



Summary of the Pacific Community's 2015 work programme in Solomon Islands



(November 2015 update)

The following table lists key work areas that SPC is undertaking in 2015 in cooperation with Solomon Islands. The country-specific work listed here complements other SPC work undertaken at a regional level to benefit the people of Solomon Islands and achieve its national development priorities. SPC's key regional work will be presented in its next Programme Results Report (to be published in May 2016).

SPC's expected contribution to national development goals			
Expected long-term result (impact)	Expected medium-term result (outcome)	Key outputs for the year	Status
<i>Pacific communities are empowered and resilient</i>			
Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Mitigation			
Strengthened disaster risk management plans and practices	Vulnerability and risks managed	Emergency Response Team training of trainers course developed and delivered, in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); Training materials developed for trainers and participants	Completed
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems			
Improved management of coastal fisheries	Enhanced coastal fisheries management policies and systems based, where possible, on scientific assessments of the status of national coastal marine resources	Baseline assessments and monitoring report completed for the aquarium trade; Capacity development, including training attachment in SPC headquarters, provided; Completed Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species workshop, and workshops on coral identification	Completed
Increased contribution of fisheries to food security and livelihoods	Increased skills and knowledge base to maximise the return on investments in aquaculture	Improved technical skills and knowledge in sea cucumber aquaculture through provision of practical technical training	On Track
		In-country technical assistance provided on freshwater tilapia and milkfish farming in inland and coastal communities	On Track
Land Resources			
Informed policy decisions, advocacy and knowledge sharing on sustainable land, agriculture and forestry development supported	Awareness of and understanding about key issues relating to land, agriculture and forestry enhanced	National training provided, on request, on extension material production	Ongoing
	Capacity to make evidence-based policy decisions on food security, sustainable resource management and economic growth strengthened	National capacity to apply cost-benefit analysis (CBA) as a tool in adaptation planning and natural resource management strengthened	Ongoing
Strengthened food and nutritional security, resilient to impacts of disasters and climate change	Increased availability of, and better access to, traditional and improved crop and animal diversity	New varieties in tissue culture established using successful protocols; Ongoing field evaluations of aroids, sweet potato and banana for tissue culture production and distribution	On Track
		Farmer field school established; Farmer field school research results on good agricultural practices for integrated pest management disseminated	On Track
	Increased production and consumption of local, nutritious foods	Support provided for the development of national-level strategic plans	Completed
		Farmer field school research results of good agricultural practices of incorporating mucuna legume in slippery cabbage disseminated; Macuna farmer field school established	On Track
		Adaptive capacity strengthened at pilot communities through training on nursery management, plant propagation, management of climate-ready collection of crop plants, integrated pest and disease management, agro-forestry and livestock husbandry	On Track

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<i>Pacific Island people reach their potential and lead long and healthy lives</i>			
Education and Quality Assessment Programme			
Improved quality of education	Improved teacher and principal performance	Capacity of education officers, teacher educators, teachers and school leaders enhanced - classroom-based assessment	On Track
		Quality assurance of national agencies and other regional accrediting agencies conducted and report compiled	On Track
	Provision of high-quality programmatic technical services and policy advice	Pacific Register of Qualifications database updated with: (i) accredited qualifications, (ii) registered institutions, (iii) professional associations and members, (iv) accrediting agencies, and (v) regional standards in education	On Track
	Raising students' literacy and numeracy	Technical assistance provided in the assessment and monitoring of literacy, numeracy and life skills in the Pacific	On Track
	Strengthening national accreditation and assessment systems	Pacific Register of Qualifications quality assurance reports on agencies and referencing reports compiled	On Track
Gender, Human Rights and Culture			
Enhanced development for all Pacific people, through increasing the observance of all human rights and good governance standards	Increased capacity of civil society to monitor and advocate for human rights and good governance standards	Legislative lobbying and advocacy training provided to government and civil society organisations (CSOs) to build leadership and lobbying skills	Completed
	Increased observance of human rights and good governance standards by decision-makers	Consultations and technical assistance on violence against women/domestic violence bills and cabinet papers	On Track
		Technical assistance provided to ensure human rights policies and laws comply with international conventions	On Track
		Training provided to enable states to submit a second round report to the UN Human Rights Council for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)	Completed
		Technical assistance and training provided to support national actors in key human rights areas	On Track
Increased development potential of Pacific Island people in culture, and empowerment of women and young people	Integrated approach to human development fostered at regional and national levels	Cultural industries structured (ongoing support to culture and arts institutions, organisations, producers and entrepreneurs); Cultural intellectual property issues addressed; Human resources needs assessed	On Track
		Gender statistics profile produced and key findings disseminated	On Track
		Four-year work plan attached to signed memorandum of understanding	On Track

