



Pacific
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Managing Coastal Aquifers in Selected Pacific SIDS

Project update 18/2/2022



Agenda

- Update on status of progress of implementation
- Financial overview
- Draft workplan 2022
- Regional Steering Committee meeting
- Other

Project progress

Recruitment

Country	Position	Commenced	Mechanism
Palau	Leena Mesebeluu (NPS)	26 th April 2021	GA – MAFE
Tuvalu	Lono Leneuoti (NPC)	27 th August 2021	GA – CCD/MoF
Regional	Tarani Kamoe (Community engagement)	10 th August 2021	SPC recruitment (12 months)
Regional	Regional administration officer	March 2022	SPC recruitment (3 years)
RMI	Advertised Water Resource Specialist	April/May2022	SPC contract 2.5 years

- Recruitment of staff - update
 - RMI - Advertised Water Resource Specialist in collaboration with Water Scarcity project (co funded) – **20th March 2022** closure for advert
 - Regional administration officer advertised – **interviews 25th Feb 2022**

Interim staffing solutions

- Deployment of SPC staff technical officer to RMI 3 months – arrangements in place, approvals being sought – **potential uplift 6th March 2022**. (handover with new Water Resource Specialist position)
- Temporary assignment of SPC administration officer for 2 months until new admin person onboard **31 Jan 2022** (handover with new regional admin staff if required)

Project progress

Procurement

Grant Agreements

- Staffing Grant Agreements in place for Palau and Tuvalu – recruited personnel
- Operational expenditure Grant Agreements in place for Tuvalu, RMI, and Palau

Other procurement

- Computer equipment – all project coordinators (laptop, screens, projectors)
- Monitoring equipment (WQ - PW, RMI, TV) – RMI has received Groundwater monitoring equipment including telemetry and rainfall
- Citizen science – (mobile phones for data collection – procured and delivered RMI and TV)
- MCAP – tote bags (TV CCD awareness week)
- Security for storage of attractive items – MH, TV

RFQ's

- ❖ RFQ for Tuvalu (Country based) – Cultural Survey – assessed and contractor selected
- ❖ RFQ for RMI - Cultural Survey – Jan 2022 (SPC managed) – one application only received – reconsidering options at request of RMI
- ❖ RFQ – Palau – Cultural Survey – drafted to be released

Project Progress

Trainings update 2022

- Citizen Science – Tuvalu “Train the Trainer”
 - Hybrid model for 3 x 2 hours sessions of training of Red Cross, MoH, PWD, and Climate Change staff in the concept and practical application of Citizen Science
 - Included practical
 - water quality sampling, well and raintank measurements in Tuvalu
 - Use of Kobo and smart phones for data recording
 - Salinity measurements and calibration
 - [Website Manual](#) – Water Resources Monitoring guideline manual



