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# Cook Islands Adaptation Fund Project and NIE update

# Agenda

- ▶ Introduction
  - ▶ Cook Island – Quick overview
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  - ▶ Project Objectives
  - ▶ NIE background and process
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# Partnership approach




ADAPTATION FUND



# Cook Islands – UNDP Proposal Formulation Consultations

## Objective


- ▶ To obtain inputs and guidance from stakeholders related to formulating a project designed to enhance the resilience of communities in the Cook Islands through integrated climate change adaptation and disaster risk management interventions.
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# Cook Islands Project

- ▶ Strengthening the Resilience of our Islands and our Communities to Climate Change (SRIC – CC)
- ▶ Akamatutu'anga i te iti tangata no te tuatau manakokore ia e te tau'anga reva

# Programme Objective

- ▶ To strengthen the ability of all Cook Island communities and the public service to make informed decisions and manage anticipated climate change driven pressures (including extreme events) in a pro-active, integrated and strategic manner.
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# Objectives cont...

- ▶ The Programme will also contribute to all outcomes listed within the 2 objectives of the Adaptation Fund Strategic Results Framework and corresponds particularly to the following higher order fund-level outputs:
  - *Output 1.1.* Risk and vulnerability assessments conducted and updated at national level;
  - *Output 1.2* Targeted population groups covered by adequate risk reduction systems;
  - *Output 1.3* Targeted population groups participating in adaptation and risk reduction awareness activities; and
  - *Output 2.2* Vulnerable physical, natural and social assets strengthened in response to climate change impacts, including variability.
  - *output 2.4.* Targeted individual and community livelihood strategies strengthened in relation to climate change impacts, including variability
- ▶ 5 year programme of work

# Practical application

- ▶ To implement the Joint National Action Plan (JNAP) for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation
- ▶ To reduce climate change related risks in the Pa Enua, and especially at community level

# AF proposal – an opportunity to further develop and implement part of the DRM-CCA JNAP:

- **National capacity: integrate DRM-CCA into sectoral policies and plans, climate early warning system**



- **Island capacity: integrate DRM-CCA into island-level development processes**



- **Implement on-the-ground measures: coastal management, agriculture, water, health**



- **Create programme management and delivery capacity that can attract further funding – because the AF funds will not be enough to cover all CCA-DRM needs**

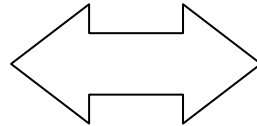
# Programme Structure

Community-engagement in  
vulnerability assessment,  
adaptation planning and  
awareness

**USD 785,000**

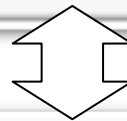
Integrated community-based  
DRM-CCA measures

**USD 3,215,000**



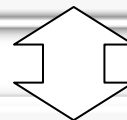
Institutional strengthening for  
DRR-CCA-NAP implementation

**USD 500,000**



Project Management  
(National Executing Agency)

**USD 460,000**



Implementing Agency Fee  
(UNDP)

**USD 421,600**

**Programme support:**  
**Nationally Executed:**  
•NES, MoE, MMR, MOIP,  
MoH, MoA, OPM  
•NGOs  
•Island, Vaka Councils

**total budget**  
**USD 5,381,600**




## Formulation process/timeline – Original:

- **Aug–Sept 2010** –Scoping mission, NCCCT meeting, initial consultations
- **Sept 2010** – Initial concept submitted for Cabinet approval:
- **Oct 2010** – Project concept submitted to AF:
- **Dec 2010** – Concept approved by AF Board at Cancun UNFCCC COP
- **Febr 28–4 March 2011** DRR–CCA Planning week and related consultations
- **June 2011** Final stakeholder meeting:
- **July 2011** full proposal to be submitted to AF Secretariat

### UPDATED:

- Final plan was approval in December 2011(resubmission required)
- March 2011 AFB signed off UNDP as an MIE
- April – planning (AWP, Project office)
- June – Inception workshop

# NIE Process

- ▶ Interest established in pursuing Adaptation Funding
  - ▶ Discussion/decision about NIE readiness back in 2010
  - ▶ Designated Authority chosen (MFAI)
  - ▶ Project concept/project proposal in conjunction with UNDP
  - ▶ MIE status for UNDP showed us direct access needed to be an avenue for us moving forward
  - ▶ UNDP NY assessment & report completed
  - ▶ Workshop commitment
  - ▶ Report on actions we need to take to ensure readiness for NIE application process
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# NIE process cont...

UNDP NY & Samoa completed in-country visit to:

- ▶ Elaborate and clarify the NIE accreditation application requirements
  - ▶ Facilitate and conduct a capacity assessment of MFEM on the AF's accreditation requirements
  - ▶ Provide advice on the development of a capacity development strategy and action plan
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