



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

Country Status Reporting

(Session 2 – Highlights)

GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme

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This presentation aims:

- ✓ **to inform** the members of the RSC on the contributions of the child projects to the overall GEF Pacific R2R programme outputs and outcomes;
- ✓ **for RSC to note** the strategic issues and corresponding remedial measures, and shared experiences from the national implementation of the programmatic approach, **as basis for** providing strategic guidance and advice in **enhancing the coordination role of RPCU** to the Programme in the remaining project duration.



Background information

- **34 participants** attended this session held on October 8 and 13, 2020
- **6 child projects presented** (Fiji, Nauru, Palau, RMI, Regional IW, Tuvalu)
- **1 child project not able to present** but submitted the PPT material (Kiribati)
- A **unified** reporting **template** (based on the HRR) was provided by RPCU
- GEF Implementing agencies were given the opportunity (and even requested) to advocate for the participation of their respective child projects

Background information



October 8 pax

October 13 pax



Consolidated contribution of child projects

Country	GEF Focal Area	Focal Objective	Focal Area Outcome				Focal Area Outputs				
			Outcome	Targets	Actual	Unit of Measure	Outputs	Targets	Actual	Unit of Measure	
PNG	BD-Biodiversity	BD1 - Improve Sustainability of Protected Area Systems	BD1/1.1: Improved management effectiveness of existing and new protected areas.								
RMII											
Samoa	CCA-Climate Change Adaptation	CCA1 - Reducing Vulnerability	CCA1/1.1: Mainstreamed adaptation in broader development sectors frameworks at country level and in targeted vulnerable coastal areas				CCA1/1.1.1: Adaptation measures and necessary budget allocations included in relevant frameworks				
	CCA-Climate Change Adaptation	CCA1 - Reducing Vulnerability	CCA1/1.2: Reduced vulnerability in development sectors				CCA1/1.2.1: Vulnerable physical, natural and social assets strengthened in response to climate change impacts, including variability				
	CCA-Climate Change Adaptation	CCA2 - Increasing Adaptive Capacity	CCA2/2.1: Increased knowledge and understanding of climate variability and change-induced risks at country level and in targeted vulnerable areas				CCA2/2.1.2: Systems in place to disseminate timely risk information				
	CCA-Climate Change Adaptation	CCA3 - Adaptation Technology Transfer (xxx no title xxx)	CCA3/3.1 Successful demonstration, deployment and transfer of relevant adaptation technology in targeted areas				CCA3/3.1.1: Relevant adaptation technology transferred to targeted groups				
Solomon Islands	BD-Biodiversity	BD1 - Improve Sustainability of Protected Area Systems	BD1/1.1: Improved management effectiveness of existing and new protected areas.			METT Average Increase	BD1/1.1.1: New protected areas (number) and coverage (hectares) of unprotected ecosystems.	100,000.00			Hectares terrestrial
	BD-Biodiversity	BD1 - Improve Sustainability of Protected Area Systems	BD1/1.2: Increased revenue for protected area systems to meet total expenditures required for management.	1.00		Plans/Frameworks					
	LD-Land Degradation	LD3 - Integrated Landscapes	LD3/3.1: Enhanced cross-sector enabling environment for integrated landscape management (see Solomon)	1.00		Plans/Frameworks					
	LD-Land Degradation	LD3 - Integrated Landscapes	LD3/3.2: Integrated landscape management practices adopted by local communities								
	CCM-Climate Change Mitigation	CCM5 - Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF)	CCM5/5.1: Good management practices in LULUCF adopted both within the forestland and in the wider landscape (see Solomon)								
	CCM-Climate Change Mitigation	CCM5 - Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF)	CCM5/5.2: Restoration and enhancement of carbon stocks in forests and non-forest lands, including peatland (see Solomon)								
	CCM-Climate Change Mitigation	CCM5 - Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF)	CCM5/5.3: GHG emissions avoided and carbon sequestered (see Solomon)			tCO2	CCM5/1.1.1: Forest and non-forest lands under good management practices				
SFM-Sustainable Forest Management	SFM1 - Forest Ecosystem Services/ Reduced pressures on forest resources and generate sustainable flows of forest ecosystem services	SFM1/1.2: Good management practices applied in existing forests	80,000.00			Hectares terrestrial					

Highlights of the Pre-RSC Session 2 – GEF Focal Area reporting

Implementation progress are varied among the child projects

- ❖ All are in various stages in delivering outputs and achieving outcomes. **None has fully achieved** the expected outputs as indicated in their respective Project Documents.
- ❖ Level of delivery influenced and/or **hampered by either strategic issues** and/or **operational limitations**
- ❖ **Poor** project design, **ambitious** targets, change in **political atmosphere** resulting in **change priorities, ineffective** governance, **turfing** and competing interest among stakeholders, and **difficulty** in enforcing processes among implementing partners – UNDP and government requirements, were regarded as **strategic issues** that hampered achievement of the outcomes
- ❖ **Operationally**, projects were also affected by the limited local technical expertise, different technical capacities among implementors, **disparity in technical skills and management experience**, delays in fund transfer, slow spending by implementing partners, and staff turnover.
- ❖ **Covid-19 pandemic limits the mobility** of staffs and consultants and thus affected timely production of outputs.

Highlights of the Pre-RSC Session 2 – GEF Focal Area reporting

On lessons learned from programmatic implementation

- ❖ **R2R** is acknowledged as an effective approach for sustainable resource governance
- ❖ Mainstreaming R2R requires **strong political will** from highest governance level
- ❖ **Joint STAR and IW Project Steering** Committee enhances the change of success
- ❖ At the GEF Pacific R2R Programme level, **Programme Steering structure remained unclear.**
- ❖ **Cooperation and buy-in** of and among R2R stakeholders needs improvement
- ❖ **Processes, rules and procedures** should be directed towards achieving the Programme objectives.

Highlights of the Pre-RSC Session 2 – GEF Focal Area reporting

On thematic area/s for upscaling

- ❖ R2R Programme must demonstrate inclusive steering, cooperation and meaningful participation and responsive processes
- ❖ Upscaling of a well-designed R2R Program requires:
 - ✓ A well-defined strategy based on agreed **science to policy continuum** (i.e. common and **enforceable** implementation framework) and clear processes
 - ✓ **Effective, meaningful participation**, ownership and commitment by stakeholders
 - ✓ **Demonstrable political support**, community acceptance and active involvement
 - ✓ **Realistic timelines** and adequate resources



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