



Republic of the Marshall Islands

# Ministry of Finance

*1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report*

*FY2018*

## **Introduction:**

The report format has been adapted to feature traffic light status reporting against Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for each output area of the Ministry of Finance. This will make it easier for report users to determine the status of KPIs and were there is a critical risk requiring immediate support. Further risk information can also be gained by reviewing the Major Issues or Risks section at the end of each objective.

### **Status Key**

	Significant Issues being experienced that require immediate attention
	Potential risks or issues present – action required to prevent moving into Red status
	All activities proceeding as planned

Contact information has also been added for those responsible for each Objective to allow the report user to easily obtain further information were required directly. You can also contact the managers directly to celebrate any successes they have shared in our new section highlighting the achievements of individuals and teams.

Another feature of this new report template is that is now collecting and analyzing statistics. As it is a new report, in some instances these are not available for trend data, however measures have been put in place to collect the information and will form part of the future report content.

Thank you,

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**Outcome Area: 1: Administration**

**Objective 1.1:** Improved effectiveness and efficiency of Finance services (Ongoing process)

**Output Group:** Overall Management

1.1.1 To improve ongoing and proper management of the Ministry of Finance

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## Performance Indicators&Priority Activities

Performance Indicators & Priority Activity	Status	Comments
Training analysis completed by Jan 2017 Recommendations available to Secretary by March 2018		Employee Opinion Survey collected information on Employee training requests. ADB consultant presented findings which included recommendations for training for MOF staff. Additional trainings by world bank on capacity building.
All roles in the Ministry to have a revised Job Description. One section to be completed each Quarter		<b>Section completed this Quarter:</b> New JD for Account Payable Accountant/Custodian/Tax Auditor & Taxpayer Service Officer. Review of current JD available completed and mapped on Org chart. JD for new post, OCD/Global Forum is currently been drafted and inserted on the FY18 Org. Chart.
Performance Management. HR team to support Ministry management team to complete yearly performance evaluations for every team member. All support tasks completed (e.g. forms available, timelines and PSC communication completed)		Have developed toolkit for supervisors with new staff to manage probation performance. HR Team to support PSC performance review process in Nov.
New SOP written and implemented each quarter		<b>Name of SOP:</b> Recruitment, Induction and probation + Incident Investigation + Standards of Dress and Appearance Policy.
HRM to complete HR Task List each Quarter		Development of list has commenced.
Monitoring and compliance bi-annual audit completed/results actioned		Monitoring to commence next quarter
Ensure no repeated audit findings for procurement documentation		A Procurement Training for all ministries and agencies took place on November 2017. Checking contracts and also doing random checks on PRs to ensure all required documents are provided.
One outcome area of the MOF quarterly report audited each quarter		Auditing to commence next quarter.
Randomly select 5 employees to check clock in/out records against timesheets		Started random checks on employees

### Training

Month	Trainings held for MOF Staff	Number of attendees
October	0	0
November	2	30
December	0	0

### Turnover

Month	Number of new	Number of	Turnover percentage
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	recruits	terminations	
October	2		
November			
December		2	

## Output Group Success Stories

### Major Success or Achievement by the section or a person/s within the sector.

- Welcomed Lanes Muller to the newly created role of Tax Auditor.
- Updated FY2018 Organizational Chart.

## Major Issues or Risks

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Major Risk	Status	Action being taken resolve/reduce risk	Date to be resolved by
HR Manager and Reconciliation Accountant both resigned.		Re-opened positions	

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## Outcome Area: 2: Accounting

### Objective 2.1: Improved management and monitoring of Accounting & Reporting

#### Output Group: General Accounting

2.1.1 To ensure FMIS credibility and effectiveness

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## Performance Indicators & Priority Activities

Performance Indicators & Priority Activity	Status	Comments
Efficiently and accurately complete normal update and posting processes		Currently, there is no reject transaction in the accounting system.
Provide regular software training for Ministry personnel		No formal training contacted but ad hoc training contacted.

