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Cook Islands – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 1 NSP Support Grant	Cook Islands MOH	<p>General Comments</p> <div data-bbox="667 508 932 529" style="text-align: center;"> <p>UNPROTECTED SEX MUCH?</p> </div>  <div data-bbox="667 740 932 797" style="font-size: small;"> <p>You could have an STI called Chlamydia. Chlamydia has no signs on the outside, but one out of every four young people in the Cook Islands has it. If you have it, you could be spreading it. Get treated. Get cured.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="667 808 932 865" style="font-size: x-small;"> <p>Chlamydia can be cured. All it takes is two. Two pills. Two partners. STIs ARE SPREADING FAST ALWAYS USE A CONDOM</p> </div> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource-sharing for enhanced VCCT service delivery resulted in the RF purchasing the air-conditioner for the VCCT clinic. 2 clinics were accredited by PC&SS in June 2011. An average of 700 clients visited the VCCT clinic in the January to June 2011 period. However, from the point the when the Cook Islands MOH VCCT site was accredited, 16 persons visited the clinic. The first national Stepping Stones Facilitator Training of Trainers (ToT) was conducted. FSPI provided technical support through their RF stream 5 PRISP Support Grant together with the PHD HAU Prevention Team Leader. At the completion of the ToT, work plans were developed by community-based facilitators and informed the scheduling of the Stepping Stones community roll-out in the next period. The Stepping Stones initiative is timely given the findings of the recent Integrated Biological and Behavioural Study on MSM in the Cook Islands that revealed high reporting of concurrent and multiple sexual partners, forced sex, very low 	<div data-bbox="1833 521 1892 581" style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Cook Islands_Chlamydia - F</p> <div data-bbox="1833 691 1892 751" style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Cook Islands_CHLAMYDIA I</p> <div data-bbox="1833 862 1892 922" style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Cook Islands_mass treatment posters #1</p> <div data-bbox="1833 997 1892 1057" style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">cook islands_mass treatment posters # :</p>

		<p>condom use, coupled with a general lack of understanding and basic knowledge of HIV and STIs. This is new information which current HIV and STI prevention programmes do not address. The methodology of Stepping Stones will add value to addressing this sensitive issue in a non-threatening manner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STI Syndromic Management Training - The capacity building of clinicians based in Rarotonga and staff from the outer islands was a precursor to the roll-out of the STI mass treatment campaign. As a result of this training, the Chief Medical Officer from the Cook Islands MOH was able to train Public Health Nurses to use the flow charts in preparation for the mass treatment programme. This approach was supported in combination by the Cook Islands MOH and regional technical partners (SPC PHD STI Advisor and WHO STI Medical Officer) to support national efforts to reduce the high Chlamydia rates (i.e. SGS data showed that 46% of persons under 25 years have Chlamydia). The RF stream 1 grant also supported the SHC component of the Chlamydia mass treatment campaign. The results of the campaign will be reported in the next period. • The Annual Candlelight Ceremony drew large crowds in various communities on Rarotonga as well as the outer islands, averaging 80-100 community members. The HIV/STI education and advocacy programme focused on allaying concerns and outrage expressed by members of the community when the first locally-diagnosed HIV case was announced in the Cook Islands. While media reports confirmed the status of a foreign worker in late December 2010, a damage control strategy was coordinated by the National HIV, STI and TB Committee into early 2011. This work included the participation of PIAFs' AIDS Ambassadors who focused on stigma and discrimination issues, and supported the basic HIV education activities implemented jointly with the Cook Islands Red Cross Peer Education Programme. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timely submission of complete programmatic and financial reports, including financial supporting documents, remains a challenge. This has caused delays for the verification of the 6-monthly progress reports by GMU, and further affecting the subsequent disbursement of project funds. This has then disrupted the implementation of activities on several occasions. Coordination between the national HIV Coordinator, the Finance Officer at the MOH and GMU counterparts, as well as regular communication, is being stepped up 	
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		to improve this challenge. Ongoing capacity building and updates of the RF Improvement Process and grant procedures, as well as obligations on programmatic and financial reporting, are continuing strategies to ensure timely submission of reports and disbursement of funds.			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan-June 2011	Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
		\$50,950	\$0	\$69,803	<p>23% of the total grant value has been disbursed to date to the Cook Islands in 2010. There have been some changes to personnel, and also the involvement of the Cook Islands in the Safe Game Campaign, of which 71% of the funds disbursed was acquitted against. \$20,128 of the acquitted amount related to publication/pamphlets/IEC materials that were produced for the Safe Games Campaign.</p> <p>22% of the acquitted amount related to personnel costs for staff at the MOH coordinating HIV/STI activities in-country, and the rest was attributed to outreach activities.</p>

Stream 2 – Community Development Organisation Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 2 CDO Grant	Cook Islands	<p>General Comments The Cook Islands CDO is progressing well and plays a pivotal role in the national coordination of the HIV/STI response, and is relied on by the MOH to help steer the national coordination. A one national</p>	

	National Council of Women	<p>work plan, irrespective of funding source, has been developed through the collaboration of the coordinators of the RF CDO and NSP Support grants and the GF MWP HIV grant.</p> <p>Caution must be exercised by the CDO Coordinator and the National Council of Women managing the grant to ensure that the CDO grant programme does not operate as stand-alone unit, but rather provides guidance to other organisations through valuable best practises in programme management that exists within the organisation. The Cook Islands National Council of Women is looking to the CDO grant funds to build their systems and work with the National Council of Women networks (7 out of 10 (70%) programmes are operational). Those that are not operational are faced with the challenge of identifying the NGO to host the programme. In consideration of this, the SPC GMU is continuing to work with the Cook Islands MOH and national coordinating mechanism to find a suitable alternative arrangement.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) As part of the implementation of the National HIV, STI and TB Committee’s (NHSTC) emergency response to the issue of the first local HIV+ diagnosis in the Cook Islands, the following interventions were carried out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Secured an audience with Cabinet on 11 January 2011 and presented information on HIV and submitted recommendations for Cabinet approval. ii. Secured Cabinet approval of proposed recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Endorsement of the 1993 National AIDS Policy b. Acknowledgment of NHSTC as the government advisor on HIV/STI c. Acceptance of invitation to participate in an HIV/STI Seminar Evening at Crown Beach Resort iii. Completed HIV Seminar Evening with two guests: Dr Brigitte de Hulsters from WHO and Temo Sasau, the Positive Programme Coordinator from PIAF. The seminar was attended by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Health, including five other Members of Parliament with their wives and partners. iv. Facilitated HIV and Human Rights session at the Parliamentary Induction Programme on 4 March 2011, and secured the participation of the Assistant Minister and Shadow Minister 	
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		<p>for Health at the consultation on HIV and the Law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. The above intervention was crucial in ensuring that the new governing party were well-informed about the appropriate response to the HIV+ case according to international guidelines on the human rights approaches to HIV and AIDS. b) The incident regarding the first locally-diagnosed HIV+ case in the Cook Islands exposed gaps in the effectiveness of HIV/STI education at the community level, specifically those targeting the older generation (i.e. church leaders, traditional leaders, constituency political party executives, community leaders) who have an influence on public opinion and political decisions. HIV/STI sensitisation sessions were conducted among a number of parishes of the Cook Islands Christian Church in Rarotonga that is the largest denomination in the country, and which most of the countries' leaders are members of. c) This incident also made evident the gap in intervention that should have been addressed early in programme implementation which was to develop a legislative environment that is supportive of PLHIV. It was apparent that the Cook Islands legislative environment had remained punitive and not compliant with international guidelines on human rights approaches to HIV and AIDS. d) The consultation on HIV and the Law was approved by the National Committee in response to the lack of legislative support. Despite the endorsement of Cabinet on the 1993 National AIDS Policy, decision-makers at the MOH did not refer to the policy in making decisions, and instead based all decisions on the Public Health Act 2004, a legislation which does not have specific provisions on HIV and AIDS. Thus, with technical assistance from PIAF, sessions on Rights and Responsibilities for clinicians and health practitioners, and a session on HIV Workplace Policy, with the private sector entities were conducted in tandem with the consultation on developing a legislative environment supportive of PLHIV. e) The outcome of the consultation identified the type of legislative reform needed in the area of HIV and AIDS. It was decided that it would be beneficial to draft a comprehensive HIV legislation compliant with international guidelines and human rights approaches. A timeline for the drafting, consultation and presentation to government of the draft bill was developed, and which specifically identified the last sitting of Parliament in 2011 for the bill to be included in the parliamentary schedule of bills for discussion. 	
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		<p>f) Funding support for the drafting of the Cook Islands HIV legislation has been confirmed by the UNDP Pacific Centre. A number of regional organisations such as SPC RRRT, OSSHMM, UNAIDS and PIAF have also lent their support in being part of the reference group in partnership with the national counterpart in the Cook Islands.</p> <p>g) The <i>Handbook for Legislators on HIV/AIDS, Law and Human Rights</i>, and <i>International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights</i> were printed for distribution to Members of Parliament. These documents are expected to give the MPs some background information on the guidelines and human rights approaches to HIV and AIDS issues that will be raised in the draft legislation.</p> <p>h) As part of HIV sensitization, Candlelight Memorial Celebration was taken out into the community. This was a follow-up activity from the HIV/STI seminar sessions conducted at a number of churches and migrant communities. The Arorangi Cook Islands Christian Church accepted the invitation to host Candlelight Memorial in their village in the western side of the island. This is the first time that the Candlelight Memorial has been hosted by the community because in the previous year's this has always been a PIAF activity and hosted at PIAF's headquarter. The activity served as a medium of informing the community of the impact of stigma and discrimination, and the devastating effect of the disease on individuals and families.</p> <p>i) Temo Sasau (PIAF AIDS Ambassador) was the principal speaker during the HIV/STI sensitization sessions with Parliamentarians, church leaders, traditional leaders and the community in Rarotonga and the island of Aitutaki in the southern group, promoting positive attitudes towards PLHIV as normal, healthy and with families who depend on them. His sharing and account of the impact of stigma and discrimination put a realistic perspective on the issue of HIV stigma and discrimination.</p> <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacifying the Rarotonga community and leaders during the panic reaction in response to the local HIV+ diagnosis voiced during the radio talkback (mostly by 50+ years population) • Convincing health practitioners and the MOH that HIV as a notifiable disease requires a different response compared to other infectious diseases • Convincing decision-makers to ensure particular government agencies abide by the provisions 	
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		<p>of the National AIDS Policy on notification, and observe confidentiality and maintain privacy on the HIV+ case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging community participation and commitment on HIV-related community activities 				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan-June 2011			
		\$95,564	\$14,744	\$102,155	<p>A total of 54%, or \$80,820, of the total grant value has been disbursed to Cook Islands CDO. Of this amount 73%, or \$53,565, was transferred in 2010, resulting in an increase of 184 % in funds disbursed in 2010 as compared to the 2009 period.</p> <p>Acquitted funds from CDO attributes to 39% of funds being disbursed.</p> <p>48%, or \$15,095, of the acquitted total of \$31,185 relates to personnel costs, mainly for the CDO who is coordinating the HIV/STI activities in partnership with the MOH. These activities are usually cost-shared with the Cook Islands' RF stream 1 grant.</p> <p>22%, or \$6715, relates to training workshops coordinated by the CDO. 12% relates to operating costs such rent and utilities for the CDO office while the remaining 17% is for communication, travel and capital costs.</p>	

Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents			
Stream 3 Grant	Cook Islands National Council of Women and NHSTC	<p>General Comments The preparatory work for the Community Action Grant was implemented in 2010, but given a lapse in completing this process the grant will begin operations in July 2011.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 CAG projects have been approved by the NHSTC. They are the Auki Youth, Cook Islands National Youth Council and the St Joseph Avarua Catholic Youth • The NHSTC CAG committee was established to manage the programme and provide advice, monitoring and evaluation functions for the project <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some issues are perceived at this stage in terms of the level of M&E skills of the one grant based in Auki 				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative				Jan -June 2011
	\$0	\$0	\$0	Projects to commence during July – December 2011 period.		

Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 4 Grant	RCKCRC01 Cook Islands Red Cross Society (CIRCS)	<p>General Comments The project commenced in 2009 and includes jointly implemented community education to promote VCCT services provided by the MOH. Training of VCCT Practitioners is supported through the GF MWP R7 grant under PC&SS' regional VCCT training programme. The project has been instrumental in the development of national VCCT guidelines and accreditation of VCCT sites in Rarotonga, as well as referral linkages to the VCCT centres.</p>	

Programmatic Achievements/Highlights			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative education sessions between Cook Islands MOH and Cook Islands Red Cross Society (CIRCS) was successfully implemented during this period with a focus on testing information and VCCT • 2 accredited VCCT sites (supported by the MWP GF country grant) now operational and to which the CIRC project promotes referrals to these sites for its clients • PIAF's AIDS Ambassadors participation at the Aitutaki VCCT program was a first for this project and target group in Aitutaki. The community's responsiveness saw the elders actively role playing issues and community responses to stigma and discrimination • The Rarotonga and Migrant Communities participated in a VCCT education session • VCCT education session successfully implemented at Araura College in Aitutaki, the highlight for many being 'putting a face to HIV' through the participation of an AIDS Ambassador • Due to increased HIV/STIs education and information by CIRCS and other stakeholders, and respective members of NHSTC, the number of people who are interested in getting tested has increased • CIRCS now has 3 certified VCCT Counsellors/Reproductive Health Practitioners • The construction of the new Cook Islands Building is currently underway. The site will also include another VCCT site, further increasing the number of VCCT services providers in Rarotonga. 			
Challenges			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time has been a factor with in-country trainings. Many participants work during the day and are not able to participate in the daytime activities. 			
Financial Data			
Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$78,146	\$0	\$61,096	52% of the grant value has been disbursed. 39%, or \$30659, has been acquitted. Reports are on time

					during this period 2010.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 4 Grant	RCKARC02 Cook Islands Red Cross Society (CIRCS)	<p>General Comments The CIRCS Youth Peer Education project is focused on strengthening the role of peer educators in the national prevention strategy by conducting peer education capacity building activities. This includes peer education refresher trainings and peer-to-peer mentorship and placement programmes. The project also supports the CIRCS VCCT project under the community education programme by promoting VCCT services, as well participating in and supporting national health events (i.e. campaigns, etc.).</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful undertaking of the Youth Peer Educators Refresher training in which 12 peer educators participated, 3 of whom were from the outer islands of Magaia and Aitutaki that run peer education community programmes • Ongoing decentralising of the CIRCS Peer Education programme out of Rarotonga and building a pool of community educators in the outer islands 				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011			
		\$82,064	\$27,838	\$71,709	39% of the grant value has been disbursed. 32%, or \$17266, has been acquitted for this period. Absorption of funds has been slow for the period under review.	

Federated States of Micronesia - Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 1 NSP Support Grant	RFMDHS01 FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs (DHSA)	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300-500 Chuukese youth aged 11-33 years old accessed the Chuuk Youth Centre during this period. At the centre, Youth have access to IEC materials, one to one Peer Counselling, Reproductive Health services including HIV and STI screening and treatment, and condoms • 47 clients received VCCT services at the centre • During the HIV/STI outreaches for Pohnpei outer islands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total of 4 presentations on awareness of HIV/STI prevention messages were presented, including proper condom use ○ 288 condoms were distributed (20 packets of male and 20 packets of female condoms) ○ 50 leaflets on HIV, Syphilis and Gonorrhoea messages distributed ○ 94 youths and adults attended these sessions. 72 Males and 22 Females age ranging 13-50 years old • To supplement the GF supported activity for supplying treatment/drugs for certain STIs, RF funding was used to purchase USD 10000 worth of drugs to combat the rising rates of syphilis in the FSM. • With the hiring of the Data Clerk in Kosrae (supported under the RF grant), there has been a marked improvement of surveillance data being reported from Kosrae which had been an on-going problem for state and national reporting of HIV and STI cases <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During this reporting period, 2 activities that were planned were not implemented. This included the development, printing and distribution of the STI Presumptive Treatment campaign being co-supported by GF MWP grant, as well as the hiring of the national level M&E officer. It is noted that for July-December 2011 period, these activities are currently being implemented and progress will be reported during 2011 Annual Report. • Ongoing issues with reporting due to low capacity of HIV/STI staff-this is currently being 	

		<p>addressed with the hiring and support of the data clerk in Kosrae and the future hiring of the National M&E Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geo-political structure of FSM poses ongoing challenges in terms of reporting, planning and coordination across the four states 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan-June 2011		
		\$156,056.89	\$45,646.25	\$156,098.66	Due to very late reporting, disbursements have been delayed. There was no disbursement for Y1P2 as the report due in July 14, 2010 was submitted in May 2011. The 2 nd disbursement of funds to FSM was not disbursed until May 2011.

Stream 2 – Capacity Development Organisation Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents		
Stream 2 CDO Grant		<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights Not yet commenced due to reasons noted in the 2010 Annual Report. Still awaiting CDO selection by the FSM National Advisory Committee for HIV, STIs and TB (NAC HOST).</p> <p>Challenges Refer to notes below on Stream 3-CAG grant to FSM.</p>			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		

		0	0	0	Project not yet commenced.	
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Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 3 Grant		<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights Not yet commenced. Awaiting CDO selection.</p> <p>Challenges The initial challenge and delay in implementing the CAG was attributed to the fact that FSM needed to establish a national coordination mechanism. In March 2010, the FSM NAC HOST was formed and conducted two meetings to progress the CDO and CAG grants. Currently, the delays to the CDO and CAG grants is attributed to the fact that the NAC HOST needs to identify a CDO for the FSM. This has proven to be difficult given the current make up of the FSM, where the country does not have a strong national NGO who would be appropriate to support the implementation of the CAG. Only recently the NAC HOST Executive has identified a potential organisation to act as the CDO, but have to formalise the recruitment and selection process of the CDO during this period.</p> <p>The GMU continues to provide support to the FSM NAC HOST to progress the recruitment and selection process of the CDO and has given the FSM a deadline of December 2011 to identify and recruit a CDO, or else risk losing the allocations under the RF CDO and CAG grants.</p>			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
		0	0	0	Project not yet commenced.

Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 4 Grant	RFMMHR02 Pohnpei, FSM Micronesian Human Resource Development Centre (MHRDC)	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 performances were conducted, reaching a total of 85 community members of all ages • Over 250 condoms and 72 BCC/SHC materials distributed during the village performances • Peer Educators/Drama Performers reworked many of the scenes to incorporate more live action drama and less use of the puppetry. This improved engagement with a wider range of community members (older/adult community members) <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project did not meet its target of 20 performances for this reporting period due to late disbursement of funds (as a consequence of late receipt of reports). However, during the Jul-Dec 2011 period, these performances will be made up to bring the project back on task to meet its 2011 goal. • Most Significant Change (MSC) training did not occur during this reporting period due to lack of technical assistance to provide the training. However, the training will be conducted during the Jul-Dec 2011 reporting period, and a more detailed update will be provided during the Jul-Dec 2011 reporting period. • The Director of MHRDC is also the SR for the FSM's GF MWP HIV and TB grants, in addition to a number of other local initiatives (i.e. waste management). Consequently, he is over-stretched and has had difficulty in completing RF financial and narrative reports in a timely manner. The GMU continues to provide support and feedback to the Director to troubleshoot these reporting issues. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011				

		\$82,493.34	\$53,189.17	\$46,939.27	Continued delayed submission of reports, but maintaining a good spending rate. Disbursement for July-December 2011 included an extra 3-month (Jan-March2012) buffer for the next reporting period.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 4 Grant	RFMOCH01 Yap, FSM Oceania Community Health (OCH)	Programmatic Achievements/Highlights				
		Project completed and closed. The GMU conducted an End of Project Evaluation of the project in May 2011. The project was formally closed out 15 June 2011. The evaluation report will be included in the RF Annual 2011 Report.				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative	
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011					
		\$40,574.02	0	\$40,584.58	Project completed and all disbursed funds fully acquitted. Remaining balance of undisbursed grant funds is AUD 9,425.98.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 4 Grant	RFMPSP01 Pohnpei, FSM Youth-4-Change	Programmatic Achievements/Highlights				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Log frame and M&E Framework developed and finalised for July-December 2011 start LOA in-process 				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative	
Cumulative	Jan-June 2011					
		\$27,674.52	\$27,674.52	n/a	Project to commence activities in October 2011	

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents			
Stream 4 Grant	RFMAHD01_ Pohnpei State Adolescent Health and Development (AHD)	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Log frame and M&E Framework developed and finalised for July 2011 start LOA in-process <p>Challenges</p>				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative		Jan -June 2011		Acquittals to 30 June 2011
\$21,983.87	\$21,983.87	\$0	Project to commence in October 2011			
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents			
Stream 4 Grant	Chuuk, FSM Chuuk Women's Council (CWC)	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Educators conducted outreach prevention and condom distribution work, targeting sexually active females <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 500 male condoms distributed 500 female condoms distributed 776 IEC materials were distributed Analysis of pre and post test scores demonstrated that there was an increase in knowledge on various topics, including HIV/STI prevention Borrowing methodologies and techniques from the Stepping Stones programme, the Peer Educators and Chuuk Youth Development and Health Recourse Centre (CYDHRC) staff conducted BCC outreaches with their target population. After the sessions, participants were surveyed on what they would like to be or where would they like to be in terms of the behaviours. About 90% surveyed reported changing their behaviours by starting to reduce their sexual partners to one, using condoms, and reducing the contributing factors of alcohol and drugs. Some decided to select new friends that can support them in maintaining their changes in behaviour. 				

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 126 females were screened for HIV and STIs • Contribution to the operations of the CYDHRC: purchase of a laptop to assist with PowerPoint presentations and administration of the grant, and the mini voice recorder has been used to collect MSC stories and record responses during focus group discussions. Installation of internet services at the CYDHRC allowed staff to do research on SW issues in other parts of the world, and how best practices can apply to work being conducted in Chuuk. • External consultancy hired to review and conduct an analysis of the data collected for the SGS survey with sex workers (SWs). The objective of the survey was to elaborate on the key findings from the SGS. Key findings included: low condom use among SWs; the women engage in risky behaviours; sex work is mainly done as a source of income; and that most SWs do not seek health care for STIs treatment and testing. The report provides key recommendations on improving interventions with SWs. Results of the data were presented to stakeholders and community leaders to highlight the existence of sex work occurring in Chuuk which was previously denied by leaders. The report is currently with the FSM Secretary of Health for review and endorsement prior to full dissemination. • 13 sites identified as regular condom distribution sites • The quality of the Jan-Jun 2011 progress report has markedly improved partly as a result of the technical support in project and finance management provided by the GMU. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Though the project is managed under the CWC, the project staff are located in two different locations (the CWC and CYDHRC offices). At times, this has led to a dis-connect in supervision, management and financial administration of activities, as well as inconsistent communication across the two offices. As a result, information presented by either office is sometimes inconsistent or contradictory. The GMU has made an effort to strengthen communication channels between the two offices by initiating periodic TCs with all project staff. • The Finance Administrator of the project has very low levels of basic accounting and other financial management skills, including poor computer and Excel literacy. This was not identified until reports were submitted which had significant accounting errors and missing acquittal documents. The GMU had to spend significant amounts of time in-country to provide basic accounting training and Excel/computer one-on-one sessions. An external mid-term review of 	
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		<p>this grant is planned for later half of 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The primary Project Coordinator and Manager of the CWC both have other responsibilities aside from the grant. This has resulted in significant delays in the reporting of project activities in addition to the financial management issues noted above. Addressing this issue is still on-going. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
		\$108,143.07	\$74,739.68	\$54,746.38	Jan-June 2011 report was submitted on time, but project continues to under-spend funds.

