



## Capacity Building in Results-based Monitoring and Evaluation Joint Programme

### ANNUAL PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup> NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2010

#### Programme Title & Number

Programme Title: *RBM and Evaluation Joint Programme*

- UNFPA Programme Code: *PMI4R34A*
- MDTF Office Atlas Number: *00076336*

#### Country, Locality(s), Thematic Area(s)<sup>2</sup>

Country: *KIRIBATI*

#### Participating Organization(s)

- *RBM and Evaluation Joint Programme – UN agencies in Pacific under UNDAF*

#### Implementing Partners

- *RBM and Evaluation Joint Programme – Ministry of Finance*

#### Programme/Project Cost (US\$)

MDTF Fund Contribution:

- RBM and Evaluation Joint Programme 180,000

Agency Contribution

- *by Agency (if applicable)*

Government Contribution  
*(if applicable)*

Other Contribution (donor)  
*(if applicable)*

**TOTAL:** 180,000

#### Programme Duration (months)

Overall Duration 5 years

Start Date<sup>3</sup> January 2007

End Date or Revised End Date,  
*(if applicable)* December 2012

Operational Closure Date<sup>4</sup> December 2012

Expected Financial Closure Date June 2013

#### Programme Assessments/Mid-Term Evaluation

Assessment Completed - if applicable *please attach*

Yes  No Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mid-Evaluation Report – *if applicable please attach*

Yes  No Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

<sup>2</sup> Priority Area for the Peacebuilding Fund; Sector for the UNDG ITF.

<sup>3</sup> The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MDTF Office as Administrative Agent. Transfer date is available on the [MDTF Office GATEWAY](http://mdtf.undp.org) (<http://mdtf.undp.org>).

<sup>4</sup> All activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MDTF programme have been completed. Agencies to advise the MDTF Office.

## I. Purpose

The United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for the Pacific Sub-Region sets out the strategic focus for the UN's dialogue with the Pacific Islands Countries (PICs) from 2008 to 2012. It is the product of partnerships between the UN Country Teams of Fiji and Samoa and the 15 UN agencies, programmes and offices in the Pacific, and is driven by the needs and priorities of governments of 14 Pacific Island Countries including Kiribati. On the basis of the multi-country UNDAF and supporting the National Kiribati Development Plan (KDP), the Government and the UN have jointly designed a programme of clear and mutually agreed set of priorities in consultation with civil society and development partners active in Kiribati.

Through a series of in-country consultations the UNDAF Kiribati Implementation Plan 2008-2012 (UNDAF-KIP) focuses on making a positive difference to people's lives by enhancing their role in decision-making processes and strengthening the quality and accessibility of services. The Plan's four priority areas of equitable economic growth and poverty reduction; good governance and human rights; equitable social and protection services; and sustainable environmental management are aligned to the five key policy areas of the KDP: human resource development; economic growth and poverty reduction; health; environment; and governance.

The following UN Joint Programme is supported by the Kiribati One Fund under the respective UNDAF-KIP outcomes. UNFPA is responsible for coordinating project work of this Joint Programme, with Kiribati and with UN agencies.

### **Kiribati Capacity Building in Results-based Monitoring and Evaluation Joint Programme**

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), on behalf of the UNDAF Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Working Group (UNDAF ME TWG), and in collaboration with Kiribati Government, aims to strengthen government's cross-sectoral capacity for analysis and utilisation of statistics for the purposes of results-based management (RBM) and evidence-based policy and programming. This contributes to the following:

**Kiribati UNDAF Outcome 1.1:** National and regional statistical information systems and databases are established, strengthened (to support information systems), upgraded and harmonised focusing strongly on demographic disaggregated data and poverty indicators.

**Kiribati UNDAF Output 1a:** Improved capacity of relevant officers & ministries to carry out, analyse & disseminate sex disaggregated and age-specific surveys on issues such as employment living standards, income distribution, etc

## II. Resources

The UNFPA coordinated programmes for 2009/2010 received USD 339,400 through the Kiribati One Fund. Some of the programmes were also allocated sub-regional budgets from UNFPA core resources and funds from other donors. These are detailed below.

<b>Programmes</b>	<b>UNFPA Programme Code</b>	<b>MDTF Project Code</b>	<b>Kiribati One Fund 2009/2010 Allocation</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>
Capacity Building in RBM and Evaluation Joint Programme	PMI4R34A	00076336	180,000	-

Funds were transferred to relevant implementing partners in Kiribati upon its receipt from headquarters. All the programme interventions were linked to existing UNFPA supported Reproductive Health, Population & Development and Gender programmes in Kiribati to support complementary functions and greater coverage in the use of resources. These established programmes already had formal agreements with the Kiribati implementing partners. The disbursement of finance and financial reporting followed UNFPA financial guidelines and in compliance with the agreements signed with the IPs.

Each programme was managed by a UNFPA national programme staff with relevant support from operations and technical.

### Best Practices

- As the programmes were part of ongoing UNFPA initiative in Kiribati, they were allocated the respective UNFPA programme code. This allowed quicker transfer and processing of funds within ATLAS as programme codes were already available in the system.

