

Federated States of Micronesia Results Summary 2019

Each year, as part of SPC's organisation-wide annual results reporting process, SPC collates the results achieved in each of its member countries and territories, and in the region.

In 2019, 442 results were reported across the organisation towards the achievement of our development objectives. Of these results, 9 country-specific results were reported for Federated States of Micronesia, with an additional 63 multi-country results benefitting Federated States of Micronesia.

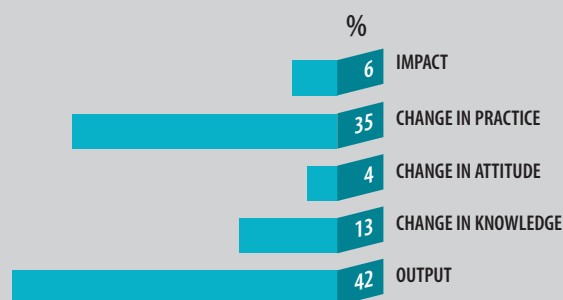
72  **RESULTS IN TOTAL**

 **9** country-specific

63 multi-country results* 

*Multi-country results including more than 10 Pacific Island countries and territories are included in the Regional Results Summary 2019

Results by change type

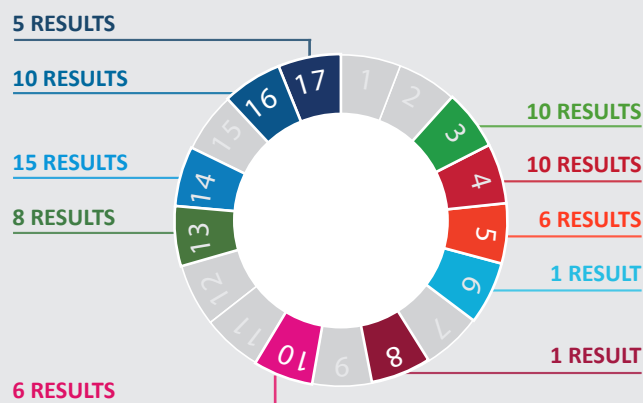


SPC's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals

In 2019, SPC continued to play an essential role in bringing the SDGs to life in the Pacific region, working with our members to review and report on progress towards implementing the 2030 Agenda.

In FSM, results contributed to 10 of the 17 SDGs. The highest number of results supported:

- ☞ SDG 14: Life below water
- ☞ SDG 3: Good health and well-being
- ☞ SDG 4: Quality education
- ☞ SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions



Performance Stories



Pacific ownership of Ontong Java Plateau seabed approved after 10 years



TARGET 14 C

Sustained results achieving systemic changes.¹

The joint claim of FSM, PNG and Solomon Islands over the Ontong Java Plateau seabed was approved in 2019 after a 10-year process. As a policy adviser and facilitator, SPC's support for this internationally significant outcome was based on cultural and political respect and neutrality, as required to sustain the partnership and collective will over this prolonged period. SPC added value to its technical services by integrating technological advances in geoscience, surveying, mapping and analysis that occurred during the decade.

Context

Pacific Island people have been custodians of the Pacific Ocean for thousands of years. In the modern era, under international policy and governance instruments, the 22 PICTs are stewards of 20% of the world's EEZs, or 28 million km² of ocean.

Under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), all coastal states are entitled to a marine jurisdiction defined by maritime boundaries. For PICTs, determining national maritime boundaries and understanding sovereign rights are critical to the sustainable development of the Pacific region. Sovereign rights include the rights to use valuable seabed resources, such as oil, gas, minerals and living organisms, as well as fishing rights.

In May 2009, FSM, PNG and Solomon Islands submitted a joint claim to the UN Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) over 600,000 km² of additional seabed, known as the Ontong Java Plateau, under the provisions of UNCLOS.

Change process

SPC provided support to the three countries over a period of 10 years, from the submission in 2009 and lengthy and complex evaluation process, to the final recommendation in 2019. The work included surveying, mapping, analysis and preparation of technical reports. SPC was able to offer support across all areas, including capacity building for national staff in these areas, and provided continuity and commitment throughout the submission and examination period.

Results and impact

The recommendation for the joint claim over the Ontong Java Plateau was adopted by CLCS in July 2019, 10 years after the submission. It was the region's first submission on an area of extended continental shelf and the outcome has been called a 'historic milestone' for international law and governance.

"...a monumental occasion for us as Small Island Developing States that are also Large Ocean States with a special case for sustainable development." – Ambassador Max Rai, PNG Permanent Representative to the UN.

