

Strengthening the Resilience of Our Islands and Our Communities to Climate Change Programme

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Summary of Overall Progress for 2nd quarter as at April 1st – June 30th 2015

- Mainstreaming Climate Change – Final draft received in this quarter for the “Implementation of the recommendations from the policy review task”.
- CLEWIS project – Portal project administrator training planned for Q3.
- CLEWS project – Tenders for Climate Early Warning System project closes and progresses through tender evaluation
- Training – Training for the month of August will target the Northern Pa Enea students.
- Mangaia Focal Point – Mia Teaurima is appointed Focal Point for Mangaia Pa Enea.
- SGP Projects – 6 projects ready to progress to implementation and 3 SGP proposals in evaluation
- Agriculture – MGLAI project on Mangaia Pa Enea progresses to implementation
- Marine – SRIC-CC programme co-finances Ministry of Marine project with EU-GCCA-PSIS Programme
- Agriculture – MGLAI project and Mangaia Home gardens project progress to partner up.
- Agriculture – Coconut Oil project progresses to implementation on Atiu.
- Northern Water project – NWP in second review.
- Tamarua water tanks project – Tamarua project completes evaluation process

Outcome 1: Strengthening and implementing climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction at national level

Output 1.1 – National and sector policies, related instruments, and work programmes enhanced in ways that support CCA and DRM in the Pa Enea, consistent with Island Development Plans

- Mainstreaming Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction – The draft final report for this task was received from Mr Daniel Lin in this quarter and is now in review. This consultations task included interviews with various stakeholders across Government and the Private sector on Rarotonga and some of the Pa Enea. The overall objective of this assignment was to Review and strengthen the mainstreaming of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and Risk Reduction in National policies. The specific activities for this task included;
 - ✓ Identifying gaps, weaknesses and issues in the national policies framework in sectors related to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.
 - ✓ Providing guidance and recommendations on how to best address the identified gaps, weaknesses and issues, referencing the recommendations of *Akairo Ltd* from the CC and DRM National Policy development task (Ref: Recommendation 2. A; Akairo, 2013) and
 - ✓ Mainstreaming climate change and disaster risk reduction considerations into the policy and planning frameworks.

Output 1.3 – Operational Climate, Early Warning and Information System (CLEWIS/CLEWS) Activity 1.3.4 –

- Climate Early Warning Information System (CLEWIS) project – The CLEWIS Project GEO-PORTAL can be viewed at <http://www.emci.gov.ck>;
After reviewing the consultant’s completion report for this task, the SRIC-CC Programme has given a 3 month extension to complete the following;
 - ✓ Develop a mobile app to capture survey data collection for the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Database in the Geo Portal. Populating the DRM database with survey data collection of the outer islands.
 - ✓ Further capacity building and training of the portal operations for key stakeholders, outer islands emergency groups.
 - ✓ Develop a user manual for the use of the Geo Portal - *Developers guide*.This task is progressing well with the consultant visiting Mitiaro Pa Enea in this quarter to gather information for the CLEWIS project.
- Climate Early Warning System (CLEWS) project – The tendering process for the CLEWS project has completed. A large number of suppliers tendered for this task. The assessment of tenders commenced on the 26th June and ended on the 30th June. The SRIC-CC programme is now completing the tender and evaluation process report which will be submitted to the tender committee. The tender committee will review the entire process from advertising to evaluation of tenders. Upon approval of the tender committee the SRIC-CC programme will announce all tenderers of the outcome of their tenders and in the same process announce the winning tenderer.

Outcome 2: Strengthening capacities for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in the Pa Enua

- **Training** – In this quarter the SRIC-CC team is firming up plans to engage Northern Pa Enua school students while they are on Rarotonga for the “Te Maeva Nui” celebrations. Planning for this programme involved the Island Councils, Island administrations and stakeholders on Rarotonga that will be a part of the programme. The Te Maeva Nui is an event to mark our 50 years of self-Government. Many of our communities from the Pa Enua will be coming to Rarotonga for the celebrations. This training will be delivered from the 27th – 30th July. The entire programme will be documented. An expected output from this training will be a concept note for each of the Northern Pa Enua to address an issue that is caused through climate change. This training programme is ready for implementation.



