



Solomon Islands

Country Profile

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Solomon Islands Country Facts¹	
Official name	Solomon Islands
Location	Latitude 8 00 S; Longitude 159 00 W
Capital	Honiara
Government and legal status	Independent Nation - independence was achieved on 7 July 1978
Head of State	Queen Elizabeth II represented by the Governor General
Head of Government	Prime Minister
Land area	28,370 square km
Exclusive economic zone (EEZ)	1,340,000 square km
Population (2008 mid-year estimate)	517,455
Population Density (persons per square km)	18
Urban Population (%)	16
Dependency Ratio (15-64)	82
Median Age	19.8
Youth % (15-24)	19.7
Annual intercensal growth rate (%)	2.7
Real GDP Growth (est 2007)	5.4%
GDP Per capita (USD) – 2006	753
CPI (annual % change)	6.1%
Exports 2006	129,546 (000 USD)
Imports 2006	231,020 (000 USD)
Trade Balance 2003	-101,474 (000 USD)
Crude Birth Rate per 1000	34.0
Crude Death Rate per 1000	7.5
Total Fertility rate	4.8
Infant mortality rate per 1000	66.0
Male Life Expectancy at birth	60.6
Female Life Expectancy at Birth	61.6
Labour Force (2007 estimate)	249,200
Labour Force Participation male (2007 estimate)	31
Labour Force Participation rate female (2007 estimate)	15
Geographical note	Solomon Islands is an archipelago of volcanic origin with some degree of volcanic activity.
Religions(2006)	Christianity – Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian
Languages	English (official), Melanesian Pidgin is spoken with numerous indigenous languages
Official currency	Solomon Islands dollar

¹ Source: SPC Statistics and Demography Programme (and its Pacific Regional Information System - PRISM) www.spc.int/prism

Introduction to the Country Profile

SPC country profiles document the nature and extent of the organisation's services to individual members.

This country profile presents basic country facts and a synopsis of Solomon Island's development background and a narrative summary of the Secretariat's assistance during the period 2006–2008. Annexes include specific country activities and human resource development activities in 2008, and a financial summary of assistance during the period 2006 to 2008.

Solomon Islands Development Background

With a land area of 28,370 square kilometres and a population of approximately 500,000 (1999 estimate), Solomon Islands is the second largest developing country in the South Pacific region, next to neighbouring Papua New Guinea. The population is growing at an annual rate of approximately 2.6 per cent, and nearly half of the population is 14 years of age or under. Most Solomon Islanders live in rural communities based on traditional village social structures and are dependent on subsistence agriculture supplemented by cash cropping, fishing and forest products. Approximately 16 per cent live in urban areas. Migration to cities and towns in the past decade has contributed to substantial urban unemployment and accompanying social problems. Most manufactured goods and petroleum products must be imported. The islands are rich in undeveloped mineral resources such as lead, zinc, nickel and gold.

Solomon Islands has an abundance of natural resources, which include:

- Mineral reserves
- Extensive forestry and fishery assets
- Significant potential for expansion of commercial agriculture
- Many scenic locations with potential for ecological and cultural tourism

Prior to the arrival of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI), severe ethnic violence, the closing of key businesses and an empty government treasury culminated in an economic collapse.

However, Solomon Islands economy has started a strong recovery following the severe economic contraction over the period of the ethnic tensions (1999-2001) and stagnation in 2002. The economy recorded growth rates of 8 per cent in 2004, 5 per cent in 2005 and 6.2 per cent in 2006. The economy grew at 10 per cent in 2007, one of the highest rates of growth in the region, although it is expected to ease back to 6 per cent growth in 2008. The recovery can be attributed to the return of business investment and an increase in export receipts (from rapidly expanded exports of timber and more favourable terms of trade for other export commodities), supported by the arrival of RAMSI, which has dramatically improved the outlook for the economy. Fiscal policy has delivered consistent budget surpluses from 2003 – 2006 due to higher government revenues and better expenditure management.



Despite strong recent growth, the Solomon Islands economy continues to face a number of economic challenges. Exports remain commodities based and include timber, fish, cocoa and copra. Current logging rates are considered to be unsustainable. The servicing of external public debt levels represents a significant fiscal burden.