Progress the development of a Ministry email server and migration of all staff to same		We are up to step 2 in the following process: 1. Identify the issue / problem 2. Determine the best solution 3. Develop the server or create the domain 4. Migrate staff in the email domain 5. Train all staff in email protocols
Extend 4GOV access to Line Ministries		MOH, MOE & IMMIGRATION currently using 4gov remotely. Starting to work with MOFA and PSC.
Active involvement in "Common Transmission System" CTS Information Resources for 2018 Jurisdictions enrollment.		Working with Tax and Revenue Division looking for a suitable Common Reporting System (CRS) to meet all requirement with Global on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes.

### IT Reports

Month	Number of daily 4GOV updates	Number of transactions posted	Number of custom reports developed for Line Ministries
October	Twice a day- Monday to Friday	13,741 posted trans.	30+
November	Twice a day - Monday to Friday	11,800 posted trans.	50+
December	Twice a day - Monday to Friday	12,493 posted trans.	40+

### Service Requests

Month	Number of IT service requests completed	Average time taken to resolve IT service requests
October		
November		
December	Aiming to create a log system for keeping track of requests and time to resolve them.	

## Output Group Success Stories

### **Major Success or Achievement of the section or a person/s within the sector**

- In collaboration with Payroll section, we have successfully completed the Installment of 2018 Calendar year and also roll-leaves in the Payroll module.
- In collaboration with Account Payable, Ebeye Finance, Accounting, Procurement and Supply and Budget we were successful to transferred encumbrances from FY17 into FY18.

## Major Issues or Risks

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Major Risk	Status	Action being taken resolve/reduce risk	Date to be resolved by
Mindfulness of the FMIS Summary (Hierarchy) Listings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chart of Accounts</li> <li>• Funds List</li> <li>• Organization Structure</li> <li>• Cost Center Hierarchy</li> </ul> e.g. Sometime Federal fund transactions posted into General Fund. Revenue posted into expense accounts		Someone must be reviewing the DiLOG daily edit report before we do posting process or update daily transactions. During lunch and after working hours in a day. Analyzing the Dilog daily edit report must not be ignore  This report is accessible for all Ministry Of Finance domain users. S:\Maj_Dilog_Daily_Update_Report	ASAP
Focusing 80% on accounting stuff rather than Technology is not a good use of IT team skill.		Management to consider action/ IT must focus on 100 % on technology	ASAP
A systematic IT training program is required.		To liaise with HR to develop this problem.	

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**Outcome Area: 3: Accounting**

**Objective 3.1: Improved management and monitoring of Accounting & Reporting**

**Output Group: General Accounting**

**3.1.1: To ensure effective & efficient management of Payroll activities**

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## Performance Indicators Priority Activities

Performance Indicators & Priority Activity	Status	Comments
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Complete a reasonableness check on Total Payroll report with all significant variances explained		No significant variances.
Complete a reasonableness check on the IAC Contributions report with all significant variances explained		No significant variances.
Change over for new Accounts completed within the First Quarter of each new Financial Year		We haven't rec'd NEW cost centers from the Ministries.
Number of people included in, and the number of "special" payroll runs reduced per quarter		Thirty One emps were paid during special run.

**Payroll Processes**

Month	Total Value of Payroll	Number of IAC contributions	Number of employees included in "special" payroll runs
September	<b>1.4 million bi-wkly</b>	\$41,312.82	31
October	<b>1.4 million bi-wkly</b>	\$40,654.85	38
November	<b>1.4 million bi-wkly</b>	\$40,424.05	35

**Staff Movements**

Month	Total Staff Terminations	Number of New Appointments
September	6	8
October	9	7
November	7	6

**Output Group Success Stories**




**Major Success or Achievement by the section or a person/s within the sector**

**Major Issues or Risks**

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Major Risk	Status	Action being taken resolve/reduce risk	Date to be resolved by
No Major Risk			

**Status Key**

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**Outcome Area: 4: Accounting**

**Objective 4.1** Improving Management and Monitoring of Accounting & Reporting

**Output Group:** General Accounting

**Responsible Person (s):**

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Performance Indicators & Priority Activities

Performance Indicators & Priority Activity	Status	Comments
All monthly reconciliations are up to date	<b>Reconciled</b>	Timely preparation of bank reconciliation for all funds.
Quarterly reconciliations are completed with all Ministries (including reconciling all encumbrances)	<b>On Schedule</b>	Reconciliations are schedule to take place at the end of this month, February.
Daily Edit Report produced and cleared weekly	<b>Reconciled</b>	Daily Edit Report usually produced by our IT staffs& if there are discrepancies with any of our entries, IT usually notify us to make necessary corrections. System update take place daily.
At Quarter End, rejects equal zero	<b>Reconciled</b>	Currently, there are no reject with all transactions.
Ensure no repeated audit findings in the Accounting area	<b>Yes</b>	The most frustrating aspects of audit outcome is many of same finding. So we are to make sure that all our staffs are aware of all the finding from previous years & make sure finding are not to be repeated.

