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CDC Project Progress Report

1. Project Title

International Waters Programme (IWP)

2. Purpose of Submission

To inform the Cabinet Development Committee of the completion of the IWP

3. Executing Agency

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP).

4. Implementing Agency

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

5. Background

IWP is an initiative of 14 independent Pacific Island States. The aim was to strengthen the management and conservation of marine, coastal and freshwater resources in the Region. For Samoa IWP was implemented in two sites, Apolima Island and Lepa. The goal was to ensure access to minimum standards of drinking water for rural communities. As presented in the Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E) Plan a Freshwater Management Plan for the two sites would be developed and implemented, along with two main outcomes.

- Improved national capacity to manage freshwater resources
- Improved understanding of the causes of declining freshwater quality.

6. Funding Sources and Conditions

The IWP budget totaled to US\$12 million GEF financing coupled with \$8.118 in co-financing from SPREP, FFA (Forum Fisheries Agency), SPC and UNDP. The Integrated Coastal and Watershed Management (ICWM) component, managed by SPREP, has an \$8.5 million GEF budget, and \$10 million total budget. The bulk of the co-financing \$7.438 million, was directed to Oceanic Fisheries Management (OFM) component.

Samoa's total expenditure since January 2000 was ST\$492,478. Financial administration of the project was carried out in accordance with UNDP National Execution (NEX) Procedures. Quarterly progress and financial reports, and annual audited reports, were submitted to the executing agency (SPREP) which in turn reviewed and submitted them to UNDP. Project disbursements were released from UNDP to SPREP, set against the receipt of financial reports from the previous quarter, and sent via bank check. SPREP then required the full collection of quarterly reports from the countries prior to disbursement.

The requirement of annual audits, set a high expectation for financial accountability and helped to ensure Samoa administered GEF funds according to financial requirements.

7. Duration

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The project was initially proposed to end by (from 2000) 2004, but two (2) years were approved for the final phase out stage. Remaining funds, enabled a decision at the latest Multi Partite Review (MPR) to extent the final deadline an additional two months, into February 2007, for completion of reports and project closing.

8. Implementation Progress / Final

A number of outputs have been completed

1. Review of Priority Environmental Concerns
2. Initial Stakeholder Strategy
3. Environmental legislation and institutional review
4. National Communication Strategy
5. Problem Profile: Situation Analysis and Initial Stakeholders Identification (PSA)
6. Root Cause Analysis
7. Identification of Solution(s) (not including impacts/feasibility)
8. Sustainability Strategy

9. Outstanding issues and activities.

From the Terminal Evaluation report it was found with uncertainty if a stand alone project document for Samoa exists. Also with SPREP and the IWP (Project Coordination Unit) PCU both based in Apia, there should have been opportunities to discuss with national stakeholders how to place the Samoan pilots in a more consistent and successful track.

10. Project Implications for Samoa

The intended beneficiaries from IWP include the following:

1. Skills transfer and knowledge shared at the national and community levels, with training workshops held, guidance manuals disseminated, and the hiring of local and international technical experts.
2. Improved national capacity to manage freshwater resources as well as a greater understanding of the causes of declining freshwater quantity & quality.
3. The pilots overall have improved the quality of life and environment in the communities for both Apolima Island and Lepa.

WRD/MNRE acknowledges the results gained at the completion of IWP and will endeavor to address lessons learned in future water related projects.

11. Signature of Executing Agency



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12. Date: **04 May 2007**