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# Status of the Regional IW R2R Project

## Implementation Highlights

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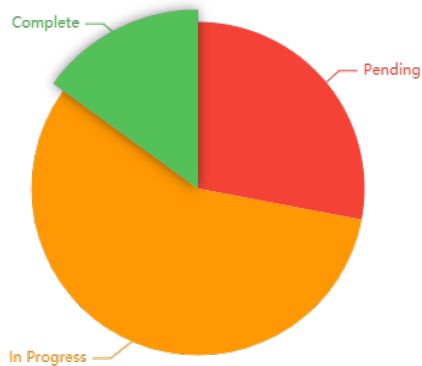
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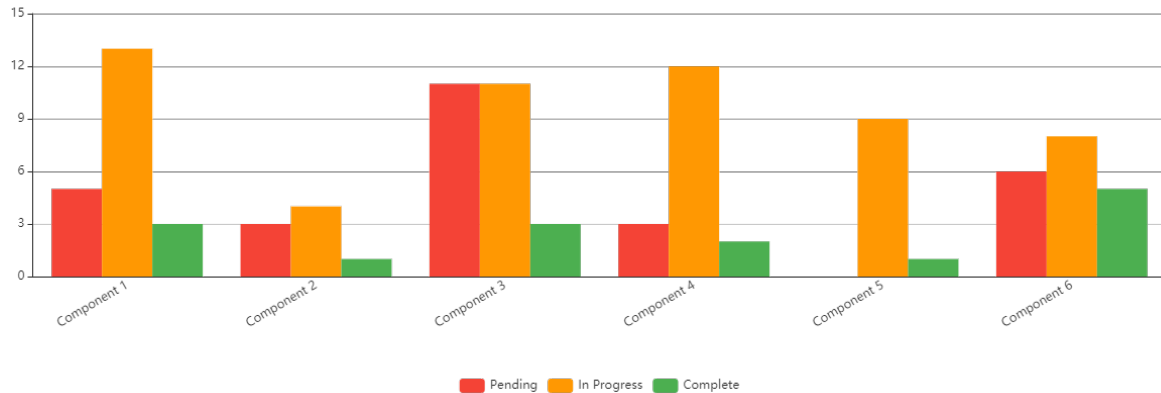
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- In Progress
- Complete

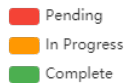
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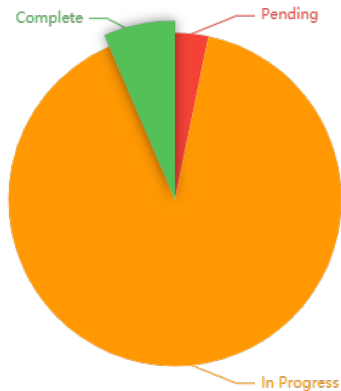
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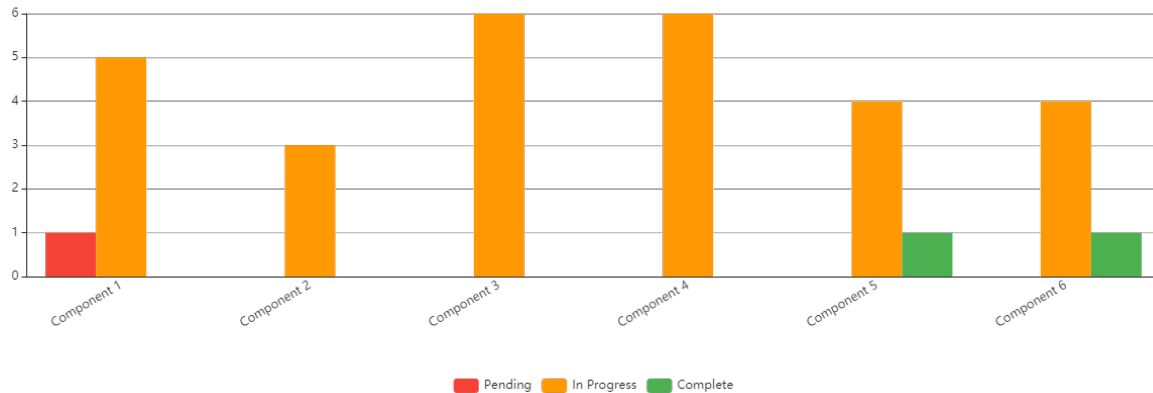
## Outputs monitoring - Regional IW R2R project