**Rejects Report and Outstanding Travel Advances 9**

Month	Number of Rejects	Total Dollar Value	Total Outstanding Travel Advances	Total Dollar Value
October				
November				
December				

**Total O/S values**

Month	Total o/s A/R	Total Dollar Value	Total o/s A/P	Total Dollar Value
October	285,024.17			
November	50,120.18			
December	90,314.00		Total A/P Outstanding	\$35,716,327.42



## Output Group Success Stories

**Major Success or Achievement by the section or a person/s within the sector**

**Major Accomplishments in the Accounting Division for FY18 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.**

- FY17 Trial Balance & supporting schedule have already submitted to the Auditors on Nov. 30, 2017, a month earlier than FY16.
- Submission of SF-425 reports to DOI for 4<sup>th</sup>Qtr 2017 & 2017 annual reports.
- Submission of FY16 close-out reports to DOI
- Update on Compact and Federal grant balances.
- Preparation of journal vouchers for the grants received from Compact, Federal & Roc grants.

## Major Issues or Risks

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## Outcome Area 5: Custom, Tax & Revenue and Treasury

**Objective 5.1:** Improved management Customs, Revenue & Taxation

**Output Group:** Revenue and Taxation (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Fiscal year 2018)

### Responsible Person (s):

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## Performance Indicators & Priority Activities

Performance Indicators & Priority Activity	Status	Comments
A Risk Rated Master List of all taxpayers developed, expanded and kept up to date		Risk Master List updated every month
The percentage of taxpayers paying tax continually improved		Percentage has increase from 69% to 72%

Ensure Arrears Management improved and totals continually falling		MEC, Air Marshall (AMI), MWSC, and Majuro Atoll Local Government arrears have fallen
Collections per annum continually improving		Collection figure are slightly increased
Survey of all RMI Taxpayers undertaken and Lessons Learned applied to ongoing tax practices		On process 65% completed
Regular Compliance visits undertaken (at least 4 visits per quarter)		32 businesses visited last quarter
Public Awareness Programming to include at least quarterly information sessions		Public awareness has been conducted by radio, and only when there is a major change and or when appropriate
Maintain momentum and seek donor assistance for Tax Reform		Awaiting parliamentary guidance
Maintain momentum and seek donor assistance for automation of tax and customs processes		Awaiting parliamentary guidance, and PAFTAC is willing to provides assistance for the fiscal years 2018-2020
Maintain momentum and seek donor assistance for development of an independent tax appeals mechanism		Awaiting parliamentary guidance
Maintain momentum and seek donor assistance for development of a Non-Tax Revenue Section within the Ministry		Awaiting additional funding

Last Quarter Results		Total	Current Quarter Results		Total
No. of taxpayers last Quarter		696	No. of taxpayers this quarter		720
Percentage of taxpayers paying tax last quarter – Business gross revenue % - Wages and salary %		<b>69%</b> <b>85%</b>	Percentage of taxpayers paying tax this quarter – Business gross revenue % - Wages and salary %		<b>76%</b> <b>88%</b>
Arrears last quarter		<b>Not calculated this qtr.</b>	Arrears this quarter		<b>Not calculated this qtr.</b>
Collections last quarter		<b>\$1,06,983.71</b>	Collections this quarter		<b>\$1,138,058.58</b>

Actions Taken	Total
Compliance visits undertaken this quarter	<b>32</b>
Awareness sessions this quarter	<b>15</b>

## Output Group Success Stories

Major Success or Achievement by the section or a person/s within the sector

- **Taxpayer master has been Establish and updated every week**
- **A new Excel System has been implemented that is a significant improvement and has the capability to support basic tax administration functions.**

## Major Issues or Risks

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Major Risk	Status	Action being taken resolve/reduce risk	Date to be resolved by
Needed funding for 12 filing cabinets - Filing Cabinets are very old/needed to replace (broken).		Have received 4 new cabinets. (taxpayer's files are safe and secured)	
IT System		New information system established that is linked to the Accounting System. Very helpful in providing a list of non filers, etc.	