Manual – Water Resources Monitoring

Measuring Equipment Checklist



✓ Measuring tape



✓ Sterilized bailers



✓ Salinity Meter



Sampling and Analysis Equipment Checklist

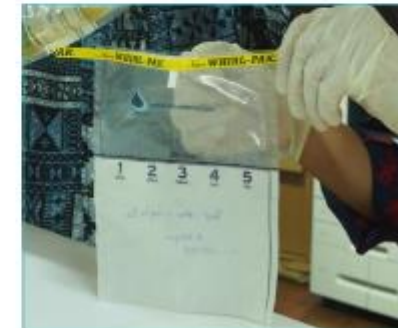
✓ Stand up Bag



✓ Glucose Reagent



✓ Compartment Bag



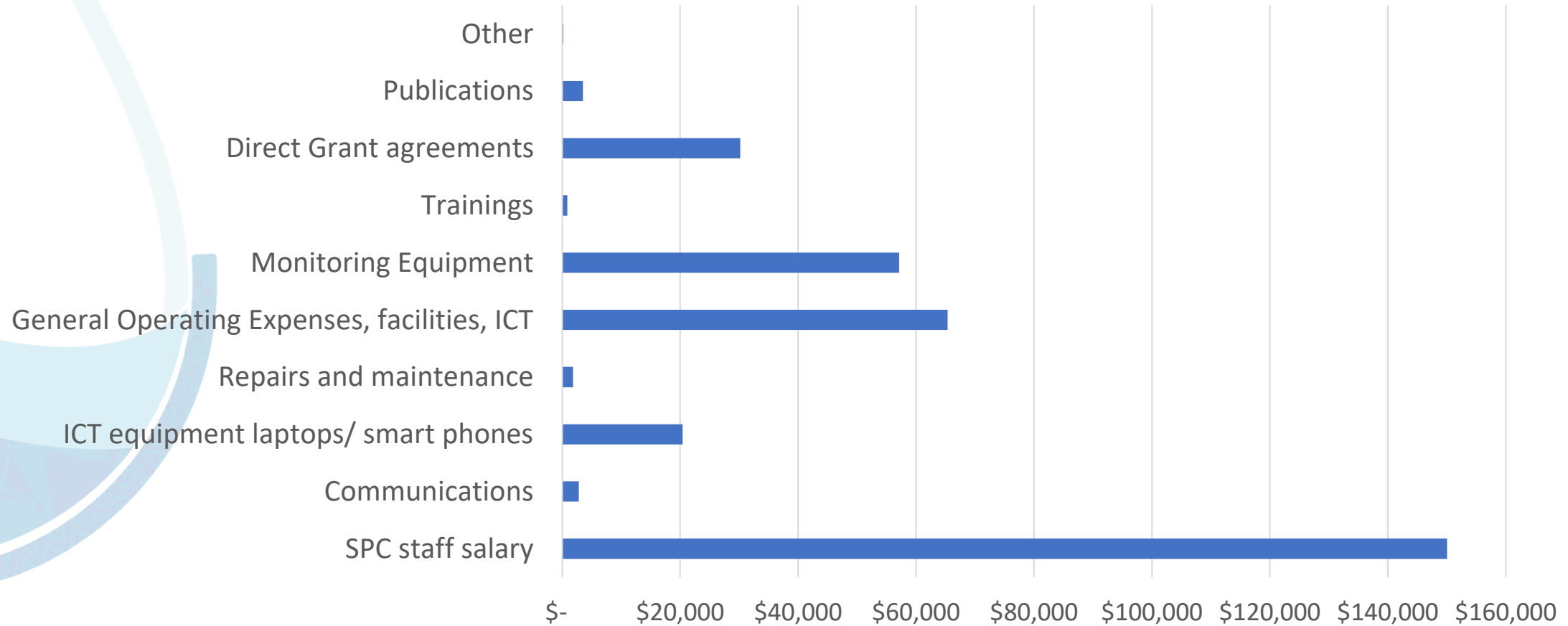
Financial overview Feb 2022

- Summary as at 18th
Feb 2022

	USD \$			
	2020	2021	2022	Total
Income	-	275,986	50,000	325,986
Expenditures	26,510	303,211	2,670	332,391
Surplus(Deficit)				(6,405)

Note some postings for 2022 including staff time is still outstanding

Expenditure to date



2022 - Focus

- Travel
 - Deployment to countries as able - **Jan – Jun 2022**
 - **RMI – March 2022** - 3 month deployment Technical Officer – GW assessment, Cultural survey, monitoring installations
 - **Palau – April 2022** – SPC staff 4-5 week - GW assessment, Cultural survey, monitoring installations
 - **Tuvalu – April 2022** – NPC and country/contract staff – cultural survey, Citizen Science (travel restrictions and shipping delays)
- Recruitment
 - Admin staff, Water Resource Specialist, Hydrogeologist support
- Administration
 - Adjustment to PCA to include dates – assist with procurement/recruitment – UNDP Pacific office
- COVID-19
 - Vaccination of all staff
 - Anticipate ongoing travel restrictions (at least until mid 2022) and increased cost of travel
 - Country reaction to new variants is of concern (Omnicron – Nov 2021) wrt travel – review activities in Q1 2022



Workplans 2022

Activities

- Groundwater assessments
 - *RMI April – June 2022*
 - *Palau April - May 2022*
 - *Tuvalu – September –October 2022 – travel permitting*
- Citizen Science
 - *Tuvalu April-May 2022*
 - *RMI – June 2022*
- Monitoring
 - *RMI, Palau April – June 2022*
- Cultural Surveys
 - *Tuvalu, RMI, Palau April – June 2022*
- Numerical Modelling
 - *RMI October 2022*
- Water supply gallery
 - *Tuvalu – July onwards 2022*

Next steps

- Regional Steering Committee
 - Thursday March 24th 2022
- Development of country specific workplans
 - Drafts provided
- Administration
 - PCA update
 - Reporting requirements
- Travel arrangements