In general, Solomon Island's social indicators are below those of other Pacific Island countries, especially in the rural areas, although life expectancy, and maternal and child mortality rates have shown improvements since independence. Solomon Islands still has limited primary health care facilities and infectious diseases are claiming many lives. Endemic diseases such as malaria pose a significant public health risk, and there are concerns about the potential impact of an HIV/AIDS epidemic. Poverty and hardships are significant concerns.

Summary of SPC Assistance to Solomon Islands 2006 - 2008

This section provides an overview of SPC assistance to Solomon Islands by division and programme for the period 2006-2008. A more detailed listing of activities can be found in Annex 1.

Land Resources

The Forests and Trees Programme of the Land Resources Division (LRD), SPC has regularly provided considerable assistance to Solomon Islands, particularly to its Department of Forests of the Ministry of Forests, Environment & Conservation. The Department of Forests has actively participated to the implementation of the South Pacific Regional Initiatives on Forest Genetic Resources (SPRIG) Project. Major activities under this Project included conservation, tree improvement, institutional development and project management. The Project has significantly influenced the present thrust on plantation development programme now being implemented in the country. SPC is providing the Department of Forests with the much needed financial aid to continue its programme on forest extension network, which aims to provide the awareness and technical knowhow to people in the rural areas/villages and encourage community participation in the development of community plantations and other activities relating to forest conservation and management.

Additionally, under the Land Resources Division of SPC, the DSAP programme has conducted soil improvement work in Malaita and Busrata for improved cassava produce. In partnership with the Improving Plant Protection Services in Solomon Islands (IPPSI), DSAP is conducting on-farm trials with vegetables concentrating on plant protection issues.

Marine Resources

SPC's Coastal Fisheries Programme (CFP) has also been actively assisting Solomon Islands in a number of areas in the past three years. For example, the EU-funded PROCFish/C conducted major fieldwork activities in four locations in 2006, conducting finfish, invertebrate and socioeconomic surveys, while training up local counterparts in the survey methodologies and data entry. Results of this work are coming out and there has been follow-up training through socioeconomic workshops (2007) and finfish workshops (2008). An aquaculture development plan has been drafted in 2007 and is expected to be finalised at a workshop planned for 2008. In general, capacity building has been an important focus for the programme: five Solomon Island participants were trained in small fisheries business management, with two of them now certified under the International Labour Organisation's Start and Improve Your Business Programme.

Social Resources

SPC through its Public Health Programme (PHP) has supported Solomon Islands with assistance of up to USD 3.2 million over the past 3 years. SPC has assisted in avian and pandemic influenza preparedness through the establishment of a taskforce, early warning response systems for outbreak-prone areas, legislative and legal technical assistance for the International Health Regulations (IHR). The procurement of an initial 100 Tamiflu treatment courses and the provision of personal protective equipment have equipped Solomon Islands with some degree of outbreak preparedness.

Additionally, SPC Public Health Programme Global Fund Section has provided assistance to Solomon Islands Ministry of Health, including approximately USD 2.8 million over the past 3 years to the Malaria Control Unit. This support has contributed to a steady decline in the annual incidence rate for malaria from 199.7/1,000 in 2003 to 127.8/1,000 at the end of 2007. Similarly there is a slow but steady decline in the Slide Positivity Rate to 20% showing a reduction in the pool of parasites. Bed net coverage and indoor residual spraying as two key prevention strategies have progressively increased coverage since 2003. SPC has also supported the expansion of microscopy services, the introduction of RDT based diagnosis in 42 health facilities in the Western and Malaita provinces and community outreach activities.

The SPC Human Development Programme (HDP) has contributed to maximising the development potential of Solomon Islanders in culture and information, and to enhance the empowerment of women and young people. One of its major objectives is to build national-level capacity to respond to human and social development needs. The HDP is managing a USD 2.2 million Gender Based Violence (GBV) Project for Solomon Islands and Kiribati, based in Honiara. The goal of the project is to contribute to improved status and welfare of women and children through institutional mechanisms and socio cultural practices that promote and protect the rights of women, girls and children. The project has almost completed a nation-wide survey for all nine provinces. It has employed some 50 female interviewers, who have undergone training on methodology and questionnaires. This survey will enable Solomon Islands to have internationally comparable data in Women's Health and Life Experiences. Other expected outcomes include a reduction in the incidences and prevalence of GBV and child abuse through the implementation of effective policies, improved legislation, institutional systems, and public educational programmes.

