



Pacific Islands Ridge to Reef National Priorities – Integrated water, land, forest and coastal management to preserve biodiversity, ecosystem services, store carbon, improve climate resilience and sustain livelihoods

What's Next COVID-19 & Post R2R?

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Looking ahead COVID-19 and post R2R?

Virtual Meeting, October 22-23, 2020, 1030H-1330H





- Overview
- Making the case
- Strategic issues and adaptive measures
- Financial status and forecast

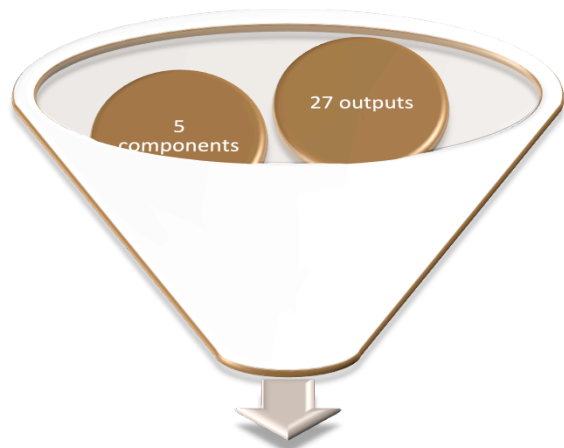




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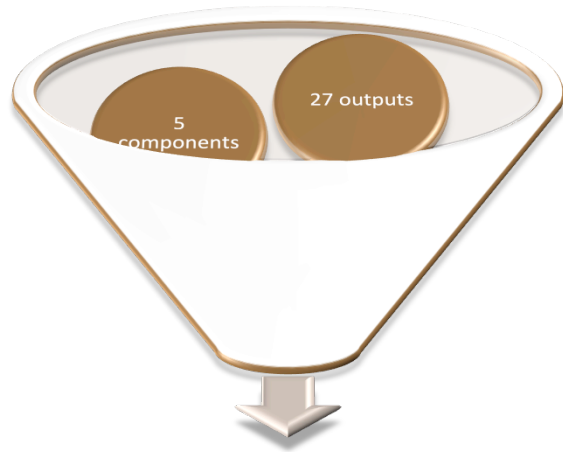
- ✓ Consider and reflect on progress of project implementation, and role of RSTC in the remaining duration; and

- ✓ Discuss and agree on broader vision and strategic directions post R2R
 - Next phase? Preferred option?
 - No-cost extension? Up to 6 or 12 months subject to UNDP policies?



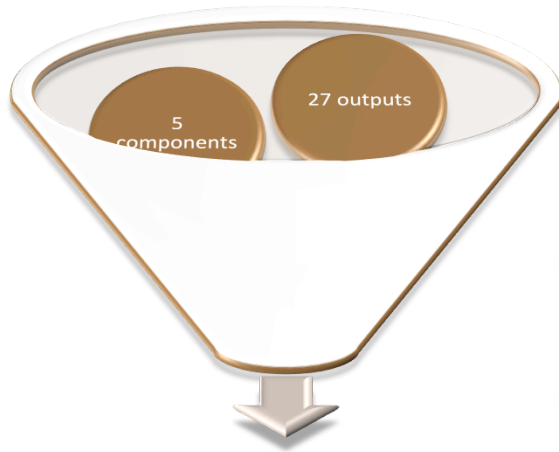
Project objectives

To **test** the **mainstreaming of Ridge to Reef, climate resilient approaches** to **integrated** land, water, forest and coastal management in the **Pacific Island Countries** through strategic planning, capacity building and piloted local actions to **sustain livelihoods** and preserve **ecosystem services**



Project facts

- ❑ **GEF ID:** 5404
- ❑ **PIMS ID:** 5221
- ❑ **Fund source:** Global Environmental Facility
- ❑ **Lead GEF IA:** United Nations Development Program
- ❑ **Executing Agency:** Pacific Community (SPC)
- ❑ **Partners:** 14 Pacific Island Countries
- ❑ **Total budget:** USD 10.3 million
- ❑ **Duration:** August 2015 to September 2021



