

NAURU

DESERTIFICATION

(Govt focal point: Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation)

This is appropriately captured in the NSDS as a priority in the economic sector, as an integral factor in the phosphate mining industry i.e. *“fully rehabilitate topside (mining area) with a greater area of rehabilitated land utilized for livelihood sustainability including environment conservation and protection”*.

A medium-term plan had been drawn for the implementation of rehabilitation trials in five areas of: housing, roads, subsistence farming, water conservation, and waste management. However, there has been no progress in this area due to financial constraints and difficulties in negotiations hitherto on the conditions for release of funds under the Nauru Australia Cooperation (NACO). Only recently, were the negotiations successfully completed so work is expected to progress faster in the next few months.

Inter-ministerial/institutional coordination mechanisms for these programmes will need to be revamped, particularly the links to Government's policy to raise the level of food security and livelihood sustainability. Subsequent technical work such as information gathering, analysis and research will require more technical assistance and donor support in the future.