The SPC Statistics and Demography Programme has helped the national Statistics Office undertake a Demographic and Health Survey as well as a Household and Income Expenditure Survey. These surveys have helped to improve accessibility to timely and quality data to be used as a foundation for evidence-based policy development and planning. Both surveys involved training, survey planning, field work monitoring, data processing, analysis and reporting, as well as data dissemination. Another area of work that SPC has assisted with concerns assistance with census planning and budgeting for the 2009 national census to ensure that Solomon Islands produces a high-quality census outcome that includes key demographic and socio-economic data and essential data for national and provincial development planning purposes.

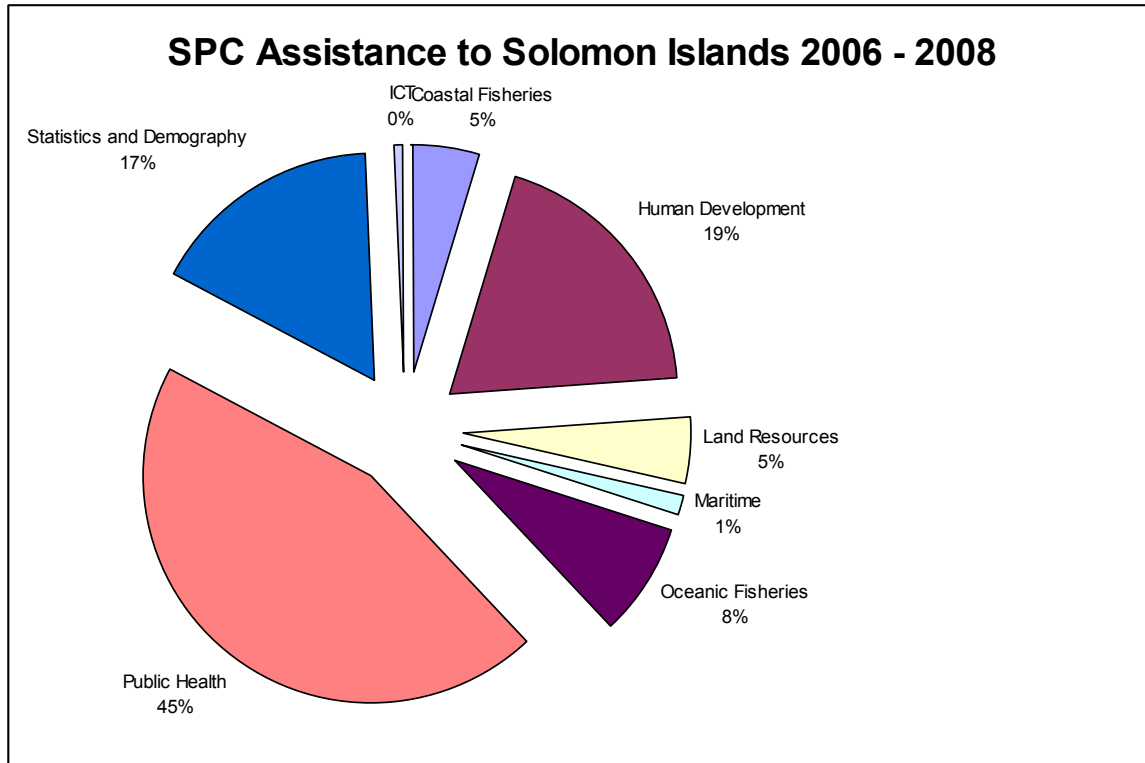
Other Assistance, human resources development and financial highlights

SPC supported Solomon Islands ICT development through the facilitation of Solomon Islands' involvement in the discussion of the South Pacific Information Network (SPIN).

In 2008, two hundred and four Solomon Islanders participated in SPC training activities, organised by SPC's Land Resources, Marine Resources (Fisheries, Maritime) and Social Resources (Statistics and Demography, Media, Human Rights, Public Health) Divisions. Annex 2 provides further details.

