



ICRW Achieves Greater Forecast Capabilities and Project Visibility with New Project Management System

As an international non-profit, with teams around the Globe, the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) had a very fragmented and manual approach to budgeting and forecasting, and their rapid growth left them unable to answer fundamental business questions in a timely manner.

Their homegrown system involved a series of Excel spreadsheets and Access queries, creating a disjointed system that was unable to deliver data to managers when they needed it most.

CHALLENGES

- Use of a homegrown system that failed to scale as they grew, left ICRW unable to answer key business questions in a timely manner
- Their fragmented manual approach for project budgeting and forecasting provided little visibility
- ICRW staff lacked insight into their individual workloads
- With an international team, the ICRW ran into regular issues with manual timesheet processes which required re-keying and often led to accuracy issues
- Disparate homegrown systems were cumbersome and led to multiple versions of the state of the business
- Struggling to make informed business decisions because they did not have the right data available



The International Center for Research on Women's mission is to empower women, advance gender equality and fight poverty in the developing world. To accomplish this, ICRW works with partners to conduct empirical research, build capacity and advocate for evidence-based, practical ways to change policies and programs.



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THE UNANET SOLUTION

ICRW implemented Unanet Project Portfolio for 100 users and they have since expanded to 150 users.

With support from Unanet's Professional Services team, our single solution for managing people and projects provided ICRW with an integrated approach to timesheets, financials, and project management.

ICRW was now able to deliver information to managers across the organization (and World) when they needed it.

After implementing Unanet, ICRW experienced:

- Immediate data integration allowing project managers immediate information on how time entered impacted their budgets
- Visibility of forecast revenue and fully-burdened costs is available across all projects in the periodic formats needed by management
- Immediate visibility of resource availability and utilization
- Better information accuracy from not re-keying data. As a result, data is more trusted and is available faster
- Timesheet use and approvals take less time and are more efficient with anywhere, anytime access
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