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Executive Summary

The Global Climate Change Alliance Plus - Scaling up Pacific Adaptation (GCCA+ SUPA) is about scaling up climate change adaptation measures in specific sectors supported by knowledge management and capacity building. The 4.5 year project (2019-2023) is funded with EUR 14.89 million from the European Union (EU) and implemented by The Pacific Community (SPC) in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and The University of the South Pacific (USP), in collaboration with the governments and peoples of Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Tonga and Tuvalu.

The project design consultation took place in Koror, Palau on 5th and 6th August 2019. Participants at the consultation included Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Finance – Climate Change Office and Department of Finance, Ministry of Education, Ministry of State, Palau Community College-CRE, Bureau of Agriculture, Palau Red Cross Society, Palau Conservation Society and representatives from the States of Aimeliik, Airai, Ngardmau, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang States among others.

The objectives of the consultation workshop was all achieved successfully. The SPC GCCA+ SUPA team provided an overview of the project including the key result areas covered by the three implementing partners – SPC, SPREP and USP. A key message that was reiterated throughout the consultation was that the project will not be able to address all the climate-related issues in the selected sites but the outputs from the project can inform planning and implementation of future projects.

An overview of the achievements of past projects to be scaled up in SUPA, including the proposed project activities under the three project outputs identified i.e. 1) "Safe Water Project implemented in schools, 2) Enhance local food production systems, & 3) Improved access and sharing of climate resilience information to/for schools and communities were presented by key stakeholders. The Ministry of Health, Bureau of Agriculture and Ministry of the State and Ministry of Education implemented the past project respectively. It was reiterated that USP's capacity building under GCCA+ SUPA would target the sub-national level and specifically in the sector, that SPC will be working in and SPREP will develop an Impact assessment methodology of past climate change projects implemented in one of the SUPA project countries.

Clarification was made to the group on the modalities for funds transfer for implementation and the possibility of working with more than one sector and the activities covered by the Euro 0.5 million. There were discussions within the group on maintenance and monitoring once projects are completed. The meeting agreed that maintenance and monitoring should be the government's contribution to projects coming in to Palau and that government have considered steps on how to undertake this as a sustainability and exit strategy for the project.

The GCCA+ SUPA proposed activities in Palau would align with the:

- Palau Management Action Plan (MAP) 2013-2017.
- 2020 National Master Development Plan
- (1996) Actions for Palau's Future: The Medium-Term Development Strategy 2009 – 2014.
- Palau's National Disaster and Risk Management Framework (NDRMF) 2010. Revised 2016
- Palau Climate Change Policy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Low Emissions Development 2015.
- June 28, 2017, Executive Order 401. This establishes water use and conservation policies for all government ministries, agencies and offices.

The consultation developed the following project outputs:

- i. Establish water catchment systems at emergency shelters in Aimeliik, Airai, Ngardmau, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang States
- ii. Build capacity at the state level to monitor water quality in Aimeliik, Airai, Ngardmau, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang States Expand existing fruit tree propagation and cultivation program in Aimeliik, Airai, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang, Ngardmau States
- iii. Establish dry piggery system in Airai & Ngatpang State
- iv. Communication and Outreach programme
- v. Action-based education program on climate, health and ocean stewardship

Based on the project outputs and scaling up activities identified, the in-country partners together with SPC will develop a first draft of the Project Design Document (PDD) and submit it to SPC and EU. Next steps for 2019 were also identified.

Background



Group discussions for the Palau SUPA project design consultation 5th August 2019

Introduction

Climate change and natural disasters are among the greatest challenges jeopardising and undermining the ability of all countries, in particular Pacific countries, to achieve the sustainable development goals and reduce poverty. The Global Climate Change Alliance Plus – Scaling Up Pacific Adaptation (GCCA+ SUPA) project falls under the GCCA+ flagship initiative, which has three priorities: (i) mainstreaming climate change issues into poverty reduction and development efforts; (ii) increasing resilience to climate related stresses and shocks; and (iii) Supporting the formulation and implementation of concrete and integrated sector-based climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies.