Annex 3 indicates the dollar value of assistance provided to Solomon Islands by the various programmes in SPC. The below pie chart depicts the assistance from 2006 to 2008 by programme area, a total of USD 6,375,087 was utilised to support technical assistance, training activities,

workshop participation, direct grants and research activities. As depicted, SPC's Public health programme which constituted 45% of overall funds expended, provided the most support to Solomon Islands.



ANNEX 1: 2008 Notable Activities in Solomon Islands by SPC Programmes

<p>Land Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DSAP on-farm trials demonstrated significant productivity increases for cassava in Malaita by growing <i>Mucuna</i> cover crop as short fallow.• Discovery of <i>Bixa moso</i> a traditional plant in Malaita as a trap crop for insect pests on beans has proven to provide a huge potential as an organic pest control measure. Further research may be undertaken in collaboration with ACIAR.• Neem and derris extracts as organic pest controls are producing good results on pele in the DSAP project sites in Malaita.• DSAP has established resource centres to ensure the rural communities have access to farming information.• Supporting the maintenance of the national forest extension network.• Discussions held with counterparts on plan to develop a Solomon Islands rural land use policy.• Three officers participated in a study tour in Tasmania to look at forestry code implementation.• One participant attended the Pacific Regional CDM Forestry Awareness Workshop.• Banana characterization of Makira collections and selection of samples for safety duplication and nutritional analysis. Awareness workshops on nutritional benefits to be gained from use of traditional crops and diversity. Documentation (DVD) of the work of Kastom Gaden Association.• Two officers attended the regional training on the use of the PCE tool in Tonga.• One officer attended refresher training for IPP editors and introduction to BIF.• One officer attended the regional workshop on the draft ISPMs.• Development of Giant African Snail (GAS) eradication plan; support of GAS eradication included surveillance, delimiting surveys in outer islands and provinces and training of DAL staff.• National workshop on the development of generic agriculture emergency response plan.• Continued assistance with the national adaptation of the regionally harmonised biosecurity bill including drafting of relevant legal documents.• National phytosanitary capacity evaluation completed and national staff trained on undertaking PC evaluations.• Assisted on trade facilitation matters and development of commodity pathways.
<p>Marine Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed Solomon Is Tuna Statistical and Data Systems and installed TUFMAN (October 2007)• Ran Solomon Islands Observer Training Course (April 2008)• Assisted Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources “Forum on community coastal and inshore fisheries management”• Provided financial assistance for three positions in the tuna statistics section• Ran joint tagging programme cruises for tuna in Solomon Islands waters• Provided support & training in tagging, tag-seeding, tag recovery• Visited and reviewed needs for Solomon Islands aquaculture (fish, coral, giant clam) projects• Assisted with drafting a national aquaculture development plan• Provided statistics, database and data management attachment training at SPC for 1 Solomon Islands counterpart• Performed initial ISPS port audit on Honiara port• 2 participants to the Ecosystems Approach (EACFA) and Aquatic Biosecurity meeting in Noumea• 1 participants to the regional finfish mariculture meeting in Noumea• A total of 27 people participated/trained in various maritime areas:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ PCPA Training Committee meeting○ PIMLAR Review and PIMLA EC meeting○ Advanced maritime auditors course○ Basic maritime auditors course○ PacMA subcommittee and Executive Committee meetings

- Search and rescue conference
- Security drills and exercises workshop
- Port management and engineering seminar
- Sub-regional surveyors course
- 2008 RMP planning meeting
- PacMA 12 conference
- Pacific maritime security conference
- Senior auditors practicum
- IMO Long Range Identification and Tracking Conference
- Basic security auditors training course
- Australian Certificate IV in workplace assessment and training
- Business Excellence training course
- Maritime policy and legislative drafting workshop
- Third Annual General meeting of PIMLA
- 1 participant in short course on fisheries statistics and stock assessment
- Two participants in practical training course on finfish underwater visual census methodologies in Noumea
- 1 participant in high level fisheries Policy and Planning Workshop
- 1 participant in subregional practical workshop on implementation and analysis of socioeconomic fisheries surveys
- 1 participant in 2008 Tuna Fisheries Stock Assessment Workshops in Noumea
- Took part in Solomons/SPC Joint Country Strategy mission to assess priorities and programme future SPC work
- 1 participant to the second Tuna Data Workshop