Overall Output Status



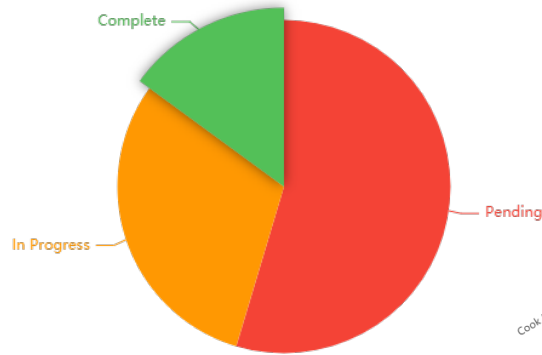
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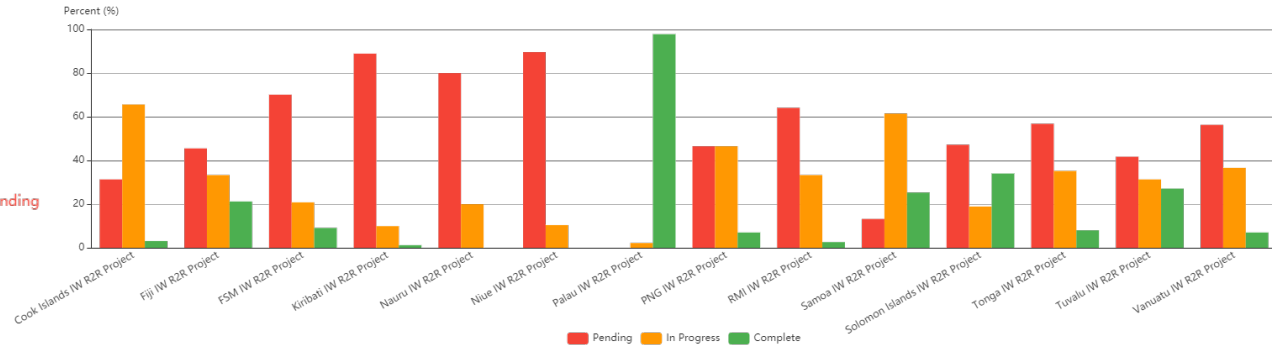
## Activity monitoring – MYCWP of 14 PICs

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- In Progress
- Complete

### Overall Activity Status



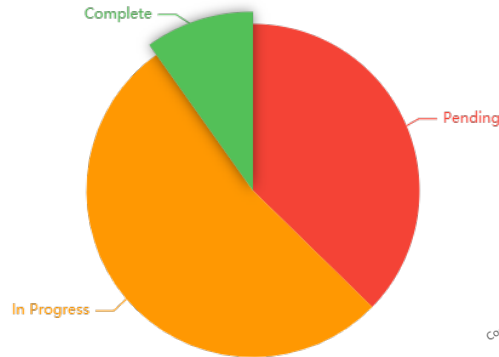
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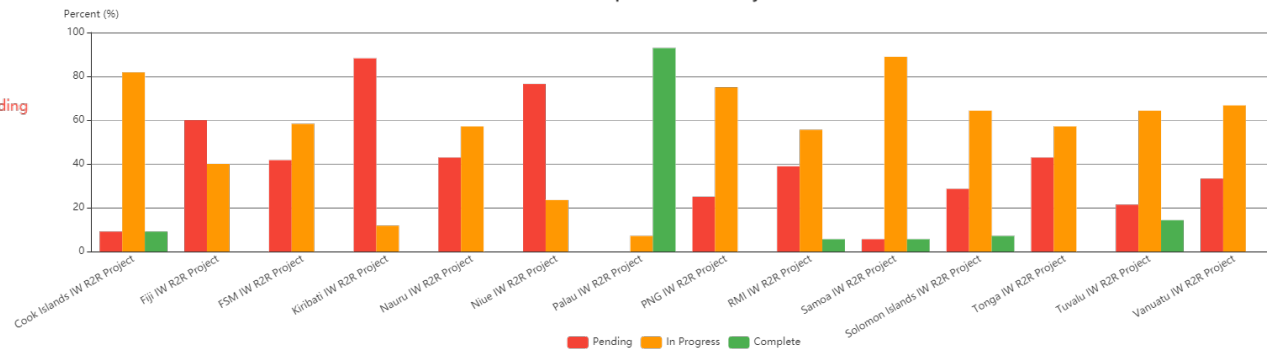
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### Overall Output Status



