



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

Update of the Project contributions to the GEF Focal Area outcomes and outputs

Project name: R2R STAR Project, “Resilient Islands, Resilient Communities”

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Project contributions to GEF focal area outcomes

Focal Area	Outcomes		
	Target	Actual achieved	Unit of Measure
(Delete the FA that is not relevant to your project)			
Biodiversity		N/A at this stage	
International Waters		N/A at this stage	
Land Degradation		N/A at this stage	
SFM/ REDD+		N/A at this stage	



Project contributions to GEF focal area outputs

Focal Area (Delete the FA that is not relevant to your project)	Outputs		
	Target	Actual achieved	Unit of Measure
Biodiversity	<p>R2R concept integrated or mainstreamed into at least three sectoral priorities/policies / legal framework</p> <p>Cross sectoral coordination mechanism established and functional</p> <p>Coordination mechanism incorporates resilience and socio-cultural considerations</p>	<p>Discussions and consultations with partners (ECD and CFD) on the development of the Environment Resilience Framework and development of a national system for decision making on selection of Protected Areas (PA) at the national level.</p> <p>Consultation with island councils and selection plots of land on the agricultural development of idle lands</p>	<p>Integration of cross sectoral and ecosystem considerations in sectoral priorities.</p> <p>Cross sectoral coordination and decision making mechanism present.</p> <p>Incorporation of resilience and socio-cultural considerations into the coordination mechanism.</p>



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<p>International Waters</p>	<p>Three completed island level R2R management plans</p> <p>22 417 hectares of marine area under co-management</p> <p>At least three PAs established</p>	<p>Recruitment of NPP as focal point for the project at CFD and development of TORs for relevant TA work on fisheries policy reviews.</p> <p>Consultation and collaboration with partners and island councils in the project sites.</p>	<p>Number of integrated land and marine management plans.</p> <p>Number of hectares of marine area under co-management.</p> <p>Number of new Pas.</p>



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Land Degradation	828 ha under agroforestry 232 hectares under SFM 22 417 hectares of marine area under co-management	Discussion and consultation with partners and island councils on the development of CBMMP by ECD.	Number of CBMMP endorsed and implemented in the project sites.
SFM/ REDD+	828 ha under agroforestry to be established and 232 hectares of forests under SFM to be restored.	Discussion and consultations with relevant partners and island councils in the project sites on development of idle lands and CBMMP done.	Number of hectares of agroforestry sites established and Number of hectares of forests restored



Strategic issues encountered	Remedial measures
Delay of funds disbursement to implement activities	Weekly zoom/skype meetings with the project team to follow up on pending tasks and operations.
Procurement process and limitations	Technical expertise and evaluation is important



Lessons learned in implementing Programmatic Approach

- **Strategy:** The project considered an inclusive strategy that is cross sectoral in a bottom up approach that recognized suggestions and ideas engaged at grass root level.
- **Steering:** The steering platform is a valuable decision mechanism that brings all stakeholders together to inform face to face on all project updates. Unfortunately there is still no combined steering committee body for both the IW and STAR. Although the decision was considered, yet after the inception, discussions to reconvene never came to pass.
- **Cooperation:** The project acknowledged that there is active participation and awareness of local communities and partners in the implementation of the GEF focal areas, however, with regards to the implementation of the programmatic approach, both IW and STAR projects still have not found a common ground or entry point as of yet to synergize because of the different project sites and timeframes that each has.
- **Processes:** The project is still in planning and consultation stages and because due of the delay in starting. The outcome from the development relevant instruments and framework are yet to be seen.



- **From the previous slide on lessons learned from the programmatic approach:**

The STAR project acknowledged the fact that with the limitation and challenge faced by both projects to find a common ground to implement the programmatic approach, yet some of the activities that our implementing partners or stakeholders are to implement can compliment and support each other to recognize the synergies that they share.





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