

**ADB GEF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)**

(This report covers implementation period from July1,2023 to June30,2024 including recently closed projects covering the reporting period)

**ADB Official Project Title:** South Tarawa Water Supply Project (Additional Financing)  
**ADB Project Number:** 49453-004

**I. GEF PROJECT SUMMARY**

**Project Ratings:**

Development Objective Rating (DO): Satisfactory (S)

Implementation Progress Rating (IP): Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)

Risk Rating: Low Risk (L)

**Information on Progress, challenges and outcomes on project implementation activities**

Implementation of the GEF activities have not yet commenced. The activities will commence after the contract to upgrade the South Tarawa water supply network is awarded and the costs are known.

**Information on Progress, challenges and outcomes on Environment and Social Sageguards**

None to date.

**Information on Progress, challenges and outcomes on stakeholder engagement**

None to date.

**Information on Progress on gender-responsive measures**

None to date.

**Knowledge activities/ Products**

None to date.

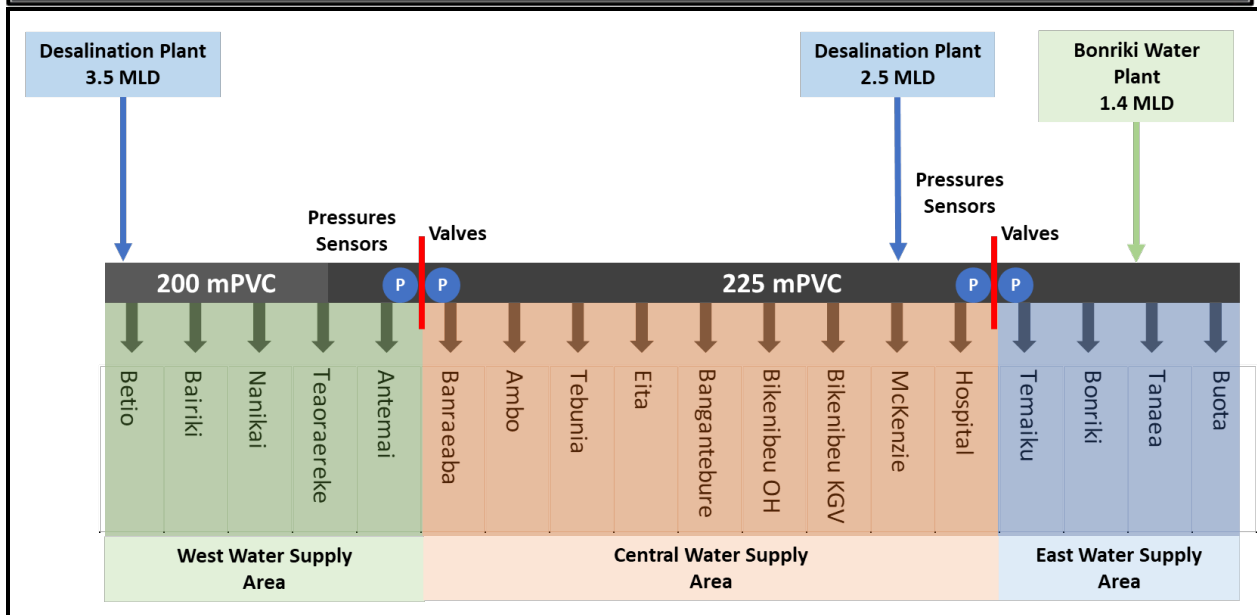
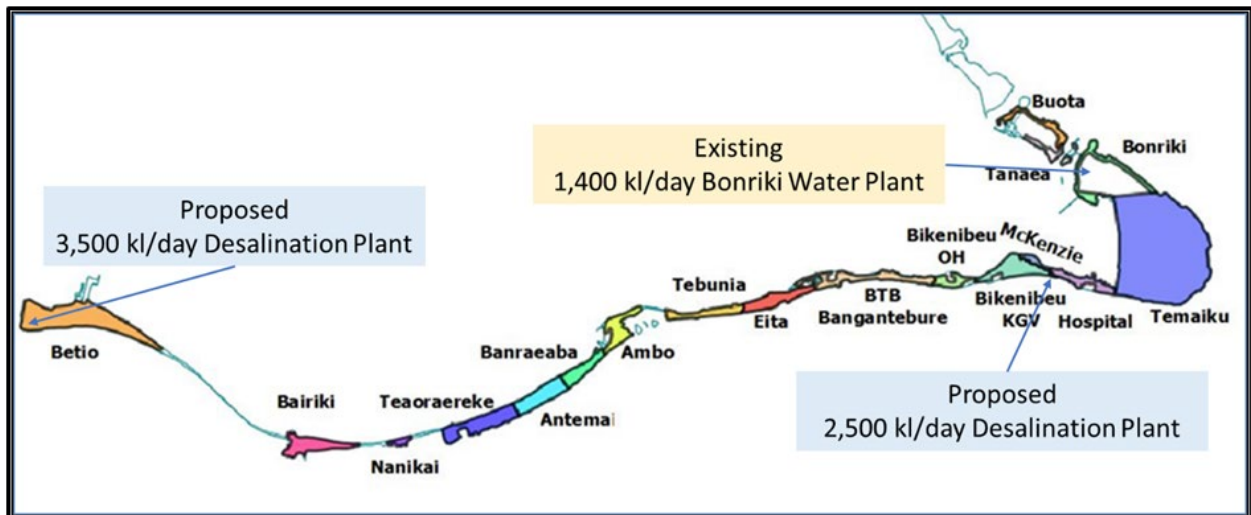
**Grievances**

