

KIRIBATI



Country Brief

Project Site Description

The Project site for Kiribati is Beru Island, the 4th last island from the southern Kiribati. It is physically shaped like a small lizard with the head to the north and tail in the south. It has a salt pond in the north and the algae pond known as “te Bokaboka” at the south end of the island. Both these swampy areas provide salt and food to the islanders. It has 7 main villages with the Boarding School Campus of about 200 people Hiram Bingham High School (HBHS) as another village. The culture is very conservative where men dominate the women and are leaders and providers for the family. It has a population of less than 6,000 in 2015 and the 2020 census is yet to be confirmed. Beru is very hot and it is drought most of the time and so fresh well water and rain water is scarce because of the dry soil. It has the highest record for children with malnutrition in Kiribati. Several climate change issues are overtopping, intrusion and erosion. The major causeway that people use everyday is blocking the lagoon flushing sea water to the nearby area where it cause marine resources to extinct in the area. Beru is one of the islands in Kiribati known for its self sufficiency custom.

Progress

Activities	Status
Stakeholder Consultation – PNA Report	✓ Completed
Outreach and Awareness Raising	✓ On-going
Identification of Change Agents	✓ completed
Consultation with Ministries	✓ On-going

Identification of Training Needs	✓	Completed
Training as per the identified need	•	Initiated
Identification of local development plan	✓	Completed
Implementation of development plan	•	Initiated

Government Ministry Consultations

1. Office of the President (OB) – Climate change and Disaster Division – Kiribati National Expert Group in Climate Change – KNEG on Beru Integrated Vulnerability Assessment (IVA) Report and Kiribati Joint Implementation Plan (KJIP)
2. Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development (MFMRD) – Geoscience division on landscape and coastal mapping for the work site – erosion and vulnerable sites
3. Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) – Secretary and Director for Island Development Plan or Strategic Plan in partnership with Beru Island Council
4. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MFED) – 2020 Census work with the Kiribati Republic Statistician on relevant data
5. Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS) – Medical Assistant working on Beru – situational analysis on health and COVID – 19 information
6. Ministry of Education – Island Education Coordinator on the schools and issues relating to water and sanitation for the school children
7. Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development – capacity building for food security – poultry, piggery and nursery
8. Ministry of Women, Youth and Sports and Social Welfare (MWYSSA) – Women Equality and Empowerment Policy Framework and relevant activities
9. Ministry of Justice – Human rights Based approaches in Kiribati
10. KiLGA is the only NGO working closely with GCCA + SUPA Project for the negotiation with the Island Councils – Beru Island Council

Desktop Review

Training Needs and Gaps Analysis Report is completed and submitted in 2020

Local Development Plans/Island Strategic Development Plans

The Beru Strategic Plan that focus on CCDRM was taught drafted, consulted, completed and handed over to the Beru Island council March 18, 2021.



Challenges and Solutions

- ✓ Travelling to the site that is Beru Island from Tarawa is a big challenge last year 2020 and this year 2021 due to cancellation of flights. Boat trip is a solution for that but they might take longer for RCO to return to Tarawa USP Campus
- ✓ Late acquittal happen because of reports and write up are priority but this needs the availability of the finance officer to allocate each country to have a face to face discussions to accurately complete the required documents

Lesson Learnt:

- ✓ Because of flights cancellations there is always be Plan B to utilize the time spent and seizing opportunities when people or communities are willing to contribute to offer for taking voluntarily training on the island for the extra days during overstaying and while waiting for the flights
- ✓ The project Receipt book is made to avoid mistakes and ineligible cost that could not be provided from the work site as there are no invoice to be provided for transportation cost like hire of bike and small shops for food needed for morning and afternoon tea, catering and other expenses for proper acquittal procedures and auditing purposes
- ✓ Working outside the box or giving extra time for extra activities maintain a good name for the project and accepting all invitation to particular communities who need our presence and time to answer some of their own personal issues that are contributing to their understanding of Climate Change and Resilience

Financial Summary

Item/Activity	Total Budget Allocation (EUR)	Year 1 & 2 Actual (EUR)	Balance (EUR)
(1.2.1) Research & Community Officer	79,931	34,101	45,830
(1.4) Total Office Costs	10,625	3,034	7,591
(2.1) Mobilisation and outreach on climate and disaster resilience with local area stakeholders in intervention areas	21,000	7,735	13,265
(2.2) Provision of training in resilient development to local area stakeholders	16,500	11,145	5,355
(2.3) Mainstream and integrate climate change and disaster risk management in sub-national sustainable development plans e.g. island plans	15,500	8,918	6,582
(2.4) Enhance the capacity to implement, monitor and evaluate sub-national sustainable development plans e.g. island plans	10,656	-	10,656
Total	154,212	64,933	89,279



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