Fiji Islands – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 1 NSP support Grant	RFJMOH01 Fiji MOH	<p>General Comments Initial disbursement was in 2010 and reports were submitted in 2011. To date, the GMU has received a partial activity report, but is still incomplete. Despite numerous follow up and discussion, the GMU will now be expecting a full report completed in the next period.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stepping Stones Training conducted in 4 communities with 161 community members reached, 500 IEC material distributed and 854 condoms distributed 1 radio spot promoting prevention messages on HIV/ STIs for Hibiscus Safe Festival Campaign events was done Peer Education Training implemented in partnership with National Substance Abuse Council for in-school peer educations. 83 young people between the ages of 15 -19 years were trained 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement of 100 each of HIV and Chlamydia testing consumables • Supported 2 HCW staff to participate in ASHM short course training relating to HIV Continuum of Care (CoC) • Participation at the 3-day RF Log frame and M&E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 • Further technical assistance was provided in the development of the log frame and M&E Framework tool for Stream 1 • Completion and submission of Log frame and M&E Framework tool for Stream 1 <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance required to finalise the log frame took longer than expected. There were aspects of the log frame which constantly needed clarification, or there was missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners thus required constant amendments and furthered delayed finalization of the RF Log frame. • Report submission delays • Changes in key staff and proper orientation to coordinate their grant with other competing priorities 	
Financial Data			
Disbursements		Total	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
\$172,140	\$0	\$0	Fiji has been disbursed 23% of its total grant value. Funds were transferred in April 2010 and the MOH did not access the funds until 5 months later due to internal processes within Fiji. No acquittals have been received and follow up has been done by the GMU team. Changes in project personnel in the MOH also attributed to the delay in accessing funds for the MOH.

Stream 2 – Capacity Development Organisation Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 2 CDO Grant	RFJPSC02 PC&SS	<p>General Comments PC&SS has been implementing Fiji's CDO functions well since the start of the CDO programme.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Call for CAG proposal submission advertised in November 2010 • Provision of technical advice on proposal development and CAG guideline and application information to potential CAG applicants. Approximately 50 people showed interest in the CAG programme but a total of 39 submitted CAG proposal applications. • Completed 3 monitoring visits to 3 specific CAG recipients • Completed 2 Project Design Management (PDM) Trainings - 13 people participated • Completed 3 VCCT Site Assessments and accredited 6 sites who met minimum standards. There is a total of 9 sites accredited to-date. • Participation at the 3-day RF Log frame and M&E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 • Further technical assistance was provided in the development of PC&SS' RF Log frame and M&E Framework tool for Stream 3 • Completion and submission of Log frame and M&E Framework tool for Stream 3 • Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M&E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 • Further Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M&E Framework tool for Stream 2. • Completion and submission of Log frame and M&E Framework tool for Stream 2 <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay in funds disbursement which both the CDO and GMU are attempting to improve • Technical assistance required to finalise the log frame took longer than expected. There were aspects of the log frame which constantly needed clarification, or had missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners and required constant amendments, further delaying the finalization of the log frame. 	

		Financial Data			Financial Narrative
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
		\$69,013	\$50,025	\$47,347	<p>This is one of RF SRs that had accessed RF funding in 2010. During this period, 13%, or \$18,988, of the total grant value has been disbursed.</p> <p>50%, or \$9531, has been acquitted. Reporting is usually on time, but incomplete documentation has caused delays in finalising acquittal reports. There have also been issues with the fees PC&SS claims from the project, and has resulted in significant discussions to clarify.</p> <p>62%, or \$5929, of the acquitted amount was utilized for paying of PC&SS staff involved in the project. 17%, or \$1605, was attributed to training activities and the remaining funds were attributed to operating cost, capital cost and travel expenses.</p>

Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream3 CAG Grant	Fiji PC&SS	<p>General Comments Stream 3 Grant fund have not been disbursed. The CDO, however, has already begun some ground work.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation at the 3-day RF Log frame and M&E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 Further technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M&E Framework for Stream 3 Completion and submission of Log frame and M&E Framework for Stream 3 <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GMU Improvement Process delays in finalising updated RF legal documents (i.e. LOA) The technical assistance required to finalise the log frame to longer than expected. There were aspects of the log frame which constantly needed clarification, or had missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners and which required constant amendments, further delaying the finalisation of the Log frame. 	
Financial Data			
Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$0	\$0	\$0	Not yet commenced.

Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grant	FJN+ RFJFNP03 Fiji Network of Positive Peoples (FJN+) Institutional Strengthening	<p>General Comments</p> <p>During this period, FJN+ has secured AusAID bilateral funding to support further institutional strengthening of the organisation. Part of this plan is to recruit the Executive Director as well as the Finance Officer. Timely reporting is still an issue, but hoped to be improved in the next six months with the RF Improvement Process and updated reporting template.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of 4 HIV 101 Basic HIV Information sessions with a total of 4 communities 	

		<p>(Vaturekuka Prison – prison inmates, prison officers and their families, Savulu Village – adults, parents and unemployed young people, Saint Mary Hostel – young girls who attend different schools around Labasa, and Labasa Fire Authority – on and off duty fire fighters)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation at the Candle light Memorial Services event - the theme of the 2011 Candlelight Memorial was “Touching Lives”. The Candlelight Memorial objective was to highlight how HIV touched the lives of many people. A representative from FJN+ and the HIV advocate based at the Central Eastern Division (MOH) was part of the Candlelight Memorial Service that was held in Kuku Village in the Bau district. • Malomalo Community Awareness (Nadroga) - FJN+, in partnership with the Fiji Red Cross Society (FRCS) was able to involve 1 AIDS Ambassador to be part of their 1-day community training at the Malomalo Village in Nadroga for all nearby community leaders. • Bula Festival Campaign (Nadi) - The Bula Event Group (Inc) this year invited FJN+ member to be a guest speaker to the queen contestant as an opportunity for the organization to be more visible, promote the services of FJN+ and to provide HIV prevention messages. The AIDS Ambassador spoke at the youth night event where information about living with HIV was shared, and promoted a positive change in perception and mindset toward PLHIVs. • Most At Risk Young Population Workshop (MARYP) - The MARYP training was conducted by the MOH in-partnership with FJN+, for four days (6th- 7th and 14th-15th June). Participants were wheelbarrow boys, shoe-shine and street kids. The four days training provided participants an opportunity to discuss issues like HIV and other STIs, communication skills, gender equality, HIV legislation, adolescent reproductive health Issues and teen pregnancy • The post of Executive Director and Finance Officer were advertised, with five applicants for the post of Executive Director interviewed. A shortlist for the 63 applications received for the post of Finance Officer has been completed. • Participated at the 3-day RF Log frame and M&E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 • Further technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M&E Framework for this project • Completion and submission of Log frame and M&E Framework for this project 	
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		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
			Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011		
		\$40,079	\$19,287	\$20,792	FJN+ accessed their funding for the first time in the second half of the 2010, so activity implementation is still gaining momentum. They received a second disbursement in the current period.
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grant	RFJPCS02 PC&SS CWM VCCT Project	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation at the 3-day RF Log frame and M&E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 Further technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M&E Framework for this project Completion and submission of the Log frame and M&E Framework for this project <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical assistance required to finalise the log frame took longer than expected. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification, or had missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners which required constant amendment, and further delayed the finalization of the Log frame. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan -June		
			Total Acquittals to 30 June		

			2011	2011		
		\$76,678	\$17,690	\$75,631	<p>A total of 39% has been disbursed of the grant value. Acquittal reports were received on time but incomplete. The problem noted in the reports were the many fees being charged for services provided in-house by PC&SS, and which required clarification to ensure there is transparency, and that reasonable costs are being charged to the project.</p> <p>95%, or \$32161, was attributed to personnel costs for PC&SS staff involved in this project, while the other 5 % was attributed to operating/capital costs.</p>	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grant	RFJPCS04 PC&SS Sekoula Project	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One sex worker has commenced her study towards a Diploma in Professional Counselling and is moving through the units at a very fast pace • Sekoula Project was established in Suva and revamped in Labasa. This move was done to fill evident gaps and needs that were identified. Networking and collaboration was done during the move into Suva to ensure harmonisation with other services already established in Suva. A new Sekoula Coordinator was appointed and will coordinate the national Sekoula programme from Suva. • Sekoula Field Officers have attended : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save The Children Workshop on Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation • Western HIV Stakeholders Meeting – 3 days at Lautoka Hub Centre • IBBS Men Fiji Research Training • HIV Decree Training in Suva and Lautoka • The leaders within Pacific Rainbow have a better understanding the organisational context that they are now a part of in terms of project planning and the challenges of making decisions and plans with a large group of people. The leaders are seeing their responsibility to the sex worker community much clearer and their ability to communicate the needs and 				

		<p>wants of the community are improving significantly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M&E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 • Further technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M&E Framework for this project • Completion and submission of Log frame and M&E Framework <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex workers accessing jobs and work experience opportunities • Need for peer education and outreach services • Technical assistance required to finalise the log frame took longer than expected. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification, or had missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners which required constant amendment, and further delayed the finalization of the Log frame. 		
		Financial Data		
		Disbursements		Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	
		\$34,550	\$34550	
			Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
			\$34,375	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative		Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grant	RFJRCS01 Fiji Red Cross Society HIV & Workplace Policy Project	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of a refresher training for HIV and AIDS in the Workplace Instructors conducted 7th - 11th March at the CATD Training Centre in Nadave. The training was facilitated by the Project Coordinating team with assistance from the MOH, Ministry of Labour, Fiji Human Right Commission and the International Labour Organization. Total of 12 participants from the implementing branches (Lautoka, Nadi, Suva and Labasa) participated in the training. At the end of the training the Instructors gained a better understanding on HIV as a workplace issue. It has also enhanced and equipped their knowledge and skills to be qualified instructors of the project so they are able to deliver the project effectively with their target audience and 		

workplaces.

- Review and revise the Workplace Instructor’s Training Module
- Participation at the 3-day RF Log frame and M&E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011
- Further technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M&E Framework
- Completion and submission of Log frame and M&E Framework

Challenges

- Gauging partnership with employer organizations such as FEF continue to be a challenge and this was highlighted in the project evaluation report and FRC will be addressing this in the next period.
- Additionally gaining and strengthening partnership with some existing structure such as BAHA Fiji is impossible because they are either inactive or no means of communication due to unknown point of contact.
- Technical assistance required to finalise the log frame took longer than expected. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification, or had missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners which required constant amendment, and further delayed the finalization of the Log frame.

Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$36,580	\$0	\$19,651	Total amount acquitted utilized 30% or \$5,832 by amount for payment of staff. 32% is attributed to purchase of office equipment, and 15% attributed to training activities the remaining funds acquitted

					were utilized for payment of operating costs, communication and local travel costs.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grant	RFJRCS02 Fiji Red Cross Society Together We Can Project	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the period of January to June of 2011, 1 major key activity for the project was conducted. 2 Divisional Project Progress Meeting was conducted for the Western / Central Eastern Division and for the Northern Division. This activity is part of the project ongoing monitoring & evaluation with the aim to continuously gauge and monitor the progress of the project. The objectives of the progress meeting were as follows; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To continuously monitor the Project progress and achievements in by describing;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievements of project to date • Success Stories • Challenges, constraints and issues related to implementing project activities • Gaps and Needs in the project • Review the project progress • <i>To make recommendations for;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving and strengthening project implementation at the branch and community level • Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M&E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 • Further technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M&E Framework • Completion and submission of Log frame and M&E Framework 				

		<p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed report submission • Technical assistance required to finalise the log frame took longer than expected. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification, or had missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners which required constant amendment, and further delayed the finalization of the Log frame. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
			Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011		
		\$16,933	\$0	\$0	
				<p>Red Cross Fiji accessed their funding in the second half of 2010 and 14% or \$16933 of the total grant value has been disbursed to the grantee.</p> <p>Acquittal report for the July-Dec period should be reflected in 2011.</p>	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grant	RFJASA01 FASANOC Kicking AIDS Out Project	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M&E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 • Further technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M&E Framework • Completion and submission of Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 4 <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance required to finalise the log frame took longer than expected. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification, or had missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners which required constant amendment, and further delayed the finalization of the Log frame. 			

		Financial Data			Financial Narrative
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
		\$76,203	\$16,381	\$69,252	<p>FASANOC has been disbursed 48% of the total grant value and the acquittal funds acquitted is about 39%. Reporting is on time and well organized supporting documents.</p> <p>30%, or \$9833, of the acquitted amount is attributed to payment of personnel costs coordinating the activities</p> <p>28% or \$9355 by amount relates to transportation costs</p> <p>17% or \$5,519 by amount pays for training costs</p> <p>7% or \$2383 pays for the communication costs for the Sub recipient</p> <p>8% or \$2525 attributes to paying of flyers or pamphlets use for the STOP HIV campaign</p>
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grants	RFJYIF01 Youth Inc Fiji/ FSPI Street Kids Research and Prevention Project	<p>General Comments No report is expected this period as project is yet to implement the research as the project is still awaiting pending decision from the Fiji Health Research Ethics committee. FSPI has written to the Minster for Health to seek some intervention.</p> <p>FSPI has also informed GMU officially of this delay and strategy that they have undertaken to address this issue</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M & E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 4. • Completion and submission of Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 4 <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The technical assistance required to finalise the log frame to longer than expected. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification or there was missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners thus required constant amendments and thus delay in finalizing the Log frame. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
		\$31,453	\$0	\$6	A total of 31% has been disbursed for this project in the last period of 2010. Hence their acquittals will be covered in the 2011 period.
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 4 Grant	RFJRFH01 Reproductive & Family Health Association of Fiji	<p>General Comments</p> <p>The Stemming the Tide Project is a male-focused approach to HIV/STI and unplanned pregnancy control project which commenced in 2009, with specific focus on HIV & STI education and training of trainers of seafarers through the College of Maritime, Fiji. The module used is mirrored off the International Planned Parenthood Federation’s <i>Integrated Comprehensive & Life Skills Sexuality Education</i></p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The involvement of sea-farers teenage children that is organised by the seafarers and their spouses who have undergone the training. The involvement of their children is due to the knowledge that the primary target audience - i.e. seafarers and partners have received and their need for their children to also receive the education. There are also proposals to include children from the age of five - twelve years of age in sexual and reproductive health 			

		<p>education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24 out of 80 participants accessed HIV testing during this period. A direct result of the impact of the project. This accounted for 17.5% and processes are now in place to monitor and strengthen referral and service deliver to further strengthen this component of the project. ▪ Anecdotal evidence and stories of change has been received from spouses of seafarers who participated in the ICLSSE training, of the various attitudinal and behaviour changes that are occurring with their husbands. Examples include shared responsibility at home with regards to domestic chores, spending quality time with children and partners, reduction in alcohol and kava consumption. ▪ Seafarers are able to identify the need to be responsible not only in their sexual lives but in their relationship. Most of the seafarers have raised the importance of relating positively not only to their spouses and families but to other people that live around them. Some have uttered that this responsible behaviour in a relationship will augur and foster positive relationships which will enhance responsible behaviours pertaining to sex. ▪ Both seafarers and spouses have voiced their interest in having follow-ups to the trainings and also the development of audio visual or just audio materials (e.g. CD) which will assist in the reinforcement of information within the family when the trainings are completed. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra-marital sexual affairs on the vessels while Island hopping • Absence of HIV Workplace Policy • Supply of condoms not reaching the workers 			
Financial Data					
Disbursements		Total	Financial Narrative		
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	Acquittals to 30 June 2011			
\$52,917	\$0	\$61,080	<p>A total of 52% has been disbursed of the grant value to the SR for this grant and 39% or \$20,509 by amount has been acquitted. Issue is the incomplete reports and delay reporting.</p> <p>48% or \$9,804 of the total funds acquitted is attributed to training and 38% or \$7,758 is</p>		

					attributed to payment of staff involved in the project.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 4 Grants	RFJMEN01 Males Empowerment Network Fiji	<p>General Comments</p> <p>The project commenced in 2009, however there were substantial delays by the Fiji National Ethics Committee in the approval of the research. The project proposal was revised to include an Integrated Behavioural Biological Survey (IBBS), and not confine it only to the behaviour KAP survey proposed originally. This had to be reviewed and approved by the GMU. The approval was received in October 2010 with the fieldwork implemented in December 2010. Analysis and results will be made will be made available in 2011. The study has two survey components, a behavioural survey and a biological (bloods and urine) component. The aim of the study is to establish the levels of knowledge, attitudes, practices and behaviours of MSM in Fiji. From the results of this study, MenFiji will then design their intervention and other relevant me addressing the needs of their constituents in Fiji. The participants will be asked for their signed consent to participate in both arms of the research.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of the Lautoka lag of the Integrated Behavioural and Biological Surveillance (IBBS) Survey Response to the research surpassed intended target - 251 respondents/intended target 200 Survey achieved intended target respondents within planned time-frame A great percentage of participants at the survey completed both behavioural and biological components – 1 respondent did not consent to have blood & urine sample collected; and 1 did not consent to urine sample collected* Participants indicated that the environment and attitude of research staff was a major contributing factor to their participation therefore reconfirming preliminary feedback from Suva lag An increased participation of straight acting men in the survey Increased participation of Indo-Fijian Transgender and MSMs compared to the Suva lag of survey Held first Annual General Meeting of members Finalized organization’s constitution Recruitment of new staff members (Coordinator and Assistant) There is a lot more clusters of MSM and Transgender in the general community that has not 				

- been accessed
- l. There is a need to strengthen service delivery – making it accessible to all members of the community
 - m. Increased interest by members of target community both on facebook page and visitations to the secretariat/office
 - n. There is marked increase of key members of MSM and Transgender populations collecting condoms and lubricants on behalf of their peers
 - o. There is a greater demand for lubricants by itself
- * Research findings yet to be published PLEASE do not disclose

Emerging Issues

Increased preference for relationships or sexual relations between straight acting men

- a. Increase in number of key members of target population accessing condoms and lubricants on behalf of peers
- b. There is more demand for lubricants compared to condoms
- c. Transgender and/or MSMs who are sex workers are getting younger

Challenges

- Proper documentation of financial transactions for project activities
- Limited funding to implement all activities planned for year 1
- Ensuring a consistent and continuous supply of lubricants and condoms
- High workload with minimal staff (mismatch)
- Delayed reporting and subsequent delayed disbursement of funds which has affected some deliverables and timely payment for consultants - i.e. PSHAC and UNSW

Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquitalls to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$50,000	\$16,667	\$28,325	This is one of the problematic organizations in terms of reporting and acquitting funds being disbursed. Total that has been disbursed of the grant value is 67% and 100% un-acquitted in 2010. Follow up

					actions has been carried out by GMU and reports have now been received in 2011 for funds received in 2009.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 4 Grant	RFJMEN02 Males Empowerment Network Fiji	<p>General Comments This project is an extension to the first project however has not started and is expected in July 2011 for a period of 6 months. This is a second grant and treated separately from the first project and has been further delayed by issues relating to the registration of the organization.</p>				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011			
		\$0	\$0	\$0		
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 4 Grant	FJN+ RFJFNP02	<p>General Comments This research project was completed 2010. No activities implemented in this reporting period. Key project staff had resigned from FJN+. Delay in closure of this grant was due to outstanding reports yet to be submitted. On-going follow up was undertaken with FJN+ as well as Pacific Research Centre at the Fiji National University as they were the other key partner in producing and finalizing the Research report. FJN+ had communicated that the report will be submitted in September 2011.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights N/A</p> <p>Challenges Key people in both the project as well as the key partner had left thus final report was not able to be completed on time.</p>				
		Financial Data				

		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011			
		\$37,698	\$0	\$37,689	<p>A total of 75% has been disbursed out of total grant value of \$50,000. No funds have been acquitted in 2010 period. Issue is the delay in reporting and GMU is carrying out follow up actions.</p> <p>44% or \$9063 of the acquitted amount relates to personnel costs</p> <p>22% is attributed to payments for publications</p> <p>11% attributes to training costs</p> <p>13% attributes to capital costs and the remaining 10% was for operating expenses such as rent and utilities.</p>	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 4 Grant	R01PRC02 Pacific STI & HIV Research Centre (PSHRC)	<p>General Comments This project commenced in the last quarter of 2010. The project focuses on conducting secondary data analysis on the SG Country Data for selected PICs. The criteria for countries selected were done in consultation with the SPC STI Advisor. 5 PICs were selected for this project.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSHRC/UNSW jointly submitted a proposal to conduct the secondary analysis of the Chuuk SGS Sex Worker data for the Chuuk Council of Women in early March. However, the contract went to consultancy group from New Zealand. PSHRC/UNSW has been able to begin networking with the Chuuk Council of Women through its President, Mrs Kiki Stinnet. In this period, the Research Fellow (RF) successfully underwent capacity building for SPSS 				

training at UNSW and data cleaning and analysis processes for the SGS data.

- The RF was a joint-author in a journal article with UNSW on MSM activities in the Cook Islands, which is not part of this project but the methodology being used being the same. The article is yet to be published.
- A key achievement for this period is the RF now has the skills on how to conduct, transfer, analysis and reporting including the writing of an academic intended for an academia journal. This is a new learning for the region as this was solely produced by technical persons and institutions outside the region till now. This also increases the pool of Pacific based research practitioners who can engage in this.
- 4 out of 5 countries proposed under this project have approved their participation during this period. This accounts for an 80% achievement rate. This now includes Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. Deliverables will be reported in the next reporting period.

Challenges

- Maintaining communication amongst the key partners - IHRG (UNSW), PSHRC and MOH officials from the various selected countries
- There is an issue about the SGS data (2008) for Fiji. Dr. Kaitani has the Behavioural Surveillance portion of the report while MOH (Mataika House) has the Biological Surveillance portion. According to Dr. Josaia Samuela, the behavioural data belongs to Dr. Kaitani and she must be approached for approval and use of data. Dr. Kaitani has informed PSHRC that there are outstanding payment issues surrounding the SGS 2008 study and report writing thus the spilt in the reports. To date the Fiji's 2008 SGS report has not been compiled and finalized.

Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$22,867	\$0	\$6	This organization has been disbursed 16% or

					\$22,687 by amount in the last half of 2010. Hence their acquittal report is not reflected in this period.	
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Guam – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 4 Grants	RGUCHD01 Guam DPHSS	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established Chuukese Outreach Programme Office, including procurement of office equipment and support for office operational costs. • Continued support to 4 Chuukese Outreach Programme staff including Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator and 2 Community Health Workers. • Conducted 3 initial community-level meetings with several Chuukese communities to discuss future participation in and roll-out of Stepping Stones programme. • One female group and one male group participating in the series of Stepping Stones workshops. A total of 8 females and 5 males reached. • Conducted community outreaches promoting RH services and screening, specifically targeting Chuukese males and females. A total of 17 females and 22 males were reached. A total of 210 materials distributed. • One radio campaign conducted to promote RF services and screening. • Provided support in the production of a DVD highlighting Stepping Stones in the North Pacific. DVD will be used to promote Stepping Stones as a viable tool in engendering healthy behavioural change. • Presented Stepping Stones at a conference for the Guam Coalition against Sexual Assault and Family Violence. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and distribution of translated BCC and other promotional materials. <p>Challenges</p> <p>Staffing issues: It has been observed by SPC staff that the current project coordinator lacks in specific skills. Furthermore, the project coordinator works another full time job which divides her attention to implement project activities. SPC will work with the coordinator to provide capacity building in project planning and management.</p>		
		Financial Data		
		Disbursements		Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	
		\$43,905.72	\$19,357.43	
			Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	\$22,594.94
				Continue with delayed reporting and under spending in country. Funds disbursed from SPC are delayed with Guam Government account due to governmental financial procedures and policies.

Kiribati – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 1 NSP support Grants	RKIMOH01 MH&MS	<p>General Comments</p> <p>The report for this period is related mainly on the key achievements of Continuum of Care Program. Although reports were received on a time, the narrative programmatic report for Stream 1 grant was not submitted. Financial report for both Stream 1 and the Continuum of Care Program were submitted. The review of this period report was undertaken and feedback provided. It identified key gaps in the period report and recommendations to strengthen the report.</p> <p>There was a change in guard in the National HIV Coordinator and HIV Nurse positions during this period. No proper handover was undertaken from the previous team to current team.</p>	

		<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six new VCT clinics accredited by the Pacific counselling and social services to a required VCT clinic standard where we will be able to reach out to clients within Betio and Teinainano urban council. • Twenty three counsellors were accredited as well from Pacific counselling and social services which increased the number of counsellors to work within the different respective clinics within Tarawa and the outer islands as most of the accredited counsellors were Medical Assistants and most of them will work in the outer islands • Fencing of two VCCT clinics, one located in Takoronga on Betio and one situated at east Bikenibeu in south Tarawa was completed this period. • Monitoring & Evaluation was undertaken in two outer islands. • Participation of three MOH staff at the 3 day RF Log frame and M & E Framework consultation workshop in Nadi in April 2011 • Further Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 1 and 2 both remotely and during in-country visit • Completion and submission of Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 1 <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new team of HIV Coordinator with HIV nurse, HIV field office and a HIV counsellor were recruited in late March into the HIV project program. The transition of the project management and implementation was major issue as most of the team members were new to their jobs and lack competency • Air transport to the southern islands of Kiribati operate once a week and it is a real challenge to organize the outer island activity visits as travel booking is constantly full. • Some of the outer islands were so scattered apart and there was a need to travel on boat to reach several district and therefore travelling in the open sea between islets with good timing and tide movement is a real challenge to reach the remote areas. For instance travel to Tabiteua during this reporting period had faced similar problem and program staff did not make it to one of the islet. • Lack of proper specimen container for urine samples to be air freighted from the outer islands to Tarawa. • The lack of complete national HIV/STI data due to the fact the Line and Phoenix islands report is not included • To organize and operate activities in Line and Phoenix group HIV/STI is a challenge as we need 	
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more funds to expand our arm.

- Working with the SR remotely to complete the Log frame in a short period of time. It was decided to provide technical assistance face to face in-country. However this strategy proved challenging as SR had not completed the drafting of the Log frame prior to the visit. The purpose of the TA visit is to assess the final log frame and clarify any gaps. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification or there was missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners thus required constant amendments and thus delay in finalizing the Log frame.

Financial Data			
Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$87,397	\$51,137	\$73,519	<p>Funds were disbursed in December 2009 to the MOH through the Kiribati of Finance.</p> <p>The MOH did not access these funds until July of 2010 due to the internal processes within their country. Although MOH was advised of the funds being transferred there was still difficulty within Kiribati itself to communicate with the MOF regarding the funds being transferred. SPC through their in-country visit has been able to meet with both Ministries to resolve the issue of delay in accessing these funds once in country.</p> <p>Although funds were delayed Kiribati MOH has been able to work with the GF funds on a reimbursable basis until the funds were finally accessed. GF has now agreed for funds to be transferred to the MOF and then direct to the new RF bank account now</p>

					<p>established.</p> <p>MOH in Kiribati from the past projects has been known for requesting huge sums of fund for their planned activities but noted the slow absorption of funds like in their COC funds. Grant Management Unit is following Kiribati progress with the current NSP stream 1 very closely.</p>	
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Stream 2 – Capacity Development Organisation Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 2 CDO Grants	KI-KFHA RKIKFH01	<p>General Comments CDO Coordinator continues to implement mostly prevention activities rather focusing on the CDO key functions and roles of coordination and provision of capacity building. This has been communicated verbally to the CDO coordinator several times as well as on Report feedback provided to the CDO. Report submission was delayed again this period.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working closely with MH&MS and other partners to coordinate , implement 10 National HIV & STI prevention and advocacy campaign events • Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 2 as a follow up during a country visit in May. • Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M & E Framework consultation workshop in Nadi in April 2011 • Further Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 2. • Completion and submission of Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 2 • Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 2 as a follow up during a country visit in May. <p>Challenges</p>	

- CDO Coordinator continues to implement mostly prevention activities rather focusing on the CDO key functions and roles of coordination and provision of capacity building. This has been communicated verbally to the CDO coordinator several times as well as on Report feedback provided to the CDO.
- Working with the SR remotely to complete the Log frame in a short period of time. It was decided to provide technical assistance face to face in-country. However this strategy proved challenging as SR had not completed the drafting of the Log frame prior to the visit. The purpose of the TA visit is to assess the final log frame and clarify any gaps. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification or there was missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners thus required constant amendments and thus delay in finalizing the Log frame.

Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$53,016	\$23,416	\$33,792	<p>Kiribati accessed their CDO funding in 2010. This is a very challenging project to deal with in terms of delay in reporting and communication. In –country visits seem to be the answer to Kiribati’s issues. The delay in reporting is caused by the financial acquittals not being submitted on time. The Finance officer of the organization is tasked to deliver this. While in –country KFHA still delays providing this information. This problem has already been relayed to the KFHA Executive Director.</p> <p>20% or \$27,171 has been disbursed to KFHA in the first 6 months of 2010 and 100 % of those funds has not been acquitted. Funds shown as acquitted are</p>

					related to direct payments by SPC for CDO to participate in regional meeting in Fiji. Challenges with KFHA are reporting on time and submitting quality narrative reports	
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Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream3 CDO Grants	RKIKFH02 KI-KCCM KFHA	<p>General Comments CDO have made a call for proposal submission in 2010. Advice was provided to the CDO Coordinator in terms of the proposal appraisal process and approval of proposals. In this reporting period GMU delayed the processing of funds due to two factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAG proposals had gaps in information required further clarification from CAG applicants which took a while for CDO to finalise • The Log frame process further delayed the finalisation of the approved grant funds. GMU ensured that the quality of proposals is satisfactory and had clear plan with clear outputs and outcomes. <p>Two KFHA staff (CDO Coordinator and the Finance officer) participated at the Log frame workshop held in April.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for CAG proposal submission • Appraisal and endorsement of 5 CAG Proposals from Community Based groups • Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M & E Framework consultation workshop in Nadi in April 2011 • Further Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 3 • Completion and submission of Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 3 • Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M & E Framework 	

		<p>tool for Stream 3 as a follow up during a country visit in May.</p> <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalisation of Log frame and M & E tool for Stream 3 grant program. There is a lack of level of detailed information relating to each approved CAG projects. Despite the numerous technical assistance and Capacity building provided to CDO, there seems to be more assistance required from the GMU. Working with the SR remotely to complete the Log frame in a short period of time. It was decided to provide technical assistance face to face in-country. However this strategy proved challenging as SR had not completed the drafting of the Log frame prior to the visit. The purpose of the TA visit is to assess the final log frame and clarify any gaps. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification or there was missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners thus required constant amendments and thus delay in finalizing the Log frame. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquisitions to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
		\$0	\$0	\$0	

Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

RF stream	Country / Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grants	Kiribati KI-KANGO RKIKAN02	<p>General Comments</p> <p>No programmatic reports provided but financial report was submitted by KANGO this reporting period despite numerous telephone and email communication made. Discussions were undertaken with KANGO Board President in regards to the urgency of the submission of the outstanding report.</p>	

		<p>There are remaining funds with SPC. However due to no programmatic reports submitted as well as KANGO currently experiencing some institutional changes with no clarity of future directions, thus it has been recommended that funding be terminated.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights N/A</p> <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KANGO has closed office and relocated. There has been a reduction on staff. The organisation is currently being managed by the Board. • On-going discussion has been undertaken with President of KANGO and it is communicated clearly of the urgency of submission of outstanding report. 		
		Financial Data		
		Disbursements		Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011		
\$39,438	\$0	\$33,951	<p>Funds have been disbursed and issues are that reports are very delayed as well as incomplete. Total being disbursed of grant value is 79% and 100% not acquitted for the period of 2010. GMU is following up and acquittals have only been received when GMU was in-country in May 2011.</p> <p>Special visit by GMU Finance Officer was arranged to resolve acquittal issues for Kiribati for KANGO and other projects.</p>	

Marshall Islands – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents	
Stream 1 Grants	RMHMOH01	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued support in providing a lab technician in the Ebeye location 		
	RMI MOH	<p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes in the administrative and management aspects of the HIV and STI program impacted overall implementation of the grant including activities that were to be executed Jan-June 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of a combined national coordinating mechanism to provide oversight and advisory support for planning, coordination and monitoring of National HIV, STI and TB responses. It was and is evidence that regardless of numerous efforts made toward the establishment of an actively functioning group, the ministry still faced difficulties in getting this group meet on a regular basis. Currently the identifying and hiring of additional staffs for the HIV and STI program in Majuro and Ebeye is ongoing. Public Service Commission (PSC) rules and regulations for the hiring of newly staff is a long and lengthy process. Nonetheless, most of these staff are already been identified and are yet to join the Ministry. The procurement of a blood bank fridge for Ebeye's Laboratory was not carried out due limited staff to facilitate the procurement process including requesting price quotes from three vendors, creating purchase requisitions etc. 		
	Financial Data			
		Disbursements	Total	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June	Acquittals

			2011	to 30 June 2011	
		\$74,401.87	\$0	\$42,736.48	Low spending rate in country and long delay in submission of reporting led to slow disbursement of funds from SPC. Next disbursement is still on hold awaiting the submission and review of Jan-June 2011 acquittal report.

Stream 2 – Capacity Development Organisation Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 2 Grants	CDO RMI	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights N/A</p> <p>Challenges Refer to notes below, Stream III-CAG grants RMI for further explanation. Currently the RMI does not have a functioning NAC to oversee and direct the CDO selection process which has delayed the implementation of the CDO grant allocation for RMI.</p>			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
		0	0	0	Project not yet commenced.

Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 3 Grants	CAG Grant	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights N/A</p>			

		<p>Challenges</p> <p>The establishment of the NAC in the RMI has greatly delayed the implementation of both the CAG and CDO grants in the Marshall Islands. SPC GMU has provided remote assistance, as well as in-country TA to assist the MOH in establishing the NAC. Briefly in the past 2 years, the RMI identified members of the NAC and met once to review the GF Round 7 phase 2 application , only to dissolve as a functioning group immediately afterwards. During the July-December 2011 reporting period, the SPC GMU will again provide TA to establish a NAC and has given RMI a pending deadline of December 2011 to meet the NAC requirement before making the recommendation to cancel the two grant streams for the RMI.</p>		
		Financial Data		
		Disbursements		Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	
		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011		
		0	0	0
		Project not yet commenced.		

Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 4 Grants	RMHYYH02 YTYIH	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <p>During the period of January-June 2011 the major focus of the project was to continue clinical services specifically targeting out of school youth, sex workers, and taxi cab drivers. In addition to providing screening for STIs and family planning services, a series of reproductive health workshops were conducted with target populations. These workshops were conducted with groups of male and female out-of-school youth on both Majuro and Ebeye, and with female sex workers on Majuro. These groups each met twice per month for three months (a total of six meetings) to learn about reproductive health issues including puberty, teenage pregnancy, contraceptives, STIs, and HIV/AIDS. Participants were given pre- and post-tests before and after their participation in these workshops, and demonstrated substantial progress in their knowledge of RH issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total female out of school youth and sex workers reached: 31 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total male out of school youth and sex workers reached: 19 • Total female Youth accessing after-hours youth friendly clinic: 66 • Total male Youth accessing after-hours youth friendly clinic: 51 • Total # of female clients accessing family planning services: 60 • Total male condoms distributed: 12545 • Total female condoms distributed: 906 <p>Program monitoring and evaluation was also improved through better data collection methods and surveys given to walk-in clients and clients accessing the YTYIH clinic.</p> <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turnover of key management staff. With the departure of the current Program Administrator in September 2011 it will be anticipated that the new incoming Program Administrator will need support and orientation from the SPC GMU on the RF grant management processes, including review of the reporting templates and log frame and M&E framework. • Disengaged Board of Directors of YTYIH-this body provides little support and direction to YTYIH and has not had an election in quite some time now. The SPC GMU will need to keep the Executive members involved and abreast of any pending issues and encourage more engagement from this group. • UNFPA has routed AHD funding direct to MOH. With this additional layer of administration of these funds, disbursement to YTYIH AHD funds has been delayed by almost 7 months. AHD and RF activities are closely linked to one another and further delay of funding under AHD can undermine activities planned under RF. SPC GMU is in communication with SPC AHD to try and help resolve these issues. • Activities with taxi drivers, including educational cab rides and outreach at the Taxi Club Association meetings, were not implemented during this period. The Taxi Club Association no longer holds meetings, and cab drivers are not receptive to RH presentations while they are working. Instead, under the project's new work plan, YTYIH will conduct RH workshops at YTYIH site and will compensate the drivers for their attendance. • The Ebeye clinic has undergone some repairs but is still not open as it does not yet have a connection to the water and sewer system. In order to complete this work, the main road needs to be ripped up to access the pipes. At present, however, KAJUR (the Ebeye utility company) lacks the heavy equipment necessary to complete this work. 	
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		Financial Data			Financial Narrative
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
		\$55,464.16	\$55,464.16	\$15,976.12	Delayed in submission of report, but maintain good spending rate. Project commenced in October 2010.

Nauru – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents	
Stream 1 Grants	Ministry of Health and Medical Services	<p>General Comments The rollout of the Comprehensive STI Control Strategy began in the January to June 2011 period with technical assistance provided by SPC PHD technical clusters. The NSP Support grant has co-financed this priority by supporting the strategic health communication component of the program.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful planning of the roll-out of the mass treatment campaign. • Successful planning and approval for the financial mentorship to be provided by the GMU Finance and Development officer. <p>Challenges Absorptive capacity remains a critical issue and efforts are being made to ensure the grant support systems and institutional gaps as permissible by the RF grant.</p>		
		Financial Data		
		Disbursements	Total	Financial Narrative

		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	Acquittals to 30 June 2011		
		\$27,267	\$0	\$12,942	82% of funds disbursed for Nauru in 2010 and 35% have been acquitted to date. These funds were mainly for a training activity held in country. Issues currently faced with Nauru are the delay in submitting acquittal reports and supporting documents.	
					100% of the acquitted amount related to training activities held in country by the MOH.	

Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 3 Grants	Ministry of Health and Medical Services	<p>General Comments This grant is focused laboratory strengthening. This has been assessed as a major gap to health service delivery in Nauru and affect prevention efforts.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project log frame being developed during this period with a view to roll out the program in January 2012. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The funds have not been accessed since first communicated to the MOH Nauru in 2009, because of no clear direction on how the funds were to be used by the MOH. Given the absence of a strong financial and programme infrastructure, the SPC GMU PDO was also not supportive of the funds being used for any programme that did not clearly demonstrate concrete outputs, and therefore advised that it would be best that the grants not be accessed until something concrete was developed. The role of the technical clusters was pivotal in 	

		<p>identifying a need (Lab strengthening), and using the RF funds to support that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been 3 changes in the contact person in-country at the office of the Director of Public Health since 2009 furthering delays in moving this approach forward. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011
		\$0	\$0		\$0

Stream 4 – Competitive Grant Program

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents						
Stream 4 Grants	Ministry for Health - Public Health RNRMPH01	<p>General Comments This project is expected to commence on 1st July 2011. The main challenges have included the level of capacity and lack of human resources to devote to the planning and implementation of this project. Discussions are on-going with the DOH on how to progress this project and will include a reduction in total budget approved based on reduced time to implement the activity and factoring capacity and workload issues which will reduce the number of activities but keeping with the proposal objectives that was approved under this grant.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <p>Challenges Noted above.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Financial Data</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Disbursements</td> <td rowspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011</td> <td rowspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Financial Narrative</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Cumulative</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Jan -June 2011</td> </tr> </table>	Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative	Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	
Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative						
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011								

		\$0	\$0	\$0		
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New Caledonia – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream Grants	Homosphere NCHOM01	<p>General Comments</p> <p>Homosphere had done well in regards to reporting and implementation of activities. Homosphere did not participate in the Log frame workshop in Suva or Nadi due to language barrier. However our GMU French speaking staff provided one on one session and discussion regarding the completion of the Log frame.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual campaigns generally aim to combat homophobia developed and completed. In addition, each year, choosing a theme is to raise awareness about a particular problem. Here, choice was made to highlight the proximity and visual symbolism of the Pacific. The topic of same-sex couples - a love story was intended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dispel perceptions reducing sex with wanting that homosexuality is primarily a matter of sex; - Show that the relationships of same-sex couples is a way of life; - Enhancing couple relationships among gays and lesbians; - Demonstrate the relationship of same-sex couples has always existed; - Spread the idea that public companies to sexual diversity are inviting companies to diversity in all its forms - Promote the development of harmonious relations between people, regardless of their sexual orientation; 	

- Promote the inclusion of homosexuals in society;
- Promote understanding of the diversity of citizens and citizens on the basis of sexual orientation;
- Foster a spirit of openness to diversity and values of our society in the common destiny

The poster messages were distributed in the following manner:

- on the rear of 23 bus (Karuia) from April 30th to May 20th
- 8 billboards in “Grand Noumea” Noumea (4x3m display) from May 6 to May 21
- 2 billboards in the Northern Province Koné La Foa from 1 to May 30

600 (40x60) posters were distributed and displayed throughout the country in public.





- Media Campaign- Other media campaign was undertaken as well during this reporting period:
- A press conference launching the campaign video was made Friday, April 29 at 11:30 am at the local association HOMO -SPHERE to present the posters, the campaign and announce events. All media planning were present. The event was widely covered by the newspaper TV land.
- Radio broadcasts were made in order to present the association, develop the country, combating homophobia, and allow dialogue.
 - Two programs through radio sexy in partnership with associations SOLIDARITY AIDS COMMITTEE OF SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION Radio Djidoo.
 - Two TV programmes - "talk time" - (lasting 10 minutes) were released.
 - A photo exhibition was held at the local association on May 17 on the theme of love of same-sex couples, 10 couples have accepted to be photographed and exposed. 130 people attended the opening of this exhibition lasted until June 17 and was seen by 100 people to which can be added the visit of tourists from the United States and New Zealand.
 - INTERNET CAMPAIGN awareness messages were sent to all members, partners, associations, institutions and supporters
- Development of Log frame and M& E Framework completed and submitted to GMU

		<p>Challenges Communication is a challenge at times. Although GMU has established a three way communication strategy by involvement of the GMU French speaking staff to provide translation at times if required.</p>				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011			
		\$73,172	\$24,995	\$80,514	Homo-sphere has been transferred 32% of their funds in the first half of 2010. A total of 43% has been acquitted. One of the challenging issues with this organization is the language as all acquittals are in French so the help has been sought form one of the GMU staff in Noumea to assist with the translation of the information received. Translation tool in “Word” was also used to help with financial acquittals interpretation.	