### Status1 Key

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## Outcome Area 6: Custom, Tax & Revenue and Treasury

**Objective 6.1:** Improved management Customs, Revenue & Taxation

**Output Group:** Customs

### Responsible Person (s):

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## Performance Indicators & Priority Activities

Performance Indicators & Priority Activity	Status	Comments
A Risk Rated Master List of all corporate customs clients developed, expanded and kept up to date		Risk Rated Master List for all corporate customs client updated Annually for profiling and compliance rating  <b>Customs Need to develop their own;</b>

		Risk Management Committee, Risk Management Policy, Risk Management framework/strategy, Risk Register, Risk officer
Customs Collections per annum continually improving		Collections continue to improve, December collections for this quarter improved than last quarter,  <u>Customs need to address;</u> Revenue Policy exemptions, plus laws (review/amend) on HS Systems and Data Management system
Regular Compliance visits undertaken (at least 4 visits per quarter) based upon risk ratings		A total of six(6) visits to major importer, 3 compliance visits,
Harmonized System of Coding integrated into all Customs practice		TOR for HCS Working Group drafted, HS 2017 or PHCS17 almost finalized, needs adoption and implementation, External and Internal Awareness currently being undertaken, Cabinet briefing paper to seek endorsement for adoption being drafted
Data matching between Customs, Tax and MISSA undertaken regularly; regular joint meetings maintained to ensure information on high value targets is shared		Data matching is often done between Customs and Tax, and Tax and MISSA, but not with Customs and MISSA, however an inter-agency MOU for sharing information is in place with MISSA. Meetings are held on a need basis.
Maintain momentum and seek donor assistance for automation of tax and customs processes		ASYCUDA Feasibility Study have been undertaken, Tradecom Facility – assistance for Data Management using EuroTrace

Last Quarter Results	Total	Current Quarter Results	Total
No. of entries processed (2017)	1706	No. of entries processed(2017)	1071
DUTY Collections last quarter	\$1,920,488.59	DUTY Collections this quarter	\$2,089,192.94
VALUE Exempted last quarter	\$6,717,534.76	VALUE Exempted this quarter	\$5,660,718.82

Actions Taken	Total
Compliance visits undertaken this quarter	6
Awareness sessions this quarter	3

## Output Group Success Stories

### Major Success or Achievement by the section or a person/s within the sector

- Completed the feasibility study for customs automation, awaiting final report
- Almost finalize HS coding and will soon be implemented early next year

## Major Issues or Risks

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Major Risk	Status	Action being taken resolve/reduce risk	Date to be resolved by
IT	Pending	Feasibility Study undertaken	March 2018

HS Coding Systems	<b>Ongoing</b>	Need adoption and implementation	Jan 2018
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<b>Outcome Area 7:</b> Ebeye Accounting Office
<b>Objective 7:</b> Improved management and monitoring of Procurement
<b>Output Group:</b> Ebeye Office
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### Performance Indicators & Priority Activities

Performance Indicators & Priority Activity	Status	Comments
Monitor number of transactions in budget matches number of transactions		See second page for comments
All monthly reconciliations are up to date		See second page for comments
Maintain a high Level Quarterly Budget vs Actual Report for every Quarterly Report		See second page for comments
Maintain the data to prepare a Summary of "Transactions Processed" for the MoF Quarterly Report		See second page for comments

### Total Transactions Processed

Month	Total PO Transactions	Total TA Transactions	Total checks issued out
<b>October</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>85</b>

### Output Group Success Stories

#### Major Success or Achievement by the section or a person/s within the sector

- Despite the fact that we're a man short, our IT, International Funds Officer along with Assistant Secretary have shared duties done by our Chief Accountant who's currently on medical leave.

