

GCF Observer Network of Civil Society, Indigenous Peoples, and Local Communities
Intervention on

SAP034: Akamatutu'anga To Tatou Ora'anga Meitaki (ATOM): Building a healthy and resilient Cook Islands Community – one block at a time

Access the document: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b38-02-add01>

We welcome this first single country adaptation simplified approval project in the Cook Islands by the country's direct access entity with a focus on building a climate-resilient health system by strengthening the capacity and service provision of the country's health system, targeting some of the more remote islands. We particularly appreciate the efforts by the DAE to incorporate traditional and indigenous knowledge and be inclusive of all gender groups and identities, recognizing the targeted approach to the empowerment of women and members of the rainbow community.

We feel, however, that the Gender Action Plan, in light of this particular focus, is not sufficiently resourced. With just about 60,000 USD for a five-year implementation period or 0.5% of the overall project budget, not enough spending is targeted toward outlined activities and priorities. We would like to see this budget upgraded commensurate with the importance the project assigns to gender responsiveness and would consider a 5% share more appropriate. We also like to see the link of the GAP to the project log frame strengthened to ensure that gender equity in benefits and through the empowerment of women and diverse gender groups can be achieved.

###