As successful joint claimants, FSM, PNG and Solomon Islands are expected to deposit with the United Nations Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs the precise coordinates of the outer limits of their extended continental shelf. SPC will continue to support the three countries as they develop an agreement for further management and regulation of this vast area of seabed according to their needs and preferences.

Lessons learned

SPC played the roles of adviser, facilitator and mediator during this highly technical legal and political process. As an apolitical entity, SPC is well placed to support members through such complex processes, especially at international level.

The negotiations highlighted the need to preserve neutrality and sensitivity. The project team reported that it was important to keep pace with technical advances and to maintain political will.

Some projects take many years to come to fruition. SPC is able to provide continuity and stability, especially through difficult times such as, in this case, gaps in technical capacity and funding.

Division: GEM

Donor: Government of Australia

1. For more information, read the Executive Summary of the Joint Submission https://www.un.org/Depts/los/clcs_new/submissions_files/submission_fmgsb_32_2009.htm

Protecting the rights of people living with disabilities in the Federated States of Micronesia



TARGET 10.3

Sustained results for people living with disabilities, communities, as well as systems change. For more information, see performance story: 'Dialogue on human rights with Members of Parliament leads to action'.²

Working with the four FSM states – Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap – was critical to influencing the national agenda for the protection of the rights of people living with disabilities.

Context

SPC has worked with FSM on human rights for several years. In 2016, FSM's Department of Health and Social Affairs requested specific support for implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), which FSM ratified in 2011.

International human rights treaty ratification, implementation and reporting³ are normally done at the national level. However, this has been shown to be less appropriate in FSM, where the individual states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap have considerable autonomy, including their own constitutional governments responsible for allocating budgets and implementing such treaties. For example, efforts to support implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) were undermined by a lack of ownership by state-level stakeholders.

SPC saw an opportunity to work at the state level to promote the ratification of CRPD and its effective implementation to protect people living with disabilities.



Infrastructure changes improve accessibility in FSM

Change process

From 2015 to 2016, SPC worked with national and individual state stakeholders, including FSM's Department of Health and Social Affairs and Department of Justice, state legislatures, state departments of health, disabled people's organisations and other civil society groups, to explain the CRPD, the ratification process and the early stages of its implementation.

Between April 2015 and March 2016, all four states adopted resolutions formally expressing support for CRPD ratification. FSM ratified the CRPD in December 2016.

SPC then assisted each state to develop an implementation plan. Throughout 2017, 2018 and 2019, SPC provided continuous support for treaty implementation and reporting, with a focus on strengthening local capacities and encouraging a coordinated approach to implementation and reporting by state and national governments.

In 2018 and 2019, efforts centred on helping FSM stakeholders to produce the first CRPD periodic report, which involved extensive national and state-level consultations and intensive work. Rather than hire an external consultant, FSM stakeholders chose to lead the reporting exercise, supported by SPC. The final draft is currently under review by the FSM human rights taskforce.

Finally, SPC supported an NGO-led campaign for more state-level investment for people living with disabilities in Pohnpei and Chuuk.

Results and impact

Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap state departments have been actively engaged in the implementing and reporting processes for CRPD. FSM's Department of Health and Social Affairs and the state departments are now competent in reporting on CRPD implementation. A general shift in perspective has occurred, allowing national and state parties to consider treaty implementation and reporting as a shared obligation.

Pohnpei passed a Disability Act, which became law in September 2019.⁴

2. [Pacific Community Results Report 2016](#), pp 54–55.

3. All treaty bodies request State parties to provide periodic reports with information on implementation of the recommendations from previous reports.

4. Kosrae passed a disability law in 2003, followed by Yap State in 2017.³



The consultation process and progress towards CRPD implementation has increased accountability, at national level, to state-level stakeholders on the rights of people living with disabilities. A dialogue is now open, and state and national stakeholders are seeking solutions to bridge the gaps in representation and access for people with disabilities from the different states.

There is also greater awareness of the CRPD and improved understanding of disability issues. Outcomes for people with disabilities include their increased participation in decision-making processes across the states, and the allocation of USD 200,000 by Pohnpei Congress leaders to improve access to certain areas of town as a result of the NGO-led campaign. People living with disabilities have created a new organisation in Chuuk, offering services and advocating for their rights.