The GCCA+ SUPA project is about scaling up climate change adaptation measures in specific sectors supported by knowledge management and capacity building. The 4.5-year project (2019 – 2023) is funded with EUR14.89 million from the European Union (EU) and implemented by the Pacific Community (SPC) in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the University of the South Pacific (USP) in collaboration with the governments and peoples of Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Tonga and Tuvalu.

The overall objective is to enhance climate change adaptation and resilience within ten Pacific Island countries. The specific objective is to strengthen the implementation of sector-based, but integrated, climate change and disaster risk management strategies and plans.

The three key outputs for the GCCA+ SUPA project are:

1. Strengthen strategic planning at national levels;
2. Enhance the capacity of sub-national government stakeholders to build resilient communities; and

3. Scale up resilient development measures in specific sectors.

The activities will adopt a gender-sensitive and rights-based approach throughout and will take into account lessons learnt and wise practices from the regional, national, sub-national and community-based projects and programmes implemented over the last decade.

The Action will contribute to the *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP)*, the *Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction*, the *Paris Agreement* to the *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*, and the *Sustainable Development Goals*, especially Goal 2: zero hunger, Goal 3: good health and well-being, Goal 6: clean water and sanitation and Goal 13: climate action, Goal 14: life below water and Goal 15: life on land.



In 2015, Palau developed its first Climate Change Policy to help build the resilience of Palau to climate change and disasters. It serves to reduce Palau's vulnerability to climate change by enhancing national coordination in addressing new and additional challenges posed by climate change and its' wide reaching impacts. The National Climate Change Policy demonstrates solidarity with global and regional efforts to manage the causes and impacts of climate change. By developing and implementing this Policy, Palau is keeping its commitments to the UNFCCC, the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific 2017-2030, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030.

The policy will further progress efforts towards achieving the strategic vision of Palau's National Master Development Plan to "Substantially enhance the quality of life of Palauan's". It also establishes a framework that will guide and inform action in accordance with Palau's Medium Term Development Strategy – Action for Palau's Future 2009 – 2014 and the National Master Development Plan 2020.

By way of coordination, Palau has established its National Climate Change Coordination Committee (NC4). The committee is made up of several sector-working groups including Agriculture and Fisheries, Health, Finance/Commerce/Economic development, biodiversity/conservation/Natural resources, critical infrastructure, utilities, society and culture, good governance, education and tourism among others. The NC4 provides technical guidance and support for Palau's climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction efforts. Palau has also established the Office of Climate Change under the ambit of the Ministry of Finance. The Office of Climate Change is the secretariat for the NC4. The NC4 is responsible for ensuring progress on adaptation and mitigation elements of the National Climate Change Policy (NCCP), and to ensure new and emerging climate change initiatives in Palau are linked and integrated into NCCP priorities.

Key challenges to adaptation in Palau include:

- Raising public awareness about climate change risks
- Technical capacity constraints in permanent positions to take on the task of managing climate change risks over the near and long term;
- Retention of skilled personnel in country through appropriate levels of remuneration and other means;
- Ensuring that gender-sensitivity and vulnerabilities of different community members are addressed in the implementation of climate change activities
- Limited access to international climate related assistance due to capacity and resource constraints at the institutional and country level
- Lack of long term climate finance strategy and strategy on wider means of implementation clearly setting out actions, timings and responsibilities.
- Mainstreaming or incorporation of climate change and disaster risk management related issues into the national sustainable development strategy, sectoral and corporate plans and budgets.

The in-country consultations for the GCCA+ SUPA was held at the Palau International Coral Reef Centre and Ministry of Education building, Koror, Palau on 5 and 6 July 2019 respectively.

Consultation objectives

The consultations had the following objectives:

SUPA Project design Consultation workshop 5th – 6th August

1. Introduce the SUPA project to key stakeholders in Palau.
2. Hold a two (2) days consultation workshop with stakeholders to develop the Project Design Document for the GCCA+ SUPA project.
3. Finalization of the activities and budget for the Project Design Document
4. Identify next steps for 2019 for GCCA+ SUPA.