Project components

Component 1

National Demonstrations to support R2R ICM/IWRM approaches for island resilience & sustainability

Component 2

Island-based investments in human capital & knowledge to strengthen national & local capacities for R2R ICM/IWRM approaches, incorporating CCA

Component 3

Mainstreaming of R2R ICM/IWRM approaches into national development planning

Component 4

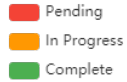
Regional & national R2R indicators for reporting, monitoring & adaptive management & knowledge management

Component 5

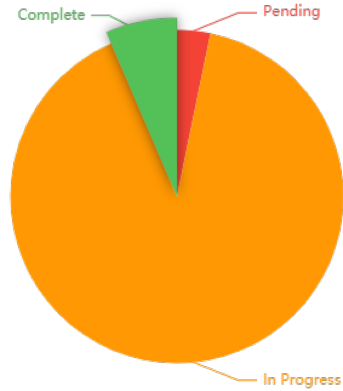
Ridge to Reef regional & national coordination



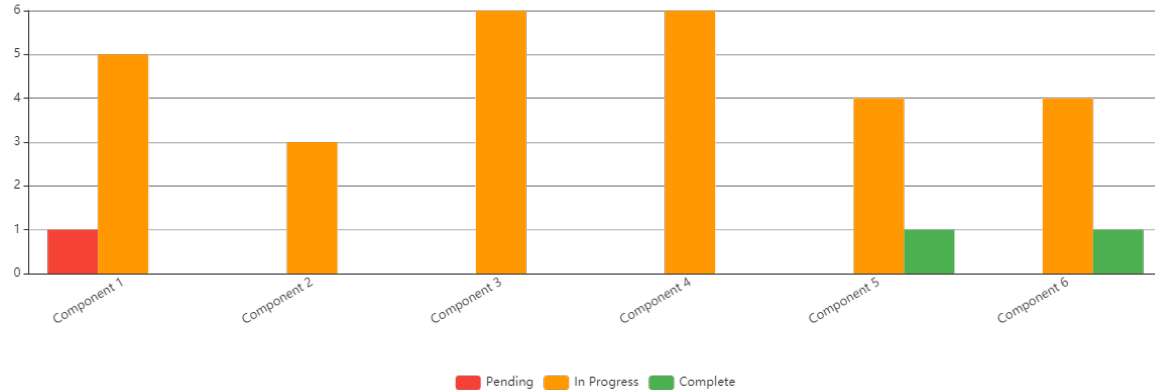
Outputs monitoring - Regional IW R2R project



Overall Output Status



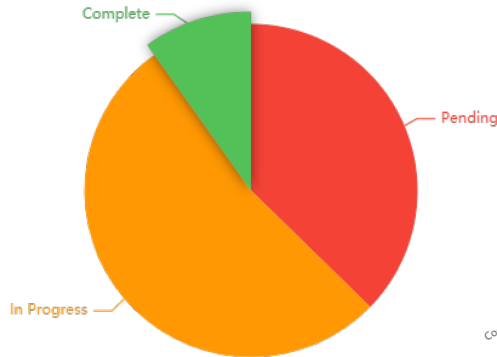
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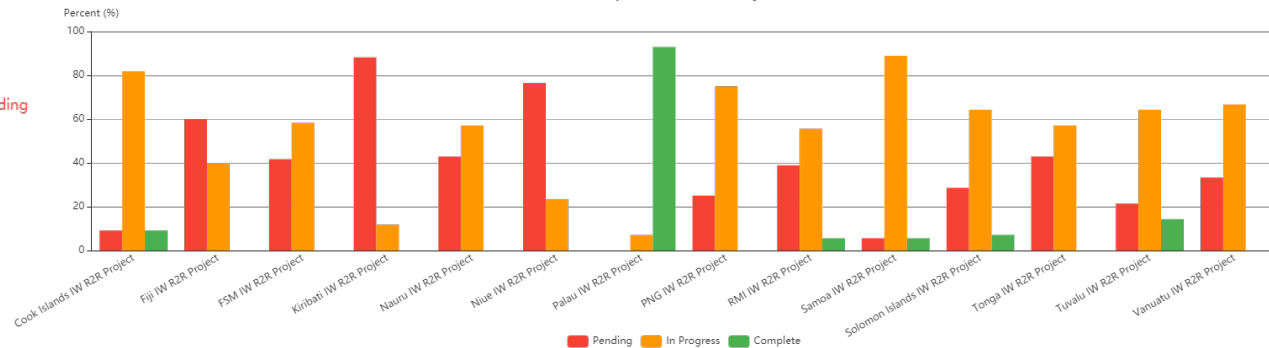
Outputs monitoring – MYCWP of 14 PICs