“The technical support provided to FSM Government by both disabled people’s organisations and regional partners, especially RRRT, was very crucial and instrumental during the ratification of the CRPD. The unique partnership established between the community groups, development partners and government was the foundation of our work. It enabled the ratification process to flow smoothly using the bottom-up approach.” – Stuard Penias, National Youth & Disability Programme Manager.



Lessons learned


A key lesson from our CRPD experience in FSM has been the value of improving knowledge and understanding of our work at the state level, with stakeholders then taking the knowledge to national congress (along with their state’s endorsement). This greatly facilitated the CRPD ratification process at national level.

The temptation to move faster by relying on external expertise can be high when it comes to treaty implementation and reporting. However, a locally owned process will lead to more comprehensive and sustainable results.


Division: RRRT

Donors: Governments of Australia and Sweden


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Division	SPC Development Objective and Result Area	Result	SPC contribution	Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs)
 Public Health Division (PHD)	DO7: Improve multi-sectoral responses to non-communicable diseases and food security PICTs have established/strengthened national multi-sectoral NCD committee and/or national NCD initiatives led by ministers, parliamentarians, senior public servants	SDG 3 Good health and well-being 5 PICTs have strengthened national non-communicable disease (NCD) initiatives led by ministers or senior public servants	PHD ensured NCD and childhood obesity have high profile at key regional and national ministerial meetings: 1) prepared and presented NCD papers on NCD roadmap progress and MANA, childhood obesity and Pacific legislative framework at the FEMM, HOH, PHMM, Early Childhood Development High Level Meeting, Forum Secretariat Meeting and Pacific research network meeting, and 2) prepared and presented NCD presentations at national level PHD conducted advocacy meetings for integration of NCD & childhood obesity strategies into national SDG: 1) Undertaken as part of the NCD workshop and civil society meeting at country level	Federated States of Micronesia; French Polynesia; New Caledonia; Solomon Islands; Wallis and Futuna
PHD	DO7: Improve multi-sectoral responses to non-communicable diseases and food security Improved political leadership and ownership at national and regional level	NCD papers and presentations delivered and discussed in 5 PICTs to strengthen political leadership and ownership of NCD issues at national level	Prepared and presented NCD papers on NCD roadmap progress and MANA, childhood obesity and Pacific legislative framework in the 5 PICTs	Federated States of Micronesia; French Polynesia; New Caledonia; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu
PHD	DO7: Improve multi-sectoral responses to non-communicable diseases and food security Improved political leadership and ownership at national and regional level	NCD advocacy activities conducted in 4 PICTs as part of national NCD workshops and partnership meetings to strengthen political leadership and ownership	PHD co-funded the national NCD workshops and partnerships meetings, provided TA and conducted advocacy activities for integration of NCD & childhood obesity strategies into national SDG	Federated States of Micronesia; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu; Wallis and Futuna
PHD	DO7: Improve multi-sectoral responses to non-communicable diseases and food security PICTs implementing new/updated NCD policies/legislations	2 PICTs demonstrated implementation of their new NCD-related policies/legislation	PHD provided TA for the development of Niue tobacco legislation and FSM unhealthy food taxation	Federated States of Micronesia; Niue