Social Resources

Public Health Programme

- Technical support in piloting Chlamydia testing and treatment programme resulting in integration of data management, routine surveillance and laboratory strengthening activities
- Training on counseling for HIV testing
- Laboratory training undertaken for Dynal CD4 testing with transport guidelines for HIV/STI samples developed
- Establishment of seafarers' drop-in-centre
- Family Life Education
- Life skills based peer education
- Community outreach education
- Youth clinics/centres
- Integrated primary health care
- School based clinics
- YFS in tertiary institution
- Assisted national TB Program in writing two proposals through SWAp as a fall back if GFATM R8 is not successful. Proposal 3 also to provide funds for interim one-year period between end of R2 and R8 May 2008
- Participated in SPC/Solomon Islands Joint Country Strategy Mission (August 2008)
- Support for in country surveillance activities for influenza with immunofluorescence testing, with sentinel surveillance activities
- Infection control (PRIPPP) training and support for implementation of infection control measures to minimise risks to health works, animal laboratory workers and animal health/quarantine workers.
- PRIPPP – Procurement of antiviral and supplies for rapid containment
- Orientation to planning process and planned testing exercises processes

- Support of review of legal frameworks and policy implications for compliance (PRIPPP) with International Health Regulations (IHR) and APSED requirements
- Procurement of health products and health equipment
- Undertook grant preparation and successfully concluded grant negotiations for two Round 7 HIV and TB proposals submitted to the Global Fund with phase 1, 2-year combined value of \$16.34 million. Grants commenced 1 July 2008
- Designed, submitted and negotiated a six month malaria bridging finance grant of \$0.7 million for July – December '08 period while awaiting the outcome of the RCC proposal
- Coordinated the development and resubmission of a wave 3 rolling continuation channel malaria grant with a six year value of \$39.3 million. Successfully secured approval for first phase funding of \$21.0 million which is under negotiation
- Support in the development of the national Round 8 TB and HIV proposals for submission to GFATM. Outcome not yet known

Statistics & Demography Programme

- DHS report writing
- Preparation of census cartography
- Preparation of 2009 Census Plan/Budget
- Gender Based Violence survey: data processing
- Gender Based Violence survey: design survey sample
- Village Resources Survey, Data processing
- Global Fund activities

Human Development Programme

- Successful completion of GBVCA nation wide research/surveys for government of the Solomon Islands
- Technical assistance on Festival Rights.
- Business enterprise trainings in June & August 2008

