



Workshop report
Nauru National Lessons Learnt Meeting
Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States project
Chief Secretary Office Conference room
23rd November 2015, 10am - 2pm

Workshop Objectives:

1. To Share information about Nauru's GCCA: PSIS project's key result areas and exit strategy.
2. To discuss successes and challenges faced in implementing the i) Expanding national water storage capacity project and ii) improving household rainwater catchment and storage systems project and technical assistance activities in Nauru.
3. To develop recommendations for improving future projects and discuss ways of sharing these nationally.

Workshop Chair: Mr Sanivalati Tubuna, – SPC GCCA: PSIS Project Climate Change Adviser (Actg.), SPC.

1. Opening, Welcome and Introductions

The Acting CIE Secretary, Mr Sasikumar Paravanoor opened the workshop with welcoming remarks on behalf of the Nauru Government and reiterated the importance of having such a workshop. Mr Sanivalati Tubuna, SPC GCCA: PSIS Project Climate Change Adviser described how this workshop fits into the overall project's aim to share lessons learnt. Mr Tubuna then briefly went through the outline of the programme (see Annex 1).

All of the participants (listed in Annex 2) then introduced themselves and explained what they would like to take away from this workshop.

2. Viewing of Nauru's Lessons Learnt Video

The workshop began with an 8-minute Lessons Learnt video showcasing the overall SPC GCCA: PSIS project activities in Nauru and key lessons learnt through the project implementation process. The video highlighted challenges and community perspectives in the respective thematic areas below:

Challenges

- Water security and safety
- Infrastructure on the island
- Transportation
- Local capacity

- Land

Community perspectives

- Availability of secure and safe drinking water particularly during times of drought are inadequate or insufficient prior to the 'expanding national water storage capacity project' and 'improving household rainwater catchment and storage systems' project.

3. Group work session 1: What would we do the same? What would we do differently?

Group Work

Background – i) 'Improving household rainwater catchment and storage systems' project and ii) 'Expanding national water storage capacity project'

- 2012 Nauru officially advises SPC that 'Increasing Rainwater Harvesting Capacity' in Nauru as project focus area.
- Late 2013 engineering survey assessment of 321 household roofs conducted to guide selection of houses to be improved under this project.
- Mid 2014 Nauru facing delays on 'Increasing Rainwater Harvesting Capacity in Nauru households' thus requests SCM members change of focus to 'Expanding national water storage capacity project'.
- Delays were due to difficulties in selecting households to receive project assistance and disposal of many households' asbestos roof materials safely.
- Quarter 3 2014 Nauru Cabinet approves change of project focus to 'Expanding national water storage capacity and improving water security in Nauru' .
- Quarter 4 2014 Preliminary and Final design report prepared for demolition of old B10 tank and construction of a 2000KL water storage tank following consultation with and endorsement of Water TWG and PSC of the selected option.
- Quarter 1 2015 NUC made it clear to SPC that the 2000KL tank be insufficient and only a 4000KL tank would meet Nauru's water needs.
- Quarter 1 2015 RFP for Demolition, construction and installation for 2000kl and 4000kl issued.
- Early 2015 two tenders received where Tender 1 = AUD 1.9 (estimated completion time 2016) and Tender 2 = AUD 0.8 million (estimated completion October 2015) for construction and installation of a 4000kl water storage tank.
- Available funds provided by the EU funded SPC GCCA: PSIS project only AUD 0.56 million.
- Quarter 2 2015 meeting held in Nauru to discuss the time factor and shortfall in funds. Attempts to collaborate and share project costs with other projects which included USAID Coastal Community Adaptation Project (C-CAP) failed.
- Due to unresolved issue on delay on finding funds to cater for shortfalls and delay in project implementation once again the Nauru project funds were reallocated to other project countries particularly those affected by Cyclone Pam.

Technical assistance provided:

- Proposal writing workshop.
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Training of trainers workshop.
- Preparation and publication of the Nauru Framework for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction (RONAdapt).

- Preliminary report for Design Improvements to Nauru national water storage capacity improvements.
- Final Design report for Design Improvements to Nauru national water storage capacity improvements.
- Preparation of three funding proposals for a feasibility and predesign study for a Nauru Water Supply priority project.
- Household roof assessment engineering survey.
- Preparation of a 20 Year Nauru Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan.

Against this background, each group discussed the topics and then each group reported back. The following is a summary of each group's presentations.

What would we do the same?

- Community consultation.
- Address water tank needs by household.
- External agencies support i.e. through funding and technical assistance.
- Using the media to create more awareness of the project and its activities.
- Co-financing with partners.
- Maintain current accountable and transparent structure.
- Promote the recruitment of passionate and committed project coordinator/staff.

Technical assistance:

- All of the above.
- Process is good.

What we would do differently?

- Subcontract local contractors
- Where demand is required get overseas contractors for larger scale projects.
- Restart rainwater catchment project to complete installation and households without water tanks (roofing, gutters, tanks) via co-financing.
- To ensure timelines are met for funding purposes, efficient project management needs to be tied in with project plans and timeline
- Follow up survey for rainwater catchment and storage system improvement to get updated information from household (last survey 2012).
- Factor in compost toilet (was not implemented).
- Revive technical review committee (PSC).
- Communities made aware of focal points/person
- Community/stakeholders participation strengthened
- Advertisement of tenders, contracts etc.

