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SPC Work Plan in Tuvalu



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The following table lists key work areas that SPC is undertaking in 2017 in cooperation with Tuvalu. The country-specific work listed here complements other SPC work undertaken at a regional level to benefit the people of Tuvalu and achieve its national development priorities. SPC's key regional work is presented in the Pacific Community Results Report.

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Goal 1: The Pacific region and its people benefit from inclusive and sustainable economic growth				
Fisheries				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)	Provide analyses and advice for evidence-based fisheries management	On Track	Improved information and management of beche-de-mer stocks in Melanesian and other participating countries	FFA PROP
	Enhance data collection and provide data management services for fisheries and marine ecosystems	Ongoing	Provision of new and updated internet-based tools to acquire and manage tuna fishery data	GEF, programme funding, E-Reporting and E-Monitoring
		Ongoing	Support provided to users of SPC-developed Tuna Fisheries Data Management Systems, through the Oceanic Fisheries Programme (OFP) Helpdesk via 'Slack' online collaboration platform	GEF, programme funding
		Ongoing	Purse-seine or longline log sheet data processed at SPC on behalf of member countries	Core, GEF, programme funding
		Ongoing	Observer workbooks received and processed at SPC on behalf of member countries	WCPFC ROP data management
		Completed	Participants attend 11th Tuna Data Workshop - Support provided to prepare and submit national annual catch estimates	Tuna Data Workshop (WCPFC capacity building)
		Completed	Country assisted with Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) reporting obligations, particularly with WCPFC Annual Report Part 1 (related to its fleet's activities in WCPFC Convention Area)	Core, GEF, programme funding
		Ongoing	Provision of tuna fishery data summaries responding to various ad hoc national requests (e.g. for access negotiation briefs, etc.)	Core, GEF, programme funding
	Provide, and facilitate access to, fisheries information	Completed	Corporate documents, policies or plans published for fisheries ministries/departments	Fisheries Information - programme funding, various projects
	Provide analyses and advice for evidence-based fisheries management	Ongoing	Ongoing work provided in oceanic fisheries as the 'science provider' to the WCPFC (includes WCPFC members and participating territories)	WCPFC
		Ongoing	Scientific analyses, advice and technical support provided to Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)	Core, programme funding
		Ongoing	Analyses and support provided to Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) for Vessel Day Scheme and wider fishery management decision-making	Programme funding
		Completed	Participants attend introductory or advanced regional Stock Assessment Workshop to build capacity in analysis of ocean stock assessment methods and results	Programme funding
		Ongoing	Scientific analyses, advice and technical support provided to Tokelau Arrangement	Core, programme funding, MFAT

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		Ongoing	Report on impacts of fish aggregation device (FAD) closure period	Programme funding
		Ongoing	Analyses and outreach in support of development of harvest strategies for western and central Pacific Ocean tuna stocks	WCPFC, MFAT
		Ongoing	Secure national web pages delivering country-specific scientific advice on the status of oceanic fisheries resources updated and enhanced	GEF
Forestry, land use, agriculture				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)	Enhanced management, and accessibility, of information and data by PICTs and strengthened coordination of knowledge networks	Ongoing	Capacities and priorities of Lands and Survey Departments mapped, and information provided on activities and outcomes of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Strategy	OCG Geodetics
	Strengthened development and management of natural resources, systems and processes	Ongoing	Progress made toward adopting a modern Geodetic Reference Frame that underpins fundamental geospatial systems and applications	OCG Geodetics
	Capacity to make evidence-based policy decisions on food security, sustainable resource management and economic growth strengthened	On Track	Regional repository of national Agriculture Policy Banks developed in the PAFPN portal (infrastructure in place for Tuvalu)	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
		Completed	Baseline Study and National Policy Inventory and Analysis (Tuvalu as part of 15 Pacific countries; to be published)	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
		Ongoing	Tuvalu consulted in development of several agriculture policy frameworks (e.g. draft Pacific Regional Extension Strategy)	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
Minerals and water				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)	Strengthened assessment and monitoring of natural resources, systems and processes	Ongoing	Levelling survey of tide gauges and associated land monitoring stations - Tide gauges are operational and deliver precise water-level information and continuous operating geodetic stations monitor ground movement	OCG Geodetics