- Pending
- In Progress
- Complete

Overall Output Status



Output Status Per Project



IW GEF R2R Science to Policy – Theory of Change

Project Objective: To test the mainstreaming of 'ridge-to-reef' (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

Impacts

Increased knowledge and understanding around R2R approach

Greater use of science based information in decision making process

Improved institutional setting for informed decision making and action

Outcome

1.1 Successful pilot projects test innovative solutions that link ICM, IWRM and climate change adaptation

1.2 Diagnostic analysis for prioritizing/ scaling up key ICM/ IWRM reforms & investments

3.1 National and regional strategic action frameworks for ICM/IWRM endorsed nationally & regionally

Outputs

IW Pilot Site Diagnostic Reports
National Diagnostic Reports
Characterisation and Prioritisation Procedure Guidelines

Effective data and knowledge sharing

Effective networks

National State of the Coast Reports

Assessment and advice to organisations

National Strategic Action Frameworks for ICM/IWRM

Plans and Policies

Activities

Data collation and field surveys

Technical support

R2R Networks

R2R Training

Stakeholder engagement

Participatory analysis and decision making

Action Plan for IW Science to Policy Approach

Step One

R2R Mainstreaming Team & Scoping

- Team leads and participates in all Regional and National IW R2R program of activities
- include people representing the pilot site, local leaders and skilled interested individuals from various groups (community, church, youth, women, NGOs) and relevant national agencies
 - national IW R2R Project Manager will act as Secretariat for the team

Step Two

- Joint planning, analysis, and communication of findings
- Share field and secondary data for input into models and SoC Reports

Baseline and Data Collection

- Data will be collated for the pilot site and relevant national level data
- Gaps in recent data for the pilot site will be filled with field survey (RAPCA)
 - Data collected will be used in steps 3-5

Step Three

- Support stakeholder participation in diagnostic process and SoC consultations

Diagnostic Process

- Problem understanding and articulation

Diagnostic Process

- priority systems and plans for actions and interventions
- Policy evaluation and recommendation

Step Four

Spatial Prioritisation

- national-scale prioritization map to inform selection of sites for management interventions
- Map of marine, catchment health, and human pressures on land - seascapes

Step Five

- Support stakeholder participation in diagnostic process and SoC consultations

State of the Coast Report

Linkages between the efforts to identify and evaluate socio-environmental issues and problems, empirical data for priority coastal areas, and identified options for reform and intervention form the substance of the report.

Step Six

- Joint planning for policy reform
- Support stakeholder participation in consultations

Strategic Action Framework

- All of the decision support tools developed above will be used in this process
- Countries may choose to incorporate into existing high level planning

STAR Projects can collaborate during these stages

Strategic issues and adaptive measures

Strategic issues

Challenges in ensuring **technical robustness** as basis for decisions in sustainable resource governance

Limited local capacity, disparity in technical skills and management experience among managers, and **turnover of staff**

Covid-19 Pandemic travel restrictions

GEF Pacific R2R **programmatic** implementation remains a challenge

Adaptive measures

Modification of science to policy theory of change enforced in combination with adaptive management measures

Augmentation of technical support through national and regional technical service providers

Non-conventional approach for providing support to national implementation

Continued advocacy for joint planning, data sharing, lessons learned documentation, & results reporting

