

The project commenced from 2017 and expected to be completed by end of 2018

3. Project Objective

The objective of the project is to strengthen the way Geographic Information System (GIS) Officers of the Government of Kiribati collect, process, analyze and present digital land use information as well as inform stakeholders and decision makers about the coastal vulnerability of Kiribati communities.



4. Expected Outcomes

The project is working to:

1. Enhance skills of GIS officers
2. Complete coastal land use vulnerability assessment at selected locations
3. Involve communities in the mapping & vulnerability assessment exercises.



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1. Background to Programme

The EU-GIZ Adapting to Climate Change & Sustainable Energy (ACSE) Programme is a regional project funded by the European Union under the EDF10 programme.

The ACSE Programme seeks to assist Pacific Island countries to attain priorities expressed in regional frameworks and national policies for sustainable energy and climate change adaptations.

Under EU-GIZ ACSE, Kiribati secured €650,000 for two nationally selected projects, one focusing on sustainable energy, and this one, focusing on land use and coastal vulnerability mapping.

The Office of Te Beretitenti (OB) is the coordinating agency for the ACSE Programme with the Kiribati National Expert Group (KNEG) on Climate Change & Disaster Risks as the coordinating & advisory committee. The German International Cooperation (GIZ) Pacific Office in Suva provide additional technical and administrative support to the project.

2. Land Use & Coastal Vulnerability Assessment, Kiribati

The Land Use & Coastal Vulnerability Assessment is a climate change adaptation project of ACSE implemented in-country by the Land Management Division of Ministry of Environment, Lands & Agriculture Development. (MELAD).

The Geo-Resources Division of the Pacific Community (SPC) is the implementing partner. The project is an enabling environment project that entails strengthening the evidence base for decision making through development, application and institutionalization of analysis tools for coastal land use mapping. The KI09 project works through a Technical Team comprised of GIS users and coastal stakeholders from government agency namely Minerals Division of Ministry of Fisheries, the Environment & Conservation Division of MELAD and Civil-Coastal Engineering Unit of Ministry of Infrastructure & Sustainable Energy working together with the implementing agency.