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**Project Monitoring Report - EPWG 03 2017A -  
Capacity Building and Emergency Preparedness for  
Sustainable Development at Agricultural  
Communities Through "Plant Back Better" Initiatives**

Purpose: Information  
Submitted by: Chinese Taipei



**13<sup>th</sup> Emergency Preparedness Working  
Group Meeting  
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea  
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# APEC Project Monitoring Report

Please submit through your APEC Secretariat Program Director  
by August 1 and February 1 of each year.

## SECTION A: Project profile

<b>Project number &amp; title:</b>	EPWG 03 2017A - Capacity Building and Emergency Preparedness for Sustainable Development at Agricultural Communities through "Plant Back Better" (PBB) Initiatives		
<b>Time period covered in report:</b>	January ~ December 2018	<b>Date submitted:</b>	1 February, 2018
<b>Committee / WG / Fora:</b>	Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG)		
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## SECTION B: Project update

**Briefly answer each of the questions below to a maximum of 2-3 pages. If you have submitted previous Monitoring Reports, focus on progress since the last report.**

### 1. Current status of project:

- On schedule: **YES** / NO
- On budget: **YES** / NO
- On target to meet project objectives: **YES** / NO

If NO, provide details: How far off schedule, budget or objectives? What actions are being taken to resolve delays? What support is needed from your Committee or the Secretariat?

### 2. Implementation: Describe progress against the project work plan and proposed objectives.

- Were adjustments made to the scope or timing of the project?
- What outputs (e.g. agenda, report, workshop, tools, best practices) have been delivered? How have/are these outputs being utilised?

No adjustments made or needed. The project is been carefully monitored and implement according to its project work plan and timeline to ensure quality outputs and deliverables in due course.

### 3. Evaluation: What are the indicators developed under the project to measure progress/success? Has baseline information or evaluation results been collected? How will any potential impacts on gender be measured? If relevant please provide details.

This project will be monitored and reviewed by APEC EWPG and APEC. The project implementation and evaluation will be undertaken according to the workplan and its timeline on qualitative or quantitative (including the satisfaction of stakeholders' engagement, gender empowerment and deliverables) methods as followings:

- Report to the EPWG regular meeting in the year of 2018 for the project implementation on inputs and comments for further development
- In one on-site field implementation in three phases and APEC summit, an evaluation sheet will be distributed to the participants for inputs and comments.

- The project outcome will be circulate for cross-fora comments and inputs for endorsement.

Regarding the potential impact on gender, from 21 to 22 August 2017, Chinese Taipei and Viet Nam hosted “Policy Dialogue on Science, Technology, Innovation, Food Security, Climate Change and Gender Empowerment” at the 12th Emergency Preparedness Working Group Meeting held in Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam to promote PBB initiative and approach with best practices and introduce paradigms for developing APEC communities. It highlighted PBB initiatives contribute on capacity building with gender priority. The joint Statement “Plant back better” on food security, endorsed by the 12<sup>th</sup> EPWG meeting, an innovative approach to maximizing comparative advantage of gender empowerment through grass root capacity building against disasters and climate change among Chinese Taipei, Viet Nam and Papua New Guinea. It showed the active role of APEC developing member economies in taking part of PBB initiative in meeting their urgent needs on community-based disaster resilient capacity building for future challenges of disasters and climate change as well as the potential impact on gender. The project will aim at delivering and sharing the outcomes of the above-mentioned initiatives with APEC cross-fora collaborations in due course.

The direct beneficiaries of our outputs will be woman and households in agriculture at community level of developing economies. Considering the majority workforce in the rural/vulnerable area are women, a critical resource in agriculture and the rural economy to keep the family functioned and livelihood facing the constraints of disaster and climate change impact that reduce their productivity. This project is target to empower the women in disaster at agriculture with easy ‘Plant back better toolkits’ for cash crops growing in self-sufficient food on table and trade the excessive harvest in the market place. The project will also seek linkage and inputs with PPWE and design collaborative agenda during implementation of the project. Showcasing female’s contributions on Plant back better in the PBB Summit special session. The project overseer will ensure the implementation of this project will be conducted in a manner that takes special considerations of gender issues into account to ensure that it benefits both men and women and does not disadvantage women. We target to achieve gender balance on 50% of women’s involvement in this project.

**4. Challenges: If not covered in Q1, describe any issues which impacted (or might still impact) on the effective delivery of the project. How have these affected the objectives, deliverables, timeline or budget? What are the risk management strategies in place to manage potential or real risks**

The possible risks that the project would face:

- **Low interest in participation or in using results:** While the research requires joint efforts from member economies, there is the chance where members may find topics to be uninteresting and unrelated to their economies. On the other hand, there is also the probability that the PBB Summit participation rate will be lower than expected. As a result, prior discussion via conference call before the one on-site field implementations in three phases and APEC PBB Summit will identify the possible outreach efforts to encourage potential participating economies. Frequent announcements issued by the PO through APEC Secretariat’s assistance will help to reach potential participants of relevant APEC fora. The project overseer will also work closely with member economies and follow the APEC guidelines regarding the engagement of international organizations in APEC region.
- **Delays or untimely preparation:** A work plan is set up in monitoring the progress of the project for implementation, where the estimated complete date is approximately in the third quarter of 2018. During each phase of the project, a timeline is well-design for EPWG to monitor through EPWG regular meetings under APEC annually. The project overseer will also work closely with member economies in a timely manner to circulate the announcement with agenda for participation registration. PO will also work closely with member economies to increase the possibility of finding a suitable expert and trainee for the expert meetings and The PBB Summit to avoid delays. Our co-sponsoring economies are our potential volunteer economy for pilot economies.
- **Language and Technology Barrier while implementing the pilot site:** PO will engage NGOs/NPOs with school or University experts to coordinate efforts for overcoming the issue.

**5. Engagement: Describe the engagement and roles of stakeholders in the implementation of the project, including other APEC fora, experts and participants.**

Critical stakeholders including governments, industries, leading research institutes and experts who are related to agriculture, rural development, disaster risk reduction and policy making for community.

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