

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE
UNDP/GEF Terminal Evaluation
Management Response and Tracking Report

Project Title: Mainstreaming global environmental priorities into national policies and programmes (Palau CB2)

Project PIMS: 5049

Terminal Evaluation Completion Date: _30 October 2019 _____

Key Issues or Recommendations	Management Response*	Tracking**	Key Actions	Timeframe	Responsible unit(s)	Status***	Comments
1. Exit Strategy							
PMU to pick up the concept of an 'exit strategy' as mentioned in the Prodoc and prepare a document that sets out the status of activities under the project and describes what is needed to take the work forward after the close of the project. Without being prescriptive, this could cover a number of issues from a list / compilation of	There is no exit strategy document or outlines that activities will be picked up by the government post-CB2. The development of an exit- strategy will also not be possible anytime however, there are some planned activities that the IP will continue to	Since there is no exit strategy, the IP will continue to provide the following:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support the setup of a central database Support the organizing of Nat'l Env Symposium Events 	3 rd Nat'l Env Symposium -2020	PMU/IP PALARIS and NEPC Unit	Pending Partially completed	This database work is still being led by PALARIS. While there is no written workplan or strategy for SDG implementation, work is ongoing to develop an SDG M & E Framework, of which the Central DB will play a critical role. This effort will continue to build Palau's capacity to
					NEPC Members	Pending	

<p>documents and status of work initiated, through to describing potential areas of future donor support.</p>	<p>support which is being identified in the action column. The only confirmation on commitment received from government (PALARIS) is in regard to the placement of the two CB2 Project Management Unit staff (Amanda and Charlene), Amanda has moved to a different office (Office of Climate Change), leaving only one staff to carry on the work load of the NEPC Secretariat Unit.</p>	<p>3. Prepare and disseminate the 3rd State of the Env Report</p>	<p>3rd SOE – 2021</p>			<p>report on its international (as well as local) commitments. NEPC has committed to hosting this every two year. Until NEPC says otherwise, this will take place as planned. Funding source will be covered by NEPC members.</p> <p>This is another NEPC commitment so it will continue. Recently, the Min of Environment has sent a formal request to SPREP to help us develop a National Env. Management Strategy (NEMS), which will essentially help us develop specific action plans for selected environmental sectors and/or issues identified in the latest SOE report.</p>
<p>2. Ongoing support</p>						

<p>UNDP to investigate options for ongoing capacity support for Palau to ensure that momentum is maintained in the key area of capacity building for reporting under the Rio Conventions.</p>	<p>There is no next phase of CB projects globally, thus there are no known options for ongoing capacity support</p>	<p>Discuss with the RTA on how other countries have maintained momentum considering there is no CB3 and share with ROP.</p>	<p>December 2019</p>	<p>UNDP</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Non-Annex I countries are requested to submit National Communications (NC) and Biennial Update Reports (BUR). While LDCs and SIDS can prepare and submit these reports at their discretion, the general expectation from non-Annex I countries is to submit NC every 4 years and BUR every 2 years. Palau has received funds and is currently working on its Third NC with the support of UNEP. Palau can request GEF funding for the BUR and use it to build capacity and prepare for the transition to the Enhanced Transparency Framework under the Paris Agreement. Parties under the Paris Agreement are required to submit their first biennial transparency report (BTR1) and national inventory report, in accordance with the MPGs, at the latest by 31 December 2024.</p> <p>A joint UNDP-UNEP Global Support Programme is providing additional technical support to countries through (sub)regional and/or national focus, if requested. The main</p>
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						<p>goal is: (a) to support countries to have high quality BURs/NCs every 2/4 years. Main areas are: GHG inventories – Mitigation – V&A and (b) to strengthen MRV capacities and linkage with NDCs. Palau can approach GSP through our UNV (Eszter) based in Fiji MCO or through UNEP.</p>
<p>3. Regional CB2 experience</p>						
<p>UNDP to consider an overall assessment of Pacific CB2 projects to identify common issues and constraints</p>	<p>The recommendation is noted but this will depend on funding opportunities as most CB2 projects are now coming to an end.</p>	<p>UNDP will explore opportunities with the RTA in regard to this</p>	<p>December 2019</p>	<p>UNDP</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Noting the above status of next funding phase for CB3, the identified recommendation will be considered should there any further changes to the development of CB3.</p>
<p>4. Lessons learned</p>						
<p>UNDP-GEF to consider the lessons learned identified in this report in relation to future project design, implementation and execution, particularly in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity constraints in SIDS • Project inception phase • Risk assessment 	<p>This is noted. The next phase of CB project will be built on lessons learnt from this project.</p>	<p>Discuss with RTA on opportunity for Palau CB3 and use the lessons learnt from this project to design and implement the project</p>	<p>December 2019</p>	<p>UNDP</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Noting the above status of next funding phase for CB3, the identified recommendation will be considered should there any further changes to the development of CB3.</p>

Monitoring and evaluation						

* Unit(s) assigned to be responsible for the preparation of a management response will fill the columns under the management response section.
 ** Unit(s) assigned to be responsible for the preparation of a management response will be updating the implementation status. Assigned with an oversight function monitors and verifies the implementation status.
 *** Status of implementation: Completed, Partially Completed, Pending.

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