Consultation agenda

The agenda is presented as Annex 1.

Participants

The participants included representatives from:

- Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Finance – Climate Change Office and Department of Finance, Ministry of Education, Ministry of State, Palau Community College-CRE, Bureau of Agriculture, Palau Red Cross Society, Palau Conservation Society and representatives from the States of Aimeliik, Airai, Ngardmau, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang States among others.

The list of participants is presented as Annex 2.

Consultation methodology

SUPA Project design Consultation workshop 5th – 6th August, 2019

The Ministry of Finance (Climate Change Office) National Climate Change Coordinator & Focal Point to the UNFCCC, Mr. Xavier Matsutaro together with Mr. Joe Aitaro, Climate Change Coordination Officer, opened and facilitated the consultation workshop. The workshop was co-facilitated by Ms. Gillian Cambers, Project Manager GCCA+ SUPA Project and Mr. Sanivalati Tubuna, Project Implementation Officer, SPC SUPA Project. Mr. Matsutaro welcomed the participants and the GCCA+ SUPA team and gave time for introductions. They also provided a brief outline of the Agenda, overview of the workshop objectives and expectations of the consultation.

The SPC GCCA+ SUPA team then introduced the project to the participants and clarification was made on the following:

- Funding – the Euro 0.5 million covers in-country consultations, staff needs, design and implementation of tangible on-the-ground scaling up measures, capacity building in the monitoring and maintenance of the scaled up measures and mainstreaming climate and disaster risk into the sector policies, plans and budgets.
- The roles and relationship between SPC, SPREP and USP – the three will work closely together as the USP component is focused on capacity building at the sub-national level within the geographical focus for the scaling up intervention and USP's capacity building has to be related to the sector selected by Palau and SPREP conducting an Impact assessment methodology of past climate change projects which can include projects implemented by the three organizations and other partners to help inform and strengthen national strategic planning.
- The possibility of working with more than one sector – there is scope for working with more than one sector but it is important that the funds are not spread 'too thin' as we may run the risk of non-completion.

Following the presentation by the SPC GCCA+ SUPA team, key stakeholders including Bureau of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of State, and Ministry of Education among others provided an overview of the achievements of past projects to be up scaled in the SUPA project. This included the 1) "Access to Safe Water project" implemented at schools to community shelters and select households, 2) Local food production systems project and access and 3) sharing climate resilience information to/for schools and communities programmes.

Participants were then tasked with agreeing on the overall and specific objectives. This was followed by dividing participants into small groups to discuss and identify activities for the SUPA project. Discussions were focused on the selection of project sites and project activities and identifying risks and constraints to project implementation.

The meeting participants agreed that the selection of the following outputs aligns with the national high-level decision prioritizing food, water and health security:

- i. Establish water catchment systems at emergency shelters in Aimeliik, Airai, Ngardmau, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang States
- ii. Build capacity at the state level to monitor water quality in Aimeliik, Airai, Ngardmau, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang States Expand existing fruit tree propagation and cultivation program in Aimeliik, Airai, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang, Ngardmau States
- iii. Establish dry piggery system in Airai & Ngatpang State
- iv. Communication and Outreach programme.

In particular the actions being proposed align with the i) Palau Climate Change Policy, ii) The Bureau of Public Health Strategic Plan, and iii) The Disaster Risk Management Framework (Revised 2016).

The Health sector is one of 12 sections in the 5-year Action Plan (2015-2020) of the Palau Climate Change Policy. The following interventions and actions fall under Section B: Health:

i) Intervention B.2

Strengthen resilience within vulnerable communities, including persons with disabilities.

ii) Action B.2.2

Facilitate local food production within vulnerable segments of society (persons with disability, low-income households, elderly, single mothers).

iii) Intervention B.3

Improve health services, communication systems, and preventative health services to build resilience to waterborne and vector-borne diseases.

iv) Thematic Area 9 of the Bureau of Public Health Strategic Plan (2015-2020) is Climate Change and Resilient Health Systems. 3 (risk/disease prevention, health/wellness promotion, rehabilitation, healing, and recovery) out of the 4 core business processes and 4 pillars of public health (individual, environment, behaviour, and community) are linked to this thematic area.

