

foto

MONITORING REPORT SUBMITTED SIX MONTHS AFTER PROJECT START AND EVERY SIX MONTHS AFTER THE LAST MONITORING REPORT

Date submitted to AFB secretariat: 5th February 2021

Implementing Entity: Department of Environment, Antigua and Barbuda

Country: Antigua and Barbuda

Adaptation Fund Grant I.D:

Grant Type: S-S Cooperation Grant

Project Description/Project Title: The Environment Coordinating Unit (ECU) in Dominica has not yet been nominated as the NIE for Dominica. The ECU has served as the national executing entity for 15 GEF projects over the years, including winning two awards, and therefore has the requisite experience and track record for accreditation, once its own policies are strengthened. The ECU has since been disbanded and the Government in Dominica is expected to nominate the Ministry responsible for Environment. The main objective of the cooperation grant would be to assist to transition the Ministry with responsibility for Environment in Dominica from a project specific to a programmatic approach with long term and institutionalized capacity, as has been done in Antigua and Barbuda, building on lessons learned.

Project Sector: Peer-peer support] [knowledge and learning].

Activity	Expected Output	Progress (include completion Date "month & year")	Comments/Explanation (also explain any deviation from initial plan)
Support nomination of Ministry with responsibility for Environment as NIE	Endorsement of direct access institutional arrangements; Cabinet endorsement; NIE nomination letter for the Ministry with responsibility for Environment	Under implementation	- This activity is still ongoing. Since the provision of support however, the Government of Dominica had country elections in 2019 and while the government remains, priorities appeared to shift. The Government maintains its desire to be a NIE but would need to change its approach. In addition, the ECU has been disbanded. The Government of Dominica currently has an Environment Bill which will establish a Department of Environment and the Bill is currently under review. Currently, the approach would be to nominate the Ministry with responsibility for Environment as the accredited entity. The Department is holding meetings with the partners in Dominica to determine the next

			<p>steps as the DOE awaits the review of the Environment Bill and a formal nomination for the Ministry of Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During this time, the DOE made two country visits to Dominica and now has full time staff in Dominica to address these emerging issues through its Green Climate Fund project titled <i>“Integrated physical adaptation and community resilience through an enhanced direct access pilot in the public, private, and civil society sectors of three Eastern Caribbean small island developing states”</i>
Review existing documentation for the Dominica NIE	Revised documents, Standard Operating Procedures compliance, procurement, ESS, consultative processes, M&E	Under implementation	<p>There are few existing documents in Dominica. As such, the DOE is currently conducting a self-assessment and will require the completion of all manuals. This will be done with the assistance of the project team for the GCF funded project titled “Integrated physical adaptation and community resilience through an enhanced direct access pilot in the public, private, and civil society sectors of three Eastern Caribbean small island developing states”(GCF EDA) as the SS -Cooperation budget is not sufficient.</p>
Support in addressing gaps in existing documentation	<p>Support the development of any missing or upgrading important policy documents which need to be provided with the application</p> <p>Online accreditation application submitted</p>	Under development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This activity is severely delayed. There has been staff turnover at the ECU and the Ministry and continuity is not being achieved. The disbandment of the ECU has also added to delays as the DOE in Antigua has had to establish a new team under its GCF EDA project - However, preliminary assessments indicate that all documents need to be updated.

Direct Access workshop for the Eastern Caribbean potential NIEs	Intensive training and peer learning to accelerate direct access in the Eastern Caribbean and develop a supporting NIE sub-regional network. Members of the Adaptation Fund accreditation panel will be invited to present, answer questions, and enhance learning. Engagement with the Direct Access Community of Practice of the AF	Ongoing	Direct Access training started in 2019 but due to high staff turnover in Dominica, this has been halted
Post-submission support for responding to Accreditation questions	Assistance (calls, written exchanges) to respond to Accreditation questions	Not started	Post-submission support for responding to Accreditation questions
Overall comment on progress	<p>Project Expected Completion date: May 2019 Revised Completion Date: TBD</p> <p>Dominica has made changes to its Ministry of the Environment which has resulted in delays. The Government has not gotten the formal Cabinet decision for the Ministry of Environment to become accredited to the Adaptation Fund and there were ongoing debates whether it should be another agency. While the idea of another agency has since been abandoned, there is still not a formal decision to accredit the Ministry of Environment</p> <p>The DOE is recommending a change in the grant outputs due to these developments. If agreed, the outputs will be limited to the provision of the relevant draft manuals and policies that the Entity would need and would end TA being provided.</p> <p>The DOE has provided TA using SS grant for the Maldives. In the case of the Maldives the funds were used to hire a consultant based within the Maldives and with this approach and despite delays, the funds were</p>		

	adequate. In the case of Dominica, the DOE will have to use its PMU (Project management unit) to prepare the documents as a consultant will result in the need for additional budget.
--	---

Antigua and Barbuda

Contact Person: Ms. Rashauna Adams-Matthew
CC: Mr. Michai Robertson

Email: rashauna.adams-matthew@ab.gov.ag;
Michai.Robertson@ab.gov.ag

Dominica (note change of contact person)
Contact Person: none provided at this time.



Chief Environment Officer
Department of Environment