None to date.

**GEO LOCATION INFORMATION**

Location Name	Latitude (WGS84 Format)	Longitude (WGS84 Format)	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Tarawa	N 1° 19' 40"	E 172° 58' 37"	Tarawa Atoll	-	-
South Tarawa	N 1° 23' 42"	E 173° 8' 17"	South Tarawa	Urban areas across the southern islets from Bonriki to Beti 9 a distance of 24km).	

**Project map and coordinates**



**PROJECT MINOR CHANGE IN SCOPE/MINOR AMMENDMENTS**

No scope changes to date.

- Results framework: Nil
- Components and cost: Nil
- Institutional and implementation arrangements: Nil
- Financial management: Nil
- Implementation schedule: Nil
- Executing Entity: Nil
- Executing Entity Category: Nil
- Minor project objective change: Nil
- Safeguards: Nil
- Risk analysis: Nil
- Increase of GEF project financing up to 5%: Nil
- Co-financing: Nil
- Location of project activity: Nil
- Other: Nil

**FOR SCCF/LDCF INDICATORS:**

<p>CORE INDICATOR 1: Total Number of Direct Beneficiaries</p>	<p>Male: 34,000 Female:36,000</p> <p>This is equivalent to 95% of South Tarawa Population in 2027, of which 51.5% are women.</p>
<p>CORE INDICATOR 2: Dependent on results of options analysis. Either:</p> <p>(i) Lenth of causeways strengthened to protect vulnerable water supply infrastructure against climate change damage; or</p> <p>(ii) Length of climate resilient watermains constructed</p>	<p>(i) 2km</p> <p>(ii) 37.6km</p>
<p>CORE INDICATOR 3: Number of institutional partnerships established or strengthened</p>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• common information/data platform,</li> <li>• Asset management center of excellence</li> </ul>