Key Issues

- A follow up project?
 - *Continue testing, replicate and upscale?*
 - *what to do with R2R tools & products being developed?*
 - *Examples: online regional dbase, spatial prioritisation modelling, science-policy framework,*
- No-cost extension?
 - Streamlined strategy to deliver on full science-policy continuum
- Efficacy of R2R Programme Governance Platforms
 - RSC, RSTC, RPCG

Specific adaptive management actions during Covid-19 Pandemic

- (**Intensified**) non-conventional approach for providing advisory support (technical, management, administrative) to national implementation – provision of written guidelines and conduct of virtual meetings
- **Change in modality of contracting** consultants – i.e. engaging national consultants versus international consultants
- **Application of national procurement process** versus SPC procurement for regionally driven activities to facilitate decisions in contracting of works and services (e.g. studies and surveys)
- **Direct access to funds** allocated for regionally driven activities by national projects
- **Reallocation of travel budget** (except for RSC, RSTC & JCU face to face meetings)
- **Granting additional request for no-cost extension** to national projects to mitigate implementation delays (e.g. Cook Islands and Palau)

Development progress – Regional IW R2R Project

Component	Outcome	As of Jun 2019	As of June 2020
1	1 – Pilot testing of innovative solutions	Off track	On track
	2 – National diagnostic analysis	Off track	Off track
	3 – Multi-stakeholder leader roundtable networks	Off track	On track
2	4 – National and local capacity on ICM and IWRM	On track	On track
	5 – Incentive structures for retention of local expertise/ human resource needs for ICM/IWRM	Off track	Off track
3	6 – National and regional strategic action framework for ICM/IWRM	Off track	Off track
	7 – Coordinated approaches for R2R	On track	On track
4	8 – National and regional integrated and simplified frameworks for integrated multi-focal projects	On track	On track
	9 – National and regional platforms for managing information and sharing of best practice & LL	On track	On track
5	10 – Effective program coordination of national and regional R2R projects	On track	On track

Overall rating

Development objective (DO)	July 2018-June 2019	July 2019-June 2020
Development objective (DO)	Moderately Unsatisfactory	Moderately Unsatisfactory
Implementation progress (IP)	Moderately Unsatisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory

Outcome 1.2

National diagnostic analysis for ICM conducted for prioritizing and scaling-up key ICM/IWRM reforms and investments

Forests and Education – Learn to Love Forests



Forests contribute to food security and livelihoods.

PacificR2R Samoa Rapid Coastal Assessment
Team complete trial forest biodiversity and cover assessment of Fagalii Catchment with information on endemic and invasive species. Team incl Ministry of Natural Resources and #Environment, local experts and community volunteers. (December, 2018)



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#intlForestDay




- Conducted Island **Diagnostic Analysis (IDA)** to the priority countries (coinciding with the RapCA).
- Enhanced **procedures for characterizing island coastal areas for Integrated Coastal Management (ICM)** in collaboration with national stakeholders.
- Successfully **trialed the refined methodology for the procedure** and required indicator sets driving the linked land-sea model.



Outcome 3.1

National and regional strategic action frameworks for ICM/IWRM endorsed nationally and regionally



“Managing our water resources is critical because it impacts our everyday lives. The IW R2R project will strengthen the capacity for watershed assessment, mapping and planning to ensure that we are sustainably managing our water resources for the future of Fiji.”

Leaving no one behind

Tavenisa Luika
IW R2R Project Manager
FIJI

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“The IW R2R project employs a community-to-cabinet approach to natural resource management. From mobilizing communities to care for Tagabe river health to regulating development activity within the catchment, we are connecting people with nature for sustainable livelihoods and development.”

Leaving no one behind

Erickson Packett
IW R2R Project Manager
VANUATU

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“To ensure access to safe water for everyone in Tonga, the IW R2R project is working with communities to develop an Integrated Water & Coastal Management Plan for the sustainable management of our scarce natural resources.”

Leaving no one behind

Silia Lager
IW R2R Project Manager
TONGA

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“To ensure availability and sustainable management of water for all, IW R2R Palau continues to empower local communities to engage in participatory water quality monitoring through the Melekeok Conservation Network (MCN) so that they may establish a long term water quality monitoring program that will be longlasting beyond the project life.”