### Output Status Per Project



## 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



## Highlights for the period July 2019 to June 2020

- Reviewed the national logframes of 14 IW R2R projects
- Developed the corresponding MYCWP based on the revised logframe and national development priorities
- Assessed and approved the no-cost extension of the 14 national IW R2R projects
- Successfully completed preparation of the R2R spatial prioritization procedures and modelling and conducted the testing and trialling in Vanuatu.
- Provided technical and administrative support to all 14 national projects
- Assessed and approved all progress and financial reports

## Highlights for the period July 2019 to June 2020

- Successfully provided support in the conduct of the external audit
- Commissioned consultancies for carrying out the RapCA for Tonga and Cook Islands
- Commissioned consultancy for Fiji RapCA, site diagnostic and ecosystem goods and services (EGS) valuation soon to go out to tender
- Commissioned consultancy for the redevelopment of the Pacific R2R Website and the corresponding Project Management Information System (PMIS)
- Launched phase-1 of the Pacific R2R website development



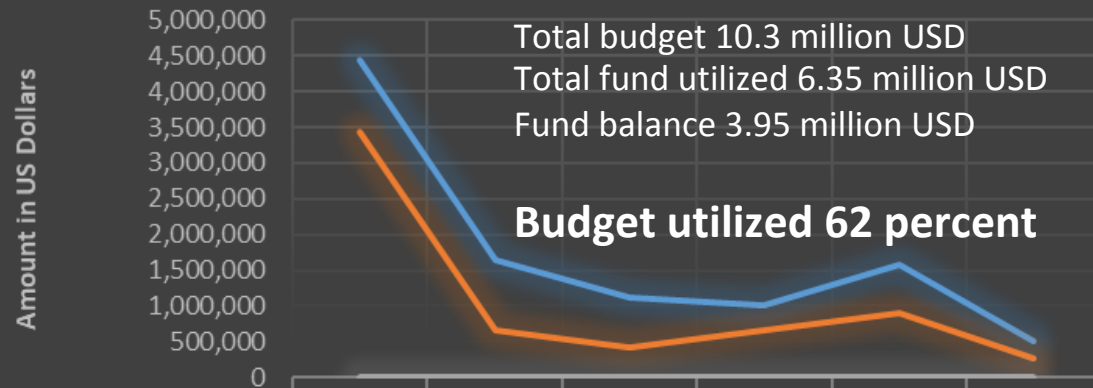
# Financial performance



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

- Comp 1** National demonstrations
- Comp 2** Strengthening capacities
- Comp 3** R2R mainstreaming
- Comp 4** Adaptive mgt, M&E & KM
- Comp 5** R2R coordination
- Comp 6** Program management