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Public Health			
Improved health and well-being of Pacific communities	Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) develop public health policies, plans and regulations that respond effectively to national priorities	Strategic health communication training and campaign development with Youth at Work	On Track
	PICTs have access to high-quality information and evidence to inform policy and the delivery of core public health functions	Lab strengthening in sexually transmitted infections (STI)/human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and tuberculosis quality assurance; Follow-up provided on strengthening the use of filter paper for arbovirus laboratory surveillance under lab-based surveillance and Microbiology and GeneXPert installation	On Track
<i>The Pacific region and its people benefit from inclusive and sustainable economic growth</i>			
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems			
Improved management of oceanic fisheries	Enhanced national oceanic fishery data management to meet national requirements and international obligations	Observer database system (TUBS) installed and supported through visit	Completed
	National tuna oceanic fisheries policy and decision-making are informed by the best, science-based, stock assessments and advice	Reports of longline fishing performance in the southern longline fishery produced	On Track
		Updated report on the impacts of restrictions on the use of fish aggregating devices (FADs) in industrial purse seine fisheries within the Solomon Islands EEZ	Completed
The oceanic fisheries management initiatives of the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) and other sub-regional fisheries organisations are supported by efficient and cost-effective data management services	Tuna fisheries database management for monitoring, control, and surveillance system enhanced as a result of in-country technical assistance visit	Completed	
Increased contribution of fisheries to food security and livelihoods	To develop sustainable nearshore fisheries in PICTs to provide food security, livelihoods, and economic growth and climate change adaptation	National training provided to small-scale fishers to enhance fishing vessel operations and safety at sea practices	On Track
		Strengthened nearshore FAD programme; Scoping visit and awareness-raising undertaken by Fisheries Development Adviser in February 2015 as part of collaboration with GIZ Climate Change Adaptation project in Choiseul - six FADs deployed with GIZ and provincial fisheries staff	Completed

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Geoscience			
Sustainable management and development of ocean and island resources	Natural resources, systems and processes monitored and assessed	Updated nautical charts produced by the charting authorities upon submission of survey data by the country; Hydrographic surveys completed; Data processing and report writing ongoing	On Track
		Purchased satellite image data for Solomon Islands	On Track
	Services to member countries and territories efficiently and effectively delivered	Held a deep sea minerals (DSM) National Youth Debate in the Solomon Islands with the purpose of ensuring young people and students gained more knowledge on matters relating to DSM; DSM awareness raised due to media releases and other online forms of communication; Capacity-building efforts achieved with training provided to the debaters	Completed
Land Resources			
Enhanced sustainable land, agriculture and forestry resource management	Capacity to make evidence-based policy decisions on food security, sustainable resource management and economic growth strengthened	Awareness of integrated approaches to climate change adaptation planning and implementation strengthened at the national and provincial levels, through participatory planning and development, and dissemination of print media/materials, policies and plans	On Track
	Increased capacity of sustainable land and forest management	Agroforestry training completed - training held for eight communities in Choiseul	Completed
	National and regional capacity to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and to respond to disasters for land, agriculture and forest resources, are developed and strengthened	Land use zones, including the proposed Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) crediting areas and forest reserved for fuel wood collection and gardening land, mapped in Sassamunga/Choiseul	Completed
Increased contribution from agriculture and forestry sectors to inclusive, broad-based economic growth	Increased capacity of PICTs to meet standards, guidelines and conditions for exports and domestic trade	Training on vegetable pest management completed; Best cultural practices in respect of insect pest flea beetle on slippery cabbage in Solomon Islands developed	Completed
		Technical support services provided to PICTs for preparedness in animal health emergency disease response (including unplanned emergency response plan)	On Track
		Pest incursion response support provided and plans developed for Solomon Islands - lures and collection specimens (DNA ID) sent	Completed
		Ant surveillance support provided	On Track
		National stakeholder training courses on information systems held	On Track
	Increased capacity of sustainable land and forest management	Livestock adaptation plan developed in Choiseul	On Track

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Statistics for Development			
Pacific national and regional statistics are accessible and are being utilised	PICTs are producing the agreed core set of statistics across key sectors, including, but not limited to, economics, population, civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS), education and health, as required by their national plans and agreed regional and international reporting frameworks	Increased capacity to analyse education management information system (EMIS) data to enable effective use and dissemination by supporting developing software solutions and providing contextualised training for Pacific EMIS users	On Track
		National websites completed and upgraded with latest technologies	On Track
		Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) fact sheet produced	On Track
	PICTs have the technical capacity to manage and implement all core statistical collections, including key administrative databases, as required by national development plans, including national strategies for the development of statistics	Technical assistance provided for national CRVS workshop	Completed
		Field staff trained for Solomon Islands Demographic and Health Survey 2014/2015	Completed
		Led Solomon Islands Education Management Information System redevelopment scoping mission to work with Ministry of Education Human Resources and Development (MEHRD)	Completed
		Technical support provided to education statistician on creation of statistical digest work on data validation in performance assessment report	Completed
		Field staff trained for Solomon Islands 2014/2015 demographic and health survey; 2014/2015 demographic and health survey pre-test training completed; Computers set up for demographic and health survey data processing 2014/2015; Quality of data entry control check completed	Completed
		Provided targeted technical development support for the Pineapples education statistical package to ensure the ongoing efficient operation of these systems	On Track
		Demographic and Health Survey field monitoring undertaken	On Track
Demographic and Health Survey train-the-trainer course conducted	Completed		
Transport Services			
Sustainable economic development through accessible, affordable, efficient, secure and safe transport services	Strengthened institutions and expertise in the transport sector	Funded attachment for surveyors to be trained on best surveying practices - one attachee trained	Completed

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Energy Services			
Sustainable economic development through accessible, affordable, efficient, secure and safe energy services	Strengthened institutions and expertise in the energy and transport sector	Solomon Islands Fuel Pricing template revised and submitted for national endorsement and implementation	On Track
	Improved access to affordable and efficient energy and transport services	Solar lights and charging station installed in four wards in Choiseul Province - Tepazaka, Vuruvachu, Taba and Tavula; Commission of solar shops/charging station; 100% of households (1,200 people) have access to solar electricity; 50 men and women trained	Completed