Niue – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 1 Grants	Niue Health Department	<p>General Comment The main activity supported by the grant in this period was the successful implementation of the Project Design and Management Training, jointly facilitated by the National HIV Program coordinator and Program Assistant, from the office of the Director of Public Health.</p>	

		<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights 6 CAG proposals were approved for funding in the next period. The proposals were workshopped during the PDM training and appraised jointly by the National HIV coordinators with remote technical assistance provided by the GMU PDO. Projects supported are all community based education initiatives targeting in school youths, members of the special interest groups, for example, the Girls Brigade and the Sportspersons as well as church based youth. Strategic Health Communication through billboards and radio programs are ongoing activities. It has resulted in a wider acceptance of the Ministry of Health community mobile clinics as well as an increased number of young people picking up condoms from peers or health promotion officers.</p> <p>Challenges Grant progressing well, no major challenges at this point.</p>			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
		\$46,230	\$0	\$26,439	<p>51 % of the total grant value for Niue has been disbursed and only 40% has been acquitted.</p> <p>91% or \$16,668 of funds acquitted related to training activities implemented by HIV coordinator in –country and the 9% related to producing brochures and HIV/STI materials for their training activities.</p>

Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 3	Department	General Comments	

Grants	Of Health	<p>The grant is managed by the Department of Health and 6 CAG projects were drafted during the Project Design and Management workshop conducted by the DOH team. The Community Action Grants will be operational on 1st July 2011.</p> <p>Further, Niue insisted on allowing small community groups to access the grants, and has applied more stringent processes for accessing and producing financial reports as a result of the lessons learnt from the PRHP transitioned NAC grants to SPC, which is still attempting to recover outstanding financial reports.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 community projects approved for funding in 2011 (Avetele Girls Brigade, Tuapa Exercise Group, Tamakautoga Girls Brigade and Pine Club) <p>Challenges:</p> <p>The DOH has anticipated that financial reporting problems will arise so has put processes in place to alleviate/mitigate these problems. Steps to be taken are that the DOH will manage and pay directly for the activities and incrementally build the capacity of the grant recipient to manage this in the long term.</p>			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
\$0	\$0	\$0			

Palau – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 1 Grants	RPWMOH01 Palau MOH	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support for the 1 RF program management staff (RF Coordinator) and establishment of an RF program management office. • Supported 1 PHASAG meeting. • Conducted media campaigns (radio and printed) in April and June promoting HIV and STI testing/screening. During and after the radio talk show, in which the PHASAG chairperson and HIV/STI program staff were interviewed and featured, and during the print campaign, there was a marked increased of phone calls and inquiries received by the HIV/STI program staff of screening options. • Conducted HIV 101 with Koror Scouts. • MSC stories: Eleven stories were collected, and then it was narrowed down to five stories for presentation to the final selection panel. The 5 stories represented one of the following domains of change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Behavior change-increase in communication skills ➤ Knowledge/behavioral change ➤ Knowledge/attitudinal change ➤ Behavior change-increase in knowledge <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>MSC Story: Reality Check!</p> <p><i>I never know ho people get infected before. Before World AIDS Day, I did not know how people got STOs or HIV. I had a little knowledge of the diseases, and how were they being transmitted to another person. There were some thoughts that I wasn't sure of like sharing same cups and spooks with other people can make a person become infected.</i></p> <p><i>During the Presentation, I learned a lot about HIVSTIs and how one can prevent itself from getting the diseases. The Presenters explained all the Transmission Modes: having unprotected sex with an infected person, sharing of needles, breast feeding and mother to child transmission. The presentations were very informative and descriptive. I enjoyed listening to them.</i></p> </div>	

Challenges

- Given the more stringent reporting and work planning requirements set by SPC as compared to what was required under PRHP, the MOH staff had some difficulties in adjusting their current practices to ensure full adherence to SPC RF guidelines and policies, use of Excel spreadsheets to report activity-level information and budgets, and data collection requirements. Though these things were not unusual for them, they had difficulties in ensuring all information required for the RF narrative and financial reports were collected, documented and inputted into the RF reporting spreadsheets. For a few of the staff members, Excel 101 training had to be provided so that they understood better how to populate and adjust the RF Excel reporting spreadsheets.
- As with many other PICTs, MOH staff have multiple HIV and STI programme responsibilities, and are also supporting/implementing GF and CDC-funded activities. This, coupled with poor quality of reports, consequently delayed the disbursement of Jan-Jun 2011 funds. As a result, Palau received Jan-Jun 2011 disbursement midway through the period, thus not allowing Palau MOH to complete activities as planned, and therefore is reflected in their low spending rates. SPC is of the view that Palau MOH's low activity completion and spending rates are endemic and should be carefully monitored to ensure that Palau does not face a similar situation by the end of the RF funding cycle as they had faced with their former PRHP funds.
- Low absorption capacity: As mentioned above, MOH receives funding assistance from various sources, including GF and CDC. As under the Response Fund, in general, MOH has consistently been underspending these funds. Because of improved planning and coordination within the program, MOH is considering opting out of the Global Fund Round 11 proposal.

Financial Data			
Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$54,412.79	\$22,349.49	\$43,324.58	Continue under spending of funds in country and late reporting result to reduction and delayed

					disbursements of funds from SPC.	
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Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 3 Grants	RPWMOH02 Palau MOH	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 meetings held with new business establishments known to hire LEBs to introduce staff and employees of the HIV/STI prevention and screening programs. ● Recruitment drives with foreign sex workers (i.e. Ladies in Entertainment or LEBs) to participate in HIV/STI prevention activities, including regular HIV and STI screening through mobile clinic and distribution of condoms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ A total of 6 establishments were visited ➢ 52 LEBs were reached during these recruitment drives, age ranging from 25-49 years. ➢ 18 BODA screening tests collected. ➢ When comparing available pre and post tests, all but one test showed an improvement of scores. It is not clear why one LEB scored lower during the post test. ➢ 5200 male, 150 female* condoms, 375 lubricants, and 130 dental dams were distributed to this target group. *Most were also their first time to learn about female condoms and some were very interested to try them after they learned that it gives them control over their own body. ● To overcome the language barriers when working with Chinese LEBs and Indonesian seafarers 2 translators were hired to assist with translation during outreaches. This has greatly expanded the target population the project has been able to reach. ● 20 LEB clients aged 25-49 years and 50 clients aged 50+ years were reached. ● A total of 870 male, 40 female condoms, 170 lubricants, and 150 dental dams were distributed to this target group. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Because of the poor quality of reports, disbursement of funds was delayed until reports were 	

		corrected and completed. Because of these delays in receiving funds the project is lagging in meeting its targets and implementing activities as planned. SPC/GMU will need to provide continued support to assist SR in completing their reports in a timely and quality fashion.				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	Acquittals to 30 June 2011		
		\$4,795.38	\$3,107.64	\$1,764.22		Continue with delayed in reporting, but continue to maintain a good spending rate,

Samoa – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Combined Portfolio – Stream 1 (Support to NSP Grant) + Stream 2 (Capacity Development Organisation Grant) + Stream 3 (Community Action Grant)

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
<u>Stream 1</u> NSP support Grants	Samoa WS- MOH	<p>General Comments</p> <p>MOH Samoa had provided a formal request via a concept paper on the proposed management and implementation of Stream 2 And 3 Grant programs. The concept paper was submitted to Pacific Islands Response Fund Committee (PRFC) for their consideration.</p> <p>PRFC formal response was forwarded to Ministry of Health Samoa with regards to further clarification to assist in making an informed decision.</p>	
<u>Stream 2</u> CDO Grant		<p>MOH have provided Log frame and M & E Framework for Stream 2 and 3 Grants. GMU has yet to further engage with MOH Samoa on the development of LOA and funds disbursement as a formal response from Samoa is yet to be submitted to PRFC.</p>	
<u>Stream 3</u>			

Community Action Grant	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation of 2 Ministry of Health staff and 1 Ministry of Finance staff at the 3 day RF Log frame and M & E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 • Further technical assistance was provided via email and phone communication in the finalisation of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 1. • Completion and submission of Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 1 and LOA signed <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the SR remotely to complete the Log frame in a short period of time. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification or there was missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners thus required constant amendments and thus delay in finalizing the Log frame. - No disbursement to CDO & CAG Samoa 			
	Financial Data			
	Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
	Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$4,304	\$0	\$4,304	<p>Samoa has yet to access funds for their NSP grant and this is due to their request when the SPC Joint Country Strategy was in Samoa to delay their RF for some time while issues for their Global Fund grant were cleared. Samoa will currently commence accessing funds in the July – Dec period in 2011. Funds as shown to be utilized were for Samoa MOH staff to attend to HIV/STI training in Australia which Samoa requested to utilise some of their NSP funds for.</p> <p>Regional Annual CDO/NAC participation in 2010 from</p>	

					Ministry of Health was cancelled in the last minute that cancellation cost was borne by their Stream 1 allocation	
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Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 4 <u>Competitive Grant</u>	Samoa WS- SAF RWSSAF02	<p>General Comments Funds for the July –Dec 2011 period has not been disbursed due to outstanding report yet to be submitted by Samoa AIDS Foundation (SAF) for the April – June period report. Reminder has been communicated to SAF. Thus no key achievements could be reported from April – June period of activity implementation.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of April – June Implementation Plan, LOA signed and funds disbursed. – Reports for this period are yet to be submitted by SAF. • Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M & E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 • Further technical assistance was provided via email and phone communication in the finalisation of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 4 grant. • Completion and submission of Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 4 <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the SR remotely to complete the Log frame in a short period of time. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification or there was missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners thus required constant amendments and thus delay in finalizing the Log frame. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		

				2011		
		\$0	\$0	\$0		

Solomon Islands – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 1 Grants	Ministry of health and Medical Services	<p>General Comments <u>HIV & STI Statistics</u></p> <p>The non-existence of a dedicated staff to manage the SB NSP Support grants is taking its toll on the roll out of the grant. Funds have yet to be disbursed as planned for the first part of 2011, even though a Letter of Agreement has been signed at the end of 2010 and a close to final work-plan (in the new log frame format) was developed during this reporting period. Under the responsibility of the office of the Director of Health in the Ministry of Health & Medical Services, the HIV Clinician, responsible for the day to day operation of the grant also plays a central role in the current review process of the National HIV & STI Strategic Plan (for which Technical Assistance is provided through the Burnett Institute under the Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants and the regional M&E working group including SPC PHD Monitoring and Evaluation Advisors under the Office of the Director (OD). The NSP Grant has suffered due to competing priorities and the elaborate work required under each responsibility.</p> <p>60% of the activities in the NSP support grant work plan are prevention activities, to be implemented by NGO partners, focusing on key populations in the provinces and islands close to PNG. This outsourcing arrangement pursued by SB MOH has its set of complications and added workload. It creates a sub-recipient (SR), sub-sub-recipient (SSR) relationship requiring clearly defined role and function of grant management of the office of the Director of Health, the establishment of clear programmatic, financial and M&E systems to support data collation, programmatic and financial protocols, processes and guidelines to ensure accountability and aligned to international best</p>	

practice. These issues are currently being ironed out and supported through the GMU.

Programmatic Achievements/Highlights

- Finalisation of the NSP Support grants work-plan

This has been a mammoth and long drawn out task by the national team as it has included several stakeholder consultations to prioritise projects to be implemented, priority-setting and alignment to the NSP, and strengthening of monitoring and reporting processes and systems.

Challenges

- Human resources within the Department of Public Health HIV / STI cluster is comprised of 1 Medical Officer and 1 Assistant who manage the national HIV portfolio. They wear multiple hats, from national strategic planning processes to national M&E planning and implementation capacity development for HCW. They are also heavily reliant on province-based MOH partners and NGOs to deliver their programmes. This out-sourcing arrangement means that the MOH acts as a PR and needs to have processes and procedures in place to manage the funds. The caution and need is to ensure these financial and programme controls and systems are acceptable the by SPC GMU and provide sufficient financial/programmatic controls and oversight.
- The outsourcing of the NSP support grant will create parallel systems to that of the RF Community Action grants, jointly coordinated by the SINAC and the SI CDO, Oxfam International SI. Discussions are ongoing on using one system to support both processes.

Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$17,908	\$0	\$17,908	Only 3% of the total grant value for the Solomon Islands had been transferred in 2010. Solomon Island has fully acquitted the funds received. 100% of the acquitted amount relates to training

					activities for MOH staff attending the International Congress in Aids of Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP). MOH staff also use these funds to attend regional meetings held in Fiji to discuss work plans and implementation of the RF, as well as information-sharing for RF grantees.	
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Stream 2 – Capacity Development Organisation Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 2 Grants	Solomon Islands Oxfam International	<p>General Comments The Oxfam Australia Solomon Islands is the Capacity Development Organization for Solomon Islands, working to support the capacity development needs of civil society and NGO partners. The CDO also works closely with the NAC Committee, a subcommittee of the Solomon Islands National AIDS Committee to coordinate and provide oversight function for the Community Action Grants.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights For this period, CDO work and efforts were focused on strengthening the NAC Grants Program through building the capacity of the Grants Committee to effectively administer grants and by improving systems and processes around grants application and assessments. Past learning and best practices were utilized as stepping stones for improvement. The indicators of change outlined below have shown progressive achievements towards the CDO objective 3 (the SINAC community action grants program scheme functions effectively) with an overlap on progress towards objective 2 (capacity of targeted government departments, NGOs CBOs and grants recipients is enhanced, enabling them to perform more effectively).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the work of the NAC Grants Committee and CDO and for improved targeting of grant activities to the most vulnerable and at-risk groups. • An enhanced grant proposal assessment process • Revision of grant management processes to ensure the best use of limited CDO resources 	

		<p>such as development of new capacity and training needs assessment tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Of Trainers processes¹ need to be standardized and recognized by SINAC to help the consistent development of competitive and qualified trainers on prevention aspect of HIV and STI response across Solomon's • More effective and efficient grants distribution processes designed to promote better value for money in terms of addressing priority issues in a low resource setting • Collaborative work with SINAC and Ministry of Health has continued to strengthen • SINAC CAG Application Pack <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The communication gap between the SINAC Board and the NAC Grants Committee continues to present a challenge that is negatively impacting on the work of the Grants Committee. Establishing effective communication between the two bodies was a recommendation during the Reflections in June 2010 and has been echoed in the review in March 2011. The Grants Committee has worked tirelessly with the CDO to develop processes, review documents and facilitate consultation workshops. At this stage the reviewed documents are awaiting endorsement by the SINAC Board. There is lack of clarity on the communication structure and time schedule for the SINAC quarterly meeting. • Omissions from the July-December 2010 financial report have delayed the submission of the January-June 2011 financial report, while the details of transactions are added. The issue arose because of the absence of a reconciliation of records between Honiara and Melbourne-based systems. 		
		Financial Data		
		Disbursements		Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011
		\$49,933	\$22,763	\$22,943
		Solomon Islands accessed their funds in the last half of 2010 hence their acquittal report is not reflected in this period but in 2011. Total of \$27171 or 18% of the grant value has been disbursed.		

¹ NAC R4 evaluation report recommendation TOT method

					Funds reflected in this report as been acquitted are direct payments made by SPC to enable participants form Solomon Islands CDO to attend regional meeting as endorsed by the organization.	
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Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 3 Grants	Oxfam International – Solomon Islands & Solomon Islands National AIDS Committee	<p>General Comments The Solomon Islands RF CAG has not started as the PRHP transitioned NAC grant was still being implemented up to September 2010. A NAC grant evaluation was undertaken in November 2010 and the report submitted in 2011. The RF CAG will commence in 2011.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Project Design and Management training was successfully implemented during this period • 27 proposal were received • 6 proposals were approved for funding by the NAC committee • CAG guidelines developed and approved by the NAC committee • Project appraisal template developed and approved during this period <p>Challenges Delays due to completion of PRHP NAC grants which was completed December 2010 with one project completed in this reporting period.</p>				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative	
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011					

		\$0	\$0	\$0		
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Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 4 Grants	Save the Children Solomon RSBSCS01	<p>General Comments</p> <p>The project commenced in 2009 and is progressing well with the operation of the Sexual Reproductive Health Resource Centre and the establishment of the 4 Red Ribbon Children’s Clubs in 4 communities in Honiara, Solomon Islands.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the last 6 months the project has been focused on the delivery of the six month peer education training program for out of school children from 4 settlement areas around Honiara. This training program was developed to provide children aged 10 - 13 and 14 - 16 with age appropriate an ongoing opportunity to attend school like classes one day a week. Over the six months children aged 10 - 13 from two communities each day attended the SRHRC on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday and Thursday children aged 14 - 16 from two communities each day attend the resource centre. Children attended classes for three weeks in a row before participating in a 'community week' which was held every fourth week. The community weeks provided children with an opportunity to share what they had learnt with their communities and peers and to meet within their Red Ribbon Child Clubs. The community week also provided a chance for parents to liaise with the Save the Children staff; and it was found that attendance at the SRHRC increased post 'community' week. In total 131 children (higher than the 60 required within the log frame) completed the peer education program. Attendance was mixed with some communities demonstrating better attendance than others. Staff used innovative methods to encourage continued attendance including the organization of a community 'battle'. The children from each community competed against each other to win a trophy which will rotate between winning communities. The categories of competition were related to learning from the SRHRC and included singing, drama, sport and quizzes. 	



		<p>Community 'catch up' activities were also held as required when a number of children missed a particular class. Attendance related challenges were linked to parents keeping their children home to look after other children or do chores. Community participation in 'community week' activities was somewhat determined by what other events were taking place in the communities at that time. For example, in one community the team could not hold a 'community week' for eight weeks due to a religious based obligation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre and post testing linked to the logical framework occurred at the commencement and conclusion of the six month program. MSC stories have been collected throughout using a variety of methods including voice recording. Children have been taught interview and communication skills in preparation for the development of radio, TV and print IEC materials. Digi-stories have been developed by the children and have been used as monitoring aids. • The partnership with the Honiara High School has continued to be a working partnership however at present it does not seem that the School has the commitment required to manage the resource centre post Response Fund when Save the Children will no longer manage the project. As such Save the Children has invited SIPPA and HCC to become members of the PAC with the view to HCC staffing the resource centre and SIPPA providing technical support. This idea is yet to be formalized however Honiara High School does not at present seem to be a viable option for management of the SRHRC in an ongoing fashion. • The relationship between HHS and the project requires strengthening. This will be an area which the project needs to remain focused on to ensure the sustainability of the SRHRC post funding period. Staffing challenges may also arrive with the departure of the AYAD volunteer in July and the promotion of one of the P2P Education by Children Project Staff to a team leader role within another team within Save the Children. The vacant P2P Project Officer role is currently being advertised. There will also be internal structural changes within Save the Children which will mean that the current level of management support for the project may decrease for a period of time. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability (issue raised above) • Invitation of SIPPA and HCC to the PAC with the view post funding staffing / support being provided by these organisations given capacity issues associated with HHS 	
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- Attendance
- Lowering attendance was resolved via conducting 'catch up' activities in communities which overcame (for some children) the issue of their partners keeping them home to help with chores
- Staffing
- The promotion of one project officer, departure of the AYAD and restructure of organization will have an impact on the project in this critical next 6 months. New management will need to provide significant support to the project.



Peer to Peer Education by Children Project

Lets Communicate Week 1 starting: 7 th February	Peer Education Week 2 starting: 14 th February	Children's Rights Week 3 starting: 21 st February	Community Visit Week 4 starting: 28 th February
How We Act Week 5 starting: 7 th March	What is Love Week 6 starting: 14 th March	Growing Up Week 7 starting: 21 st March	Community Visit Week 8 starting: 28 th March
Consequences Week 8 starting: 4 th April	Contraception Week 10 starting: 11 th April	Pregnancy Week 11 starting: 18 th April	Community Visit Week 12 starting: 25 th April
STIs Week 13 starting: 2 nd May	HIV & AIDS Week 14 starting: 9 th May	VCCT & Testimony Week 15 starting: 16 th May	Community Visit Week 16 starting: 23 rd May
Life Skills Week 17 starting: 30 th May	Alcohol & Drugs Week 18 starting: 6 th June	Violence & Abuse Week 19 starting: 13 th June	Community Visit Week 20 starting: 20 th June
Health and Hygiene Week 21 starting: 27 th June	Preparing for Future Week 22 starting: 4 th July	Community Visit Week 23 starting: 11 th July	Celebration Week 24 starting: 18 th July

Key:		= Lessons in the resource centre
		= Meetings in your community



Below is a copy of a diagram prepared for children who are not numerate or literate to show to their

parents to explain the Peer to Peer Education Training program and purpose of the SRHRC



Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$48,695	\$0	\$38,858	A total of \$48,695 was disbursed in 2009 to Save the children which attributes to 32% of the total grant value. 47% or \$22,954 by amount has been acquitted in the first half of 2010.

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 4 Grants	SIPPA with support from Family Planning	<p>General Comments</p> <p>This project commenced in 2010 with a funding contribution from the PRHP grant for a one-year project to December 2010 (AUD 60,000). The RF component commenced in January 2011 for a year</p>	

	<p>International New Zealand</p> <p>RSBPPA01</p>	<p>with a matching allocation of AUD 60,000. The project will end in December 2011. Project focused on Male Involvement in Sexual Health in Malaita (MISHIM)</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <p><u>Supervisory visit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STI management training: In May 2011 the consultant who had provided training in the syndromic management of STIs in 2010, conducted a follow up supervisory visit to the participants who had attended the training. During the original workshop in 2010, a brief knowledge, attitudes and practices test was administered before and after the workshop to document any change as a result of the teaching. This test was re-administered during the review visit. The average scores are presented in the table below. Average test scores <table border="1" data-bbox="520 675 1631 951"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Average Score</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pre Workshop 2010</td> <td>25.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post Workshop 2010</td> <td>30.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Review Visit 2011</td> <td>29.5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The test scores show a small decline, as would be expected, but show that overall the scores are higher than prior to the workshop. Closer examination of the tests shows that some common misconceptions remained, particularly around sex vs. gender, and a lack of understanding that some vaginal discharges may not be related to STIs. Overall, the tests were well answered. In addition to the tests, some time was spent discussing cases and clinical scenarios with health workers during each visit to further assess their clinical knowledge and judgment and to identify gaps. In general, it was found that the scenarios were well answered. The health workers that had attended the workshop retained good overall knowledge of the principles of syndromic management and were able to use the treatment flow charts appropriately. 		Average Score	Pre Workshop 2010	25.3	Post Workshop 2010	30.2	Review Visit 2011	29.5	
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		<p>Increased number of men seeking clinical SRH services. Increased demand for SRH education sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the awareness of the clinical services provided through MISHIM increases the number of men seeking SRH care and advice is steadily increasing. There is also an increased demand for education sessions in an increasingly expanding geographical area. • An increasing number of men are attending the clinic in Auki, Malaita for sexual health advice. Many attend for checkups for sexually transmitted infections. They are treated syndromically as testing facilities are limited. A number of men are seeking advice on sexual problems such as erectile dysfunction and premature ejaculation. A number of men are seeking circumcision. As a clinical nurse the male project officer provides this service. He is also referring a number of men to the local referral hospital for vasectomies. • During a supervisory visit which included visits to Government clinics it became evident that there are a low number of clients presenting to health centres for STI checkups. The reason for this is unclear (possibilities are poor understanding of STIs, concerns about confidentiality and privacy, reluctance to discuss problems, stigma and discrimination and lack of physical access due to geographical constraints). Anecdotally there are high levels of infertility. The population is very mobile with many men travelling to Guadalcanal for employment opportunities. Foreign shipping companies moor boats off shore for transportation of logs. All of these factors contribute to the risk of STIs including HIV. • Access to testing for HIV is quite limited with very few centres able to provide tests. Tests need to be transported to the hospital and there are long delays in the return of results. • The project officer has implemented 9 outreach clinical sessions which have been well attended. He usually works collaboratively with local health staff and provides mentoring for them in the syndromic management of STIs. If he is conducting an outreach service where there is no clinic he uses what is locally known as the "visitor's house." He ensures that the clients will be seen privately. • In August 2010 MISHIM provided a training course to 23 clinical staff on Malaita Island on the syndromic management of STIs. In May this year the training was followed up with a supervisory visit by the same consultant who conducted the training in 2010. He visited 	
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		<p>nurses in their work place to check on their progress and to provide further support through information and mentoring. It was interesting to learn that they were adhering to treatment protocols and that recording of STIs has improved. However it was evident that some nurses who had not received training often do not keep records of clients visiting for STIs. One reason for this is that clients are concerned about lack of confidentiality and request that their visit not be recorded.</p> <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through a series of miscommunications the first tranche of funds (2011) from SPC was not disbursed to SIPPA until June 2011. At the time of this report FPINZ has not received funds. This has impacted on the delivery of activities as funds were not available to cover the costs of the activities. • It had been intended that Solomon Islands Planned Parenthood Association (SIPPA) would print IEC materials and provide supplies to MISHIM project. There has been problems and delays with the printing so IEC materials have not been available from SIPPA • The Project officer is receiving many requests to expand his services over a wider geographical base. He is unable to comply with all the requests as his workload is heavy. Problem with transfer of funds has also restricted his activities. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011			
		\$24,844	\$17,920	\$13,683	
		Funds were disbursed to SIPPA of \$6923 which is 12% of the total grant value. Acquittals were received in 2011 hence amount acquitted is not reflected in this period.			
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 4 Grants	Solomon Islands	General Comments The Solomon Islands Development Trust is funded to develop and roll out a community-based media			

	Development Trust (SIDT) RSBIDT01	<p>programme using strategic health communication processes. The programme builds up the core work of SIDT and is targeting the provinces that have limited access to health education programmes. Posters and scripts via drama activities have been developed through this project. The project is progressing well.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and production of the Kamishai Communication package on HIV & STI education information • Rollout of the Temuto drama by the Temotu drama group <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .High transportation cost to get to the island. • Delayed reporting to SPC GMU has disrupted the continuity of the project 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$65,213	\$0	\$46,589	<p>Total funds amounting to \$65,213 was transferred to this grantee of the total value of their grant. Amount being acquitted attributes to 35% or \$23100 of the amount being disbursed. Acquittal reports have been delayed from this SR and follow up action is being carried out by GMU. Total funds acquitted showed 66% or \$15302 of the project is attributed to training /awareness activities for the project whilst 19% or \$4,483 is attributed to the staff costs. 11% is attributed to operating costs and remaining is being utilized for publication materials relating to the project.</p>		

Tokelau – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents			
Stream 1 NSP support Grants	TK- RTKDOH01	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M & E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 Further Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 1. Completion and submission of Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 3 and LOA signed <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the SR remotely to complete the Log frame in a short period of time. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification or there was missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners thus required constant amendments and thus delay in finalizing the Log frame. 				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative		Jan -June 2011		Acquittals to 30 June 2011
\$0	\$0	\$0				

Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country	Narrative	Documents
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	Project				
Stream 3 Community Action Grant	TK- RTKDOH02	Programmatic Achievements/Highlights			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M & E Framework consultation workshop in Suva in April 2011 • Further Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 1. • Completion and submission of Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 3 and LOA signed 			
		Challenges			
		Same as Stream 1 above			
Financial Data					
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
		\$0	\$0	\$0	

Tonga – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF stream	Country Project /	Narrative	Documents
Stream 1 Grants	Ministry of Health	<p>General Comments</p> <p>The grant has only been operational in 2010 and managed out of the office of the Director of Public Health. The national HIV Coordinator funded under the GF also coordinates the RF NSP Support grant. There is strong leadership by the CDO Coordinator in this grant and has resulted in a well-aligned</p>	

national work plan supported by 2 other RF grant streams, the NSP and the CDO grant. Tonga has clearly demonstrated where NGO partners are relied on to advise the government on the gaps that exists and to be resourced through the active NGO role in the community.

