

Marshall Islands Youth Skills Development and Employment Project (YSDE)								
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by candidate (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
Sustainable Seas Ltd	Republic of the Marshall Islands	US\$15,000	100%	1	ADB (delivered by BF Consulting)	ADB	June 2023 to June 2024	N/A
Detailed description of project					Type of services provided			
<p>The Marshall Islands National Youth Policy highlights that young people represent significant human capital potential.¹ Youth aged 15-24 comprise 18.5% of the population. In 2019, roughly 41% of youth were not in employment, education, or training, with higher rates for young women (45%) compared to young men (37%), and higher rates in outer islands (45%) than urban areas (40%).² About half of the youth born in the outer islands have migrated to the urban areas seeking jobs and better living conditions. Due to limited education, training, and skills, most end up unemployed or in low-paying jobs, contributing to increased levels of substance abuse and crime.</p> <p>The proposed Youth Skills Development and Employment Project will have the following outputs: (i) interventions supporting productive livelihood pathways for youth, particularly young women and marginalized youth, implemented, (ii) harmful social and gender norms that inhibit young women’s economic empowerment reduced, and (iii) capacity of government and civil society to implement youth and women’s programs strengthened.</p> <p>The specific inputs included undertaking a Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CRVA) and Disaster Risk Assessment of the infrastructure components to assess climate change and disaster risks to, and vulnerabilities of, the project. This is required to ensure that such risks are fully considered in the building design options being assessed and identify adaptation strategies for managing the identified risks. Work included a review of existing information and data on historic climate and projected climate change in the Marshall Islands, and outcomes of previous and on-going climate change assessments undertaken in the project locations, with specific focus on the government’s climate change adaptation policies; an assessment of potential risks of climate sensitive project components to projected climate change, an assessment of climate resilience of the proposed design, and identification of possible additional adaptive measures. Provide cost estimates for the incremental costs to ensure better resilience to impacts of anticipated climate change and natural disasters</p>					<p>The services offered by Jonathan McCue (the Climate Change Specialist) were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Responsible for preparing (i) a Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment (CDRA) with recommendations to inform the project design in support of climate adaptation/resilience building and mitigation; li) Responsible for ensuring the Climate Change Assessment (CCA) linked document includes clear recommendation to the President, including climate finance calculations. <p>The Climate Change Assessment and climate finance calculations all included coverage of both the skills development and infrastructure elements of the project.</p>			