Leaving no one behind

Leena Muller
IW R2R Project Manager
PALAU

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- ❑ Commissioned consultant to determine options for mainstreaming R2R in the Pacific. A simple guide will be developed as an output of this consultancy.
- ❑ **Strategic Action Plans (SAP)** will proceed once the RapCA and IDAs are completed.
- ❑ **Regional Strategic Framework (SAF)** will also proceed once the SAP from the pilot countries are in place.
- ❑ **State of Coasts reports (SoC)** will proceed in accordance with the S2P Theory of Change.

Future Opportunities & Directions

- **Technical & innovative technologies & related measures** **mainstreaming R2R** concept across water, forest and coastal areas
- **Resource governance dimensions** **mainstreaming R2R** aligned with community to cabinet approach
- **IDA/SoC/SAF/SAP process** and formulations to access and leverage funding support (GEF-8, EU and others), building on previous consultations, frameworks and policies (e.g. SPREP SAP, 1997)
- **Strategic areas** to consider in next phase (see para. 14 & 15)



Suggested Way Forward

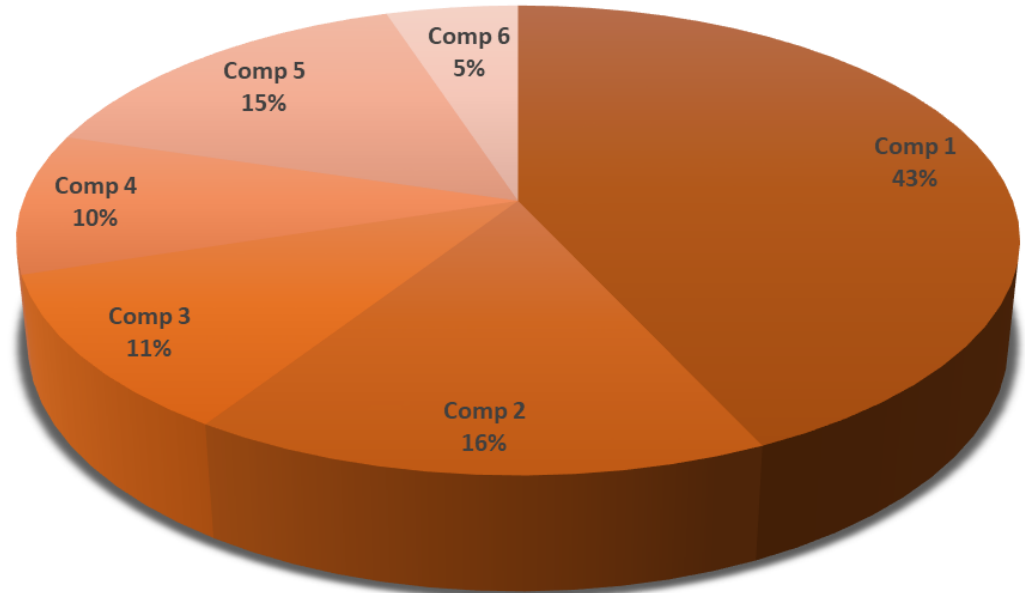
- **Option 1** – support for next phase of R2R investment (current, testing)
- **Option 2** – support for next phase of R2R investments (streamlined, replication & upscaling)
- **Option 3** – support for next phase of R2R investments (use own GEF STAR allocations)
- **Option 4** – No support, case closed.