## Major Issues or Risks

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Major Risk	Status	Action being taken resolve/reduce risk	Date to be resolved by
Short Staff		Coordinate with HR division	TBD
Absenteeism, late submission of PR's, invoices		Reminder: Meet with staff along with OCS who's currently monitoring finger printing clock with Customs & Revenue	By end of January 2018

### Status Key

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## Outcome Area 7: Ebeye Office

**Objective 7.1:** Improved management Customs, Revenue & Taxation

**Output Group:** Ebeye Office

### Responsible Person (s):

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## Performance Indicators & Priority Activities

Performance Indicators & Priority Activity	Status	Comments
A Risk Rated Master List of all corporate customs clients developed, expanded and kept up to date. Each Quarter a copy to be provided to Assistant Secretary Ebeye Office and Chief of Customs		
Customs Collections per annum continually improving		15% increase of customs and revenue tax collected from previous quarter
Set up a storage area to store and process seized goods.		There isn't yet a facility on Ebeye that may accommodate goods sized. Both Finance and Customs offices are being used for storing sized goods.
Randomly select 30 containers each quarter to inspect		40 containers were checked this quarter
Check KALGOV list against revenue list for variations first quarter each year. Share report with all stakeholders.		A list has not been provided to the Revenue Office regarding new licenses despite revenue officer requesting for list.

Data matching between Customs, Tax and MISSA undertaken regularly; regular joint meetings maintained to ensure information on high value targets is shared		Data between Customs, Tax and MISSA is being exchanged at all times.
A risk rated master list of all taxpayers developed, expanded and kept up to date.		
The percentage of taxpayer's tax continuing improving		15% tax increased from previous quarter.
1 public awareness and education program per year and run an education program for Ebeve government departments and its agencies over the year.		

Last Quarter Results	Total	Current Quarter Results	Total
No. of containers searched	<u>113</u>	No. of containers searched	<u>40</u>
Value of goods seized	<u>\$</u>	Value of goods seized	<u>\$</u>
Tax collections this quarter	<u>151</u>	Tax collections this quarter	<u>232K</u>

## Output Group Success Stories




**Major Success or Achievement by the section or a person/s within the sector**

## Major Issues or Risks

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**Outcome Area 8: Budget & Procurement**

**Objective 8.1:** Improved management and monitoring of Budget and Procurement

**Output Group:** To ensure effective management (monitoring) of Procurement

**Responsible Person (s):**

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**Performance Indicators & Priority Activities**

Performance Indicators & Priority Activity	Status	Comments
Perform Five Asset Register Reconciliations with Ministries per Quarter		In process of carrying out this function
Maintain the data to prepare a Summary of "Transactions Processed" and "Average Processing Time" for the MoF Quarterly Report		A new database will replace existing one. New added features will compile reports to easily identify transaction trends.
Establish a Quarterly Reconciliation Process with all Ministries		Quarterly reconciliation is ongoing.
Ensure there are no repeated Audit Findings in the Procurement area		

**Total Transactions Processed Total Transaction Processing Time**

Month	Total
<u>October</u>	<u>287PR/PO</u>
<u>November</u>	<u>470PR/PO</u>
<u>December</u>	<u>510 PR/PO</u>

Month	Average Time
<u>July</u>	<u>3 days</u>
<u>August</u>	<u>3 days</u>
<u>September</u>	<u>3 days</u>

**Output Group Success Stories**

**Major Success or Achievement by the section or a person/s within the sector**

- Annual Procurement Training was conducted. A new SOP was established and in is effect.

**Major Issues or Risks**

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Major Risk	Status	Action being taken resolve/reduce risk	Date to be resolved by

**Status Key**



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## Outcome 9: DIDA Quarterly Report (October- December 2017)

The project implementation performance is mostly on track. In this report period, there are 11 projects in implementation with the amount of about 68 million. There are 7 projects in preparation and in appraisal with the amount of about 60 million. There are 4 projects in identification and will be further studied in the first quarter of 2018. In relation to the Grant Writing Office, due to recruitment challenge, the Grant Writer position is still vacant.

The Progress Report is prepared by DIDA Director, Jennifer Tseng.