Programmatic Achievements/Highlights

- National comprehensive STI management Training for health practitioners (Eua, Vavau and Ha’apai)
- The grant has supported the review, publication and distribution of the national HIV & STI strategic plan (is attached).
- Training of health care personnel and stakeholders on VCCT
- Vaiola Hospital laboratory test kit supplies for RPR and other STIs
- Sensitization training for media practitioners in Tongatapu
- World AIDS advocacy program through media channels (radio, print and TV)

Challenges

There are no challenges at this point with implementation expected to accelerate in 2011.

Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$101,066	\$53,813	\$35,382	Funds disbursed to Tonga are about 16% of their total grant value. Some of the issues as faced by Tonga are the changes in personnel for their NSP grant which does delay their implementation of the activities as planned. No acquittal has been received for the period under review as funds were only transferred at the end of August 2010

Stream 2 – Capacity Development Organisation Grant

RF stream	Country / Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 2 Grants	Tonga Family Health Association	<p>General Comments Tonga Family Health Association is the Capacity Development Organisation for Tonga that has supported the capacity development initiatives for Government and NGO stakeholders. The role of the CDO has been crucial to expanding the reach of the program and coverage to include non-traditional HIV organisations like Women’s Church groups as well as the media organisations.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights There were 8 activities successfully implemented in the January-June period out of a planned 10 activities accounting for 80%:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tongatapu HIV stakeholder meeting 2. Programme monitoring visit to Vavalu 3. Vava’u Stakeholder Meeting 4. NAC Meeting as a subcommittee of the Country Coordinating Mechanism <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. STI Management Training of Trainers 5. Consultation meeting on RF Log-frame held on the 20 – 29 April 2011 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. CCM Sub-committee held on the 21 April 2011 6. Pilot Training on M & E Curriculum held on the 16-20 May 2011 7. NSP recipients meeting held on the 26 May 2011 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Data collection training for Vava’u Public Health nurses ii. Monitoring meeting with the SR, Vava’u Family Health staff iii. Official opening of the Vava’u High School-based clinic 8. The integration of the Competitive Grant to the Tonga Family Health for the Adolescent Health & Development is demand driven and allows resource pooling to respond to SRH needs with youth as well as ensures quality delivery of programs <p>The activities undertaken included national coordination, capacity development of service providers and monitoring of the grants.</p>	

		<p>Challenges</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The distinctive attitude of the service providers, specifically their mode of thinking: specifically they think that their main task is to “fix” the clients’ issues/problems. Here I am not questioning the “intent” of the service providers, what I am challenging is their whole concept of “fixing” the clients’ issues/problems, as if the clients are incapable on fixing their own issue. I have always encouraged and reminded the service providers, that their chief role is to offer clients knowledge and wisdom on the HIV/AIDS and STIs issues, and the choices and decisions are solely in the hands of the clients. As a CDO coordinator, I truly believed that the best person to help the clients are the clients themselves, provided they have the knowledge, wisdom and skills that will enable them to make the right decisions and choices for their own lives. 2. There is no national data flow chart. Initially, the service providers don’t share their data. As a CDO, I decided to make it my business to encourage all service providers to ensure they become aware of why it is imperative for them to share their data. One of the issues I raised in the many stakeholder’s meetings – we need to get over ‘our own personal issues’ so that we start looking at the bigger picture of the professional work we are doing mainly because our personal issues will continue to arrest the development of the HIV/AIDS and STIs initiatives in the Kingdom of Tonga. 3. Engagement of the community in the HIV/AIDS and STIs programs, processes and procedures have been proven to be a huge challenge to all key parties involved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The implementation process at the community levels is often challenging mainly because there always new people come into to the program and it requires to do a capacity building program to up-skill them. That has been proven to be a source of frustration to all parties involved in the implementation process, let alone its impact on the program under implementation. ▪ Consistency of participants who are attending the HIV/AIDS & STIs trainings/meetings which cause communication breakdown, discontinuity of the programs/activities and also misunderstanding and some of the key stakeholders will not receive up-to-date information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late CDO reporting of the activities to the SPC mainly because of the delay/late submission of the reports from the implementers • The timing of the disbursement of funds may lead to the late implementation and reporting processes. 	
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		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011		Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011			
		\$96,269	\$29,013	\$85,898	Total of 45% or \$67,256 has been accessed by Tonga CDO. 37% has been acquitted to date. Reporting for this period was delayed. Tonga CDO has been always active in delivering their program and no doubt absorb all funds by end of project life. 96% or \$23,809 relates to personnel costs for the CDO and others in TFHA assisting in coordinating the HIV/STI programs with the CDO in country. Most of the activities for the CDO are being co-shared under Tonga's stream 1 NSP grant.	

Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 3 Grants	Tonga Family Health Association and the Country Coordinating Mechanism	<p>General Comments Grant to begin in July 2011 as the PRHP NAC grants were completed in December 2010.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 CAG proposal approved for this period • Project start dates are in 2 phases, July 2011 and January 2012 <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delays due to priority to complete the PRHP NAC grant which was completed and closed in December 2010 • Delayed start was also due to delayed finalization of the SPC CAG LoA template which was 	

		submitted late to the SR for approval			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
		\$0	\$0	\$0	

Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

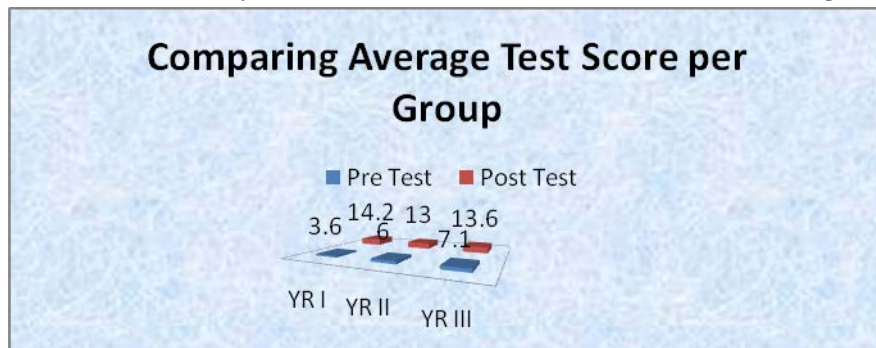
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents														
Stream 4 Grants	Tonga Family Health Association RTOTFH02	<p>General Comments</p> <p>The project commenced in 2009 and focuses on peer education training and outreach programmes as well as refurbishment of youth-friendly centers. This project complements the regional Adolescent Health and Development Programme as coordinated by SPC AHD Programme (AHD) supported under UNFPA.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STIs clients are now treated at the HYC Centre • A trained VCCT volunteer has increased VCCT practitioners at the Vavau Youth Centre • Increasing in number of young clients accessing the HYC services <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often delayed and incomplete reporting by the SR has resulted in • Delayed disbursement of funds which has affected the continuity of the project. <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>JAN</th> <th>FEB</th> <th>MAR</th> <th>APR</th> <th>MAY</th> <th>JUN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>< 25yrs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">13</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">28</td> <td style="text-align: center;">19</td> <td style="text-align: center;">34</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	< 25yrs	13	9	2	28	19	34	
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			> 26yrs	28	18	11	16	22	41	
			TOTAL	41	27	13	44	41	75	
			TOTAL 2011 HYC SERVICE USERS						<u>241</u>	
		Financial Data								
		Disbursements			Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011		Financial Narrative			
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011							
		\$31,240	\$0		\$8,962		TFHA has been disbursed 31% of their total grant value and acquitted 29% in 2010. Acquittal reports for this SR was delayed for the 2010 period for the funds transferred last half of 2009 were only acquitted Jul-Dec 2010.			
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative								Documents
Stream 4 Grants	Tonga Family Health Association RTOTFH03	<p>General Comments</p> <p>The project commenced in 2009. The VCCT project utilises the health clinic at the Tonga Family Health Association with a specific focus on young people. The strategies include community education using drama. The project complements the IPPF mandate of Tonga Family Health to provide sexual and reproductive health education and services to young people in Tongatapu. This project is one of the success stories under the RF in terms of improving access to clinical services and the quality of services.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total of 130 calls made to the fort-nightly Radio Talk back show during this reporting period. • Increased knowledge of student nurses in their HIV & STI training program. Student nurses age range from 18 to 25 years. 								

- At the Tonga Family Health clinic 22 % of total clients seen at the Tonga Family Health Clinic during the course of the project accessed services during this reporting period. This accounted for 94 over a total of 442.
- 84 clients received VCCT sessions and accessed testing services. 14 tested positive for gonorrhoea, 11 for Chlamydia and 6 for both.
- At the Vavau Family Health clinic VCCT site, a total of 10 clients tested for HIV/STIs, 3 male and 7 females. An increase in number of female clients can be justified that more females are accessing the clinics at Vava'u for family planning consultation thus more comfortable to seek consultation when presented with the symptoms.
- At the Vava'u Family Health Clinic VCCT Site a total of 30 clients tested for HIV/STIs. However, as reported in the first six months, only 3 female clients tested positive for STIs and all were negative for HIV.
- The Media component of the project is supported through the Multi West Pacific Global Fund.

Challenges

A computer crash affected data storage, however an approval to procure a computer under this grant ensured a new computer was available and data collection and storage not lost.



SUMMARY RESULTS - TFHA STIs CLIENTELE TESTED 2011

TABLE 1: Quarter 1 & 2, 2011 - Clientele undergo testing and counselling for both STIs Management & VCCT

MONTH(S)	MAL E	FEMALE	SUB-TOTAL	POS. CHLAMYDIA	POS. GONORRHOEA	POS. BOTH	POS. HIV
Jan	9	7	16	0	1	0	0
Feb	10	6	16	2	4	3	0
Mar	8	7	15	4	3	1	0
Apr	7	5	12	4	2	2	0
May	10	3	13	1	3	0	0
Jun	5	7	12	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	49	35	84	11	14	6	0

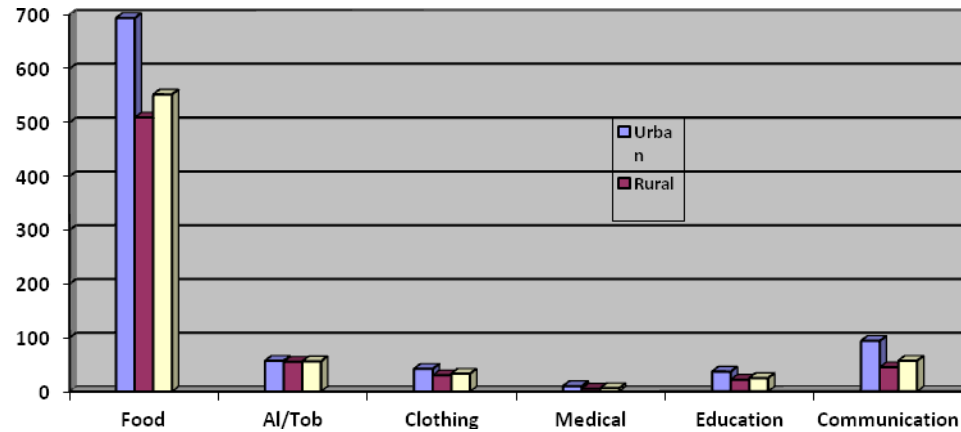
First to Third Year Nursing Students Test Results – VCCT and HIV training

Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$34,844	\$0	\$20,805	31% or \$\$34,844 has been transferred of the total grant value. \$17,444 or 50% of that amount relates to 2010. Noted also is the delay in reporting from this SR for the 2010 period

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 4 Grants	The Salvation Army Alcohol	General Comments The project commenced in 2009 and focuses on community education through drama and one-on-	

	<p>and Drug Awareness Centre (ADAC)</p> <p>RTOSAA01</p>	<p>one outreach specifically on the reduction of alcohol and substance abuse. The programme is popular in communities because of the use of TV, radio programmes, as well as drama that both demystifies the issues around vulnerability to HIV/STIs and engages the community in health issues which otherwise would be considered a taboo to discuss in public forums. The project is relevant in addressing alcohol and substance abuse issues as an entry point to illustrating the linkages to HIV, STI and unplanned pregnancy vulnerabilities.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 20 communities benefitted from the <i>ADAC Good Choice Road Show</i> activities during this period. The program has continuously expanded its program scope and approach based on the needs of the community. It has progressed from being a drama specific performance, to including community and one on one peer education sessions with target audience after the shows. • National data has continued to regularly inform the approach of the drama, for example, the 2010 Household and Incomes Expenditure survey revealed that more people spend money on alcohol and tobacco and less on education and medical needs. • Peer education is a new intervention being focused on to strengthen the community engagement in discussions after the drama performances. It is collaboration with the Tonga National Youth Council, an organisation that has a strong peer education program. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting community ownership of the programs remains a challenge as some participate on the basis of a financial reward expected 	
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Average Monthly Expenditure – 2010 Household and Incomes Expenditure Survey

Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011		
\$35,106	\$0	\$16,689	\$18,597 or 52% of the cumulative amount transferred relates to 2010. Issues encountered by Salvation Army were the area of financial reporting. This problem was being resolved through telephone/emails and face to face meetings with SR whilst attending a meeting in Nadi and also while in-country. Capacity building was required in areas of financial reporting for the SR and GMU finance team had worked on this with the SRs resulting in the improvement on the quality of SR reports received.

					Acquitted amount attributes to 26% or \$9257 by amount for 2010 period.	
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Tuvalu – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents										
Stream 1 Grants	Ministry of Health	<p>General Comments The Tuvalu RF NSP Support Grant has supported the participation of 3 members of the national HIV program at the Regional Monitoring and Evaluation Program, jointly coordinated and facilitated by SPC and UNAIDS. Apart from that activity, funds has not be disbursed to support national priorities as the log frame has undergone several drafts to accommodate emerging and new initiatives that were introduced during the course of this period. This includes the HIV & Sports initiative, the strategic health communication campaign to support the Comprehensive STI control strategy, the CoC framework and the midterm review of the NSP.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights N/A</p> <p>Challenges No devoted staff. Activities will be coordinated by the Director of Public Health who also manages other programmes. The SPC GMU has explored the possibility of expanding the workload of the national HIV Coordinator (GF funded) to take on this role and supervised by the Department of Public Health. However, the incumbent’s capacity is in question, and hence the best option was to hold off and recruit another person with no success to date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Financial Data</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Disbursements</th> <th rowspan="2">Total Acquittals</th> <th rowspan="2">Financial Narrative</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Cumulative</th> <th>Jan -June</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Disbursements		Total Acquittals	Financial Narrative	Cumulative	Jan -June					
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			2011	to 30 June 2011	
		\$2,900	\$0	\$2,900	Tuvalu has not yet accessed their grant. Funds being utilized were for the NSP grant coordinators to attend to RF meetings held in Suva and this opportunity was also used to finalize some of the outstanding issues pertaining to the Implementation plans for Tuvalu NSP. Tuvalu will be accessing funds in the new period after log-frames has been finalized.

Stream 2 – Capacity Development Organisation Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 2 Grants	Tuvalu Association of NGOs	<p>General Comments</p> <p>The Tuvalu Association of NGOs (TANGO) began its CDO operations in the first quarter of 2010. Its primary role is to support capacity development initiatives for civil society and government partners. Its role includes coordination and direct implementation of capacity development activities. Management of the Community Action Grants is another core function in which the CDO works with the Tuvalu National AIDS Committee (TuNAC) in the coordination, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation of the grant.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of the TANGO newsletter in which HIV & STI issues remain a prominent feature. Front page lead story: 'Tuvalu leads the fight in the Pacific to prevent HIV infection'. The newsletter has an annual subscription of 30 organisations inclusive of Government and civil society affiliate organisations under the TANGO umbrella. • Successful implementation of the joint PIAF and Foundation of the Peoples of the South 	

		<p>Pacific HIV & Workplace Policy development with organizations in Tuvalu. This was jointly sponsored by the CDO and the Ministry of Health grants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting of the HIV Prevention Instrument began this period, collaboration with Ministry of Health, TuNAC and CDO with technical assistance provided by PIAF. One of the key features will be Human rights and the protection of PLWAs. • Political will and support for the drafting of HIV Legislation which is Human Rights compliance demonstrated through the acceptance of the draft HIV Instrument by the Tuvalu Governor General and Prime Minister. • Workplace HIV Policy development is also another highlight and draft policies is another key outcome of this consultation training. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absence of technical persons in country to help with the finalisation of the HIV and Human Rights Workplace policy could delay it being finalised • Organisations not sharing their draft workplace policies affect strengthening and ensuring uniformity of policies as well as the implementation of the policy. 			
Financial Data					
Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative		
Cumulative	Jan -June 2011				
\$77,899	\$24,311	\$70,841	<p>Total of 36% or \$53,588 has been accessed in this 2010 period. Acquitted is 29% of the funds being disbursed. The Jul-Dec 2010 period acquitted funds will be capture in the 2011 report.</p> <p>Issues are delay in reporting.</p>		

Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents			
Stream 3 Grants	Tuvalu Association of NGOs and Tuvalu National AIDS Committee	<p>General Comments Grant to commence in July 2011.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of 4 CAG projects by the Tuvalu Association of NGOs <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delays due to delayed feedback from the Tuvalu National AIDS Committee on approval of the Letter of Agreement and key responsibilities to managing this grant by the CDO and TuNAC Monitoring of projects that are based in the outer islands 				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative				Jan -June 2011
\$0	\$0	\$0				

Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 4 Grants	Tuvalu Family Health Association - Play For Life Project	<p>General Comments This project is a component of the Tuvalu Family Health Youth Peer Motivators programme and complements the services provided by the Tuvalu Family Health clinic. The project was a one-year project and ends on December 2011. It included the capacity building of Youth Peer Motivators and conducting HIV/STI outreach in Funafuti. There were 8 active Peer Motivators supported through this project.</p>	

	RTVTFH02	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 condoms kits completed and rolled out during this reporting period achieving 100% of target set for the life of the project • 100% of peer educators recruited and trained under this project active during this reporting period - i.e. 9 peer educators. • A steady increase of drop-ins at the Tuvalu Family Health clinic due to referrals by peer educators during this period. Total drop in for this period accounted for 270, averaging 45 people per month. This increased by 22 from the previous period. • As a result of the key role of peer educators in referrals, a MoU with the Ministry of Health is being finalised to strengthen the function of the Tuvalu Family Health clinic as the community based clinic arm for the Ministry of Health. Services earmarked to include ANC screening, HIV testing along with SRH services for young people. Different target groups will be allocated 'clinic days' so as to ensure service delivery is targeted to specific audiences. The International Planned Parenthood Association is being approached to support the procurement of additional equipment needed at the TuFHA clinic. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining the project. Given the project supported by RF will end in December 2011, TuFHA have sent in proposals to other agencies and donors to ensure the continuation of the project given its current achievements. In the absence of securing future funding, the concern is that the project will 'die a natural death'. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan -June 2011	Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
		\$30,045	\$0	\$22,561	TuFHA accessed their funding in 2010 and total of \$30,045 was disbursed. 77% of the total funds disbursed have been acquitted. Some of the issues encountered by Tuvalu is the internet at times does not work which makes communication with GMU

					<p>difficult at times. Secondly photocopying of supporting document causing delays when toners are short on island so other means are used by the SR in order for acquittal reports to be submitted in a timely manner.</p> <p>43% or \$10,003 is attributed to training activities in country</p> <p>27% paid for capital costs such as laptops or other office equipment</p> <p>14% paid for communication cost and the remaining attributed to personnel cost of 6%, travel costs and operating costs.</p>	
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Vanuatu – Response Fund Country Grant Portfolio

Stream 1 – Support to NSP Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 1 NSP support Grants	Vanuatu RVUMOH01	<p>General Comments</p> <p>January – June reporting period, MOH Vanuatu was part of the Response Fund improvement process and participated in the Pacific Islands HIV and STI Response Fund ('Response Fund/RF') Log frame and M&E Workshop. Vanuatu HIV Coordinator participated in the three day Response Fund Improvement Consultation workshop held in Nadi, 14 – 16 April 2011. The workshop provided an opportunity for RF grantees to receive a full briefing on the background of RF improvement, the benefits for both SPC and grantees of having programmatic log frames and M&E frameworks, the kind of log frames and M&E</p>	

frameworks to develop, the process and timeframe to improve/develop ones at the grantees' level.