### Budget utilization rate

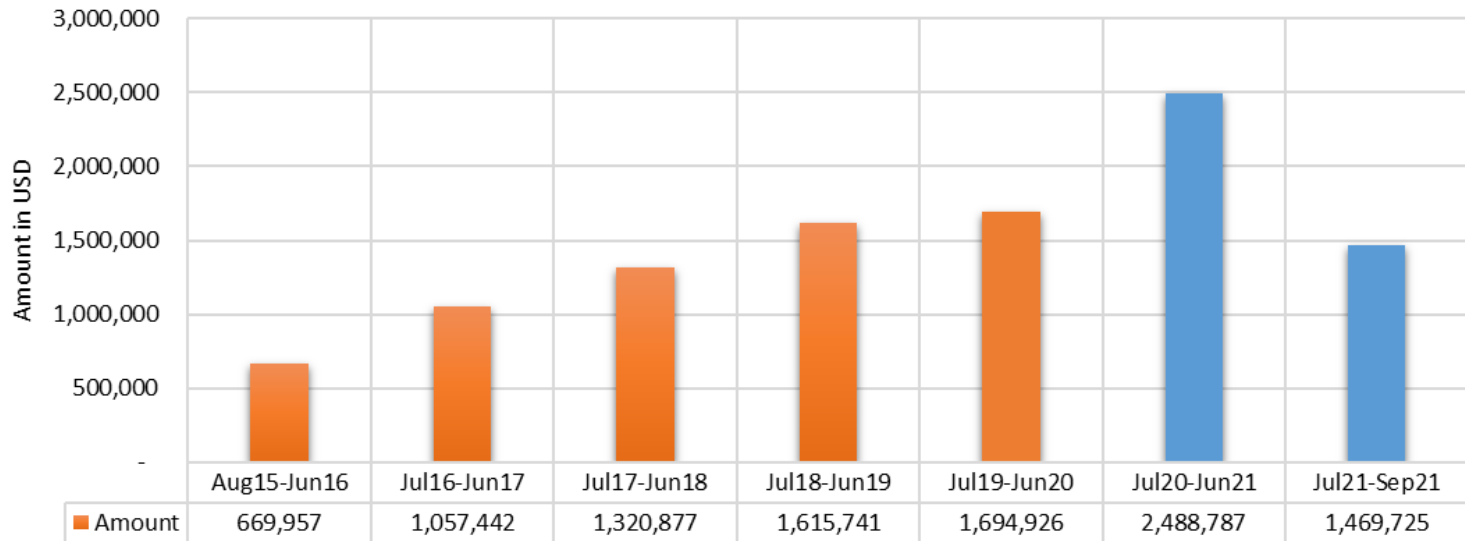


	Comp 1	Comp 2	Comp 3	Comp 4	Comp 5	Comp 6
— Budget	4,450,000	1,650,000	1,125,000	1,000,000	1,576,582	515,872
— Expenditures	3,435,839	656,222	425,911	664,889	911,348	264,733
— Utilization Rate	77%	40%	38%	66%	58%	51%



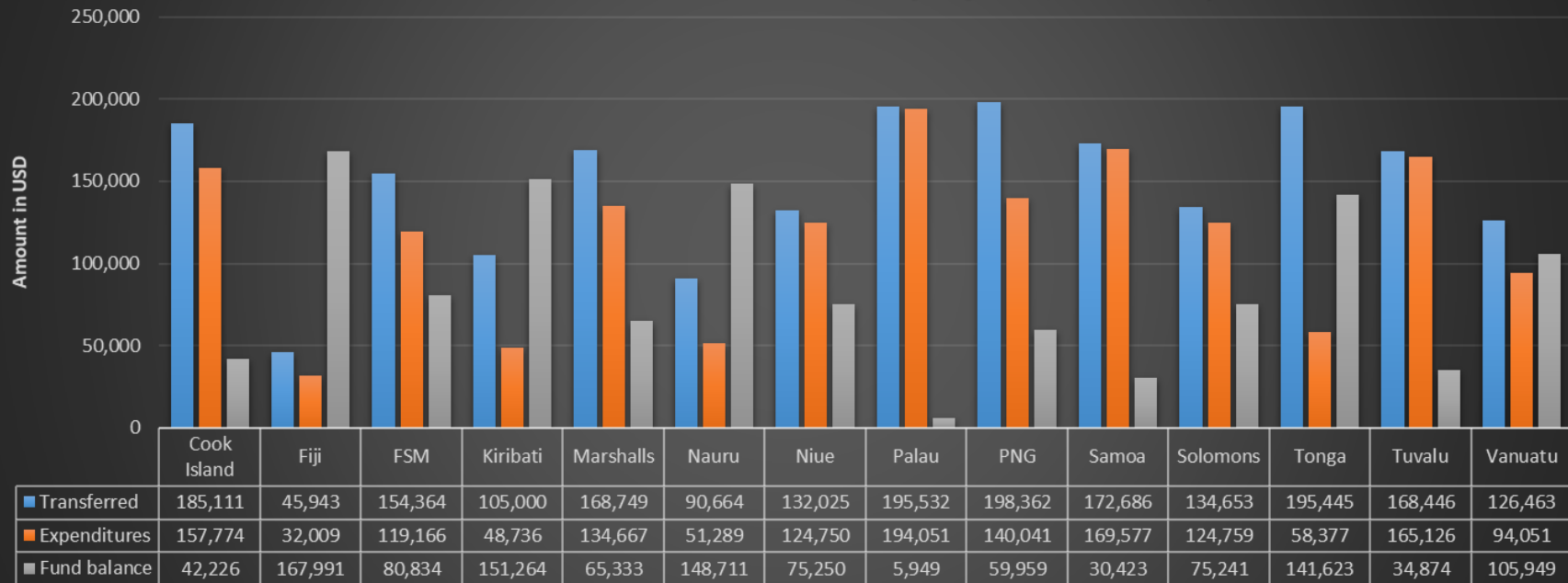
## Budget utilization, ending June 30, 2020 – Regional IW R2R Project

### Expenditures and forecasts



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

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



# Adaptive management measures



## 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



## 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)



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