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Website Content Management System and the Project Management Information System

Summary:

The paper provides brief background and status about the establishment of the Project Management Information System (PMIS) as an online-results reporting platform for GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Program and the Regional IW R2R project. The paper highlights the features and intended functionalities of the PMIS, and updates on the status of implementation to date.

Recommendations:

The R2R Technical Consultation is invited to: -

- (i) Note the intent and purpose of the PMIS, its features and functionalities;
- (ii) Discuss the status and progress of implementation in the establishment of the PMIS, and
- (iii) Discuss and recommend clear directions in the utility and useful application of this platform in the Pacific region into the future.

Introduction:

1. The GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Program is a program comprising of 15 child projects (STAR and IW) implemented across the 14 Pacific Island Countries.
2. All 14 child projects – System for Transparent Allocation of Resources or STAR are nationally implemented following a multi-bilateral agreement with GEF implementing agencies, namely: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The Regional IW R2R project -as one of the child projects- is executed by the Pacific Community with UNDP as the GEF implementing agency.
3. The Regional Program Coordinating Unit (RPCU) implements the Regional IW R2R project and at the same time provides the coordinating role for the GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Program.
4. Fulfilling the coordinating role, the RPCU (as indicated in the Program Framework Document (PFD) also is tasks to report on the contribution of the program to the GEF focal areas.
5. In 2018, the Harmonized Results Reporting tool was developed by RPCU to be used by the child projects in reporting results along the GEF focal areas.
6. To facilitate results reporting, the RPCU also developed associated tools for planning and management (MYCWP), and visualizing results (dashboards). The information that will be generated by these dashboards will then be publicly visible through the GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Program website.
7. In November 2019, SPC entered into an agreement with a service provider that would establish the Program Website, and as well as the Project Management Information System (PMIS).
8. The PMIS will be established building on the several prototypes developed by the RPCU.

The Project Management Information System (PMIS)

9. The PMIS has the following features:
 - a. MYCWP module. The Multi-Year Costed Workplan (MYCWP) as a simple planning and management tool. This tool mainly operationalizes the logical framework and contains financial information, etc.
 - b. Results module and dashboards:
 - i. Harmonized Results Reporting (GEF focal areas, SDG, and Aichi) module
 - ii. Stress reduction (targets) reporting module
 - iii. Post Graduate Certificate/Diploma statistics module
 - iv. Training/capacity building statistics module
10. The PMIS is intended for all project managers and coordinators of the child projects.
11. PMIS generated information (i.e., results dashboards) will then be visible (real-time) at the GEF Pacific R2R Program website.

Status of implementation to date

12. The [MYCWP module](#) and the corresponding project management dashboard was established in June 2020.
13. Post Graduate Certificate/ Diploma statistics – wireframe is 80% complete;
14. Harmonized results reporting (GEF focal area, SDG, and Aichi) – wireframe is 40% complete;
15. Stress reduction module – not yet started;
16. Training/capacity building statistics – not yet started.

Issues and Challenges

17. The PMIS was scheduled to be launched in October 2020. However, its construction was delayed due to several factors such as but not limited to:
 - a. Complexity of the tasks;
 - b. Persistent disagreement on the basis for delivering the minimum viable product (MVP).
18. In November 2020, RPCU notified the service provider to momentarily stop the construction of the remaining modules pending resolution of the issues relating to MVP, payment of invoice, among others.
19. RPCU/SPC considered the PMIS as an important management tool and platform for visualizing results, it is important that the various issues must be resolved first before proceeding with the construction of the remaining modules.
20. This matter is being handled by both the Procurement Unit of SPC in collaboration with the SPC corporate legal advisers.

Conclusion/ Recommendations

21. The online platform of PMIS provides a very useful tool that allows visibility and accessibility by anyone who may wish to view results in real time for purpose of planning and research. The RPCU has demonstrated some results of the PMIS in several regional and national meetings of the project Steering Committees and Boards. The general feedback was very positive and support progressing it further.
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