



Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific (SWAP)

Project Inception Meeting
December 2020

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Project Conception

The Cleaner Pacific 2025 provides the basis for continued funding support from the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) as it provides strategic actions that builds up on the 2011-14 Solid Waste Management Initiative. The project supported the Fiji National University, Griffith University and SPREP to deliver regional waste management training on the management of wastes and to implement a number of country specific waste management projects addressing e-wastes, used oil, organic wastes, plastic wastes, waste minimisation, among others.

This project received a satisfactory rating through a post-evaluation undertaken by Tonkin & Taylor International, Ltd commissioned by AFD.¹ Based on the recommendations of this report, AFD has expressed interest in collaborating further with SPREP.

In 2017, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) approached AFD again to support its work in the Pacific Region. A concept proposal was submitted which builds up on the outcomes of the previous project. The capsule proposal was accepted by AFD after a comprehensive feasibility study was conducted.² The report identified specific activities in specific countries that can likely achieve expected project outcomes.

The Funding Agreement was signed in February 2020.

B. Feasibility Study

The prioritisation of countries was done based on macro-economic situation and vulnerability of the environment and thematic interventions covered in this project, i.e. plastic marine debris, disaster wastes, used oil and sustainable financing mechanism. The following countries and territories are identified to benefit and participate in the project: Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Wallis and Futuna, and French Polynesia with New Caledonia providing technical backstopping.

The study identified actions (Annex 1) which will enable addressing some issues in the targeted thematic areas mentioned above. The full proposal was developed based on the outcomes of the feasibility study.

C. The Project

¹ <https://www.afd.fr/en/ressources/evaluation-summary-solid-waste-management-pacific-initiative>

² Espelia, 2018. Feasibility Study Report: Analysis of the Waste Initiative Project. AFD, Noumea. unpublished.

The Pacific - AFD Waste Management Programme, referred to hereafter as Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific (SWAP) will address cost effective and sustainable management of waste and pollution. The SWAP will contribute to the regional delivery of the Cleaner Pacific 2025; and builds on, enhances and strengthens parallel initiatives under existing regional waste projects such as PacWaste Plus, J-PRISM2 and pipeline projects including the Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP) and the GEF7 ISLANDS Project.

1. Project Objective and Goals

The project objective is “To improve sanitation, environmental, social and economic conditions in Pacific Island Countries and Territories through proper waste management”. The project will address the objective by achieving the project goals geared at developing good practices on waste management in the Pacific Region:

- a. To help communities and local authorities to develop national waste management policies with a global approach from collection, sorting, recovery, and proper disposal.
- b. To improve the delivery of waste services through development of waste management infrastructures and implementation of pilot projects.
- c. To strengthen communities and local authorities’ capacity in the areas of technical waste management, institutional governance, and finance, and
- d. Improve capacity of SPREP to foster coherence and greater connection among the various ongoing waste-related projects that operate in the region

2. Project Management

SPREP’s Waste Management and Pollution Control (WMPC) Programme will oversee the management of the project. A small Project Management Unit (PMU) will be established based at the SPREP HQ (WMPC Office) consisting of a Technical Waste Project Coordinator and a Project Support Officer. Recruitment of the staff is almost completed.

3. Project Governance

SPREP will establish a project Steering Committee to provide guidance and strategic direction to the project. The Steering Committee will include the following membership:

- 8 x Country representatives (1 representative from each participating country: Solomon Islands, Samoa, Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, Wallis and Futuna, French Polynesia and New Caledonia)
- 1 x Senior SPREP representative
- 1 x AFD representative

Other organisations may be invited to attend as observers as required, particularly those from other waste projects to facilitate complementarity of delivery.

4. Project Implementation

Implementation of the activities will occur over 48 months inclusive of project inception, implementation, and closure. The indicative work plan includes indicative timelines for project implementation is to be confirmed at the project inception meeting and revised and endorsed at each Steering Committee meeting, along with an annual implementation budget.

SPREP will implement this project in collaboration with existing and planned major waste management and pollution projects (PacWaste Plus, J-PRISM II; Moana Taka Partnership; Pacific Ocean Litter Project; GEF 7 ISLANDS; and PRIF’s Resource Recovery Network), to

avoid duplication, optimise investment, and leverage learnings and outcomes from these other projects.

The four-year project will involve capacity building programmes that includes several activities: 1) a regional training program; 2) the implementation of pilot projects; and 3) a sharing of good practices through a Community of Practice for PICs including French OCTs. As mentioned earlier, the project will focus on three types of wastes: used oil, marine debris, disaster wastes and an overarching issue on sustainable financing mechanisms.

II. MEETING OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The inception meeting hopes to:

1. Inform the participants about the project design and approaches – to have better understanding of the project,
2. Outline and validate the project components and proposed activities based on the feasibility study – to appropriately address priority and relevant issues at the national level,
3. Explore complementarity with other regional projects – to optimise investments and resources in the waste sector, and
4. Seek commitment on the governance and implementation of the project – to promote better coordination and enable smooth implementation of the project,
5. Develop an annual workplan and budget for approval by the Project Steering Committee – to kickstart implementation of the project.

