

Project Performance Report on RAS0092 Follow-up of RAS0086

Enhancing the Strategic Management of the Programme under the Regional
Cooperative Agreement of Research, Development and Training Related to
Nuclear Science and Technology for Asia and the Pacific



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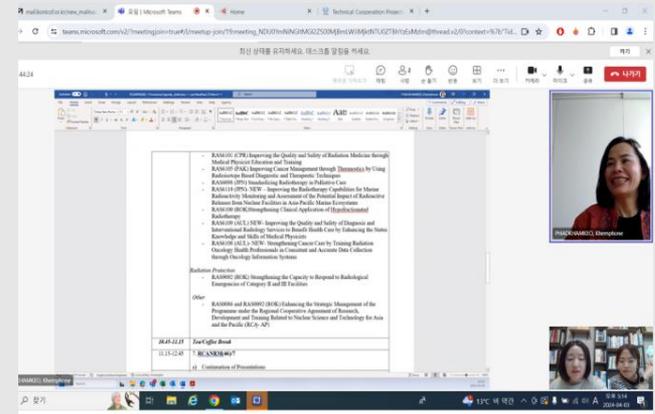
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Project title	Enhancing the Strategic Management of the Programme under the Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology for Asia and the Pacific (RCA)
Project number	RAS0092
Thematic area/ Field	Others / (01) Capacity establishment, programme knowledge management and facilitation of cooperation among Member States
Lead country	Republic of Korea
Phase of implementation	First year (24/25 cycle for 4 years)
Date of presentation	May 2024
Budget allocation	TCF 19,687.50 / EB from donor countries (RAS0092: AUS, PHL) (RAS0086: ROK, AUS, PHL, MYS)
Sustainable Development Goal	17 - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development
Project Objective	To ensure the effective and efficient operation and management of the RCA programme to support the RCA mechanism to achieve its vision.
Intended Outcome	Enhanced RCA management capacity in the promotion and application of nuclear technologies in the region.



Unofficial kick-off meeting between RCA Focal Person and ALCC (KONICOF)

- Date : 3 April 2024
- Objective
 - ① to review and evaluate the current status of project budget
 - ② to discuss forthcoming plans
 - ③ to decide methods for sharing information to facilitate implementation of activities



03 Key findings from recent review

Difficulties

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| 01 | Managing and monitoring | Several activities planned during the Project Design Meeting ('23.2) have changed |
| 02 | Budget utilization | The availability of the budget for implementation needs to be verified with the Financial Department |
| 03 | Lack of standardized framework for determining activities | There is an absence of a standardized framework to prioritize activities |

Future Plan

Hold official kick-off meeting

The priorities need to be revisited and finalized during the meeting to support the follow-up of strategic decisions of the identified outputs
ex) Social and Economic Assessment is to be added as one of the priorities

Output	Indicator and baseline	Targets	Status of achievement on each target
1. Revised and amended policies, processes and procedures such as GoR, MTS and RPF	Adoption of the document by the NRs	Not applicable	In progress
2. Enhanced contribution of RCA TC projects that are in the priority areas solve regional issues	The RCA TC projects conform to the RPF and they are successfully implemented	All RCA projects are completed within the implementation cycle	In progress
3. Formulated sustainable HRD strategies for applying nuclear technology	Adequate human resource capability for implementing nuclear technology application	At least one partnership for nuclear technology application	Should be discussed further
4. Developed strategy for resource mobilization to attract financial resources available for the RCA	RCA GPs succeed in attracting funds from new sources	At least one new source per project cycle	Should be discussed further
5. Facilitated knowledge-sharing and technology diffusion for uptake of the technology by end-users	-Number of technologies being presented for adoption -End-user responses	-One in every thematic sector -80% positive	Should be discussed further
6. Developed strategies for the inclusion of matters in Ministerial Declaration during the 50th Anniversary in RCA projects	Inclusion of matters in Ministerial Declaration during the 50th Anniversary in RCA projects	All projects contain relevant elements of the Ministerial Declaration	Should be discussed further

- Review and assessment of RCA management are to be conducted regularly by LCC and RCA Focal Person as well as by the RCA Chair.
 - To decide the number and extent of support for relevant activities, LCC and RCA Focal Person are to go over the work plan documents containing objectives, specific schedules, the number of participants, and any other relevant matters.
 - Under particular circumstances, it may be appropriate to seek advice from the NRs or Working Group Chairs.
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- Regular check-up of the budget each year is crucial as the project heavily relies on EB from the RCA Government Parties.

- Generally, there is low managerial risk within control.
- However, one potential risk could be related to insufficient funds to support proposed activities.
- LCC, RCA Focal Person, and the GPs may discuss budgets for suggested activities, and additional funds need to be mobilized.

Successfully supported..

- The arrangement of meetings related to RCA policy meetings (NRM, GCM) and implementation of actions related to Working Groups and PAC
- Execution of the social and economic impact assessment of mutation breeding, non-destructive testing and radiotherapy technologies
- A number of home-based assignments and expert missions



Hold an Official Kick-off Meeting after 46th NRM to finalize the workplan

Participants for the meeting shall include LCC, RCA Chair, EB donors and IAEA

Thank you for your attention.