## II. Project Profile

1. General Information	1	GEF ID	10173
	2	Focal Area(s)	Climate Change
	3	Region	Pacific
	4	Country	Kiribati
	5	GEF Project Title	South Tarawa Water Supply Project
	6	Project Size (FSP; MSP)	FSP
	7	Trust Fund (GEFTF; SCCF; LDCF)	LDCF
2. Milestone Dates	8	GEF CEO Endorsement Date (mm/dd/yy)	01/04/21
	9	ADB Approval Date if the GEF Fund (mm/dd/yy)	12/13/22
	10	GEF Grant Signing of the GEF Fund (mm/dd/yy)	01/04/21
	11	Implementation Start Date of the Project and of the GEF Component (mm/dd/yy)	02/15/25
	12	Date of 1st GEF Grant Disbursement (mm/dd/yy)	?
	13	Final date of GEF Grant Disbursement (mm/dd/yy)	12/31/27
	14	Proposed/Revised Implementation End (mm/dd/yy)	06/30/27
3. Funding	15	Actual/Proposed Implementation End (mm/dd/yy)	06/30/27
	16	Actual/Proposed Financial Closure Date (mm/dd/yy)	12/31/27
	18	PPG/PDF Funding (USD)	
	19	GEF Grant (USD)	\$4,587,156
	20	Total GEF Fund Disbursement as of 30 June 2024(USD)	\$87,480,000
	21	Confirmed Co-Finance at CEO Endorsement (USD)	\$4,587,156
4. Evaluations	21	Materialized Co-Finance at project mid-term (USD)	\$87,480,000
	22	Materialized Co-Finance at project completion (USD)	N/A
	23	Actual/Proposed Mid-term date (mm/dd/yy)	05/27/24 – 05/31/24
	25	Proposed Terminal Evaluation date (mm/dd/yy)	06/30/2028
	26	Actual Terminal Evaluation Date (mm/dd/yy)	N/A
	27	Tracking Tools Required (Yes/No/ Focal Area TT)	No
	28	Tracking Tools Date - if applicable (mm/dd/yy) Midterm Tracking Tool Terminal Evaluation Tracking Tool	

### III. Project Implementation

#### A. Project Description:

The project is in South Tarawa, the capital and largest urban center in Kiribati with a population exceeding 63,000 people. The project objective is to improve the health and climate change resilience of South Tarawa’s population. The project will have the following outcome: access of South Tarawa’s population to safe, climate-resilient water supplies increased. The project has four outputs: (i) climate-resilient and low-carbon water supply infrastructure, (ii) capacity of Ministry of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy (MISE) and Public Utilities Board (PUB) to effectively manage water supply infrastructure increased, (iii) awareness of WASH and climate change issues raised, and (iv) project implementation is managed efficiently and effectively.

The GEF/LDCF funds will contribute towards the costs of climate-resilient and low-carbon water supply infrastructure including: (i) assessment of the costs and benefits of (a) strengthening the Stewart Causeway, Anderson Causeway and the Nanikai – Bairiki Causeway and (b) contributing to the upgrading of the water supply network, notably in the eastern areas of Buota, Bikenibeu and Bangantebure; (ii) selection of an optimal intervention strategy; (iii) design and procurement of the optimal measures to ensure critical infrastructure is protected against climate change impacts; (iv) construction of optimal protection measures; and (v) documentation of impact of protection measures.

The GEF/LDCF funds will contribute towards the costs of increasing the capacity of MISE and PUB to effectively manage water supply infrastructure including: (i) development and implementation of an Integrated management information system for climate resilience; and (ii) development and implementation of a strategic asset management system for climate resilience.

#### B. Implementation Progress (IP) Rating:

Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU). No activities have commenced.

##### a. GEF Grant Disbursement

No disbursements to date.

##### b. Stakeholders Engagement

No activities to date.

##### c. Gender Action Plan Implementation Status

No activities to date.

##### d. Social and Environmental Safeguard Plan Implementation Status

No activities to date.

#### C. Global Environmental Benefits (GEB) Objective/ Development Objective (DO) Rating:

Satisfactory (S).

**D. Risk Rating:**

Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)

**E. Overall Rating of the Project:**

**Overall Rating: Satisfactory**

**F. Additional Comments – Good Practices And Lessons Learned:**

**G. Knowledge activities / products:**

Nil

**H. Location Data:**

The project covers all urban areas of South Tarawa from Bonriki to Betio (comprising 18 urban areas). The location of the GEF-funded activities will be determined following the selection of an optimal intervention strategy.

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**For Projects that have conducted Midterm Review Mission (from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024)****IV. Midterm Review****Midterm Project Ratings:**

Development Objective Rating at MTR (IP): Satisfactory (S)

Implementation Progress Rating at MTR (DO): Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU) due to implementation delays.

Risk Rating at MTR: Modest Risk (M)

**Information on Progress, challenges and outcomes on stakeholder engagement (based on the description of the Stakeholder engagement plan included at CEO Endorsement/Approval)**

Please refer to the attached semi-annual safeguard reports and quarterly reports for a summary of stakeholder consultations.

