



Investment Phase: Progress update

Nauru

July 2026

Systematic Observations
Financing Facility

**Weather
and climate
data for
resilience**



General Information

Country	Nauru	
Implementing Entity	UNEP	
Agreement effectiveness date	07 December 2025	
Duration	60	
Anticipated end date	07 December 2030	
Reporting period	From: 01 January 2026	To: 30 June 2026
Approved amount	Total: USD 6,194,528.53 UNEP: USD 5,913,653.53 WMO: USD 280,875	
Disbursed amount	Total: USD 5,415,903.81 UNEP: USD 5,322,288.18 WMO: USD 93,615.64	

Summary

Highlights of key achievements

Note: During the reporting period, the Republic of Nauru officially adopted the name “Naoero”. Accordingly, “Naoero” is used throughout this report.

Following the approval of the SOFF Investment Phase for Naoero in October 2025 and the commencement of implementation arrangements in late 2025, UNEP continued supporting preparatory activities during the first half of 2026 to establish the institutional, legal, and partnership arrangements required for project implementation. A major focus during the reporting period was the identification and confirmation of implementation partners, completion of due diligence requirements, and preparation for the formalization of cooperation arrangements.

During the reporting period, Naoero Meteorology, Hydrology Services (NMHS) confirmed that the National Emergency Services (NES) would be the designated Executing Entity for the SOFF Investment Phase in Naoero. Following this confirmation, UNEP initiated and advanced the due diligence process required for the establishment of a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with NES. Extensive exchanges took place between UNEP and NES concerning legal registration documents, constitutional and administrative frameworks, institutional policies and procedures, annual reports, procurement and financial management systems, and safeguarding arrangements. NES provided a range of supporting documents and worked closely with UNEP to address information requirements and clarify institutional arrangements.

Engagement continued with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) regarding potential support for capacity development, meteorological data management systems, WIS 2.0 implementation, and website development activities. NMHS formally sought confirmation of SPREP’s availability and interest in supporting selected project activities.

In parallel, NMHS engaged with Earth Sciences New Zealand (ESNZ) regarding potential involvement as a technical partner under the SOFF Investment Phase. ESNZ expressed its interest in supporting implementation and discussions were initiated regarding potential areas of cooperation. These included training in meteorological observations, station maintenance, data management, communications systems, WIS 2.0, procurement planning, infrastructure support, calibration activities, and long-term operation and maintenance of observing systems. Discussions also clarified that the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) continues to serve as the SOFF Peer Advisor under a separate arrangement coordinated by WMO, while partner allocations under the Investment Phase remain under consideration.

Overall, the reporting period focused on establishing the institutional, financial, and partnership foundations required for implementation of SOFF-supported activities in Naoero. These preparatory efforts are expected to facilitate the formalization of cooperation agreements and commencement of implementation activities during the next reporting period.

Next Steps

During the next reporting period, UNEP will continue working with NES to finalize due diligence requirements and complete the formalization of cooperation arrangements required for project implementation. This will include completion of remaining documentation requirements and progression of the Project Cooperation Agreement process.

UNEP and NMHS will also continue consultations with SPREP, Earth Sciences New Zealand, and other relevant partners to finalize technical partnership arrangements and activity allocations. Once these arrangements have been agreed, implementation planning will advance for capacity development, observing infrastructure, data management systems, and long-term operation and maintenance activities supported under the SOFF Investment Phase.

Progress of implementation

Output	Indicator	Target					Actual					Status	Milestones achieved	Challenges and risks	
		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5				
1. GBON institutional and human capacity developed															
1.1 National consultations , including with CSOs and other relevant stakeholders conducted	Number of workshops and stakeholder consultations (1.1.91)	2	2	2	2	2						Not yet started			
	Gender Action Plan and Gender Gap Analysis developed (1.1.92)	0	1	0	0	0						Not yet started			
1.2 NMHS institutional capacity required to operate the GBON network developed	Opportunities for regional coordination of calibration, trainings, maintenance and repair etc. identified (1.2.91)	0	0	1	0	0						Not yet started			
	Ground floor for the NES HQ building constructed (1.2.92)	0	0	1	0	0						Not yet started			
1.3 NMHS human capacity required to operate the GBON network developed	Number of trainings provided to NMHS staff (1.3.91)	1	2	2	2	1						Not yet started			
2. GBON infrastructure in place															
2.1 New land-based stations and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of new stations installed as per the GBON National Contribution Plan (2.1.1)	0	0	1	0	0						Not yet started			
2.2 Improved land-based stations and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of stations improved as per the GBON National Contribution Plan (2.2.1)	0	1	0	0	0						Not yet started			
2.3 New upper air stations and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of new stations installed as per the GBON National Contribution Plan (2.3.1)	0	0	1	0	0						Not yet started			

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		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5			
2.4 Improved upper air stations and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of stations improved as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	0	0	0	0	0						Not yet started		
3. Sustained compliance with GBON														
3.1 GBON land-based stations' commissioning period completed , country-specific standard cost for operations and maintenance established, and data sharing verified by WMO Technical Authority	# of stations commissioned as per the GBON National Contribution Plan (3.1.1)	0	0	0	0	2						Not yet started		
3.2 GBON upper air stations' commissioning period completed , country-specific standard cost for operations and maintenance established, and data sharing verified by WMO Technical Authority	# of stations commissioned as per the GBON National Contribution Plan (3.2.1)	0	0	0	0	1						Not yet started		

Attachment: [Naoero SOFF Investment Phase Annual Narrative Report 2025](#)