ANNEX 2: 2008 SPC Human Resource Development Activities for Solomon Islands

SPC Programme/ Section	Training subject area (or course title)	Mth	Year	Duration	Type:	Location (city/town, country)	Number of Solomon Island participant	Male	Female	Number person days
SRD Global Fund	Solomon National HIV test counselling training	Feb	2008	13	Training	Honiara, Solomon Is.	1	1	0	13
SRD Global Fund	Solomons HIV test counselling minimum Standard tool pilot	Mar	2008	7	Training	Honiara, Solomon Is.	5	3	2	35
SRD Global Fund	Malaria PSM training	April	2008	1	Training	Honiara, Solomon Is.	19	18	1	19
SRD Global Fund	Malaria mapping exercise	July	2008	5	Attachment	Noumea, New Caledonia	1	1	0	5
SRD Human Development	10th Festival of Arts media coverage (Journalism)	July	2008	15	Internship	Pago Pago, American Samoa	1	0	1	15
SRD Human Development	Community Development	Mar - Oct	2008	7 Months	Training - Cert in CD	Suva, Fiji	4	0	4	560
SRD Human Development	CEFE - Module 1-4	June	2008	2 weeks	Cert in CEFE	Honiara, Solomon	21	2	19	210
SRD HIV	Behaviour Change Communication Training	July	2008	5	Training	Honiara, Solomon Is.	24	14	10	120
SRD HIV	Behaviour Change Communication Training	Sept	2008	5	Training	Suva, Fiji	1	1	0	5
SRD HIV	STI Training	May	2008		Training	Honiara, Solomon Is	19	10	9	
LRD - Forests and Trees (F & T)	Regional Awareness Workshop on CDM Forestry	Jan	2008	4 days	Workshop	Nadi, Fiji	1	1	0	4
LRD - Forests and Trees (F & T)	Implementation of the Code of Harvesting Practice	April	2008	6 days	Study Tour	Tasmania, Australia	3	3	0	18
LRD-Animal Health & Production	IATA Training	Mar	2008	5	Workshop course	Nadi, Fiji	2	2	0	10
LRD-Animal Health & Production	Paravet Trainers Training	April	2008	2	Workshop course	Nadi, Fiji	1	1	0	2
LRD-DSAP	DSAP Strategies	April	2008	5 days	Workshop	Nadi, Fiji	2	2	0	10
Oceanic Fisheries	Stock Assessment	June /July	2008	5	Workshop	Noumea, New Caledonia	1	1	0	5
OFP Oceanic Fisheries	Ecological Risk Assessment	June /July	2008	2	Workshop	Noumea, New Caledonia	1	1	0	2
Oceanic Fisheries	Basic Fisheries Observer course	April	2008	3 weeks	Training	Honiara, Solomon Islands	16	11	5	80
SRD Pacific Healthy Lifestyles	Workshop on Nutrition, Diet and Lifestyle: Upscaling Action in the Pacific	Feb	2008	5	Workshop	Nadi, Fiji	2	1	1	10

SRD Communicable Diseases	Early Warning Alert & Response Lab Training	May	2008		Training	Honiara, Solomon Is	15	12	3	
SRD Communicable Diseases	CDC Influenza Surveillance Lab Training	Aug	2008		Attachment	Melbourne, Australia	1	1	0	
SRD Communicable Diseases	DDM PHS Training	Aug	2008		Training	Honiara, Solomon Is	25	18	7	
PROCFISH	Sub-Regional Training workshop on socioeconomics fisheries surveys in Pacific Islands : Collecting a minimum dataset	Jan	2008	1 week	Training	Noumea, New Caledonia	1	1	0	5
PROCFISH	UVC1 - Sub-Regional Training Workshop on Underwater Visual Census (Uvc) Methodologies for the Assessment of Reef Fish Resources	June	2008	1 week	Training	Noumea, New Caledonia	2	2	0	10
SRD – Regional Media Centre	Graphics and Design	Mar/April	2008	1 week	Workshop	Suva, Fiji	4	0	4	20
SRD – Regional Media Centre	Radio Broadcasting	Mar-Sept	2008	1 classXwk X7months	Workshop	Suva, Fiji	3	0	3	
SRD – Regional Media Centre	Multi-media: GD/Radio Broadcast/DV Production	April	2008	1 week	Workshop	Suva, Fiji	1	0	1	5
SRD – Regional Media Centre	Media and Communications	April	2008	1 day	Workshop	Suva, Fiji	1	1	0	1
SRD – Regional Media Centre	Radio Broadcast production	June	2008	2 days	Workshop	Suva, Fiji	3	3	0	6
SRD – Regional Media Centre	Graphics and Design	Aug	2008	1 day	Workshop	Suva Fiji	1	0	1	1
SRD – Regional Media Centre	Communication	Sept	2008	1 day	Workshop	Suva Fiji	1	1	0	1
Regional Maritime Programme	Senior Auditors Practicum	May	2008	2	Training	Suva, Fiji	1	1	0	7
Regional Maritime Programme	Pacific Maritime Security Conference	May	2008	3	Training	Nadi, Fiji	3	3	0	21
Regional Maritime Programme	IMO LRIT	June	2008	2	Training	Suva, Fiji	1	1	0	2
Regional Maritime Programme	Australian Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment & Training	July	2008	5	Training	Suva, Fiji	2	2	0	10
Regional Maritime Programme	Business Excellence Training	July	2008	5	Training	Suva, Fiji	1	0	1	5
Regional Maritime Programme	Security Auditor Training	July	2008	5	Training	Suva, Fiji	1	0	1	5
Regional Maritime Programme	Maritime Law Seminar	July	2008	4	Seminar	Suva, Fiji	1	1	0	4

