



Regional: Implementation of the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience: Pacific Region

Project Name	Implementation of the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience: Pacific Region						
Project Number	46449-001						
Country / Economy	Regional Cook Islands Micronesia, Federated States of Kiribati Nauru Palau Papua New Guinea Marshall Islands Samoa Solomon Islands Timor-Leste Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu						
Project Status	Closed						
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance						
Source of Funding / Amount	<table><tr><td colspan="2">TA 8360-REG: Implementation of the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience: Pacific Region</td></tr><tr><td>Strategic Climate Fund</td><td>US\$ 3.69 million</td></tr></table>			TA 8360-REG: Implementation of the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience: Pacific Region		Strategic Climate Fund	US\$ 3.69 million
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth						
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Partnerships						
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development Finance / Infrastructure finance and investment funds Transport / Transport policies and institutional development Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Urban policy, institutional and capacity development						
Gender	Gender equity						
Description	<p>The regional capacity development technical assistance (R-CDTA) will support the implementation of the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR) for the Pacific Region, which was approved by the PPCR Subcommittee on 30 April 2012. It will facilitate more effective integration of climate change adaptation (CCA) and related disaster risk reduction (DRR) into development processes, for improving resilience of Pacific island countries to climate change and climate-related disasters. The R-CDTA will complement and build upon country-track SPCRs in the Pacific region (Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga), and it will make use of the partnership of ADB, the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) agencies, and the World Bank.</p> <p>The R-CDTA will have two main outputs: (i) CCA and DRR mainstreamed in national and local development policies and plans; and (ii) Pacific Developing Member Countries' (DMCs') capacity to respond to climate change risks built and supported. It will provide countries with support that is best provided on a regional, instead of national, basis and will complement major ongoing CCA/DRR initiatives being implemented in the region. Technical assistance will be delivered through existing regional institutions, which will apply approaches and methodologies that have been proven successful through the delivery of CCA/DRR programs and previous regional experiences. The project will establish a Regional Technical Support Mechanism (RTSM) that will respond or facilitate response to the DMCs' CCA- and DRR-related needs, and a rapid response fund (RRF), which will finance the experts deployed by the RTSM to requesting Pacific DMCs.</p>						
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Effective response by Pacific countries to climate change vulnerabilities is impeded by: (i) limited capacity at national, regional, sectoral, and local levels; (ii) limited knowledge/technology; (iii) limited finance; (iv) challenges in accessing climate financing; and (v) limited effective coordination mechanisms at regional, national, sectoral, and local levels. In addition, an integrated CCA and DRR approach is often compromised by poor coordination among communities of practice around disasters, climate change, development, and financing. The Pacific countries have recently begun to pursue regional and national initiatives to integrate CCA and DRR into development processes and, thus, require assistance in developing a more systematic approach to do so.</p> <p>The Pacific Regional SPCR will complement and build on country-track SPCRs in the Pacific region (Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga). It will focus particularly, but not exclusively, on building capacity in the 11 Pacific island countries that do not have PPCR country tracks and on replicating and scaling-up good practices and lessons learned (knowledge and capacity building) from the country tracks to the other 11 countries. The Pacific Regional SPCR will also support transformational change of national programs, in close collaboration and coordination with CROP agencies, to strengthen national capacity, increase knowledge, and replicate climate-resilient measures.</p>						
Impact	Increased resilience of Pacific DMCs to climate variability and climate change.						
Project Outcome							
Description of Outcome	Improved capacity of Pacific DMCs to respond to climate change impacts and related natural disasters.						
Progress Toward Outcome							
Implementation Progress							
Description of Project Outputs	Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction are integrated and mainstreamed into national and local policies and plans, resulting in climate-responsive development planning. Pacific DMCs capacity to respond to climate change risks built and supported through strengthened adaptive capacities and support facilities, such as RTSM and RRF.						

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>The project was physically completed on 1 September 2017 with the following achieved results:</p> <p>Output 1: Mainstreaming climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) into national policies and plans. The following three mainstreaming tools incorporating CCA and DRR elements with gender consideration were developed and tailored for Kosrae States, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Tuvalu, the pilot countries for Output 1: (i) cost-benefit analysis (CBA); (ii) monitoring and evaluation (M&E); and (iii) central agency appraisal checklist (CAAC). These tools had been continuously tested, revised and improved through training workshops and case studies to suit the needs of the two pilot countries. A total of 16 capacity building workshops and training in the use and application of the tools had been conducted to help concerned government officials understand, develop and apply the mainstreaming tools to the development, implementation, and review of pilot countries' own national, sectoral policies, plans, projects and budgets for sustainability. Using the mainstreaming tools, six policies (3 per country) were developed/strengthened. The tools were also used in 18 case study applications (11 in Kosrae States, FSM and 7 in Tuvalu in food security, road, water and other infrastructure related sectors).</p> <p>Output 2: Building and supporting the DMC's capacity to respond to climate change risks. RTSM, aimed to help DMCs better respond to climate change impacts through its Rapid Response Fund facility, was established in July 2014, the operating manual was approved in March 2015, and the first expert mobilized in June 2015. Subsequently, an invitation to register as a RTSM expert was posted in the SPREP website in August 2015. Subcontracts were issued to experts from the roster of specialists in the website. The project funded and implemented 15 technical assistance requests from seven Pacific DMCs: FSM (3), Fiji (3), Nauru (2), Samoa (2), Tonga (2), Tuvalu (1) and Vanuatu (2). Three of the mainstreaming activities and three RTSM TAs helped FSM secure a US\$9 million grant from the Adaptation Fund (AF) for its Enhancing the Climate Change Resilience of Vulnerable Island Communities in Federated States of Micronesia Project. The RTSM facility also played a critical role in enabling experts produce essential technical studies and documentation required to access funds from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for Nauru (US\$300,000 climate readiness funds) and Vanuatu (Climate Information Services for Resilient Development project for US\$23 million). The RTSM had also assisted Fiji, Samoa and Tuvalu address immediate priority needs in their national strategic and sector plans aimed to build CCA and DRR resilience.</p>
Geographical Location	Regional
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	The Pacific Regional SPCR proposal was jointly prepared by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the CROP agencies through a broad-based consultative process, including meetings with PPCR pilot countries in the Pacific region and other Pacific developing member countries (DMCs) and various studies under PPCR Phase 1 with technical support from the ADB.
During Project Implementation	The two pilot countries for mainstreaming activities were selected based on criteria jointly agreed by the CROP agencies and the participating MDBs. A participatory review of existing subnational planning processes, policies, and legislation, involving key stakeholders from government, relevant nongovernment organizations (NGOs), priority sectors, and local communities including women and youth, will identify best practices on CCA/DRR mainstreaming. A participatory assessment of key CCA/DRR issues and challenges will also be conducted. Capacity building on CCA/DRR mainstreaming will be conducted for community leaders in the public and private sectors. In collaboration with the Pacific Gender Climate Coalition, CCA/DRR policies and plans will be analyzed and, if necessary, revised to become more gender sensitive.
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Concept Clearance	21 Dec 2012
Fact Finding	12 Nov 2012 to 16 Nov 2012
MRM	-
Approval	25 Apr 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	29 Sep 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
25 Apr 2013	-	25 Apr 2013	31 May 2016	01 Sep 2017	05 Dec 2017

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	3,691,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,691,000.00	17 Jun 2022	3,249,398.43

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