Technical Assistance

- CIE to communicate with communities regarding upcoming projects.
- CIE to consult with line ministries and communities to get feedback on RONAdapt Document.
- CIE to monitor trained community participants on WASH to help implement training in community.

- Materials and funding provided by CIE for training within community.
- Promoting the master plan to keep communities engaged.
- Training and consultations delivered to other venues to ensure attendance.
- Funding to provide all government departments and school facilities with a water boiling jug.
- Revisit options for future projects related to water i.e. runway catchment.
- Community existing tank designs not optimised i.e. improved catchment if tank design designed like a funnel.

Discussion:

Participants were then given a few minutes to discuss the lessons learnt as mentioned above. The discussion touched on more community awareness programmes to promote community engagement and a sense of project ownership to ensure success of any project. Participants also discussed the need to promote personal and communal pride in keeping household water catchment systems clean by doing what they can do themselves and not totally depending on government or donors to do this.

Discussions also touched on ensuring timelines are met for externally funded projects to avoid repeating losing project funds allocated to the Nauru. Participants stated that this required efficient project management and retaining more experienced staff and reducing staff turnover. Participants also discussed that need to use local contractors to build local capacity but where local capacity lacks, than using overseas contractors to do large scale projects is preferred and rather subcontract local contractors for such large projects.

4. Group work session 2: What are we most proud of? What did not go as planned?

These questions were discussed in the same two groups and then each group reported back. The following is a summary of each group's presentations:

What are we proud of?

- Finally completing the RONAdapt
- WASH training
- LFA Proposal preparation training
- 20 year Water and Sanitation master plan in place
- Contributions from communities
- Strong liaison with communities and CIE
- Information gathered from PDD's

What did not go as planned?

- Change of CIE management
- Loss of funding or reallocation of funds for this project and various other projects
- Reverse Osmosis (RO) community tanks – Land dispute
- Initial PDD not implemented (i.e. Household rainwater catchment improvement)
- Loss of funds or reallocation
- Delays in demolition activities.

5. Group work session 3: How do we share the lessons nationally?

This question was discussed in the same three groups and then each group reported back. The following is a summary of each group's presentations:

How do we share the lessons learned nationally?

1. Take heed of these lessons in new projects especially in the project design phase.
2. Document these lessons and note the recommendations.
3. Use national scheduled meetings amongst the ministries to share the lessons learnt.
4. The need to maintain communication with the communities.
5. Using media outlets – social media, radio, TV etc.

6. Closing and Evaluations

The workshop was closed by the Acting Climate Change Adviser Mr Sanivalati Tubuna and a closing prayer by a senior participant in the meeting.

Annex 1: Workshop Agenda



Agenda
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Time	Topic	Presenter
10.00 – 10.10 am	Opening and Welcome	Mr. Sasikumar Paravanoor Acting Secretary CIE
10:10- 10:20 am	Introductions	
10:20- 10:30 am	Viewing of Nauru’s Lessons Learnt Video: “Securing Safe Drinking Water In Nauru”	
10:30-11:15 am	<p>Group work session 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Expanding national water storage capacity ii. Households rainwater catchment and storage system improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would we do the same? • What would we do differently? <p>Report back in plenary- 3 minutes per group Discussion</p> <p>Technical Assistance (LFA training, RONAdapt, Water & Sanitation Master Plan, WASH Training, Roof Assessments Survey, CAT Projects – Preliminary & Final Design Report on National Water storage improvements, Proposal Preparation for Implementation of Master Plan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would we do the same? • What would we do differently? <p>Report back in plenary- 3 minutes per group Discussion</p>	
11:15-12:00 pm	<p>Group work session 2: (All activities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are we proud of? • What did not go as planned? <p>Report back in plenary- 3 minutes per group</p>	

	Discussion	
12:00-12:45 pm	Group work session 3: How to share the lessons nationally? (All activities) Report back in plenary- 3 minutes per group Development of Action plan	
12:45-1:15 pm	Closing and Evaluations	
1:15-1:30 pm	Prayer	
1:30-2:30 pm	Lunch	

Annex 2: Participants List

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Participants' List

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Annex 3: Evaluation Outcomes

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Evaluation Form Analysis

Gender: Female Male

Workshop rating: 1 – Not useful; 3 – Somewhat useful; 5 - Excellent				
Using the rating system given above, indicate (with a tick) your rating for this workshop.				
1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3

What went well? What aspects were most useful to you?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group work because sharing ideas from members with a different background and understanding for the project was beneficial. • Information well-presented and very useful • The concept and delivery of the project went well. Most useful were community awareness and donor(s) and (Government) commitment to the project. Happy project well on its way • The workshop was most useful to me, especially the amount of work CIE has contributed towards the water management in Nauru. • It was informative and good guide for future projects

What could have been done better (recommendations)?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeframe for the project elapses a few years making monitoring to particular projects problematic • Community participation is ensured in all meetings • More participation in general of key people e.g. church, youth, women, and leaders group • More MP's included in similar projects for their participation • More information to communities and participations on the project if possible • More time 2 days at the very least

Other general comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member turnover should be kept at a minimum • Want to see more tangible results • Disappointed of the loss of funds allocated to the initial phase of the project (i.e. Household rainwater catchment improvements) • Never a repetition of losing funds – local fault • One workshop indicated more cooperation from communities to ensure governments approval in terms of funding • Well done project coordinator. Good outcome considering the leadership circumstances