Regional Maritime Programme	Port Management Training Course	Sept	2008	4	Training	Suva, Fiji	4	4	0	28
Regional Maritime Programme	ESCAP KMI SPC Workshop on Shipping Information	Sept	2008	1	Workshop	Suva, Fiji	4	4	0	4
SRD Regional Rights Resource Team	Monitoring Civic Education & HIV and Human Rights	Aug	2008	5	Workshop	Suva, Fiji	1	0	1	5
SRD Statistics & Demography	UNSD-SPC Census 2010 Technical Workshop	Feb	2008	5	Workshop	Noumea, New Caledonia	1	1	0	5
SRD Statistics & Demography	ADB-SPC DHS review and planning meeting	June	2008	2	Workshop	Nadi, Fiji	1	0	1	2
						Total	204	129	75	1272

Notes: *person days: training delivered to date
LRD: Land Resources Division
MRD: Marine Resources Division
SRD: Social Resources Division

ANNEX 3: Summary of SPC Assistance to Solomon Islands for Period 2006-2008

Sector/Type of Assistance	Cost by Year			Total cost (USD)
	2006	2007	2008*	
Coastal Fisheries				
Technical assistance	32,400	23,778	16,475	72,653
Training activities (national, regional and attachments)	20,050	20,500	21,200	61,750
Research activities	124,825	7,000	0	131,825
Participation at meetings, workshops, etc.	15,797	15,988	10,800	42,585
Sector Total	193,072	67,266	48,475	308,813
Human Development				
Technical assistance	50,556	80,837	62,280	193,673
Training activities (national, regional and attachments)	19,360	24,840	25,981	70,181
Research activities	196,752	469,807	321,777	988,336
Participation at meetings, workshops, etc.	0	10,633	0	10,633
Sector Total	266,668	586,117	410,038	1,262,823
Land Resources				
Technical assistance	61,880	21,580	114,032	197,492
Training activities (national, regional and attachments)	0	5,000	11,000	16,000
Research activities	6,600	2,000	6,600	15,200
Direct financial grants	10,000	0	26,500	36,500
Participation at meetings, workshops, etc.	16,592	10,874	30,760	58,226
Sector Total	95,072	39,454	188,892	323,418
Maritime				
Technical assistance	7,831	0	0	7,831
Training activities (national, regional and attachments)	31,367	14,582	0	45,949
Participation at meetings, workshops, etc.	6,191	25,639	4,265	36,095
Sector Total	45,389	40,221	4,265	89,875
Oceanic Fisheries				
Technical assistance	40,498	27,440	33,493	101,431
Training activities (national, regional and attachments)	4,000	5,338	12,636	21,974
Research activities	0	125,000	275,000	400,000
Participation at meetings, workshops, etc.	3,720	0	5,720	9,440
Sector Total	48,218	157,778	326,849	532,845

Public Health				
Technical assistance	4,000	7,400	25,600	37,000
Training activities (national, regional and attachments)	17,000	22,000	40,000	79,000
Research activities	27,000	3,000	64,700	94,700
Direct financial grants	1,074,039	1,574,850	339,127	2,988,016
Participation at meetings, workshops, etc.	4,000	26,600	29,000	59,600
Sector Total	1,126,039	1,633,850	498,427	3,258,316
Statistics and Demography				
Technical assistance	24,879	18,910	51,230	95,019
Training activities (national, regional and attachments)	26,372	56,339	0	82,711
Research activities	0	0	13,496	13,496
Direct financial grants	393,617	166,667	319,114	879,398
Participation at meetings, workshops, etc.	11,702	9,978	7,538	29,218
Sector Total	456,570	251,894	391,378	1,099,842
ICT				
Technical assistance	3,000	14,000	15,000	32,000
Sector Total	3,000	14,000	15,000	32,000
Grand Total	2,185,810	2,632,802	1,556,475	6,375,087

Please note that this table includes only the direct cost of SPC assistance. It does not include major expense items such as the cost of SPC personnel (e.g. salaries). The total financial value of SPC assistance is therefore significantly higher than shown in this table.