### Challenges

- The biggest challenge encountered was the delay in transfer of funds from headquarters to the sub-regional office. This resulted in some delay with implementation.
- There was some concern in linking the MDTF project code with the respective UNFPA programme code, which would allow a more accurate view of how funds are allocated and spent by UNFPA. The respective programmes were later linked after a request from headquarters.

## III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements

UNFPA on behalf of the UNDAF M&E Technical Working Group implements the programme with the National Economic and Planning Office (NEPO) of Kiribati. The consultant hired by the programme will be based with NEPO and will be responsible to the Director of NEPO and also report to the Chair of the UNDAF M&E Technical Working Group. UNFPA regularly liaises with NEPO for follow up and monitoring. The programme is overseen by a national stakeholder

committee that is made up of the different government ministries. The committee meets regularly and is chaired by the Director of NEPO. The Consultant, through the Director of NEPO will also submit quarterly progress reports to the Chair of the UNDAF M&E Technical Working Group.

A consultant will be hired by the programme to assist NEPO in a number of activities including strengthening existing national statistical databases and implement capacity building strategies as a joint commitment with other developmental partners.

#### **IV. Results**

Kiribati UNDAF Output 1a: Improved capacity of relevant officers & ministries to carry out, analyse & disseminate sex disaggregated and age-specific surveys on issues such as employment living standards, income distribution, etc

Kiribati UNDAF Output 1c: Strengthened capacity of national policy makers and planners to utilize relevant data on population dynamics, gender, young people, sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDs for policy and programme development and for policy and programme implementation and monitoring

##### **Activities:**

- Have had in-country discussions with MFED and they've highlighted the need for this assistance. Three country missions were carried out in 2010 to meet with the Director of NEPO, and discuss the national requirements for assistance.
- MFED has had meeting with national stakeholders committee, and have requested the development of a TOR for the consultant for their review.
- Draft TOR for the recruitment of the M&E Adviser/Consultant has been developed and has been shared with stakeholders in-country.
- MFED has also indicated a willingness to supervise the consultant, and would be allocating a space for the person.

##### **Highlights**

A good national strategic development plan that incorporates almost all development issues, such as population dynamics and its inter-linkages with gender equality, sexual reproductive health and HIV/AIDs, is not a sufficient condition for strengthened development coordination and commitment. It must be followed through by integrating these issues in key ministries sector plans/corporate and business plans and budget frameworks and allocation. Development of sector plans and strategies to identify clear sector development priorities and identify pipeline of programmes/projects that are fully costed should be undertaken to guide and coordinate donor intervention in priority areas.

##### **Challenges**

There has been delay in the implementation of the programme, with the slow response from the country. This has meant a deferment in the development of a TOR for the recruitment of the M&E Adviser/Consultant to work with the National Economic Planning Office in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development in Kiribati.

## V. Future Work Plan (if applicable)

### Provision of Technical Advisor

- Advertisement for the post of Consultant for the Programme has been posted in the UNFPA global website and applications closes on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.
- Shortlisting of Candidates should take effect following the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 2011.
- Deployment of the Consultant should occur during early May at the latest, to be based at NEPO to support the utilization of data for planning.

### Training

- In collaboration with national counterpart conduct a training needs assessment of all staff related to RBM ME
- Train NEPO staff in RBM ME related to KDP
- Train Sectoral staff in;
  - RBM ME related to MOPs and aligned to KDP
  - Policy and Strategy development in alignment to KDP and in the context of RBM for the MOPs

### Review and update of the KDP ME framework

This would include review and update of the KDP ME framework in collaboration with national counterpart, including:

- Develop ME template for bi- yearly reporting
- Update indicators and support for the population of data

## VIII. INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

	<b>Performance Indicators*</b>	<b>Indicator Baselines</b>	<b>Planned Indicator Targets</b>	<b>Achieved Indicator Targets</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance (if any)</b>	<b>Source of Verification</b>	<b>Comments (if any)</b>
<b>Kiribati UNDAF Outcome 1.1:</b> National and regional statistical information systems and databases are established, strengthened (to support information systems), upgraded and harmonised focusing strongly on demographic disaggregated data and poverty indicators.							
UNDAF Output 1a: Improved capacity of relevant officers & ministries to carry out, analyse & disseminate sex disaggregated and age-specific surveys on issues such as employment living standards, income distribution, etc	Proportion of national and sectoral plans and policies that incorporate population, reproductive rights and gender equality	Proportion of national and sectoral plans and policies that incorporate population, reproductive rights and address gender equality is minimal	Proportion of national and sectoral plans and policies that incorporate population, reproductive rights and address gender equality is 100%				
	Proportion of national policy makers trained in policy analysis related to population, SRH and gender	Proportion of national policy makers trained in policy analysis related to population, SRH and gender is nil					
	Status of inclusion of policy analysis on PD, RH and Gender equality in the MDG reports	Policy analyses on PD, RH and gender equality in the MDG reports					

\* (Source: UNFPA SPPD 2008-2012)