III. MODE OF DELIVERY

Due to the current travel restrictions, the Inception Meeting will be delivered via zoom. The meeting will occur over three days at approximately two hours per day., it is likely that time will be extended beyond two hours depending on the extent of the discussions.

Links to join the meeting will be sent separately.

IV. PARTICIPANTS

The following will be invited to the meeting:

1. Representatives from benefitting countries: Fiji, French Polynesia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna
2. Representative from New Caledonia
3. Representatives of AFD
4. Representatives of SPREP
5. Project Managers/staff of J-PRISM2, PWP, POLP and GEF7 ISLANDS

V. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Day 1 (Dec. 9, 2020)		
Opening Programme		
1:00pm – 1:05pm	Welcome	Mr. Anthony Talouli WMPC, Acting Director
1:05pm – 1:10pm	Prayer	TBC
1:10pm – 1:20pm	Opening Remarks (SPREP)	Mr. Kosi Latu SPREP, Director General
1:20pm – 1:30pm	Opening Remarks (AFD)	Mr. Philippe Renault AFD, Regional Director
Session 1: Introduction and Setting the Scene		
1:30pm – 1:40pm	Introduction of participants	Mr. Joshua Sam WMPC, Hazardous Waste Mgt Adviser
1:40pm – 1:50pm	Overview of the meeting agenda, objectives, and outcomes	Ms. Ma Bella Guinto WMPC, Solid Waste Mgt Adviser
1:50pm – 2:05pm	Why the project was developed?	Ms. Nolwenn Bodo AFD, Public Sector Head/Pacific Regional Cooperation
2:05pm – 2:25pm	Outcomes of the Feasibility Study of the Waste Management Initiative Project	Mr. Anthony Talouli WMPC, Acting Director
Session 2: About the Project		
2:25pm – 2:45pm	Project Overview	Ms. Ma Bella Guinto WMPC, Solid Waste Management Adviser
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Project Governance and Management	Mr. Anthony Talouli WMPC, Acting Director
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Discussions	Mr. Joshua Sam WMPC, Hazardous Waste Mgt Adviser

Day 2 (Dec. 11, 2020)		
1:00pm – 1:10pm	Synthesis and Key Outcomes of Day 1	Mr. Joshua Sam WMPC, Hazardous Waste Mgt Adviser
Session 3: Project Implementation		
1:10pm – 1:45pm	Overview of Project Activities and Mode of Implementation	Ms. Ma Bella Guinto WMPC, Solid Waste Management Adviser
1:45pm – 2:15pm	Pilot Project Design and Evaluation	Mr. Anthony Talouli WMPC, Acting Director
2:15pm – 2:45pm	Implementation Arrangements	Mr. Anthony Talouli WMPC, Acting Director

2:45pm – 3:30pm	Discussions	Mr. Joshua Sam WMPC, Hazardous Waste Mgt Adviser
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Day 3 (Dec. 17, 2020)

1:00pm – 1:10pm	Synthesis and Key Outcomes of Day 2	Mr. Joshua Sam WMPC, Hazardous Waste Mgt Adviser
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Session 4: Project Work Plan

1:10pm – 1:30pm	Tentative Work Plan for 2021	Ms. Ma Bella Guinto WMPC, Solid Waste Management Adviser
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1:30pm– 2:00 pm	Discussion and Validation	Mr. Joshua Sam WMPC, Hazardous Waste Mgt Adviser
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2:00pm – 3:00pm	Collaboration with other Regional Projects	Projects Managers of J-PRISM2, PacWaste Plus, GEF7 ISLANDS and POLP
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3:00pm – 3:30pm	Reporting, Communication, M&E, Gender Mainstreaming and Financial Management Mechanisms	Mr. Anthony Talouli WMPC, Acting Director
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Closing Programme

3:30pm – 3:40pm	Closing Remarks (AFD)	Ms. Nolwenn Bodo AFD, Public Sector Head/Pacific Regional Cooperation
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3:40pm – 3:50pm	Closing Remarks (SPREP)	Mr. Anthony Talouli WMPC, Acting Director
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3:50pm– 4:00pm	Country Response	TBC
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Annex 1: Proposed Actions