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Projects Update						
	<u>Project Name/ Item</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Project Implementing Agency</u>	<u>Highlights</u>
1	WB- Telecommunications and ICT Technical Assistance Project	ICT	In Implementation (On Track)	0.95 million	MOF	All of the procurement activities are completed. The major consultancy contract for ICT Sector Analysis has been commenced in October.
2	WB- Pacific Resilience Program Phase I- Catastrophic Risk Insurance (PCRAFI)	Climate Financing	In Implementation (On Track)	1.5 million	MOF	The Premium for November 2017 was processed in October.
3	WB- Pacific Resilience Program Phase II (PREP II)	Climate Resilience	In Implementation (Delay in GCF funding)	44.6 million	MOF, MPW	Civil Engineering Advisor was recruited.
4	WB- Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program (PROP)	Oceanic and coastal fisheries	In implementation (moderately unsatisfactory)	8.58 million	MIMRA	Progress has been rated as moderately unsatisfactory according to WB website. The necessary restructuring assessment will be carried out in the first quarter of 2018 for

						comprehensive evaluation, including project structure and design.
5	WB- Sustainable Energy Development Project	Energy	Approved (On Track)	34 million	MOF, MEC	The project was approved by the WB Board in December 2017.
6	WB- Enhancing the Performance in Public Financial Management	Governance	In Preparation (On Track)	5-6 million	MOF	Project Preparation Advance (0.9 million) was approved.
7	WB- Regional Maritime Project	Maritime	In Identification (On Track)	15 million	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation mission scheduled in February 2018.</li> <li>Project Preparation Advance requested.</li> </ul>
8	WB- Human Development- Early Childhood Intervention	Human Development	In Identification (On Track)	TBC	TBC	Scoping mission is scheduled in November 2017
9	WB- Household Income and Expenditure Survey	Governance	In Preparation (Delay)	0.4 million	EPPSO	SPC (project partner) were required to re-design the project methodology in order to meet the WB standards and requirements. The commencement of project is delayed to March 2018.
10	EU- EDF 11th	Energy	In Implementation (Delay)	9.1 million EURO	MOF, EPD	EU has agreed to release the first tranche (1.5 million Euro) in March 2018, pending on official confirmation from HQ.
11	EU- Program Estimate 2	Energy	In Implementation (EU Internal Issue)	0.215 million EURO	MOF	The PE2 was due and preparation for project closing should be initiated in the first quarter of 2018.

12	EU- GIZ ACSE Outer Islands High School Water Resilience Project	Water	In Implementation (On Track)	0.125 million EURO	MOF, CSO	Key procurement for water harvesting and storage facilities and materials was completed.
13	ADB- TA8581 Kwajalein Atoll Local Government Public Financial Management Capacity Improvement Project	Governance	In Implementation	69,423.00	KALGOV	The FMIS system was installed and the first users training was completed.
14	ADB- Public Financial Management Project	Governance	In Implementation (On Track)	2 million	MOF	The project was approved in Oct. 2017.
15	ADB- Improving the Quality of Basic Education in the North Pacific Project	Education	In Implementation (On Track)	8 million	PSS	Inception mission completed in October
16	ADB- Ebeye Water Supply and Sanitation Project	Water and Sanitation	In Implementation (Actual Problem)	19.02 million	KAJUR	Delays in contract awards. No new updates.
17	ADB- Majuro Power Network Strengthening	Energy	In Implementation (On Track)	2 million	MEC	The Financing Agreement was signed in Nov. 2017.
18	ADB- TA9225 Majuro Power Network Strengthening	Energy	In Implementation (On Track)	0.75 million	MEC	The final report was pending with ADB's internal clearance.
19	ADB- Majuro Water and Sanitation Project	Water and Sanitation	In Identification (On Track)	TBC (5-6 million)	MWSC	2018 Pipeline Project
20	ADB- MEC Fuel Tank Farm Refurbishment	Energy	In Identification (On Track)	TBC (5-6 million)	MEC	2018 Pipeline Project

21	ADB- GCF Pacific Renewable Energy Investment Program	Energy	In Preparation (On Track)	20 million	MEC	2018 Submission
22	New Zealand- RMI Renewable Energy Project	Energy	In Preparation (Delay)	1 million	MEC, EPD	Partnership Agreement is still in preparation.