Photo: SRIC CC Programme Officer – Dr Teina Rongo working with Rakahanga school students on their coral reef monitoring activity (Photo by the Rakahanga school principal; 18th May, 2015).



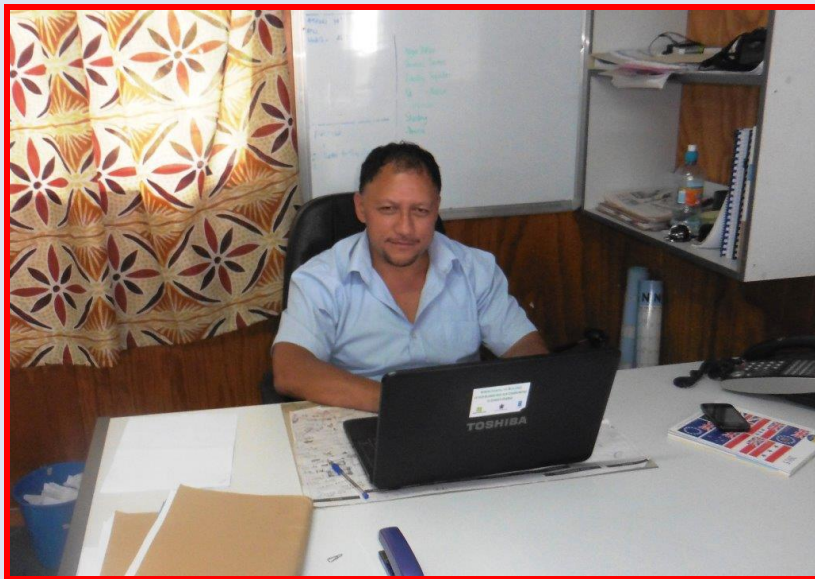
Photo: The Northern Pa Enua students are looking forward to the start of the training programme on Rarotonga. The Rarotonga lagoon and Oceans will be a part of their learning grounds during the

training. Students will be provided technical support in the development of their concept to SRIC-CC for funding. The students and schools will manage their project on the Pa Enea.

Output 2.2 – Enhance capacity of Island Councils – Appoint, train and fund SRIC Focal points

Focal Points update

- The Focal Point for Mangaia is confirmed. Mia Teaurima has been in training with the SRIC-CC team on Rarotonga for the past 2 months. He has fitted into the role very quickly and is working on several project proposals for Mangaia Pa Enea. Mia is also assisting Atiu Pa Enea until the Atiu Focal person is confirmed. The SRIC-CC team welcomes Mia to the team.



- Atiu Pa Enea Island Council has advertised the vacant post for focal point for Atiu and will confirm all applicants in the coming weeks.
- Mauke Pa Enea Island Council received 4 applicants for the vacant role of Focal Point. The PMU will be conducting interviews on Mauke in July.

Outcome 3: Implementing climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction measures in the Pa Enea.

Output 3.1 – Small grants to 11 Pa Enea and their communities

- In this reporting quarter, 6 proposals were finalised under the Small Grants Programme. These projects are ready for funding and implementation in July. These projects include;
 1. Teroto Fishing Club (Atiu Pa Enea)
 2. Penrhyn Pa Enea boat crossing outboard motors
 3. National Disability Council (*project focusses on the Pa Enea*)
 4. Aitutaki Conservation trust
 5. Mangaia Fishing Association safety equipment
 6. Aitutaki Growers AssociationAnother three proposals are in evaluation now.



Photo: SRIC-CC PMU meeting with the Mangaia Fishing Association to discuss their proposal under the SRIC-CC Small Grants Programme.