The consultation also provided an opportunity for the grantees to review the activities already implemented and revisit those that are still planned, and provide a timely reality-check on the grant's remaining action plan.

Programmatic Achievements/Highlights

- Prevention programmes – World AIDS Day Campaign in Shefa Province. Prevention Campaign involved seven communities and a total of 620 people reached through Peer education program as a lead up to World AIDS Day celebration.
- Support for Vanuatu NAC representation at the Annual Regional CDO/NAC meeting
- Lab Strengthening Training – Microbiology
- RF Stream 1 Log frame and M & E Framework Finalised

Challenges

- Working with the SR remotely to complete the Log frame in a short period of time. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification or there was missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners thus required constant amendments and thus delay in finalizing the Log frame.

Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011 (AUD\$)	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011		
\$51,127	\$898	\$39,520	Total funds disbursed to MOH through Wan Smolbag are about 13%. Vanuatu NSP grant has been experiencing delays in establishing a separate bank account for funds to be transferred to. Funds have been requested for some urgent activities for the MOH under their NSP to be disbursed through Wan Smolbag. Total amount acquitted of funds disbursed

					<p>is about 30%.</p> <p>20% or \$3065 of the acquitted amount was utilized for paying personnel in-country whilst 80% contributed to training activities in-country. These training activities relate to lab technical training for HIV/STI, as well participation of some MOH staff to the International Congress of AIDs in Asia and the Pacific as part of capacity development.</p>	
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Stream 2 – Capacity Development Organisation Grant

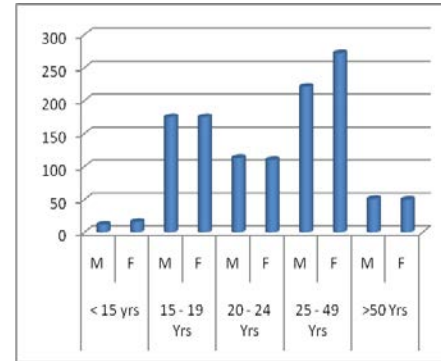
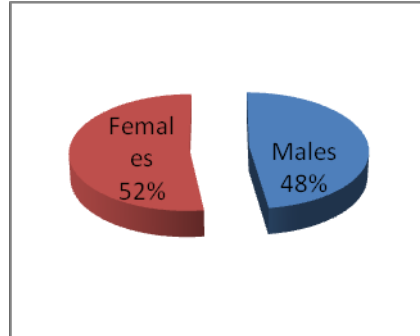
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 2 CDO Grants	Vanuatu VU-WSB	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Design Management Workshop conducted in Santo, Malekula and Tanna. 24 participants completed the training and are able to submit Stream 3 -CAG proposals • On-going support to Stream 3 – Community Action Grant recipients in their activity implementation. • Participation of a Provincial AIDS Committee (PAC) member who has the capacity, to do a pre-appraisal of the proposals for activities in their provinces before submitting the proposals and their recommendations to the NAC Grants Committee. This has worked well - four out of six PAC's were able to do the pre-appraisal. For the two who did not participate in the appraisal process, one of the members of the MOH, who also sits on the PAC, was able to make some comments on the viability of each of the proposals. As a result, the NAC Grants Committee was able to appraise all the grant applications (56) in an afternoon sitting. This was seen as a very positive move towards including the PAC's in the process and also getting up to date information on the applications from the people in the provinces who know the situations in their province. CDO will continue to look at refining the system to assist them and at the same time ensure that there is ownership of the program in the provinces. <p>Challenge N/A</p>	

		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011 (AUD\$)	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011				
\$120,997	\$28,126	\$139,441		<p>Total of 62% or \$92871 by amount of the grant value has been disbursed to Wan Smolbag to date. 100% of the funds disbursed have been fully acquitted. This is one of the best Grantee. Reports are always on time and very responsive to GMU requirements.</p> <p>67% or \$61754 of the acquitted amount is attributed to training activities Co-ordinated by the CDO in Vanuatu.</p> <p>16% or \$14614 is utilized for paying personnel staff mainly CDO and assistants helping with the collection of supporting documents for the reports.</p> <p>8% or \$7512 relates to payment of operating costs such as rent and utilities while the other 9% is attributed to communication and travel costs for the CDO.</p>	

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Stream 3 – Community Action Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents																														
Stream 3 CAG	Vanuatu WSB	<p>General Comments</p> <p>Overall CDO continues to find it challenging to manage the Stream 3 – Community Action Grants due to the remoteness of some CAG Project locations as well as vigorous monitoring expected with limited resources to undertake it in a more comprehensive way.</p> <p>Despite the challenges Vanuatu CDO has proved to manage the funds well in collaboration with Vanuatu NAC and able to report on progress of the grant program implementation</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 CAG grants have been disbursed. 16 of the 22 grants have provided report to CDO. The remaining outstanding reports will be reported in the next progress report as project implementation will be completed in the next period. • There has been an improvement in reporting from CAG grant recipients during this reporting period as a result of the Project Design Management training workshop. All submitted CAG grantee reports had statistics that were disaggregated by sex and age. • A total of 562 men and 623 women were reached through activities implemented by the 16 CAG grant projects. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2"><15yrs</th> <th colspan="2">15 -19yrs</th> <th colspan="2">20-24yrs</th> <th colspan="2">25-49yrs</th> <th colspan="2">>50yrs</th> </tr> <tr> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>16</td> <td>175</td> <td>175</td> <td>113</td> <td>110</td> <td>221</td> <td>272</td> <td>51</td> <td>50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<15yrs		15 -19yrs		20-24yrs		25-49yrs		>50yrs		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	12	16	175	175	113	110	221	272	51	50	
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- The majority of those reached by the interventions funded through the CAG were females aged between 25 and 49 years of age. However it is good to note that 601 of the total of 1195 participants (just over 50%) have been young men and women below 24 years of age.

Challenges

The major challenge is monitoring of the grants have been a major challenge and will continue to be a challenge, especially since NAC continues to favour giving small amounts of money to many organisations.

CDO Vanuatu is exploring ways to get the Provincial HIV Committees (PAC) involved in the CAG grant management, reporting, monitoring aspects and process.

Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011		
\$104,162	\$34,672	\$55,113	Vanuatu is the only country that has commenced activities. Vanuatu in their 1 st round have 32 projects ranging from women organizations , church groups ,

					youth groups , and sports bodies to name a few. 100% of the acquitted amount relates to activities carried out by different groups of the community on awareness programs in the prevention of HIV/STI.	
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Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grants	RVUWST05 Wan Smolbag	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights <u>Peer Education targeting sex workers & MSM's</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total number of sex workers and MSM's reached during this period was 135. 37 percent of clients reached were between the ages of 15 and 24 years of age, 62 percent were above 25yrs and 1 percent is below 15 yrs. <p><u>Fortnightly workshops with sex workers and men who have sex with men</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The peer educators employed to work with sex workers conducted a total of 18 workshops with members of the target group. The total number of female sex workers who attended these workshops was 90. Of these, the majority were between the ages of 15 and 24 (57.8%). As with past workshops, topics covered included family planning, STI and HIV prevention and treatment, and special attention was given to the issues around practising safe sex. This included condom demonstration of both the male and female condoms. Because the majority of workshops were conducted at WSB, it was a great opportunity for the sex workers to access the services offered at the clinic. As a result, a total of 64 sex workers (71%) who attended the workshops ended up accessing the services at the clinic. The majority of these women were young women, between the ages of 14 and 24 years of age about 48 % of those that accessed the clinic services. Similar workshops were held with groups of MSM clients. In this period, the team conducted a total of 10 workshops and 104 men attended. Of these men, a total of 14 MSM (13.5%) were able to access the services offered by the clinic. Many of them reported that coming down for 	

		<p>the workshop enabled them to see the nurse as they would not have come just to see the nurse. WSB are planning to keep using this strategy to ensure that more of the sex workers and MSM clients access SRH services being offered by KPH.</p> <p><u>Walkabouts targeting potential clients –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkabouts targeting potential clients have been ongoing. This period saw a total of 447 potential clients being reached by both the sex worker and MSM peer educators. These clients were all male and no female reached <p><u>Other activities -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation and ground work regarding the MSM & Sex worker behavioural research which resulted in WSB able to mobilise funds from Vanuatu Stream 1 – NSP Support Grant allocation to support this research. Technical assistance for this research will be provided by Burnet Institute through funding support from Stream 4 – Competitive Grant. • The recorded number of sex workers by the nurses has improved as a result of the workshops conducted at WSB. The nurses are now able to identify clients as sex workers because they are brought to the clinic by the peer educators after the workshops and are therefore being correctly recorded by the nurses as sex workers. <p>Challenges</p> <p>Arranging workshops with sex workers and the clients of men who have sex with men have proven challenging in that arrangements had to be made and then followed up prior to the agreed time to ensure that attendees remembered their commitment to attend the workshops. In some instances, workshop times were changed up to three times. The peer educators, who have been instrumental in getting these workshops happening, have done everything to ensure that the workshops keep happening. They have committed themselves to going around and picking up attendees in order to make sure that they do attend. This strategy has worked well and WSB intend to continue this to ensure that members targeted attend the workshops.</p>	
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		<p><u>“Being Involved”</u></p> <p>It was the first time I heard that there were diseases that could be contracted through sex. I learned about STI’s and HIV and I decided that this was something I needed to do for myself. I was very interested in the work that the peer educators were doing and was happy to become involved in the project. As a result of becoming involved, I have learned about safe sex and how to protect myself, so now I make sure I use condoms. I do not have many partners as I used to and I am using condoms every time with my partners. I have done this since I joined Solidarity in February and I have every intention of continuing to use condoms with my partners because I now know what risks I face if I don’t. In the five months that I have been a peer educator, I have gained a lot of knowledge on issues around STI and HIV and have gained confidence through talking to other MSM’s about practising safe sex. I am now able to facilitate workshops on these topics and this is all as a result of being involved in Solidarity and especially becoming a peer educator. I am proud of the changes that this has brought out in me as I never thought I would ever reach a stage like this but I am thankful and will continue to practice what I have learned and be strong.</p> <p>MSC Story - MSM Peer Educator at WSB</p>			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011	Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
		\$62,046	\$24,583	\$74,217	A total of 25% of the total value of the grant has been disbursed. 37% of these fund have been acquitted and more remaining funds for the Jul-Dec 2010 period will be reflected in 2011 as due dates for this periods reports are in January 2011
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 4 Competitive	VU- KPH	Programmatic Achievements/Highlights			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground work preparation for Phase 3 of the research which is schedule to start July 2011 			

Grants	RVUWST01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began the data analysis for Phase 1 component to be completed October 2011 • Accessing additional funds from Fonds Pacifique to conduct a 3rd round of testing for Phase 1 in Port Vila <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project maintaining returning survey clients for the follow up test • Maintenance and supply of survey test equipments • Additional resource required to complete each survey phase 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011	Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
\$169,624	\$20,483	\$154,611	<p>83% or \$149141 of the total grant value has been disbursed to the grantee. 46% has been acquitted and the remaining acquittals of 2010 are reflected in the 2011 period.</p> <p>Reports were a challenge at the beginning of the project in 2009 but in 2010 improvement was noted in the financial reports as well as the supporting documents submitted. Some other issues here was due to setting up of an AUD account in Vanuatu and always had difficulties when transferring funds to the AUD and the vatu account in Vanuatu and all has been resolved now.</p> <p>A total of 59% \$41,031 or amount acquitted is attributed to staff personnel who were involved in this project.</p> <p>34% or \$23810 is utilized for operating costs whilst</p>		

					the remaining balances are being utilized for field work costs training costs and travel.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grants	VU- SCV RVUSCV01	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of Red Ribbon club with a total of 43 out of school children from 4 settlements around Port Vila. The target group were trained in basic HIV and STI information including sexual reproductive health issues. Red ribbon club members consist of 30 young women and 13 young men. • Completion of 2 Peer education trainings and 4 Community HIV & STI awareness sessions four parents in four communities in Port Vila where the Red Ribbon children members are from. • Release of the drafted strands of the syllabus that will guide curriculum writers for the inclusion of Family Life Education. This resulted from the on-going work and commitment of the Project coordinator’s participation and engagement with Ministry of Education. <p>Many other parents from other communities continue to request the involvement of the children in the red ribbon club because they would like their children to be aware of the risks (HIV/AIDs/STIs) out there and how to protect themselves Below are some feedback from the young people and their parents; Below is an MSC Story.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>I am a mother who has no idea of STI and HIV, their causes and prevention method. After the community awareness, I now have some basic information on how to look after myself, my kids and help them to make better decisions for their future. By: Anna Fred – Mother Sea side Paama</p> <p>My son was a bully in our community before joining the Red Ribbon Club. After the peer training that he has attended last year and early this year, he has change a lot at home. He no longer bullies other kids and has taken some responsibility at home to participate in house activities. He has even approached me to inform me about the causes and consequences of smoking cigarette. This is really challenging and I am now taking decision to quit after learning about its consequences. I also know that it will be difficult for me but it is something that I have to face.</p> <p>By Alick Samuel – Father</p> </div>				

		<p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anecdotal evidence that young people between the age of 12 – 16 are sexually active and thus the project is ensuring the continuity to involve children through club trainings and radio programs about SRH issues with specific focus on prevention strategies • Early school drop-out members find it challenging to grasp a good understanding of issues relating to SRH, sex and HIV information through trainings. The project will ensure that simplification of training presentations and more input on participatory learning exercises. • The ratio of 1 facilitator as per 30+ Red Ribbon club members is too big and thus the project ensures the involvement of Peer Educator to co –facilitate with the Project Coordinator. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011	Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	
		\$24,133	\$0	\$18,012	
		A total of \$16785 was disbursed in 2010 and only 42% was reported in 2010.			
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grants	VU- SCV (IZA Project RVUSCV03	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV and STI Community advocacy activities that Irene participated in have created positive responses where there is an increase in request for Irene to deliver community talks sharing her story in regards to living with HIV. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement and engagement of more men participating in these awareness program • Community differences that limit their participation • Urban communities participation are low thus the need to implement creative strategies to engage these communities • Advocating in remote and isolated communities can be a risky activity for Irene if communities are not informed of her status well in advance and accept her to conduct HIV/AIDS awareness in their communities. Therefore, good ground preparation is crucial to minimize any security risks. 			

		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011			
		\$17,580	\$5,359	\$12,125	Total of 41% of the grant value was disbursed and 44% has been acquitted. Follow up has been done by GMU team and more acquittals were received in 2011.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grants	VU- VASANOC RVUSNO01	<p>General Comments</p> <p>The Jan – June 2011 period report was submitted however, GMU is currently awaiting the Financial acquittal supporting documents. Financial report is yet to be reviewed pending the receipt of supporting documents. Programmatic report feedback was undertaken face to face with Anolyn – VASONOC Project Coordinator in Suva with support from Oceania National Olympics Committee (ONOC) Programme Manager who also provides technical support to VASANOC in the implementation of their Stop HIV Program. This provides an opportunity to also share information with ONOC in regards to issues relating to further technical assistance required of their part in assisting VASANOC. Face to face discussion exercise was very useful.</p> <p>Strengthening of the programmatic reporting was requested to be undertaken by the Project coordinator upon her return to Vanuatu and updated report is expected in 4th quarter of 2011.</p> <p>This is the first report from VASANOC since start of project implementation and review of programmatic report found that most important data/information were not included in the reporting templates.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified and selected seven Stop HIV Champions as national representatives across 6 sports (archery, athletics, basketball, netball, rugby and table tennis) for 2011. Completion of the first 				

Champions training which focused on Basic HIV & STI information, roles and responsibilities as Stop HIV Champions and how to promote the Stop HIV program among the sporting communities.

- Completion of the Kicking AIDS Out program training that saw 14 Peer Leaders who participated and completed the training.
- The completion of the two trainings resulted in the implementation of the Stop HIV program Community outreach information sessions to four communities. These included the dissemination of HIV, STI and other SRH information. A total of 320 community members were reached during this reporting period. Of these, 165 were males and 155 were females. Of the total number of people reached, 61 percent are between the ages of 15 -24 yrs.
- Implementation of four Safe Game Campaign events where 140 people were reached. About 86% of people between the ages of 15 -24 yrs was reached through these Events.

Challenges

- Lack of accessibility to condoms among target group during program activity implementation. The project realized that young people found it difficult to collect condoms therefore VASANOC will be exploring other strategies to ensure that condoms are easily accessed by members of the target group.
- Lack of support from school for the implementation of the Kicking AIDS Out program in the schools. VASANOC will be exploring other strategies to engage discussion with school communities to promote the program and seek endorsement for program implementation in schools.

Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquittals to 30 June 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011		
\$22,183	\$0	\$14	18% of the total grants have been transferred in the last half of 2010 hence acquittal report will be reflected in 2011 period.

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 4 Competitive Grants	VU- SCV RVUSCV02	<p>General Comment This project will commence July 2011</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M & E Framework consultation workshop in Nadi in April 2011 • Further Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 4. • Completion and submission of Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 4 <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the SR remotely to complete the Log frame in a short period of time. There were aspects of the Log frame which constantly needed clarification or there was missing data. There were aspects of priority activities being constantly negotiated with technical partners thus required constant amendments and thus delay in finalizing the Log frame. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011		

Multi-Country Grants – Competitive Grant

Stream 4 – Competitive Grant

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents

Stream 4 Competitive Grants	Burnet Institute Pacific R01BIP03	<p>General Comment This project commenced in 2010 with a funding contribution from PRHP from 1st June to 31st December 2010 (AUD 25,000). The RF component will commence in January 2011 for a 2-year project with a matching grant of AUD 100,000. The project is coordinated jointly with PC&SS and focused on VCCT and STI testing of prison inmates in 2 selected Suva prisons. The project commenced in 2010 with the research field work planned for 2011.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnic Approval from the Fiji MOH and Fiji Research and Ethics Committee obtained during this period • A stakeholder committee comprising of Fiji Prisons and Correctional Services, Ministry of Health and other identified stakeholders was confirmed during this period • The Research questionnaire was developed and pretested during this period • 10 Research assistants successfully trained during their period by PCASS <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining approval of the Research questionnaire and protocols from the Fiji Prisons and Correctional Services greatly affected the planned start of the field work. Intervention by the GMU PDO assigned to this project helped facilitate a teleconference between Fiji Prisons, Burnett Institute and PCASS. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative
	Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011			
	\$13,159	\$13,159	\$33		
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative		Documents	
Stream 4 Competitive Grants	Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation (PIAF)	<p>General Comment The programme commenced in 2009. It is reliant on the work of the Intern Communications Officer based in the Cook Islands. The project has not relied on a formal capacity development program under this grant but however has used multiple avenues to engage with media practitioners, profile issues of stigma and discrimination and profile the mandate of the organization in representing PLWAs and</p>			

	R01PIA05	<p>sensitizing the public of issues related to stigma and discrimination and the role of the media in reducing these attitudes.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <p><u>Press Releases</u></p> <p>Seven (7) press releases were written and disseminated over the reporting period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent to mainstream media in Fiji, Cook Islands, Hawaii, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Guam, Australia, New Zealand, Niue, Nauru • Media networks: AIDSTOK, Pacific Islands News Association (PINA), PacWin • Posted on PIAF website, with links on the PIAF Facebook page. <p><u>Media Interviews</u></p> <p>Sixteen (16) interviews (from records) were done by members of the PIAF staff by various media organizations (Cook Islands Radio, Cook Islands news press, Fiji Sun, Fiji Times, ABC Australia and Radio Tuvalu) over the reporting period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 TV interviews (Cook Islands News) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temo Sasau: HIV awareness campaign in Cook Islands (January) • Hilary Gorman: The role of PIAF (<i>during the open house warming</i>) (January) • Laitia Tamata: HIV and the Law workshop (March) • Temo Sasau: Candlelight Memorial in Rarotonga, Cook Islands • 4 radio interviews. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laitia Tamata: Fiji HIV Decree. This interview is currently posted on the PIAF website, with a link posted on PIAF's Facebook page (0.28 % feedback). • Hilary Gorman and Temo Sasau: Response to Cook Islands first locally diagnosed case in January with Radio Cook Islands talk back show. • Temo Sasau and Patience Vainerere of Red Cross: Response to Cook Islands first locally diagnosed case in January with Radio Cook Islands talk back show. • Laitia Tamata and Temo Sasau in Tuvalu: HIV and the Law workshop talkback show with Radio Tuvalu. <p><i>PIAF was not able to get copies of the talkback show as there were no recordings done by the radio stations.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Print media interviews. 	
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		<p>Niue, Nauru, Tonga, Kiribati, Palau and Tuvalu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted on PIAF website <p><u>Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials distribution</u></p> <p>IEC materials were distributed among various NGOs, CSOs, education institutions and business organizations in Australia, Fiji, Cook Islands, Samoa and Papua New Guinea. The materials were distributed upon request and also as resource materials for presentation at various meetings, visits and awareness activities.</p> <p>Below is the overall data for the distribution between the reporting periods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIAF brochure: 46 • Pacific Alliance brochure: 26 • PIAF song: 1 • Breakfast with Mandela DVD: 26 • Maire DVD: 30 • Peati DVD: 39 • Irene DVD: 30 • Faces and Voices DVD (English and Maori): 61 • Maiinga DVD: 28 • Walk With Mele (English and Fijian): 28 • You Cannot Get HIV posters: 9 (Playing together: 3), (Sharing a meal: 3) and (shaking hands and kissing: 3) • Stigma and Discrimination brief: 64 • HIV and the Law: 20 • PIAF legal brochures: 38 (Using PIAF’s legal service: 1), (I am HIV+, Can I travel abroad?: 1), (What is human rights?: 1), (Your right to confidentiality: 1), (What is defamation?: 1), (Workplace Health and Safety: 1), (Making a complaint about your doctor: 1), (HIV testing in the Pacific: 1) and (HIV and your rights: 30). <p>PIAF Facebook page: As of June 30th, 199 people ‘Like’ PIAF’s page.</p> <p>Challenges</p> <p>Clarifying the focus of the RF and MWP grant support to PIAF and the subsequent budget allocations in terms of operational budget and activities was reviewed to ensure the projects do not duplicate in its deliverables.</p>	
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		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011		Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011			
		\$29,789	\$29,789	\$19,289		