**Information on Progress on gender-responsive measures as documented at CEO Endorsement/Approval in the gender action plan or equivalent**

Refer to quarterly reports for the status of gender responsive measures.

**Knowledge activities / products (based on the Knowledge management approach approved at CEO Endorsement / Approval) and lessons learned (if available)**

Nil

**Main Findings of the MTR**

Implementation is delayed. Measures are required to expedite implementation.

**Core Indicators:**

N/A



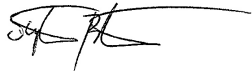
**V. Materialized Cofinancing**

**Co-financing Table**

*Materialized Co-financing* [Please refer to the CEO ENDORSEMENT DOCUMENT for the planned co-financing amounts]

Sources of Co-financing <sup>1</sup>	Name of Co-financer	Type of Co-financing <sup>2</sup>	Amount Confirmed at CEO endorsement / approval	Actual Amount Materialized at <b>Midterm</b>	Actual Amount Materialized at <b>Closing</b>
MDB	ADB	Grant	\$13,000,000	\$28,000,000	
MDB	GCF	Grant	\$28,630,000	\$28,630,000	
MDB	World Bank	Grant	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	
MDB	GEF (LDCF)	Grant	\$4,587,156	\$4,587,156	
Government	Government of Kiribati	Grant	\$7,240,000	\$10,846,320	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,417,156</b>	<b>\$85,023,476</b>	

Explain “Other Sources of Co-financing”: Additional financing of \$20 million was approved by ADB in December 2022.



Signature:

Name of Project Officer: Stephen Blaik  
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Date: 15 September 2024.

<sup>1</sup> Sources of Co-financing may include: Bilateral Aid Agency(ies), Foundation, GEF Agency, Local Government, National Government, Civil Society Organization, Other Multi-lateral Agency(ies), Private Sector, Other

<sup>2</sup> Type of Co-financing may include: Grant, Soft Loan, Hard Loan, Guarantee, In-Kind, Other

## ANNEX C: DEFINITION OF RATINGS

### Implementation Progress Ratings

**Highly Satisfactory (HS):** Implementation of **all** components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised implementation plan for the project. The project can be presented as “good practice”.

**Satisfactory (S):** Implementation of **most** components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan except for only a few that is subject to remedial action.

**Moderately Satisfactory (MS):** Implementation of **some** components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with **some** components requiring remedial action.

**Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU):** Implementation of **some** components is not in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with **most** components requiring remedial action..

**Unsatisfactory (U):** Implementation of **most** components is not in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.

**Highly Unsatisfactory (HU):** Implementation of **none** of the components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.

### Global Environment Objective/Development Objective Ratings

**Highly Satisfactory (HS):** Project is expected to achieve or exceed **all** its major global environmental objectives, and yield substantial global environmental benefits, without major shortcomings. The project can be presented as “good practice”.

**Satisfactory (S):** Project is expected to achieve **most** of its major global environmental objectives, and yield satisfactory global environmental benefits, with only minor shortcomings.

**Moderately Satisfactory (MS):** Project is expected to achieve **most** of its major relevant objectives but with either significant shortcomings or modest overall relevance. Project is expected not to achieve **some** of its major global environmental objectives or yield some of the expected global environment benefits.

**Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU):** Project is expected to achieve of its major global environmental objectives with major shortcomings or is expected to achieve only **some** of its major global environmental objectives.

**Unsatisfactory (U):** Project is expected **not** to achieve **most** of its major global environment objectives or to yield any satisfactory global environmental benefits.

**Highly Unsatisfactory (HU):** The project has failed to achieve, and is not expected to achieve, **any** of its major global environment objectives with no worthwhile benefits.

### Risk Rating

Risk ratings will assess the overall risk of factors internal or external to the project which may affect implementation or prospects for achieving project objectives. Risks of projects should be rated on the following scale:

**High Risk (H):** There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks.

**Substantial Risk (S):** There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold and/or the project may face substantial risks.

**Modest Risk (M):** There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/ or the project may face only modest risks.

**Low Risk (L):** There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/ or the project may face only modest risks.