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		Ongoing	Technical support for maintaining regional sea-level monitoring stations - Tide gauges are fully operational and deliver high-quality sea-level and meteorological data	Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific
	Enhanced management and accessibility of information and data by PICTs and strengthened coordination of knowledge networks	Ongoing	Printed annual tide calendar received by relevant agencies and available online to public - Tidal fact sheet and additional information and improvements included with tide calendar for Funafuti following a user survey	Ocean Information and Knowledge Management
	Strengthened development and management of natural resources, systems and processes	Ongoing	Technical solutions prepared with Pacific Island countries for shared/overlapping EEZ - Technical support for preparations for negotiation meetings	Regional Maritime Boundaries Project
		On Track	SPC Regional Maritime Boundaries Unit and its project partners assist countries to complete lodgment of their respective boundaries data - Tuvalu to further revise information deposited with UN	Regional Maritime Boundaries Project
Mobility, private enterprises, phytosanitary and biosecurity standards supporting trade				
2. Improve pathways to international markets (mobility, private enterprises, phytosanitary and biosecurity standards supporting trade)	Increased capacity of PICTs to meet standards, guidelines, and conditions for exports and domestic trade - Improved information available on plant and animal health status	Ongoing	Market access information systems updated and maintained	Biosecurity and Trade Support / Animal Health
		Ongoing	Fruit fly surveillance support provided	Biosecurity and Trade Support / Plant Health
	Development of pesticide stock management system	On Track	Pesticide registration system harmonised in Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) member countries	Plant Health

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Transport and energy				
3. Strengthen sustainable transport and energy security	Strong leadership in the Pacific's energy and transport sector, with good governance, effective multi-sectoral coordination and strategic partnerships, including monitoring and evaluation	On Track	Central Pacific Shipping Commission (CPSC) technical visits to member countries for shipping, data collection and training conducted in Tuvalu	Transport General - Multi Small Projects
		Ongoing	Climate change adaptation (CCA) and Sustainable energy (SE) training networks are strengthened	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training - SPC
		Ongoing	Training courses and support facilities developed and established in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training - SPC
	Enhance management, and accessibility, of information and data by PICTS and strengthen coordination of knowledge networks.	Ongoing	Strengthening of PICT governance arrangements to achieve International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) hydrographic capacity level 1 - hydrographic governance and collection and promulgation of navigation warnings and information	Pacific Regional Navigation Initiative
		Ongoing	Mechanism established for provision of SPC-held bathymetric data to Primary Charting Authorities (PCA) for use in updating official nautical charts	Pacific Regional Navigation Initiative
Development statistics				
4. Strengthen access to and use of development statistics in policy development and monitoring progress	PICTs produce the agreed core set of statistics across key sectors including but not restricted to economics, population, CRVS, education and health, as required by their national plans and agreed regional and international reporting frameworks	Completed	Work attachment provided for Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) report writing - Completed data edits, data quality audit/assessment, production of standard statistical tables, final uni-record database, metadata documentation	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Training on HIES data analysis and reporting	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017

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	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	On Track	Technical assistance provided to support implementation of updated national improvement plans - End-of-mission report on achievement of technical assistance mission objectives	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Census enumeration and data monitoring process proceeds efficiently, with skilled interviewers using tablets and producing good quality data	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		Completed	Household lists completed and census maps/cartography finalised for Tuvalu 2017 census - National Statistics Office (NSO) tested Survey Solutions (SS) computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI) technology for mini-census	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		Completed	1) Tuvalu mini-census planning document drafted; 2) Tuvalu mini-census budget drafted - Tuvalu mini-census outputs completed and agreed with Tuvalu NSO: project plan, timelines, roles and responsibilities, budget	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Questionnaire and processes tested and finalised	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Consumer price indices (CPI) rebased; compilation manual produced	
		Completed	Data editing and tabulation completed for HIES 2015/2016 - HIES outputs achieved and documents available, including manually edited HIES dataset, error documentation, completion summaries	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
Goal 2: Pacific communities are empowered and resilient				
Climate change and disasters				
5. Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters	Strengthen assessment and monitoring of natural resources, systems and processes	On Track	Island-level preparedness and coordination in time of disaster boosted	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Police headquarters refurbished and fitted out	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Improved weather monitoring and forecasting	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Subnational awareness raising	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)

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	Strengthen development and management of natural resources, systems and processes	On Track	Emergency management agencies supported through twinning arrangements with Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC)	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
	Increase capacity for sustainable land and forest management, including post disaster rehabilitation	On Track	Establishment of nurseries and demonstration farms - Coastal rehabilitation - Capacity building	TC Pam project
	Develop adaptation and mitigation technologies	On Track	Technical assistance provided to help communities assess vulnerability to natural disasters and climate change impacts on food security	
Human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity and opportunities for young people				
6. Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity and opportunities for young people	Pacific peoples adapt to their changing environment while protecting and promoting their rights, assets and identity	On Track	Recommendations reported of workshop on strengthening role of central agencies in governments in supporting gender mainstreaming across government policies, programmes and services	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Gender Equality: Where do we Stand? Tuvalu (stakeholder consultations, compilation and analysis of statistics and related information for the publication, workshops)	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Ongoing	Gender statistics framework updated and technical assistance provided to support collection of statistics	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Ongoing	Increased capacity for mid-level and senior public servants to implement gender mainstreaming	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Ongoing	Increased capacity of Women's Affairs Division to implement gender mainstreaming	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
	Effective shared agendas, regional platforms and institutions	On Track	Report of recommendations from the regional conference of Pacific women and Ministers and Senior Government Officials Meeting (2-5 October 2017)	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Ongoing	Distribution of development support mapped to identify gaps and reach	PYDF Regional Coordination