Regional Grants – Response Fund PRSIP Support Grant

RF Stream	Organisation Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 5 PRSIP Support Grant	SPC RRRT R01SRR01	<p>General Comment The grant implementation focus on three countries – Tuvalu, Vanuatu and</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific Diploma in Legal Practice, Suva, Fiji, Law School, 11th -21st April 2011 - The PDLP students (First cohort 2011) were “trained” in the area of HIV and the human right issues surrounding HIV. HIV training again took a full day which highlighted technicalities surrounding the subject of HIV and law. As with other cohorts, not many knew the human right issues surrounding HIV. One of the students was interviewed for the client interview and that is recorded at the back of this report. The students came from Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. There were 15 males and 23 females • Country Focal Officers Training (21st Feb – 4th March 2011) - The Country Focal Officers were updated on the HIV issues prevalent in the pacific. One of the issues that became apparent was that apart from the need for continuing training and awareness on issues touching on PLWH, there is also a need to revisit those already trained to refresh and update their knowledge. • Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M&E Framework consultation workshop in Nadi in April 2011 • Further Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 5 • Completion and submission of Log frame and M&E Framework tool for Stream 5 	

		Challenges		Financial Data		
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011			
		\$158,757	\$0	\$113,467	<p>Regional Rights Resource Team has managed to acquit 66% of the total funds disbursed.</p> <p>However, this acquitted percentage does not include the Jul-Dec 2010 acquittals as of the cut off date for receiving the acquittals by the sub-recipients that belong to 2010. Therefore, the percentage against the disbursed amount would increase further in 2011.</p> <p>Total acquitted showed that 66% or \$69,200 has been utilised for staff costs involved in this project and 23% or \$23,896 is attributed to training activities and travel, whilst remaining 6 % is attributed to operating costs and, capital costs and</p>	

					communication expenses for the project.										
RF Stream	Organisation Project	Narrative				Documents									
Stream 5 PRSIP Support Grant	TCC Clinical Support Cluster, HIV and STI Section (RO1STC01)	<p>General Comment The grant LOA has expired in June and a no cost extension has been approved.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rolling out rapid diagnostic HIV testing algorithm: the TCC cluster has been worked closely with the national Reference Laboratory (NRL) to supporting the implementation of roll out HIV rapid test algorithm to country level. 2. Regional STI technical working group has endorsed the STI control strategy, and the rollout of the strategy to country level is underway. Except Samoa, mapping on population, STI testing and drugs has competed for all countries who had the Chlamydia prevalence greater than 15%. Planning to conduct the assessment and consultation with Samoa in the upcoming period. 3. Lab planning activities for STI has been incorporate in to the overall lab strengthening activities for the public health division. The current implementation for lab activities is supporting by the lab specialist from the disease control and surveillance Unit, SPC. <p>Good referral system has been putting in place for STI specimen’s referral from Tuvalu and Kiribati to Fiji.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Code</th> <th>Activities</th> <th>Progress</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2.2.3.5</td> <td>Procure reagent for the EIA system for Fiji</td> <td>Mataika lab has proposed to defer this activity to the second last of the year. This arrangement has been done with NRL for this activity.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.1.5.1</td> <td>Provide training to all members of HIV care teams on counselling and ongoing support for the</td> <td>Part of the budget has been used to support the National laboratory surveillance training for STI and other communicable diseases in Fiji, in 2010. Planning to have training for nurses and clinicians in the</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Code	Activities	Progress	2.2.3.5	Procure reagent for the EIA system for Fiji	Mataika lab has proposed to defer this activity to the second last of the year. This arrangement has been done with NRL for this activity.	3.1.5.1	Provide training to all members of HIV care teams on counselling and ongoing support for the	Part of the budget has been used to support the National laboratory surveillance training for STI and other communicable diseases in Fiji, in 2010. Planning to have training for nurses and clinicians in the	 Policy recommendation_stra  Recommendation package for STI contr  Documenting Complications of Chla
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		3.2.1.4	Provide financial support to Tokelau participant to attend STI training in Samoa	Based on the plan, 2 or 3 Participants from Tokelau will be invited to participate in Samoa training. Due to delay of the boat schedule, they were not able to attend the meeting. Next training in Samoa is schedule for September 2011. Planning to invite participants from Tokelau to take part in this raining.	
		3.2.1.4	Support STI working group	The group has regular communication via e-mail. The main communication in the period is focusing on the rollout STI Control strategy in the region. Telephone conference was done in June. The minute of the meeting is attached in <i>annex 1</i> . Planning to have face to face meeting in September (26 and 27 of September). The aim of the upcoming meeting to expend the strategy that can address other STIs.	
		3.2.1.4	Support in country training cost for rolling out Comprehensive STI Case management in SI	Part of the budget has been used to support training on Comprehensive STI Case Management in 5 provinces (Isabel, Makira, Central, Temotu and Western Province) in 2010. Planning to rollout training to other provinces in the second part of the year. Expected SI to submit their training plan in the upcoming quarter.	

		3.2.1.4	Contingency Provide support required for in country training cost for STI and HIV (will use for any emergency need)			
		3.2.1.4	Monitoring and evaluation TCC program	Monitoring has been implemented as part of the implementation of the activities. Planning to conduct the evaluation by the end of the year.		
		Challenges				
		Number	Key Issue /Challenge	Strategy to address		
		Counselling				
		1	Less support by the country(as they seen as not a priority for the country)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need communicate with the high level rather than program officer. • For long term, lobby to get support from the high level is needed. Need to form a counselling staring committee for counselling for the region. 		
		Laboratory				
		1	Absence of the lab specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate STI/HIV lab activities with the Disease control surveillance lab activities • Recruit the lab specialist base at the STI/HIV section 		
		HIV				
		1	Members of the core team for HIV care do not function as a “team”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate terms of reference of the core team • Establish standards of care 		

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up the initial work done on developing a regional CoC framework for HIV Finalize draft CoC frameworks in PICTs 		
		STI					
		1.	Less coordination and communication at country level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeating communication with the HIV/STI coordinator and clinician Communication need to be done more than one person 			
		2.	Low responsibility and ownership by the key contact person at country level	Develop of template (e.g. template of reporting, training...etc)			
		3	- Implement for STI testing (Difficulty to achieving with the target setting. Many problems accrued during the implementation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised the STI control strategies 			
		Financial Data					
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative		
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011				
		\$177,438	\$0	\$171,885	STI/HIV Treatment and Care Grant have acquitted in total 79% against the funds that was disbursed to them which is 42% in disbursement against the total approved grant for the TCC. It was noted that in first half of 2010 only 22% was acquitted		

					<p>against disbursed amount and the project increased their spending in the second six months by 56% of the disbursed amount. Reflecting a rapid growth in the implementation of the activities.</p> <p>A total of 51% or \$71,537 of the amount acquitted is attributed to training activities in –country, 17% is for payment of staff costs involved in the project while 22% is attributed to operating costs. 9% or \$11885 attributed to payment to consultants and 1% attributed to travel costs.</p>									
RF Stream	Organisation Project	Narrative				Documents								
Stream 5 PRSIP Support Grant	OSSHMM - Oceania Society for Sexual Health and HIV Medicine	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing OSSHHM promotion <p>Promotion of OSSHHM at various forums over the last six months. The following workshops had a number of health care workers in attendance:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Workshop title</th> <th>Dates</th> <th>Number of HCWs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">HIV in the health care settings</td> <td>24th-25th March-Suva</td> <td>30 HCWs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28th-29th March-Lautoka</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Workshop title	Dates	Number of HCWs	HIV in the health care settings	24th-25th March-Suva	30 HCWs	28th-29th March-Lautoka		
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	11th-12th April-Lautoka	
	Comprehensive STI case management training Cook Islands	2nd- 6th May-Rarotonga Cook Islands
HIV prescribers training Suva	6th- 10th June- Suva	30 HCWs

- **OSHHM Website Completed**

The OSSHHM website which has been in development for sometime is ready for launching. The project was funded and supported by ASHM with funds received from AusAID through the HIV consortium. The website is expected to be launched on the 20th of July at the HIV patient monitoring training to be held in Nadi.

- **Scholarships for ASHM**

This year marks the third year in which OSSHHM will be offering two scholarships to members to attend the ASHM 'International short course on HIV and related matters' and the Australian HIV conference. Both to be held back-to-back in Canberra, Australia. In addition to OSSHHMs two scholarships, ASHM through the HIV consortium has offered one scholarship to an OSSHHM member. All three scholarship recipients were selected following a competitive process.

Country	Occupation
Lautoka, Fiji	Medical Officer (HIV & STI)
Suva, Fiji	Pharmacist
Port Vila, Vanuatu	Medical Officer (Paediatrician)

- Participation at the 3 day RF Log frame and M & E Framework consultation workshop in Nadi in April 2011

- Further Technical assistance was provided in the development of the Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 5.
- Completion and submission of Log frame and M & E Framework tool for Stream 5

Challenges

Number	Key Issue /Challenge	Strategy to address
1.	<p>Training commitment</p> <p>OSSHMM received a great deal of funds from the response fund to facilitate in-country trainings. OSSHHM has struggled to meet these training obligations.</p>	<p>The OSSHHM board has resolved to collaborate with the STI and HIV advisors at SPC to co-fund their various planned trainings. This is likely to see OSSHHM covering some in-country costs required for training.</p>
2.	<p>Resource development essential</p> <p>Few organisations develop resources to assist HCWs in the delivery of clinical services in the Pacific.</p>	<p>The OSSHHM board had recommended that the EO work alongside the HIV and STI advisors to identify resources that will assist HCW in the Pacific with HIV and STI clinical care in the Pacific</p>
3.	<p>Promotion of OSSHHM</p> <p>OSSHMM continues to struggle with new membership.</p>	<p>The board has resolved to increase merchandising and promotional activities at regional and in-country workshops. This will include a revised membership drive</p>

					brochure, merchandise including OSSHHM labelled bags, pens and others.	
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011			
		\$139,231	\$9,330	\$142,918	<p>Total percent disbursed against the grant value was 31% which was disbursed in the year 2009 and 2010 to OSSHHM where they managed to acquit 87% of the total value that was given to them to implement their activities. There has been two disbursements done to OSSHHM and they have managed to submit their reports against both the disbursement.</p> <p>46% or \$51646 by amount of the total acquitted is attributed to personnel costs,33% or \$37,645 is attributed to training in country</p> <p>17% was utilized for travel costs whilst the remaining amount is attributed to communication,</p>	

					operating costs and publication expenses.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	SPC AHD Adolescent Health and Development (R01SAH01)	<p>General Comment The SPC Adolescent Health and Development Programme (AHD) RF project under the SPC Public Health Division commenced in January 2010 and complements the AHD core activities funded by UNFPA that includes the inclusion of Family Life Education (FLE) into the school curriculum, strengthening of peer education networks and the establishment of youth friendly facilities in selected PICs. The objective is to ensure an increased access to sexual and reproductive health services for young people.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A communiqué has been endorsed by Directors of Health of ten PICs in which AHD issues has been mainstreamed as a core public health function • 700 peer educators have been trained during the course of this project, 16% or 112 of whom are active in their peer education projects during this period. • 7 out of 10 PICs have implemented their Reproductive Health Policies in which AHD is one of the key strategic action plans. • A total of 55 youth friendly services now exist in ten PICs during this reporting period. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulties in getting data on youth reached for all activities including clinic (YFS) data • Delayed reporting as well as some reports not forthcoming despite multiple facilitations • Government commitment is sometimes unclear or weakening in certain areas of health care – e.g. decreasing support towards project funded programmes • Addressing youth health in the context of social, economic, educational and other developmental areas 				
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		\$202,919	\$152,137	\$105,367	<p>Total percent disbursed against the grant value was 11% for Adolescent Health and Development (AHD). But they managed to acquit more than the disbursed amount to implement the activities that was planned for 2010 resulting in 207% been shown as acquitted against the disbursed amount.</p> <p>They had submitted their Jan-Jun 2010 and Jul-Dec 2010 together at the end of 2010 which has contributed to the acquittals been more than the disbursed amount.</p> <p>Total amount acquitted was attributed to trainings for in-country activities. 42% or \$44699 of this acquitted amount paid for in-country activities.</p> <p>35% or 36,724 were attributed to co-sharing personnel costs for staff involved in implementing this project. 22% was attributed to operating costs, travel and capital items to re-furbish some of the youth clinics in-country</p>	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 5 PRISP	Pacific	General Comment The Pacific Legislatures for Population and Governance Incorporated (PLPG, Inc.) is mandated to				

Support Grants	Legislatures for Population and Governance Incorporated (PIPG Inc) (R01SPP01)	<p>support capacity development for Members of Parliaments in PICs on issues of Population and Governance. Under this project that includes capacity development in HIV advocacy, rolling out the HIV Champions Initiative including Strategic Health Communication. The project has yet to start and delays have been attributed to the relocation of the organisation from SPC Suva to Rarotonga, Cook Islands in 2010 and rescheduling of the Annual General Assembly for PLPG, on which this project is to piggyback on. The project is now earmarked to start in January 2012 for a period of 18 months. .</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights During this period, the log frame was finalised after an initial introduction to it in April 2011. It was completed after vigorous emails and teleconference meetings and follow-up. This will set the basis for implementation and reporting obligations over the course of the project.</p> <p>Challenges Remote communication remains a challenge as there are period of time emails and calls remain unanswered. A mission to Cook Islands in 2010 looked to resolve this issue as well as detail grant obligations which for some time improved the responsiveness of the SR. However this remains a challenge.</p> <p>The project hinges on the implementation of other core PLPG activities, notably the Annual General Assembly and Hearings for MPs. This is a regional forum which brings together MPs and Legislators and to which the project co-finances the participation of some members and the advocacy sessions on HIV & STI. The continued rescheduling of this meeting has meant the SR has had to change strategy and look to implement country specific activities that will further impact the budget.</p>			
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		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011	2011	
		\$0	\$0	\$0	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents

Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	SPC Human Development Programme (HDP)	<p>General Comment</p> <p>The project commenced in July 2010 and has struggled due the absence of a dedicated person to manage the project. It is coordinated by the Manager of the SPC Human Development Programme (HDP) who is juggling the project and other work commitments. The GMU has held several meetings to move forward the implementation of the project. The project includes 2 components: the gender audit and report and the rollout of selected recommendations to inform NSP reviews and developments.</p> <p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft Gender Audit has been produced during this reporting period and is out for comments during this period of reporting. The study included desk reviews of the Response Fund grants and interviews with PRSIP II partners in Fiji, Kiribati and Tonga. The findings will assist in a review and inclusion of gender and women’s human rights issues with PRSIP II and NSPs. This is component 2 of the project. • A collaboration with Burnett Institute, through the PRSIP Support Grant <i>Strengthening Capacity for Preparing National HIV & STI Strategic Frameworks in Pacific Islands Countries</i> is being explored, so as to include the gender audit findings to be a component of the NSP development package. This is significant in terms of collaboration between 2 PRSIP supported grants, reducing working in silos and independently with countries and ensuring a comprehensive NSP development package that is gender compliant. <p>Challenges</p> <p>This project will not be able to be completed by December 2011, the original end of project date due to the delayed receipt of feedback to the gender audit. No cost extension is being explored to ensure the 2 components under the project are delivered. It has been requested that the project be extended to 31st December 2012 to factor in the roll out of the gender audit findings.</p>		
		Financial Data		
		Disbursements	Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011	

		\$13,964	\$0	\$14	Funds were transferred in the first half of 2010 and funds have yet to be acquitted. Only 9% of the total grant has been transferred. Follow up action has been done by GMU team and acquittals will be reflected I the 2011 period.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	R00UNA01 UNAIDS M&E	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With assistance provided under this project, it was the first time for more than one Pacific Island Country submitted the UA Health Sector Reports. Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Samoa submitted their reports in time by 31st March 2011. The process demonstrated how joint actions by regional partners (UNAIDS, WHO and UNICEF) could help improve on the rate of reporting from the Pacific. • CRIS refresher training of sub-national and newly recruited national level staff conducted. Following the CRIS refresher training, Fiji NACA took onboard the responsibility to supervise the use of CRIS, and designated a focal point in the Ministry of Health the coordinate the use of the tool across all levels; • National AIDS Spending Assessment conducted in Solomon Islands. After pre-testing the NASA tool in Fiji, it was a good experience that country partners in the Solomon Islands understood the NASA methodology and actually lead the expenditure tracking process in partnership with the lead consultant. Most of the data has now been submitted, and the draft NASA report is expected soon; • Pacific introductory HIV M&E Training Curriculum developed and peer reviewed. The piloting of the draft HIV M&E training curriculum in Tonga was a key highlight of the entire development process. Participation and feedback from the participants clearly illustrated how timely the curriculum was to the pacific, and other countries have already allocated resources and dates in their planning cycles to participate in the rollout of the curriculum. <p>Challenges</p>				

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project seems to only be focusing on a few South Pacific countries, yet targets are set for 14 PICTs. SPC GMU is working with UNAIDS to clarify the countries targeted under the project. 				
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		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011			
		\$323,451.18	0	\$ 215,596.26	Due to the under spending of disbursed funds no further disbursements in 2011.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	R00WH01 WHO	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of the POLHN 44 Laboratory Diagnosis of Sexually Transmitted Infections including HIV-launched on the website, as well as CD-ROMs distributed to countries. Development of the first draft of the teaching material developed in late May 2011 and later final draft became available during Jul-Dec 2011 reporting period. Commencement of the development of in-country workshops. 70 laboratory staff have registered to study. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The departure of Dr Brigitte De Hulsters at the end of June 2011 has caused a delay in the reporting and follow-up of activities implemented under the project. Several delays have put the entire programme behind the original schedule and the work on preparing the teaching material did not commence until just prior to Christmas 2010. In addition, PPTC needed to subcontract further part of the work to NRL in Melbourne for preparation of the teaching material relating to HIV and Hepatitis B and C and the Kineo Pacific in Wellington for the conversion of teaching material into the 'Moodle' format. This was the first course in the Moodle format that the PPTC had developed and unfortunately the time that it was thought this would take was considerably underestimated 				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011			

		\$118,145.13	0	\$14.13	Disbursements are currently on hold due to the departure of Project Officer and further discussions and negotiations between SPC and WHO on how to move forward with the project.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	RAUNSR01 National Serology Reference Laboratory, Australia (NRL™)	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <p>During this reporting period, NRL conducted confirmatory testing for the following countries: Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Palau, and Samoa.</p> <p>Challenges</p> <p>Continued validation of the testing algorithm is currently progressing at a slow rate given that the participating countries have low rates of testing.</p> <p>Fiji MOH is considering two testing algorithms and needs to decide how to move forth. NRL will need the high volume of tests from Fiji in order to continue validation of the rapid testing algorithm. Once a decision is made on the testing algorithms used in Fiji, NRL can determine how best to progress the project and continue validating the testing algorithm.</p>				
		Disbursements		Financial Data		
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011	Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative	
		\$68,570.85	0	\$72,513.28	Disbursements on hold awaiting outcome of discussions between SPC TA team and NRL.	
RF Stream	Country	Narrative				Documents

	Project		
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	RFJPCS03 Pacific Counselling and Social Services (PC&SS)	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 diploma candidates continue to be trained and participate in the course in order to develop an in-depth understanding of the five therapies of counselling and how each therapy could be integrated to provide a holistic approach counselling support to their client • Six students from the Northern Pacific/Southern Pacific region submitted all 22 units and completed the online course. • Students are able to demonstrate the skills of different therapies and the counselling process in a stimulated role play and soon meet the requirements to acquire a diploma in counselling. • Some countries have started to utilize the services of these trainee counsellors in assisting their clients • Countries targeted include Nauru, Tonga, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, FSM, RMI, Palau, and Niue. • During this reporting period, 15 S. Pacific students attended Block 3 of the Diploma Course. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Most Significant Change Story:</p> <p><i>I had previously part of many short term workshops about counselling as a participant but never used any of the knowledge as I was confident. However there was a recognized need in the country for more people to be trained in the field and when the opportunity arose, a colleague encouraged for me to apply for the Diploma Program. During the first block of tutorials I was so confused and not motivated to study as time management was an issue for me.</i></p> <p><i>As the program developed and I completed the task required the profession has become more and more lucrative because I would obtain enough skills and knowledge to help my people who are in need of this service but don't have too many options.</i></p> <p><i>Now, in the third block of tutorials, my confident levels in the knowledge and skills of counselling increased and I look forward to being able to become competent enough to provide this service for my people back home</i></p> </div> <p>Challenges</p> <p>One of the main challenges of this project was the late submission of units or slow responses from students on re-submission of units. There are varying factors as to why students were late in submitting their required course work which included, competing obligations and work commitments, lack of</p>	

		<p>supervisory support and oversight, other technical issues, and connectivity challenges which limited the students' access to the internet, and resulting delays in the reviewing and marking of completed units.</p> <p>Another challenge that was evident through the role plays was that the students are still finding it difficult to put some of the counselling concepts into practical demonstration (application of concepts). To tackle this issue, the students were provided with a Five Therapies DVD. Students could use this as a learning tool when they are back in their respective countries and for role play practices.</p> <p>Especially in the smaller PICs, where prevalence of HIV is particularly low, the diploma candidates did not have adequate opportunities to practice and apply their counselling skills and knowledge. Secondment opportunities in Fiji will be provided for those candidates who qualify to ensure they have the chance to apply and practice their skills.</p>			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011		
		\$268,051.69	0	\$172,375.28	Project continued to under spend. A No Cost Extension to December 2012 was approved for the project.
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	R00UN02 UNAIDS Pacific in coordination and collaboration with UNDP Pacific Centre,	Programmatic Achievements/Highlights			
		<p>Two sessions of Leadership and HIV workshops were held in Fiji for the Faith Based Organizations and these were in February and April 2011. A participant each from Solomon Islands and Tonga attended the second workshop in April. A representative from Papua New Guinea attended together with UNDP's HIV/AIDS Specialist as they were interested in replicating the same event in PNG.</p> <p>An interesting observation in the above workshop was how the leaders were reluctant to discuss issues around HIV and also the defensive mood at the beginning of the workshop. By the end of the second workshop, it was quite a remarkable change and positive attitude and feelings were felt in the room</p>			

