



COOK ISLANDS INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Government of the Cook Islands

Final 3.20

Cyclone Pat Recovery and Reconstruction

Phase 2: Aitutaki School Recovery and Reconstruction Work

Activity Completion Report



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Attachments:

1. *Financial Acquittal Report*

Executive Summary

The second and final phase of the cyclone recovery and reconstruction work at the Aitutaki schools commenced in October 2010 and concluded in April 2011.

A total of NZ\$236,751 (budget: \$299,914) of New Zealand aid funding was committed to completing the phase 2 work at Araura Primary School, Araura College, and Vaitau Primary School.

Background

Araura Primary School, Araura College and Vaitau Primary School underwent emergency repairs shortly following Tropical Cyclone Pat. Approximately NZ\$80,000 in New Zealand aid and in country funding was put towards making safe school property so schools could reopen.

In June 2010 the Cook Islands Investment Corporation submitted a proposal for aid funding, to complete phase 2 of cyclone recovery and reconstruction work. Such work included reconstruction of the destroyed classroom at Araura College; refurbishment of all concrete water tanks and installation of UV filters; and replacement of louver window frames right throughout the three schools.

Funding was approved and work commenced in October 2010.

Objectives Achieved

Following Tropical Cyclone Pat, the Cook Islands Investment Corporation identified the priority order for carrying out the Recovery and Reconstruction work to the affected Government properties. The priorities and their objectives are aligned to the achievements in the following table.

Priority	Aitutaki Schools (Araura Primary, Araura College and Vaitau Primary)
<i>Priority 1: Immediate Recovery</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate relief of essential public services (i.e. Education) – providing immediate weatherproofing and building security, and restoration of failed utilities • Public safety and building security – securing of buildings or building components, demolition and clearance of derelict buildings or components, to mitigate public health and safety risks and/or prevent further structural deterioration/damages 	Completed in part by NZDF personnel and in part by CIIC under the Schools Emergency Repairs funding arrangement.
<i>Priority 2: Medium to Long Term Recovery</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration Education facilities – restoring public schools to full operations as prior to Cyclone Pat 	Education facilities have been restored or improved under this funding arrangement.

Activities Completed

The following scope of works is complete.

1. Araura Primary School

- Replacement of louver window frames with Altair louver system
- Rehabilitation of water tanks and installation of UV filtration units

2. Araura College

- Reconstruction of Araura College woodwork classroom
- Replacement of louver window frames with Altair louver system
- Rehabilitation of water tanks and installation of UV filtration units

3. Vaitau Primary School

- Replacement of louver window frames with Altair louver system
- Rehabilitation of water tanks and installation of UV filtration units

Activity Costs

Following is the financial status at 30 April 2010.

Activity	Budgeted Cost	Actual Cost	Variance (Budget vs Actual Cost)
a. Araura Primary School			
• Materials	35,275	32,053	3,222
• Labour	11,970	10,989	981
• Others	3,205	2,748	457
Subtotal	50,450	45,790	4,660
b. Araura College			
• Materials	133,126	93,568	39,558
• Labour	56,742	40,450	16,292
• Others	9,806	5,636	4,170
Subtotal	199,674	139,654	60,020
c. Vaitau Primary School			
• Materials	35,025	35,915	(890)
• Labour	11,640	11,801	(161)
• Others	3,125	3,591	(466)
Subtotal	49,790	51,307	(1,517)
Total Activity Costs	299,914	236,751	63,163

Challenges and Lessons Learnt

International material supplies

As anticipated, the supply of louver frames from the manufacturer in Malaysia caused a delay on delivery and installation. Despite the inclusion of an allowance in delivery time for possible shipping delays, the actual delay was well beyond what was allowed. It was later learnt that the supplier, Rarotonga Glass and Aluminium, did not have direct contact with the Malaysian company, instead there was a New Zealand agent dealing with the manufacturer. As a result we were unable to get timely or accurate updates on delivery/shipping.

Lessons learnt: Tracking the shipment of materials from international suppliers was overlooked in the procurement planning stage. Although we are unable to influence shipping timeframes, tracking times will enable timely schedule review and adjustments if or when delays occur. Shipping delays cannot be mitigated and must therefore be managed appropriately.

Conclusion

The Cook Islands Investment Corporation believes it has achieved the objectives of this project and therefore brings it to an end.

The Corporation is grateful for the considerable financial and other material support of the New Zealand Government. The Corporation would also like to acknowledge the efforts and contributions of the Aitutaki Recovery Committee, the Ministries of Education, Health, and Infrastructure and Planning, and the contractors and suppliers.

Kia orana e Kia Manuia

3. Statement

I declare that the above information is true and correct and confirm:

1. MFAT funds were received and used only for the agreed purpose(s), and
2. All conditions attached to MFAT's funding have been met, and
3. MFAT funds have been fully utilised for the intended purpose, OR
There are unspent funds and I understand that MFAT will deduct this amount from the next tranche payment OR a cheque is attached returning these funds to MFAT.

ANNE TAORO

Full Name (in block capitals)

PROPERTY MANAGER.

Title / Position



Signature

02 MAY 2011

Date