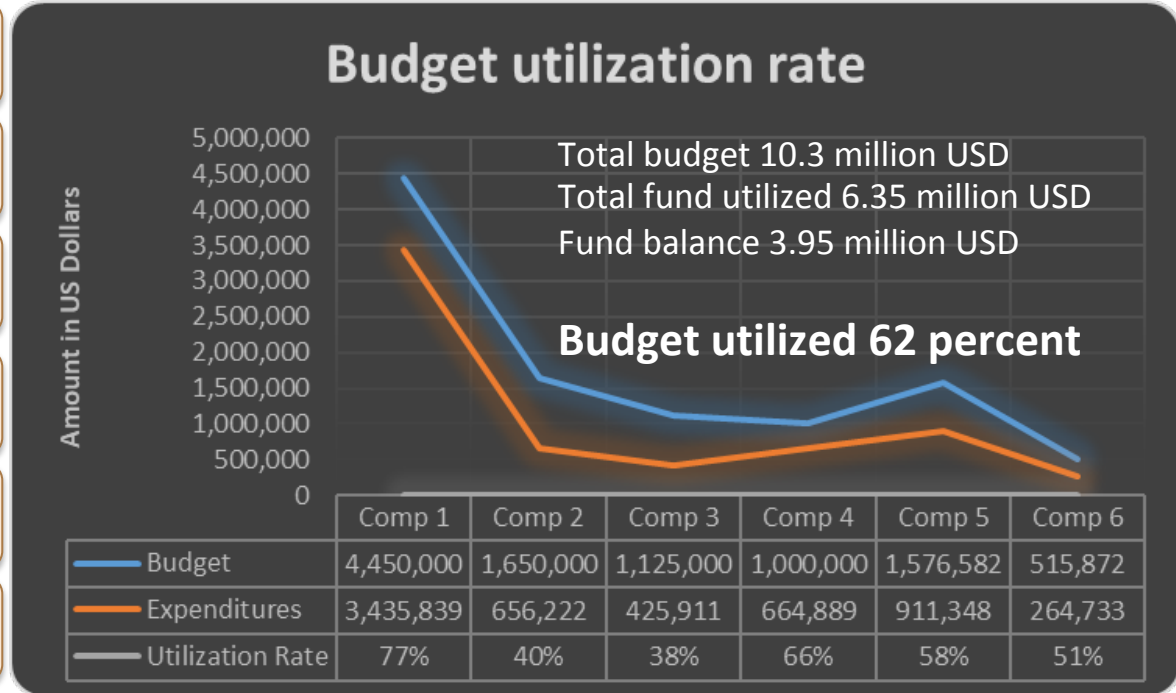
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- Comp 2** Strengthening capacities for R2R
- Comp 3** R2R mainstreaming
- Comp 4** Adaptive management, M&E, KM and Communications
- Comp 5** R2R coordination
- Comp 6** Program management

