM/IWRM for integration of land, water, forest, coastal management and CC adaptation compiled and documented with options for harmonization of governance frameworks	Awaiting establishment of National PMs and National R2R Governance Structures.	Compilation of existing national policy, legislation for 14 PICs to be catalogued.
	3.1.2 Inter-ministerial agreements and strategic action framework for 14 PICs developed and submitted for endorsement on integration of land, water, forest and coastal management and capacity building in development of national ICM/IWRM reforms and investment plans	3.1.2 Agreements and strategic action frameworks for the 14 PICs endorsed by leaders	Awaiting establishment of National PMs and National R2R Governance Structures.	Draft methodology developed for consultation with national leaders and stakeholders.
	3.1.3 Number of demonstrable use of national 'State of the Coasts' or 'State of the Islands' reports in national and regional action planning for R2R investment	3.1.3 National 'State of the Coasts' or 'State of the Islands' reports for 14 PICs completed and launched to Pacific Leaders during National Coastal Summits (Yr 3) in coordination with national R2R projects and demonstrated as national development planning tool, including guidelines for diagnostic analyses of coastal areas	Awaiting establishment of National PMs and National R2R Governance Structures.	Developed a draft structure and content for State of the Coast report to be endorsed at RPSC2 in August in Tonga.





Outcome 7: Coordinated approaches for R2R integrated land, water, forest and coastal management and CC adaptation achieved in 14 PICs				
	Description of Indicator	Target level at end of project	Level at 30 September 2016	Cumulative progress since project start
	3.2.1 Number of networks of national R2R pilot project inter-ministerial committees formed and linked to existing national IWRM committees	3.2.1 Up to 14 national networks of R2R (ICM/IWRM) national pilot project inter-ministry committees formed by building on existing IWRM committees and contributing to a common results framework at the project and program levels	Awaiting establishment of National PMs and National R2R Governance Structures.	Palau, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, RMI, Cook Islands have national pilot project Inter-Ministerial Committees.
	3.2.2 Number of people participating in inter-ministry committee (IMC) meetings conducted including scope and uptake of joint management and planning decisions *Participation data to be disaggregated by gender	3.2.2 The number and variety of stakeholders participating in periodic IMC meetings in 14 PICS are doubled, with meeting results documented, participation data assembled and reported to national decision-makers and regional forums	Awaiting establishment of National PMs and National R2R Governance Structures.	Niue, Tuvalu, Palau, Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu countries submitted quarterly narrative reports including TOR for IMCs, quarterly meetings, work plans and timetables.
	3.2.3 Number of networks established between community leaders and local government from pilot projects	3.2.3 Community leaders and local government create at least 14 networks via national and regional round-table meetings complemented by community tech exchange visits	Awaiting establishment of National PMs and National R2R Governance Structures.	RMI and Tuvalu exploring community tech exchange visits for piggery management.
	3.2.4 Number of inter-ministry committee members meeting within the 4 pilot PICs that is engaged in learning and change in perception through participatory techniques *Participation data to be disaggregated by gender	3.2.4 At least 20 ICM members total from the 4 pilot PICs (sub-regional, mix of high island, atoll settings) gauge in learning, leading to change in perception through participatory techniques.		TOR developed for engagement of Most Significant Change facilitator/trainer/expert Consultant engaged to deliver regional training on MSC at RPSC2 in August in Tonga. Training materials developed. Pilot countries to trial MSC include: Vanuatu, Palau, Tuvalu





Outcome 8: National and regional formulation and adoption of integrated and simplified results frameworks for integrated multi-focal projects				
	Description of Indicator	Target level at end of project	Level at 30 September 2016	Cumulative progress since project start
	4.1.1 Number and quality of national and regional indicator set with the proposed targets and outcomes of the R2R program	4.1.1 1 simple and integrated national and regional reporting templates developed based on national indicator sets and regional framework to facilitate annual results reporting and monitoring from 14 PICs	Templates under development by RCU	Country Coordinator and Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser (CCMEA) in process of recruitment to lead this work.
	4.1.2 Level of acceptance of the harmonized results tracking approach by the GEF, its agencies and participating countries	4.1.2 1 unified/harmonized multi-focal area results tracking approach and analytical tool developed, endorsed, and proposed to the GEF, its agencies and participating countries	Preliminary discussions undertaken with GEF will be further refined around the RSC 1 with GEF Secretariat. Project Position for M& E agreed to by RSC	CCMEA in process of recruitment.
	4.1.3 Number of National planning exercises in 14 Pac SIDS conducted with participants from relevant ministries with a mandate to embedding R2R results frameworks into national systems for reporting, monitoring and budgeting	4.1.3 Up to 14 national planning exercises in 14 Pac SIDS conducted with participants from relevant ministries with a mandate to embed R2R results frameworks into national systems for reporting, monitoring and budgeting	Awaiting establishment of National PMs and National R2R Governance Structures.	