The 5-year Action Plan of the Palau Climate Change Policy and the Bureau of Public Health Strategic Plan are also linked to the National Disaster Risk Management Framework.

The meeting participants agreed that the GCCA+ SUPA activities would focus on five states namely Aimeliik, Airai, Ngardmau, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang. The selection of the project activities and project sites was guided by the selections criteria's developed by the SUPA project and Palau complementary criteria's tailored to Palau's context. The project activities and sites were selected based on the following rationale:

- The sector selected by Palau is one of the five sectors identified in the EU Delegation Agreement as priority sectors needing scaling up interventions for the SUPA project.
- The identified scaling up measure is an effective and tested measure that has elements of sustainability and can be implemented within the timeframe of the SUPA project.
- The selected scaled up measure has socio-economic benefits for the communities and can be implemented using an evidence-based people-centred approach.
- The selected measure to be scaled up fits within the scope of the SUPA project budget.
- Recognizing that maintenance of government owned infrastructure is the responsibility of the particular government agency, provisions for maintaining the newly scaled-up measure must be included in the SUPA intervention as this is essential for sustainability.

There was discussions on maintenance and monitoring once projects are completed. It was highlighted that maintenance is the role of government and this must be stressed to line ministries when working with projects. SPC reiterated the importance of involving the primary beneficiaries or target communities of the project in decision-making processes, awareness and operation and maintenance training to ensure project sustainability and success learning from past project challenges. It was also noted that monitoring after a project finishes is usually hindered due to lack of funding. The meeting agreed that maintenance and monitoring should be the government's contribution to projects coming in to Palau.

The group identified activities for the project given the funding and time available. The activities in Palau will address some of the following adaptation strategic goals identified in the National Climate Change Policy:

Table 1. High-level government visions, objectives, and priority initiatives for adaptation

Sector and Relevant Action Plan Section	Vision	Objective	Palau Government's Priority Intervention
Agriculture and Fisheries	A resilient, sustainable and food secured Palau	By 2020, the Palau agriculture and fisheries enabling framework is established to sustainably manage and support local food production and consumption	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the National Policy , Institutional Framework and Strategy for Resilient Agriculture & Aquaculture to improve farm production 2. Build resilience to temperature change and ocean acidification in marine ecosystems/fisheries by protecting and improving coral sites 3. Stabilize soils by amongst other measures, re-vegetation and paving of roads in the Ngerikiil Watershed and other priority locations
Health	Healthy people in resilient communities	By 2020, the enabling framework is established to increase community resilience through improved access to health services.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the capacity and resilience of existing health infrastructure 2. Strengthen resilience within vulnerable communities including persons with disabilities 3. Improve health services communication systems and preventative health services to build resilience to water-borne and vector-borne diseases.
Education	Future Palauan generations will be proactive, knowledgeable, and accountable and will use traditional and new adaptation and mitigation tools to promote positive behavior change	By 2020, Palau's educational system will include coordinated climate change and disaster risk information in its school curriculum and offer educational outreach to the broader community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrate climate change and disaster management into education policies and action plans 2. Revise the current school curriculum to incorporate climate change and disaster management, develop teacher training modules, source instructional materials, and revise assessments 3. Prioritize scholarship and education opportunities in climate change/ disaster management 4. Implement professional training in climate/disaster related studies including through a Teachers Conference on climate change and disasters 5. Improve access to information on climate change and disasters

Mr. Xavier Matsutaro who thanked the participants and the GCCA+ SUPA team concluded the meeting.