Output 3.2 – Climate resilient agriculture and fisheries practices

- The SRIC-CC Programme visited Atiu in this quarter to meet with the Atiu Island Council to finalise the site for the coconut oil cold press project and is ready to start the process of procuring equipment for the operation. The community is looking forward to be a part of the cold press coconut oil operation that they may process healthier oils for their cooking, medicinal and other purposes and put them on the right path to healthier living and healthier choices. The Cold press coconut oil is a healthier choice for our communities in their food preparation in our national attempt to combat “Non-communicable diseases” (NCD’s). Moving our communities away from conventional food preparation is a major undertaking. Having them as a part of the production of healthier choices is a step in the right direction and is fully supported by the respective Island Councils. Training in nutritional values and making healthier choices is a part of this project. Women in Business Development Incorporated in Samoa are assisting SRIC-CC in this project. The export potential is also very high with businesses in Rarotonga wanting to import the raw oil from this project for the Rarotonga market. The procurement of materials process is ready.



Photo: The SRIC-CC PMU meets and discusses partnerships for the upcoming projects with the Atiu Island Council.

- The Mangaia Growers & Livestock Association Inc (MGLAI) project has started with the clearing of several sites around Mangaia Pa Enu. The SRIC-CC PMU met with the Mangaia Island Council to discuss several projects. The MGLAI project is a pilot that all other agricultural projects can learn from. With some modifications to the greenhouses, the MGLAI project will use the home gardens project (implemented earlier) as nurseries for mainstream farmers. In a meeting with the Home gardeners, they are very interested in been suppliers for main stream farmers under the SRIC-CC project. This MGLAI project will now partner up with the “Mangaia Home Gardens” project and together the two will work on addressing the demand for green vegetables and transitioning to healthier choices for the Mangaia community. This project is ready to procure equipment and fund for services.



Photos: Meeting between SRIC-CC PMU and the Mangaia mainstream and home gardening Farmers. The meeting attracted many people. The photo to the right is a home gardens project green house that will be modified to also be a nursery for farmers working on the MGLAI project.



Photo: SRIC-CC PMU meets with Mangaia Pa Enu Island Council to finalise arrangements for delivery of the MGLAI project and the Tamarua household water tanks project.

- The SRIC-CC Programme has entered into arrangements to support training and research in Marine for farmers and fishers in Manihiki, Penrhyn and Aitutaki Pa Enu. This project will be managed by the Ministry of Marine Resources. Other partners in this project include European Union – Global

Climate Change Alliance – Pacific Small Island States Programme (EU-GCCA - PSIS) and Infrastructure Cook Islands. This support arrangement is ready for implementation.

Output 3.2 – Water capture, storage and groundwater management are enhanced in at least 4 Pa Enua through community based actions and infrastructure climate proofing projects.

- EU-GIZ has reviewed the SRIC-CC developed Project Design Document for the Northern Water Project and has provided their feedback. The SRIC-CC team is finalising the revised version of the PDD and will send this back for a second review which is due on the 15th July. The SR-CC team is also finalising the tender documents for this task to be advertised. The “Northern Water” co-financing arrangement with the EU GIZ Programme that was reported last quarter is vital for this project.
- The evaluation of tender’s process for the Tamarua Village water tanks project has completed. The SRIC-CC PMU has completed the evaluation report for this project and will submit this to the tender committee for review. Upon approval by the tender committee, this project is ready to procure materials.

Output 4

Knowledge materials – the SRIC-CC Programme was presented at the Climate Change Platform Meeting.



Photo: Climate Change Platform key stakeholders meet to discuss progress of CC and DRR activities. Dr Teina presented the progress of SRIC-CC. This forum also assists in strengthening coordination between stakeholders.

Project Management

The focus for this quarter for the entire SRIC-CC PMU is getting processes and arrangements completed and ready for funding in quarter 3. This has been achieved with many project proposals moving through evaluations to approval and arrangements with Island Councils finalised. The SRIC-CC PMU is ready for a big delivery in Q3 with the support of UNDP preparing for direct payments to suppliers.

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