Outcome 9: National and regional platforms for managing information and sharing of best practices and lessons learned in R2R established				
	Description of Indicator	Target level at end of project	Level at 30 September 2016	Cumulative progress since project start
	4.2.1 Regional communications strategy developed and number of partnership with media and educational organizations	4.2.1 Regional 'ridge to reef' communications strategy developed and implemented and assistance provided to national R2R project including at least 10 partnerships with national and regional media and educational organizations	Draft communications strategy completed	Communications strategy presented to RSC1 and endorsed Joint Regional Media Training conducted in May in Nadi between PIFS, UNDP, SPC. Implementation on-going
	4.2.2 Number of IW:LEARN experience notes published	4.2.2 Participation in IW:LEARN activities: conferences; preparation of at least 10 experience notes and inter-linked websites with combined allocation of 1% of GEF grant	Participated in Annual Consultative Meeting on Large Marine Ecosystems and Coastal Partners and LME: LEARN Project Meeting December 2016	Knowledge Forum as part of Lessons Learned Strategy presented to RSC1 to be included at the IW LEARN conference in 2018.
	4.2.3 Number of users, volume of content accessed, and online visibility of the 'Pacific R2R Network'	4.2.3 Pacific R2R Network established with at least 100 users registered, online regional and national portals containing among others, databases, rosters of national and regional experts and practitioners on R2R, register of national and regional projects, repository for best practice R2R technologies, lessons learned etc.	Online options being considered.	Pacific R2R Network established and presented to RSC1 in October 2016 To date 78 registered users TOR for website upgrade and interoperability with SPC platform to commence in Q3 2017 Development of draft guideline for rosters for national and regional R2R experts and practitioners Online repository developed and mobile applications explored





Outcome 10:	Effective program coordination of national and regional R2R projects			
	Description of Indicator	Target level at end of project	Level at 30 September 2016	Cumulative progress since project start
	5.1.1 Program coordination unit recruited and staff retained	5.1.1 Functioning overall R2R program coordination unit with alignment of development worker positions contributing to coordinated effort among national R2R projects (Year 1)	Following Staff Recruited, Regional Programme Coordinator, Regional R2R Project and Science Leader, Science Officer, Communicational and Knowledge Management Adviser, Project Administration Officer, Project Accountant. Consultants currently engaged Capacity Development and Project Inception Adviser, Online Coordinator and Graphic Designer, JD prepared for Country R2R Programme Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser (CCMEA)	Resignation of Online Coordinator and Graphic Designer in December 2016 Resignation of Team and Science Leader in March, 2017 CC&MEA recruitment in process Staff work plans and PDS developed.
	5.1.2 Number of requests for regional-level support to national project delivery and management met by program coordination unit	5.1.2 Technical, operational, reporting and monitoring Unit is operational to provide support to national R2R projects, as may be requested by PICs, to facilitate timely delivery of overall program goals. At least 14 requests per year are met effectively.	National Inception visits and occasional support to National STAR R2R Inception Meetings	Nine pilot projects submission of quarterly reports, work plans and budgets determining annual delivery and expenditure targets.
	5.1.3 Number of R2R staff trained resulting in effective results reporting and online information sharing	5.1.3 At least 14 R2R staff are trained (in harmonized reporting and monitoring and other regional and national and capacity building modules, among others) resulting in effective results reporting and online information sharing.	Awaiting confirmation and agreement on harmonised reporting frameworks.	CCMEA in process of recruitment to lead this work.
	5.1.4 Volume and quality of information and data contributed by program stakeholders to online repositories	5.1.4 At least 4 quality information and/or data contributed/ updated per year (total of at least 16 throughout the project) to the online repository, as a result of support provided to PICs for the development and operation of the Pacific R2R Network and regional with national R2R web pages as a repository of information, documentation and for sharing best practices		Exploring database development with SPC and USP.
	5.1.5 Number of planning and coordination workshops conducted for national projects teams to ensure timeliness and cost-effectiveness of IW pilot project and STAR project coordination, delivery and reporting	5.1.5 At least 4 (1 per year) planning and coordination workshops conducted for national project teams in the Pacific R2R network		Inception workshop and RSC1 conducted in October, 2016.





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