Participants discussing in groups for SUPA project design consultation meeting 6th August 2019

Consultation outcomes

The meeting participants identified the following key activities for the project:

1. Purchase materials and install water catchment systems at emergency shelters in Aimeliik, Airai, Ngardmau, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang States
2. Conduct water quality monitoring training in Aimeliik, Airai, Ngardmau, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang States
3. Import fruit tree species (Longkan, mangosteen, rambutan, mango, citrus (tangereen) lychee)
4. Propagate local species of avocado, guava, mango, rambutan, mangosteen
5. Establish dry piggery systems in Airai and Ngatpang state
6. Develop a National Emergency Communication Plan
7. Purchase communication equipment's
8. Provide training to Grade 7 and Grade 9 teachers on action-based education program on climate, health and ocean stewardship

Planning the next steps for GCCA+ SUPA

Tentative timelines are given below.

- **End of September:** Project Design Document signed
- **End of November:** Grant Agreement for National Coordinator and Finance Assistant signed
- **End of December:** Grant agreement for activities signed.
- **End of January 2020:** Implementation on the ground commences

Consultation evaluation

The workshop participants completed individual evaluation forms, which, have been compiled in Annex 3. More than 86% of the participants felt that the consultation workshop meeting achieved its objectives. Over 92% of participants felt engaged and that their input was given full consideration. Around 64% of participants felt the consultation met their expectations.

Annex 1: Agenda



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Consultation on the Global Climate Change Alliance Plus – Scaling Up Pacific Adaptation (GCCA+ SUPA) Project

5 – 6 August 2019, Palau International Coral Reef Centre, Koror, Palau

Agenda: Project Design Consultation Workshop

Monday 5 th August 2019	
8.30am	Registration
9.00am	Opening of the workshop Introductions
9.20am	Overview of the workshop objectives
9.30am	Introduction to GCCA+ SUPA Project Discussion
10.00am	Overview of the achievements of past projects to be scaled up in SUPA Project, including the proposed project activities under the three project outputs i.e. 1) “Safe Water Project” Implemented in Schools, 2) Enhanced local food production systems, & 3) Improved access and sharing of climate resilience information to/for schools and communities.
10.30am	Morning Tea
11.00am	Review of health, food and climate change issues faced in Ngardmau, Ngeremlengui, Ngatpang, Aimeliik, & Airai.
11.30am	Review of the framework of the SUPA project Indicators for success Agreement on overall and specific objectives
12.00 noon	Outline of the key result areas (KRAs)
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Small Group discussions: (1) identify specific activities and indicative cost under each KRA, (2) prioritise the activities, and (3) identify risk and constraints to project implementation.
3.30pm	Groups present back to the main group.
4.00pm	Quick review of next steps
4.15pm	Evaluation
	End of Workshop

Annex 2: List of Participants

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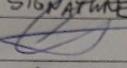
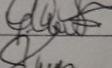
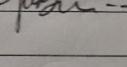
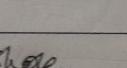
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**Annex 3: Summary of consultation evaluation
Evaluation Form**

PALAU PROJECT DESIGN WORKSHOP

5 August, 2019

Total responses: Male_6____; Female_8____; Others_____

	1 (lowest)	2	3	4	5 (highest)
1. Meeting objective On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest and 1 the lowest, to what extent did the meeting achieve its objective i.e. selection of SUPA project activities?			2	8	4
2. Participation On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest and 1 the lowest, did you feel engaged and that your input was given full consideration?	1 (lowest)	2	3	4	5 (highest)
3. Expectations On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest and 1 the lowest, did the consultation meet your expectations?	1 (lowest)	2	3	4	5 (highest)
Comments (if any): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was a good opportunity to gain new support and assistance with SUPA • Continue doing a good job and helping the states government • Money not enough • We have implement similar project to SUPA and we feel confident that the project will be fully implement • Very administrative – need to have individual consult first • Very thankful that there will be some help that could give to my state • Need to be more organized and focused. Inform ahead of time accurate information regarding meeting and possible outcomes • Excellent workshop ☺ 	1	4	7	2	