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		On Track	Technical assistance provided to LGBTI Youth-net to develop strategic communication strategy and facilitate online dialogue for policy engagement	PYDF Regional Coordination
		On Track	Partnership with Commonwealth Secretariat, International Labour Organization (ILO) and Pacific Youth Council (PYC) to advance strategic policy commitments to youth entrepreneurship - Partnership with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to strengthen evidence base on youth unemployment	PYDF Regional Coordination
		On Track	Pacific Regional Youth Think Tank Symposium conducted	PYDF Regional Coordination
		On Track	State of Pacific Youth report and regional youth indicators published through multi-agency partnership	PYDF Regional Coordination
		Ongoing	Technical assistance provided to develop Pacific Young Women's Leadership Alliance (PYWLA) structure and strategic plan - Engagement of PYWLA at Triennial Conference of Pacific Women facilitated	Youth engagement
		On Track	LGBTI Youth-net established through partnership and technical assistance provided to Pacific Sexual Diversity Network	Youth engagement
		Ongoing	National Culture Policy Peer Review and Learning Meeting (countries that are either implementing policies have draft culture policies in place or are planning to develop a policy in the 2017-2018 period)	Culture – Kiribati, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, French Polynesia, Samoa and Solomon Islands - HHCM01C
		On Track	Progress and report recommendations from the National Culture Policy Peer Review and Learning Meeting	Culture – Regional Culture Strategy Review Working Group and culture policy implementing countries - HHCM01C
	Pacific Island governments promote /protect human rights and fulfil human rights commitments	Completed	Tuvalu National Human Rights Action Plan launched	RRRT/DFAT
		On Track	National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) legislation drafted	RRRT/DFAT
		Cancelled	Local government human rights and good governance training conducted	RRRT/DFAT
	Women and girls have increased access to justice in cases of domestic violence	Ongoing	Family protection legislation - implementation planning, monitoring and resourcing supported	RRRT/DFAT
		Not Started	Baseline survey conducted on Family Protection Act (Funafuti)	RRRT/DFAT
		Ongoing	Family Protection Act - justice sector service providers (police, judiciary) trained	RRRT/DFAT
Civil society and communities promote human rights, gender equality and EAW	Ongoing	Technical assistance provided for Fusi Alofa submission to the Constitutional Review Committee	RRRT/DFAT	

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		Delayed	Civil society Universal Periodic Review (UPR) stakeholder reports supported	RRRT/DFAT
		Ongoing	Stakeholder consultation organised on human rights education in primary schools	RRRT/DFAT
		Ongoing	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) Community - outreach conducted	RRRT/DFAT
Goal 3: Pacific Island people reach their potential and lead long and healthy lives				
Non-communicable diseases and food security				
7. Improve multi-sectoral responses to non-communicable diseases (NCD) and food security	Build capacity and knowledge for effective implementation/action	Not Started	Staff receive training or attend professional placements/training/courses	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation
		Not Started	NCD risk factor intervention implemented	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.4.8)
		Ongoing	Information, education and communication resources needs identified, and information distributed	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.4.6)
	Agrobiodiversity conserved	On Track	Establishment of new varieties in tissue culture using successful protocols	CePaCT Global Crop Diversity Trust Regeneration & Safety Duplication Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
		Ongoing	Strengthened safety maintenance of Pacific regional crop and tree collections to ensure Tuvalu has crop reserves available to respond quickly to disasters	CePaCT Global Crop Diversity Trust Regeneration & Safety Duplication Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
		Ongoing	Mass plant propagation using bioreactors, screening, preparation and distribution of improved crop diversity (nutrient-rich, pest and disease resistant, climate-resilient)	CePaCT Global Crop Diversity Trust Regeneration & Safety Duplication Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
	Improved and resilient food production systems	Ongoing	Provision of technical assistance on screening, evaluation and documentation of new, resilient crop varieties	CePaCT - (FAO Treaty Access Benefit Sharing)

