



Building Resilience & Ending Vulnerabilities in SIDS

Joint Programme 2022 Annual Progress Report

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UNCT/MCO: Mauritius and Seychelles

Reporting Period: 1 January - 31 December 2022

JP title: Contributing to establish an enabling environment to promote sustainable Green and Blue Economy in Mauritius and Seychelles

Stakeholder partner: National Government; Civil Society Organizations; Private sector;

Thematic SDG Areas: Climate action & energy transformation;

PUNOs: UNEP, UNDP, UNECA, UNFPA, ILO, IOM

Total estimated expenditures: US\$ 39,000.0

Total estimated commitments (including expenditures): US\$ 95,000.0

Gender Marker: Gender-sensitive (for example, the JP acknowledged and aimed to address gender to enhance the policy/programme, such as undertaking gender analysis to ensure policies/programmes do no harm)

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Executive Summary

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- ii) Activity 2.2.2: Development of inclusive and gender sensitive integrated SDG investor map to direct investment towards circular economy in Seychelles

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Annual Progress

Overall JP self-assessment of 2022 progress:

Not satisfactory (majority of expected annual results not achieved; over 3 months delay in implementation)

Overall progress against 3 key results

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SDG Acceleration progress towards the SDGs, focusing on the main SDG targets

Project implementation is at inception stage. It is anticipated that once implemented the project will significantly contribute to SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 12: Responsible Production and Consumption as well as SDG 5: Gender Equality. Those are in line with national priorities and the development agenda of both countries.

Constraints that were encountered and any adjustments that were made to strengthen the relevance and effectiveness of the JP and the coherence and coordination of UN system support.

There have been some delays in the implementation of the project mainly due to the time-consuming process of engaging with the key Government stakeholders. In view to ensure successful implementation of this project and also sustainability of the results, it was crucial to ensure government ownership and that the process is driven by the government stakeholders right from the start. This process has proven to be lengthier than expected.

Moreover, all the documents including the Terms of Reference need to be validated by the Technical Committees. This process requires several back and forth and the Government Stakeholders. Response have been quite slow.

The structures for implementation of the project have been set up and are now fully functional. This should help in improving the communication with Government stakeholders and validation of the different documents. In addition, there has been a delay in the recruitment of Project Coordinator to support the project implementation. The recruitment process should be launched in January 2023 and should be completed by the end of 1st quarter of 2023. This should help to accelerate implementation of the key activities.

Next steps, scaling and sustainability [up to half a page]

The project is at its initial stage of implementation.

Programmatic Survey

Total number of people benefited from the JP in 2022:

Percentage (%) of women benefited among the total number:

Percentage (%) of children & youth (0-24 years of age) benefited among the total number:

Percentage (%) of older persons (age 60 and above) benefited among the total number:

Percentage (%) of persons with disabilities benefited among the total number:

Explain how people benefited from the joint programme.

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Priority Cross-cutting Issues

Cross-cutting results/issues

The gender and youth empowerment dimensions are being taken on board right at the inception and preparatory phase of the project. For instance, a representative of the Ministry responsible for Gender equality for Mauritius and Seychelles participated in the Steering Committee meeting as well as the Technical Committee meetings.

In addition, a Gender assessment/scoping is being listed in the key activities of the Terms of Reference for the consultancy services that have been launched or are currently being finalized.

How did the JP apply the Gender Marker

The JP is Gender-sensitive (for example, the JP acknowledged and aimed to address gender to enhance the policy/programme, such as undertaking gender analysis to ensure policies/programmes do no harm). N/A;

JP address the below cross-cutting issues and principles of leaving no one behind

Human Rights	Persons with disabilities	Youth	Environmental and social standards
No	No	No	No

Key meetings and events organized in 2022

JP steering committee/ programme board meeting	Strategic partners/ donors event	Kick-off meeting
Yes, in 2022	No and no plans yet	Yes, in 2022

Explanation if you have not held any key meeting/events.

Contribution to enhancing SDG Financing

Drafted a bill, strategy, and/or approved a law increasing the fiscal space for the policy focus	Produced financing, costing, diagnostic and feasibility analyses as a basis to invest or increase spending on the SDGs	Improved efficiency (cost savings) in the management of programmes/schemes	Improved effectiveness (value for money; i.e. social impact of \$1 spent) of spending	Drafted policies/regulatory frameworks or developed tools to incentivize private sector investment on the SDGs	Structured new financial instruments (public, private or blended) to leverage additional funding
No	No	No	No	No	No

How JP contributed to enhancing SDG financing