	UNICEF, UNDP and ILO under the auspices of the UN Joint Programme on HIV – Leadership Component	<p>during the 3 day workshop.</p> <p>Participants of the above FBO workshops made personal commitments to carry out work on HIV with their communities, parishes, schools and workplaces.</p> <p>At the request of the Pacific Youth Council (PYC), based at the SPC, UNAIDS was requested to introduce the TLDP concepts to the 10-member countries of PYC. This was to complement the capacity building training PYC is currently doing with the National Youth Councils of these countries. In May 2011, the first phase of the Leadership and HIV workshop was held in Funafuti, for the Tuvalu National Youth Council. In June 2011, similar trainings were held with the Palau National Youth Council, Yap State Youth Council and the Chuuk State Youth Council (FSM).</p> <p>Testimonials from the FBO leadership training:</p> <p>PNG Participant: <i>“Luke’s testimony was the highlight of Day 1 for me. It shows how influential the church can be in the Pacific. We have influenced community throughout history. People follow us, people look us. What position are the churches in the Pacific taking? Our people are looking at us. If we take a close door approach, we will see more people like Luke, rejected and pushed down. The position the church takes is very important. One thing good that has come out of HIV Epidemic in PNG is churches are starting to wake up.”</i></p> <p>Fiji Participant 1: <i>“I came to this workshop with little knowledge of HIV/AIDS. I have come to realise that I have a part to play in my role as a church worker. I have been challenged to start small, within my family, women in my church. I have been touched by Luke’s story to break the silence and to share the knowledge of HIV/AIDS, as well as speak out to the people around us. I can start small with my family and to those around us.”</i></p> <p>Fiji Participant 2: <i>“It is obvious that church leaders are still defensive in the way which we respond to issues around HIV/AIDS. We need to admit that we have failed in our role as care givers and in the provision of pastoral services to people who are affected by HIV/AIDS. We need to reflect/ re-think. After the discussion on the Nadi Declaration we need to pick up from where that has been left off.”</i></p> <p>Challenges</p> <p>There were initial issues under the project where activities were not being implemented and budget</p>	
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		burn rates were quite low. This reporting, however, period saw an increase in activities being implemented.				
		Financial Data				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative	
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011			
		\$115,007.21	0	\$84,338.26	Improvement with reporting, but continue to under spend.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	R01SFP01 Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International (FSPI)	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSPI conducted a presentation on the Stepping Stones programme with 11 Cook Islands PM and Ministers HIV STI information session. Immediately afterwards, FSPI oversaw the roll out of Stepping Stones in the Cook Islands during this reporting period. • 70 manuals, 50 journals and 20 M&E toolkits were distributed to support the roll out of Stepping Stones in the Cook Islands and support the continued implementation of Stepping Stones in Kiribati. 10 facilitators from Cook Islands and 14 from Kiribati were trained. • To continue enhancing Stepping Stones and ensuring it addresses the needs of the Pacific, additional sessions were trialled during the Cook Islands national facilitator training. These included facilitation skills and a session on sexual identity that was introduced at the Stepping Stones retreat last year from the international partner Salamander Trust. Both sessions received a lot of positive feedback from participants. • 500 hard copies of Editions 5-6 of the Stepping Stones newsletter were distributed in 2011. There continues to be positive feedback from countries regarding the newsletters. Progressively, more article contributions from country partners were received and included in the newsletter. The newsletter aims to share and promote Stepping Stones experiences from around the region and internationally, to increase collaboration around the region, and also attempts to document the impacts and success stories that are happening around the region. It is widely distributed electronically and in hard copy format. An MSC was featured for the first 				

		<p>time in Edition 5 and received positive comments from stakeholders. This is key to raising the profile of the programme and demonstrating impact of work done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 out of the 8 communities in Fiji have completed implementing Stepping Stones. FSPI continues to manage this process with Ministry of Healthy funds but is in the process of exploring a national NGO to take over this role to ensure sustainability of the program in Fiji. Post assessments and follow up visits are currently being conducted with these communities and therefore more outcome data will be collected and analysed. Since the national TOT of community facilitators, this is the most momentum Fiji has seen from community level implementation. • UN Women engaged FSPI Health program to present on the engaging men work and Stepping Stones. The two dramas were viewed and a facilitated discussion followed. This session was conducted towards the end of the training and was used as a way for the organisers to gauge how far participants had coming with their learning and grasping the content and concepts that the two week Gender training covered. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge in implementing Stepping Stones with communities and maintaining momentum with facilitators, as well as maintaining community participation and commitment. • Lack of reliable M&E data available in all Stepping Stones countries. The need for improved documenting of the impacts of the programme and the challenges faced in carrying out the M&E processes of Stepping Stones continues to arise • Stepping Stones facilitator’s ability to challenge gender stereotypes with community members • Loss of/inadequate regional technical assistance • The current Project Coordinator is set to depart FSPI in mid September. The SPC GMU anticipates a break in communication until such time a replacement is found which can impact the project. 		
		Financial Data		
		Disbursements	Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011	

		\$141,352.32	0	\$156,155.58	Project continues to under spend result to delay and reduction of disbursement.	
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RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	RNZNAF01 New Zealand AIDS Foundation (NZAF)	Programmatic Achievements/Highlights				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued support provided to SAF to improve their capacity in strategic planning. Development of work plan in progress. Next report will include SAF's updated work plan. Provided capacity building and TA in developing funding proposals for TLA in order for them to secure funding for activities targeting MSMs. Consultant identified to assist the PSDN in overseeing the recruitment and housing negotiations of the PSDN programme coordinator. Project Management Committee continues to provide input and support to the MSM Resiliency project. Next meeting planned for Q4 2011. Target countries: Tonga and Samoa. 				
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative	
Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011					
		\$233,719.69	\$101,678.99	\$233,716.84	Delayed with submission of reports but continue to maintain a good spending rate.	
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative				Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	R01PIA01 Pacific Islands	Programmatic Achievements/Highlights				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two workshops on <i>Abstract Writing and Conference Attendance</i> were held in Lautoka (February 10-11th) and Suva (February 17-18th 2011). The objective of the workshops were to support the participants to develop strong abstracts and scholarship applications, to increase the chances of Pacific people, especially Pacific PLHIV being able to participate and speak at international 				

	<p>AIDS Foundation (PIAF)</p>	<p>events such as the 10th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific. The expected outcomes of the workshop were: a first draft of an abstract and a first draft of a scholarship application. The Lautoka workshop had a total of 21 participants (12 female and 9 male) of which 14 were PLHIV. Of the 21 workshop participants, 12 completed abstract and scholarship drafts. Eight participants submitted abstracts, all of which were accepted but only one participant received a full scholarship. Due to the limited number of scholarships granted and the lack of funds to support Pacific PLHIV attendance at ICAAP only two individuals will participate in the 9th ICAAP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been significant progress in finalising the report on the <i>Experiences and Perspectives of Women Living with HIV in Fiji and Papua New Guinea</i>. In May, the report was sent out to 17 individuals for review including PLHIV, academics, researchers and development practitioners. Of the 17 individuals it was sent to the following 10 individuals provided feedback. In early July, the final draft was edited, and the design and lay-out was completed. The report was officially launched on July 22nd at the 4th Women’s Ministerial Conference in Nadi, Fiji. The launch generated significant media attention and the report is available on the PIAF website. Upon initial launch, the report is proving to be helpful in providing guidance for policy makers. • Activities were also conducted to support the presentation and promotion of the key findings of the report on the <i>Experiences and Perspectives of Women Living with HIV in Fiji and Papua New Guinea</i>. A presentation titled “A Preview of Findings: Experiences of Women Living with HIV in Fiji and Papua New Guinea” was given to country representatives working under Global Fund in the Pacific and representatives of SPC, PCSS, WHO, and UN organizations. The presentation informed the audience of the key findings and generated interest while at the same time emphasizing the human aspect of the HIV response. As mentioned above, abstracts were also submitted and accepted to present at the 9th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) and the Annual Cook Islands Health Conference 2011, which included HIV as a focus area of the conference. 	
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Most Significant Change Story:
Before the workshop (I) always heard about abstract writing and as a positive person I was interested but had limited knowledge of the importance of (using) the form they provided. During the workshop so much support was given by the facilitator, which encouraged me in putting forth what I wanted to present. Through this the importance of writing a good abstract hit me. I saw how the facilitator was ensuring what we wrote was what we were trying to say. Words had to be minimal and clear – but we had to make sure that our idea was there. At the end the finalizing of this abstract, I was confident it was going to work out – that my abstract would be accepted. At the end of the workshop and now I am more confident, but may also still need assistance. I have realized the importance of picking words carefully. As a result of facilitation of this process, I received a full scholarship and am looking forward to attending.

		<p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inaccurate budget and underestimated timeframe in implementing key activities. With the introduction and development of the RF log frame, setting targets and budgets have assisted the SR in setting more realistic targets and budgets for activities. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011		
		\$192,315.31	\$61,801.41	\$184,853.33	Continue with delayed submission of report and under spending of disbursed funds. Delayed and reduction in disbursements.
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	R01FPS01 Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International (FSPI)	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workplace policy training and HIV legal and human rights training: conducted in Tuvalu with TANGO, Tuvalu Family Health Association, the Ministry of Health, the Department of Women, the Peoples’ lawyers’ office and church leaders. Total 20 people trained. This collaboration between PIAF and FSPI is part of its on-going MOU on HIV workplace policies which continues to gain momentum and recognition from other key stakeholders and governments. Feedback from the training highlighted the important role that workplaces play in addressing HIV and AIDS and related issues. An introductory visit was also conducted with the Network Partner in Kiribati- Foundation of the Peoples of Kiribati (FSPK) to discuss plans for their HIV policy training set to be conducted within the next 6 months. Follow ups were also conducted with the Fiji, Solomon Islands and Tonga Network Partners on the 			

progress of their policies since the initial trainings were conducted last year. The general purpose of this follow up was to find out if the policies had been endorsed by the relevant governance structure as a workplace document and if implementation meetings were conducted with the HIV workplace policy focal points:

- FSPI- the FSPI policy remains in its draft form and will be presented at its AGM to be held towards the end of 2011 for their endorsement and approval as a FSPI organisational document. The implementation of the policy has begun with certain activities implemented since its formulation, notably, the attendance of staff to First Aid classes; male and female condoms made available at the office; access to information on HIV and AIDS, and related issues to all staff members and Network Partners via Stepping Stones programme.
- Partners in Community Development Fiji (PCDF) - the PCDF policy is in its final draft and is with the Board of Directors for their approval. Since the training, the Youth & Women’s officer has been appointed as the focal person responsible for the policy.
- MenFiji- the MenFiji policy is still in its draft form and has been circulated to their management collective members for their comments and feedback. The implementation of the policy was received with positive comments and its endorsement is awaiting the MenFiji launching set for this year.
- The Solomon Islands Development Trust (SIDT) - the endorsed SIDT policy continues with its implementation. SIDT has approached FSPI to provide technical assistance via gender training for SIDT staff and the planning of this activity continues.
- The draft TANGO policy will be circulated to all staff and finalised before being presented at the next TANGO Executive Committee meeting in September this year.

Challenges

- Endorsement and implementation of workplace policies continue to be a challenge for some of these organisations. It will be a matter of time and continued encouragement for these places to adopt these policies.

Financial Data

Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative
Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011		
\$302,806.80	\$22,253.34	\$148,279.47	Project continues to under spend result to delay and reduction of disbursement.

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	R01BIP01 Burnet Institute	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In consultation with the STI Working Group, Burnet Institute progressed the project and changed the project's log frame and proposed activities. Rather than formally piloting the toolkit in Fiji Burnet has proposed a second workshop to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake interactive case-study training based on the reality of introducing a POC syphilis test (for example, using Vanuatu as a context) - based on what lessons learnt during the development of the toolkit. Lessons would also be drawn from PNG- where numerous implementation issues have been faced with the roll-out of syphilis tests there. Develop a more extensive 'pre-toolkit' checklist to help MOHs assess their local setting for test suitability. Revise the draft toolkit into a less wordy, more checklist/diagram-based, final version that could be put on the SPC website. Provide an update on new tests in the research and development pipeline. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burnet Institute had to make adjustments to the original implementation plan, as outlined above, given the challenges with working with the Fiji MOH who initially agreed to be a pilot site for the toolkit. SPC GMU to negotiate a no cost extension of the project so that Burnet Institute can roll out the tool kit in the Pacific based on their proposed changes to the original proposal. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011 (AUD\$)	
Cumulative (AUD\$)	FY Jan – Jun 2011 (AUD\$)				
		\$136,217.86	\$58,930.24	\$66,167.78	Delayed with disbursement due to delayed reporting. Continue to maintain a good spending

RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative	Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	R01BIP02 Burnet Institute	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <p>Outcome 1: Strengthening Regional Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 SPC/HIV and Regional Partner M&E Working Group members reached. • Burnet also led a 3-day workshop in Suva in June 2011 for Regional Partners to share the findings of the Readiness to Plan workshops held in the three priority countries – the Solomon Islands, FSM and RMI – and to present the revised tools; and to discuss the first NSP workshop in the Solomon Islands. Regional Partners from SPC northern and Fiji offices, (including the Grant Management unit, M&E advisor, AHD program, and the HIV & STI Section Head), UNICEF, UNAIDS, UNFPA and OSSHM attended. Regional Partners were given an opportunity to use the tools. A report of the workshop agreements and actions was circulated to all partners. • Burnet presented an analysis of its capacity strengthening data collection from the three Readiness to Plan workshops conducted in Solomon Islands, RMI and FSM at the M&E consultation to develop the M&E curriculum². <p>Outcome 2: Strengthening National Capacity (Solomon Islands, FSM, RMI and Kiribati)</p> <p>Kiribati: During this reporting period, Burnet continued to advise Kiribati on the development of their NSP and how it is advisable to reflect an up to date analysis of the current situation in Kiribati.</p> <p>Solomon Islands: The QSAT and Road Map was developed in the latter part of 2010 and provided groundwork for the first NSP workshop, held in May 2011 and conducted in partnership with the National Planning Team.</p> <p>Republic Of Marshall Islands: during this reporting period, no progress was made due to staffing changes. Burnet continues to attempt to progress activities with the RMI MOH and has sought the</p>	

² Due to airline mechanical difficulties – leading to 3 flight delays in two days – Burnet presented via Skype and forwarded a copy of the presentation to UNAIDS and SPC for distribution to all stakeholders.

	<p>support of SPC to move progress along as well.</p> <p>Federated States of Micronesia: The follow-up field visit to the mid-term review of the current response took place in October 2010. During this visit, Burnet gave feedback on key findings of the Midterm review and held a meeting to discuss FSM’s ‘readiness to plan’. A copy of the Reports on the Quality of the National Strategic Frameworks, the Capacity assessment and the Road Map, as well as the feedback on the Mid Term review, arising from this workshop were circulated to SPC Northern Office and the FSM team. Agreement on the road map for developing the next NSP was reached, with the National HIV coordinator planning to take discussions up with the State HIV & STI Coordinator at the meeting scheduled for November in Yap. It was agreed that, given FSM’ workload and existing commitments, the NSP workshop would be scheduled for July 2011. Amongst Regional Partners, SPC supported the NSF process, but UNAIDS was not able to participate.</p> <p>Additional activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Palau</i> – support to complete the M&E Framework and strengthen the M&E officer’s skills; options explored included a possible field visit and sending the M&E officer to Burnet’s Field Methods course. It was determined that funds were not available to support participation in the course and the option of a field visit would be explored in 2011 due to timing. • <i>Vanuatu:</i> informal discussions with the CDO coordinator to discuss the progress of the implementation of the M&E Framework led to a request for assistance with implementation. It was agreed at the Regional Partners PME Working Group meeting that SPC would follow-up on this request in liaison with the Vanuatu Ministry of health. An MOU with the Ministry was recommended as the foundation for future cooperation. • <i>Tonga</i> requested assistance to conduct a mid-term review of its NSP. This is scheduled for October 2011.³ • <i>Samoa:</i> an approach to Samoa to offer support has not generated a response. <p>Outcome 3: Quality Resources for Strengthening Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation</p>	
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³ Cook Islands requested assistance in August with a midterm review, in preparation for its Global Fund submission. Burnet is unable to assist due to staff availability; it has advised Cook Islands of an alternate source of technical assistance.

	<p>Three tools - the Road Map, the Capacity Assessment Tool & the Quality Self-Assessment Tool, which were developed in 2010, however, were revised during this reporting period. These revised tools were shared with Regional Partners at the June Regional Partners PME Working Group Workshop in June 2011, and subsequently re-circulated.</p> <p>Challenges</p> <p>Countries unable to commit to, or deferring agreed timing for workshops and other field visits due to other emerging priorities, sometimes at short notice. This has delayed the NSP workshops in the Solomon islands and FSM; and follow-up visits to RMI and Kiribati.</p> <p>Regional Partners are unable to commit to timelines for engagement at country level</p> <p>Some regional partners are increasingly uneasy with the capacity strengthening approach of this project, identifying concerns that the focus on country ownership takes 'too long', and may be the expense of 'quality' analysis, resulting in poor quality and delays in 'deliverables' under the funding guidelines. It is also resource-intensive.</p> <p>Our approach to forging regional partnerships had been founded on a respect for the role and responsibilities of existing Regional partners. We sought to work with those with recognised expertise that complemented our NSF approach, where we could. We recognised that the strength of a regional program lay in the partnerships, rather than in claiming expertise in every area. However, some partners have now recognized that they do not have capacity for a range of reasons.</p> <p>UNDP and UNIFEM have both advised that they do not have the resources or capacity to support the development or delivery of costing and gender approaches, as initially agreed in June 2010 workshop.</p> <p>Counterbalancing the formal M&E curriculum with a focus on planning</p> <p>Current project resources cannot meet the requests of all countries nor regional partners' expectations.</p> <p>The Project was designed with some key assumptions in relation to SPC and Regional Partner contributions. We premised the design on a key assumption that Burnet provided technical support to</p>	
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		<p>strengthen the capacity of SPC, then Regional Partners, to work with countries.</p> <p>Subsequently, SPC has experience significant organizational changes: resulting in the dissolution(Southern Regional Coordinator; the Finance Manager; HIV & STI Surveillance Team) or integration of some key positions with other roles (the PRISP Coordinator); or changes in functions of some key positions (Northern Regional Coordinator, Program development officers); alongside this, the HIV & STI section has been reorganized, with key positions integrated across the Public Health program; and Grant Management unit established. In the midst of this, there has been a significant number of staff turn-over. With the M&E officer role was vacant for over 12 months, the 2 new roles are now assigned across all of PHD, raising concerns about their availability to strengthen capacity alongside meet organizational demands.</p> <p>Our budget (and staff resources) premised 3 inputs per country to develop an NSP –with SPC and UNAIDS providing support to develop the MEF. Our experience indicates more inputs and greater breadth of support is necessary. And for occasional inputs to implement the MEF, additional funds, either through country resources or elsewhere, would be required.</p>			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011		
		\$232,144.60	\$195,173.33	\$12,699.18	Delayed with disbursement due to delayed reporting. Continue to maintain a good spending rate.
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	ROIL001 International Labor Organization (ILO)	<p>Programmatic Achievements/Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project log frame and M&E framework developed and currently being finalised. • Negotiations with SPC GMU and ILO Fiji office over the terms and conditions of the Letter of Agreement have continued. Most current version of the LOA has been submitted to ILO Geneva for final review and endorsement. 			

		Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been a challenge and very time consuming in negotiating and agreeing upon the terms and conditions of the Letter of Agreement between ILO and SPC. There seems to be some breakthrough in negotiations where SPC is comfortable moving forth. A particular sticking point was coming to an agreement with regards to audit and reporting processes and requirements. SPC GMU awaiting final response from ILO Geneva. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011		
		0	0	0	Project has not yet commenced.
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	R01PCA01 Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC)	Programmatic Achievements/Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreaches conducted with the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaturekuka Prison: inmates, prison officers and their families (total reached: 92) Savulu Village: Adults, unemployed youth (total reached: 24) St. Mary Hostel: young females (total reached: 21) Labasa Fire Authority: Fire fighters on and off duty (total reached: 27) Night clubs and bars around Labasa-condom distribution The Candle light service conducted in June. This was jointly organised and conducted with the Dudley Methodist Church Circuit of the Indian Division in Fiji. The first Lady, Adi Koila Nailatikau, was the chief guest. The service was well attended with mainly parishioners from the circuit attended. Attached to this report is the Fiji Times report on the service. Challenges <p>Lack of management of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than 1.5 years to implement the project (ends 31 Dec 2012) 			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing issues and turnaround has greatly impacted PCC's ability to implement activities as planned. Lack of timely response and communication to SPC with regards to project issues Project has not progressed much as per the 2 reports SPC has received based on the implementation plan and severe underspending of grant funds Log frame and Jan-Jun 2011 report not submitted to SPC as of end of Jan-Jun 2011 reporting period. <p>Due to lack of performance and current situation within the organisation, SPC GMU is considering recommending cancellation of the grant and is considering further options.</p>			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011		
		\$98,049.21	0	\$8.59	Submission of incomplete report. No further disbursement as of now.
RF Stream	Country Project	Narrative			Documents
Stream 5 PRISP Support Grants	R00UNC01 UNICEF	Programmatic Achievements/Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Hotline Services (Vanuatu): two hotline lines accessible to young people from 8am to 6pm Mondays through Fridays and from 8am-4 every Saturdays. Total reached: 228 Females and 394 Males. Out of the 622 young people who accessed the hotline services between April and July 2011, 24 were referred to health service facilities for STI & HIV services. Youth Friendly Health Services (Solomon Islands): upgrade of the Vonunu youth friendly health service facility which is situated in an area that is close to two provincial high schools with 500 student boarders. Support to People Living with HIV (Fiji): two awareness-raising campaigns conducted by the Fiji Network of 3 People living with HIV (FJN+). Taking into account the importance of capacity building of PLWH and based on the request from FJN+, UNICEF is supporting one of the most active members of PLWH community to attend the International Conference on AIDS in Asia and Pacific (August 2011). Upon return, the FJN+ is planning to organize a series of activities focusing PLWH. 			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll out of HIV testing and counseling services in selected provinces of Solomon Islands. A two-year work-plan to strengthen HIV testing and counselling services nationwide was developed by the National HIV/STI Technical Working Group and the following activities were undertaken between March – June 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐☐☐HIV data reporting forms which capture universal HIV indicators have been developed in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services. The forms were piloted in the Choiseul province and Honiara. ☐☐☐Minimum standards for provision of HIV testing and counseling services and assessment forms were developed and piloted in 3 clinics in Honiara (Kukum, Rove and SIPPA) and 3 clinics in Choiseul Province (Polo Rural Health Centre, RH and STI/HIV Clinics in Taro Hospital). ☐☐☐A 4 day training curriculum on the use of while blood rapid tests was developed based on the CDC/WHO training programme and 18 services providers were trained in July 2011. Participants of the training were also trained in the use of the data collection and reporting forms. ☐☐☐A 15 day training curriculum was developed to train medical personnel as HIV counselors. The curriculum is based on existing training manuals and guides and was presented and approved by the HIVTC TWG. 			
		Financial Data			
		Disbursements		Total Acquittals to Jun 2011	Financial Narrative
		Cumulative	Jan – Jun 2011		
		\$387,610.09	\$138,874.09	\$ 258,293.95	Continue with delayed in submission of reports but maintain a good spending rate.