Sector	Actions	Component	Implementation	Intervention areas	Project leaders	In coordination with :	Cofunders	Timing (in months)	Costs	Costs details	AFD funding	AFD costs	Monitoring	Risks	
SF	Development of an Extended Producer Responsibility scheme. Example of TRECODEC in New Caledonia	Training session on EPR. Best practice with TRECODEC CEO intervention	Training	Training session	Solomon Islands, Samoa, W&F	New Caledonia	Waste management responsible (Environment Department, ULB)	-	1 year	45 000 €	15000€/country	100%	45 000 €	Number of sessions Number of participants	Gather public and private sectors
		Grants/funding for project holders	Pilot project	Call for proposal Training session participation is mandatory Applicant cofunding is mandatory	Solomon Islands, Samoa, W&F	New Caledonia	PIFSO, EU, JICA & GEF-PAS	Applicant, EU (for hazardous waste)	3 years	450 000 €	150 000€/country	50%	225 000 €	Call for proposal redaction Analysis grid and project rating Business plan elaboration Feasibility study elaboration Implementation ERP monitoring (tons, economic balance...)	Inherent risks to setting up a private company: correct market study, viable BP. Difficulty to fund private sector (Proparco ?), find public relays like state institution
		Workshops organization & development and sharing platform	Community of Practice		Solomon Islands, Samoa, W&F	New Caledonia	Waste management responsible (Environment Department, ULB)	EU & JICA	5 years	100 000 €	20000€/year	50%	50 000 €	Number of followers Number of e-learning module Number of connection	-
DWM	Definition in collaboration with humanitarian NGO of local awareness actions in anticipation of disaster & training of local representatives for awareness post-disaster & preparedness	Training session with NGO to incorporate module on post disaster waste management	Training	Red Cross training session for Disaster Risk Reduction. Add a module on DWM	Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Tonga	French polynesia	National Red Cross/Local communities, JICA, EU	-	2 years	45 000 €	15000€/country	100%	45 000 €	Number of training session Number of NGO trainers Number of aware inhabitants	-
		Workshops organization & development and sharing platform	Community of Practice		Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Tonga, French Polynesia	SPREP	JICA & EU	EU & JICA	5 years	100 000 €	20000€/year	10%	10 000 €	Number of followers Number of e-learning module Number of connection	Organization with JICA leadership on this thematic
UO	Development of a management plan related to used oil management	Training on used oil management	National training on institutional aspects	Training on how to develop and implement a management plan for used oils (who / when / how). Identified private actors contacted during the implementation phase	Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu & French Polynesia	New Caledonia	GEF-PAS (training & Pilot project) EU (community of practice)	GEF-PAS (training & Pilot project) EU (community of practice)	1 year	60 000 €	15000€/country	100%	60 000 €	TA recruitment Management plan elaboration	Gather public and private sectors
		Assistance for the elaboration of national used oil management plan (in coordination with actions related to EPR implementation & in collaboration with relevant private actors)	Pilot project	Technical assistance recruitment National roundtables	Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu & French Polynesia	SPREP			1 year	200 000 €	50000€/country	100%	200 000 €	Call for proposal redaction TA recruitment	Link with the others waste management plan
		Workshops organization & development and sharing platform	Community of Practice						5 years	90 000 €	18000€/year	100%	90 000 €	Number of followers Number of e-learning module Number of connection	-
UO	Implementation of secured of pre-collection / collection / temporary storage systems and/or on-site disposal	Training on operational aspects related to pilot project facilities	Training	Technical assistance recruitment					1 year	45 000 €	15000€/country	100%	45 000 €	Number of sessions Number of participants	Gather public and private sectors
		Grants for storage / collection systems improvement	Pilot project	Call for proposal Applicant cofunding is mandatory	Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu & French Polynesia	New Caledonia	GEF-PAS, ULB, Environment Department, Economic Concular Chamber	GEF-PAS, EU IMO, applicant, country	3 years	600 000 €	200 000 €/ country (3 projects/country, 50 000 €/project)	50%	300 000 €	Call for proposal redaction Analysis grid and project rating Business plan elaboration Feasibility study elaboration Implementation monitoring (tons, economic balance...)	Market study Technical risk inherent to innovation Difficulty to fund private sector (Proparco ?), find public relays like state institution or consular chambers
		Grants for treatment / recycling plants	Pilot project	Call for proposal Applicant cofunding is mandatory					3 years	2 280 000 €	570 000 €/country (1 unit/country x4)	25%	570 000 €	Reduced number of project to erase completely the problem	
MD	On-land prevention actions on waste & pollution management (in collaboration with local authorities and local NGOs)	Training session with National coordinator (Ministry of Environment), interested local governments (municipalities with important tourism activity) and NGOs, on How to organize a "coastal clean-up day".	Training	Content of the training: population awareness & mobilization, operational aspects for collection / segregation / recycling (ex : required equipment), materials characterization. (Collecting data on composition of Marine Debris is necessary to know the origin of these waste).	Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, French Polynesia	SPREP & SPC	NGO, ULB		2 years	120 000 €	15000€/country/year	100%	120 000 €	Number of sessions Number of participants	Risk of dilution and inefficiency
		Coastal clean-up (organization put in practice) & data collection	Pilot project (training)	Financing of equipments and organization coats					2 years	30 000 €	10000€/country	100%	30 000 €	Number of collection session Tons collected/volortized	
		Workshops organization & development and sharing platform	Community of Practice						5 years	100 000 €	20000€/year	100%	100 000 €		