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		Ongoing	Strengthening resilience of Pacific agricultural systems to climate change	CePaCT - (FAO Treaty Access Benefit Sharing)
		On Track	Strengthening and promotion of on-farm breeding for aroids, sweet potatoes, cassava and yam including establishment in new countries - New breeding lines sent to Tuvalu for taro leaf blight (TLB) screening	CePaCT Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme FAO Treaty access benefit Sharing climate change Global Trust Regeneration & Safety Duplication
		On Track	Evaluations of food production systems for starchy staples resilient to harsh atoll conditions using integrated pest and soil management, in partnership with schools and communities	
		On Track	Development of agro-forestry sustainability index	KfW, FAO, ACIAR
	Strengthen value-chain systems	On Track	Identification and development of fresh produce value chain for sale of surplus food production	PARDI II & ACIAR Atoll Soil Health
	Improve the dissemination and adoption of agricultural production technologies	On Track	Rural Advisory Services (RAS) capacity to effectively serve the farming community increased	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
Public health surveillance				
8. Strengthen regional public health surveillance and response	Improve capacity and standards of PICT laboratories	Ongoing	Microbiology training conducted	PHD REI work
		Ongoing	Laboratory supplies and equipment procured	PHD REI work
		Ongoing	In-country training and follow-up on implementation of lab-based surveillance carried out	PHD REI work
		On Track	Support provided for developing/updating HIV testing policy, guideline development and updates	PHD REI work
		Ongoing	Support provided for strengthening L1 lab capacity for HIV/sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and screening, including lab-based surveillance	PHD REI work
		Ongoing	Countries assisted to print laboratory handbooks	PHD REI work
	Improve quality of surveillance and reporting at country level	Ongoing	Data for Decision Making (DDM) training delivered for health staff: Outbreak Investigation and Management	PHD REI work

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		On Track	PICTs supported to collate and analyse HIV/STI related data	PHD REI work
		Ongoing	DDM training delivered for health staff: Introduction to Epidemiology and Field Epidemiology	PHD REI work
		Delayed	HIV and STI situation in the region updated, and Global AIDS Response Report facilitated every year	PHD REI work
	Strengthen policy development and strategic planning for a coordinated response to effective implementation	Ongoing	PICTs assisted to update national infection prevention and control guidelines (aligned to PPHSN regional guideline)	PHD REI work
		Ongoing	Sexual Reproductive Health National (SRHN) Strategic Plan implementation status and updates mapped out	PHD REI work
	Strengthen support mechanisms for PICTs facing public health and climate-change-related health emergencies	Ongoing	Risk communication posters adapted and translated	PHD REI work
Education quality				
9. Improve education quality	Improved performance of teachers and principals	On Track	Capacity of countries enhanced on use and application of benchmarking tools to conduct comparable analysis of education policies	Pacific Benchmarking for Education Results
		On Track	Countries assisted to develop monitoring and evaluation tools to track progress of education strategic plan	Pacific Benchmarking for Education Results
		On Track	National principal attributes/criteria developed - Education officers trained; implementation manual and programme developed; data analysis and report produced on effectiveness of principal performance	EQAP Research Section
		On Track	Development of national standards and tools for teachers supported	Regional Qualifications and Assessment for Learning
	Raise student achievement in literacy and numeracy	On Track	Technical assistance provided for assessment and monitoring of literacy, numeracy and life skills in the Pacific	Improving Literacy and Numeracy
		On Track	Improved capacity for development of intervention resources and consequently for teaching of literacy and numeracy	Regional Qualifications and Assessment for Learning
		On Track	Technical assistance provided for assessment and monitoring of early grade reading assessment	Regional Qualifications and Assessment for Learning

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	Strengthen national accreditation and assessment systems	On Track	Increased capacity of education officers, teachers, and school leaders to improve quality of regional qualifications and support process of national examinations	Regional EMIS Facility
		On Track	Labour mobility schemes in collaboration with Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Office of the Chief Trade Adviser, Melanesian Spearhead Group and World Bank supported	EQAP Accreditation
	Increase in PICTs' education capacity to manage and use high-quality, valid and reliable data to inform and decision-making	On Track	Improved data collection and stakeholders data requirements identified, with data collection instruments and processes put in place	Regional EMIS Facility
		On Track	Technical and advisory support provided for more sustainable and quality-assured data auditing practices	EQAP-EMIS Section
	Provision of high quality programmatic technical services and policy advice	On Track	Enhanced capacity of national research experts to conduct in-country research and use research findings and recommendations to inform educational reforms	EQAP Research Section
		On Track	Ongoing technical support for research provided to countries	EQAP Research Section