Budget share per component



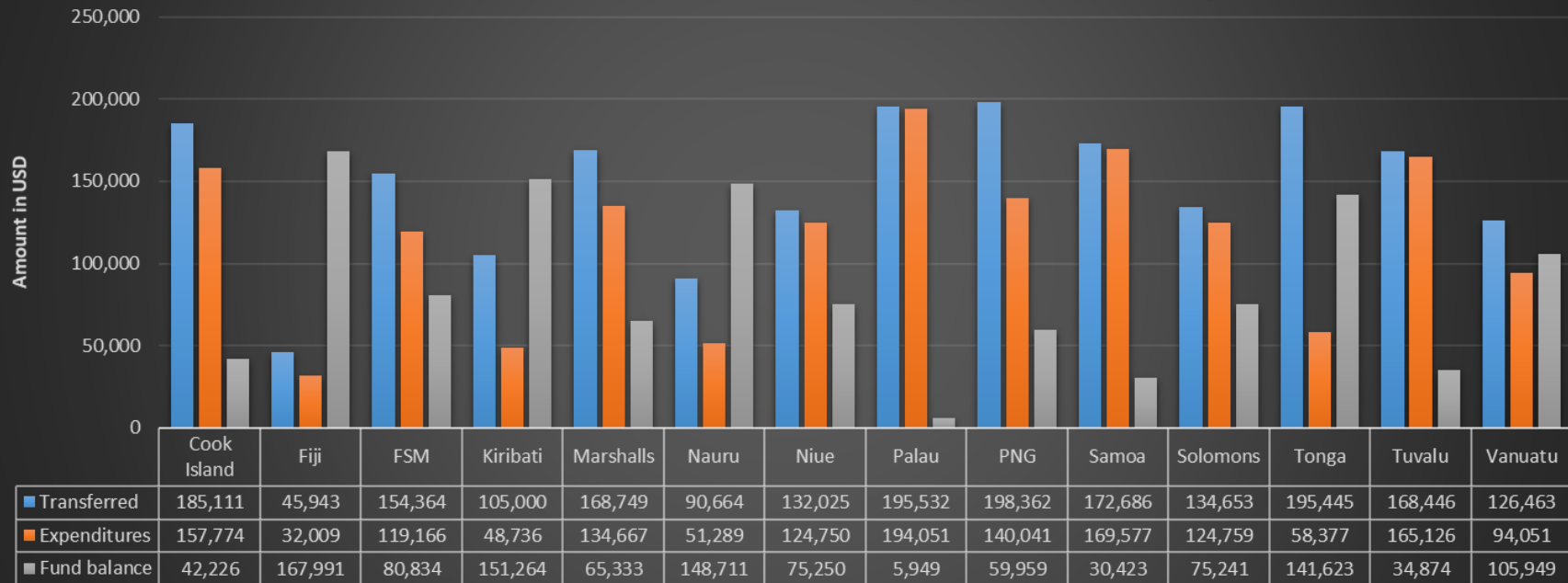
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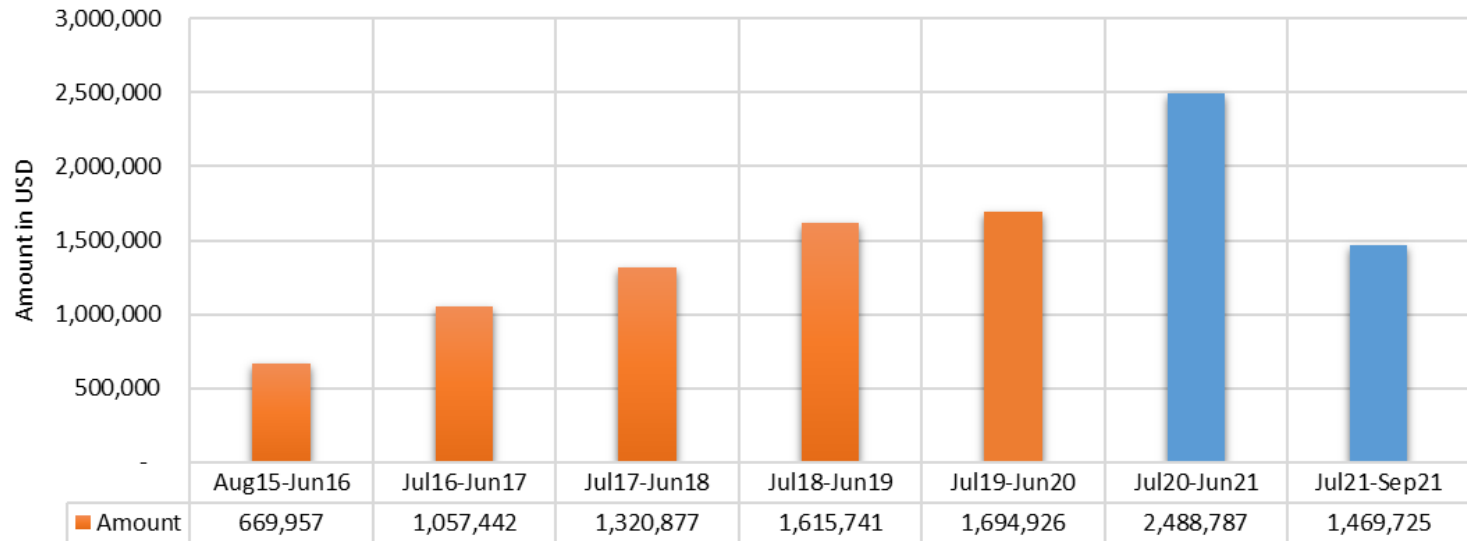
Budget utilization, ending September 30, 2020 – 14 National Demos

Financial status of the national IW R2R projects, as of Sept. 30, 2020



Budget utilization, ending June 30, 2020 – Regional IW R2R Project

Expenditures and forecasts





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