

PACC Project SAMOA

Country Statement

Summary

- PMU established
- National Steering Committee established
- Technical Implementing Group in place
- Mainstreaming
- Pilot demonstration already rolling
- A few lessons learnt along the way
- Co financing

Outcome 1 – Mainstreaming

- TOR for Strategy for coastal and riverside adaptation in process.
- Collation of existing relevant policies and strategies already completed eg. Climate Change Policy, NAPA, CIMPs. etc

Outcome 2 – Guideline and Pilot demonstration

- Identification by TIG of important components as part of the guideline – *Coastal Infrastructure Management Plans, consultation reports (V&A), baseline information report, technical specifications manual, Environmental Impact Assessment, Socioeconomic assessment*)
- Community consultation with Pilot site 1 (Tafitoala village)
 - Awareness presentation of project aims and objectives, needs and role sharing.
 - V&A assessment using focus questions and discussions
 - Pilot site information gathering – baseline info report compiled, V&A assessment, coastal processes assessment currently executed by Dr. Arthur Webb of SOPAC ☺

Outcome 3 – Capacity gaps, needs & Technical support

- Technical support has been sourced both locally and regionally
- Important to get used to the idea of utilising the resource experts available
- Important to actively involve the TIG in the planning implementing process of activities – eases the burden off the lonesome PC, also adds colour and variety to range of activities.
- Need training on Socio-economic assessment for TIG

Outcome 4 – Project Management

- PMU is based within the Land Management Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment
- MNRE – Implementing Agency
- National Steering Committee established – executive decision making unit for the project
- Technical Implementation Group – hands and feet of project, report to NSC

NSC members

- **CEO – MNRE (Chairman)**
- MNRE Reps – (PUMA, Climate Change Div, Land Management,
- SUNGO rep
- Land Transport Authority rep
- Internal Affairs
- Ministry of Works, Transport & Infrastructure
- MOF
- UNDP
- PACC RPM

Challenges / Lessons learnt

- Need to clearly define project objectives as a climate change adaptation project NOT a mere development funding project.
 - Ever changing pilot sites due to higher level interference
- Step up on reporting
- Capacity development need – “Limited awareness by national leaders of the project” – shown a lot of interest (too much)

Co-financing arrangement

- In kind contribution – office space, etc
- Cost sharing for the project cost at Pilot site 1 –
 - PACC \$200,000
 - Government of Samoa - \$262,530

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