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PHD	DO7: Improve multi-sectoral responses to non-communicable diseases and food security PICTs endorsed new/updated NCD related policies/legislations	3 PICTs developed NCD-related policies and legislation for endorsement (FSM Healthy Trade Bill, Marshall Islands tobacco legislation, Papua New Guinea sugar-sweetened beverage tax)	PHD conducted consultation meeting and provided TA for the development of healthy trade bill for FSM, tobacco legislation for RMI and SSB taxation for PNG	Federated States of Micronesia; Marshall Islands; Papua New Guinea
PHD	DO7: Improve multi-sectoral responses to non-communicable diseases and food security PICTs endorsed new/updated NCD related policies/legislations	5 PICTs were assisted to review or develop their NCD-related policies and legislation (e.g. Marshall Islands — tobacco legislation and healthy trade bill; Solomon Islands — development of NCD Alliance constitution, and health promotion fund policy and guidelines; Nauru — school food policy)	Provided TA to RMI for Tobacco legislation; Assisted constitution development for the NCD Alliance in the Solomon Islands and support is ongoing; Support development of policy and guidelines for health promotion fund in the Solomon Islands; Continued assisting healthy trade bill for FSM; Continued assisting SSB taxation for PNG; Assisted school food policy for Nauru	Federated States of Micronesia; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Islands
PHD	DO8: Strengthen regional public health surveillance and response Improved preparedness to respond to public health events and other health events brought about by climate change	Information, education and communication support provided to 5 PICTs for development or review of materials (e.g. 'Fight the bite' poster updated in local languages for Cook Islands, Wallis and Futuna and Samoa; Cook Islands assisted to develop in-flight message on dengue outbreak)	Posters «fight the bite» developed for Tuvalu in 2017, adapted by Cook Islands, Wallis and Futuna (produced in Wallisian and Futunian) and Samoa (produced in Samoan). Advice/comments provided to Cook Islands for in-flight message on dengue outbreak	Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Samoa; Tonga; Wallis and Futuna
PHD	DO8: Strengthen regional public health surveillance and response Improved preparedness to respond to public health events and other health events brought about by climate change	Pilot training in risk communication developed by WHO, CDC, PIHOA and SPC and delivered to 44 participants from 6 PICTs	The Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Programme (SPRP) convened the PPHSN-CB meeting where a request was made to elaborate risk communication needs from PICTs; survey was conducted with 14 PICTs responding; SPRP is a member of the committee who developed and pilot tested a Pacific risk communication training curriculum in 6 USAPIs	American Samoa; Federated States of Micronesia; Guam; Marshall Islands; Northern Mariana Islands; Palau
PHD	Improve clinical services PICTs collaborating on cost-effective regional or sub-regional activities	North Pacific countries included in training in perioperative safety standards conducted in 2019; 7 PICTs have now received training on standards, which have been developed for Pacific settings	Funded Northern PICs nurses to attend training and training venue costs	Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Palau; Samoa; Solomon Islands


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PHD	Improve clinical services PICTs collaborating on cost-effective regional or sub-regional activities	7 people have improved knowledge of perioperative patient safety standards based on development of Pacific Perioperative Practice Bundle 2 — Patient Safety	Convened trainings on the Perioperative Patient Safety Standards (PPPB2); funded participation of PICTs and facilitators	Federated States of Micronesia; Marshall Islands; Palau
		SDG 4 Quality education		
Geoscience, Energy, Maritime Division (GEM)	DO3. Strengthen sustainable transport and energy security PICTs laws and policies comply with international maritime instruments	Regulations relating to STCW awaiting promulgation to ensure compliance with international maritime instruments	Consulted & developed draft of regulations for FSM to promulgate	Federated States of Micronesia
GEM	DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters Improved knowledge and skills in capacity in climate change, disaster risk management, water and sanitation security and Integrated Coastal Management	31 participants (20 women) received Certificates of Attendance for a postgraduate programme in Ridge-to-Reef Sustainable Development with James Cook University	SPC partnered with James Cook University to deliver the programme	Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Niue; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu
Educational Quality and Assessment Programme (EQAP)	DO9: Improve education quality More Ministries of Education (MoEs) implement and maintain education management information systems	52 national counterparts and stakeholders in education in 3 PICTs trained in data analysis and production of verified data tables from their national EMIS. Training strengthened national capacity in this area	SPC contributed to providing technical and advisory role to countries on data analysis and producing verified data tables from their respective national EMIS. Capacity on data quality assurance enhanced	Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Tonga
EQAP	DO9: Improve education quality More MoEs implement and maintain education management information systems	15 PICTs took part in regional workshops on populating education indicators and standardising microdata to strengthen national capacity for education data analysis in support of informed decision-making in Ministries of Education. Workshops also enabled provision of information requested as part of UNESCO Global Reporting System	SPC is facilitating a regional workshop to strengthen national capacity on analysing educational data to inform decision making within the ministry of education	Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Niue; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tokelau; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu
EQAP	DO9: Improve education quality More MoEs use regional literacy and numeracy comparative assessment data	PILNA data workshop for 9 PICTs supported use of PILNA 2018 results to inform policy and classroom interventions, and strengthened national capacity to use large-scale test results to inform decision-making (there is increasing demand from PICTs for analysis of PILNA data)	Advice: use current system with additional enhancement through more indicators	Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Vanuatu

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EQAP	<p>DO9: Improve education quality</p> <p>More MoEs use regional literacy and numeracy comparative assessment data</p>	<p>Capacity of national assessment officers to construct PILNA test items enhanced ahead of review and development of new items for PILNA 2021, following regional workshop attended by 27 participants (15 women) from 15 PICTs</p>	<p>Maintaining validity and robustness of PILNA instruments in compliance with international large scale assessment standards is a SPC mandate to ensuring PILNA currency is fully recognised outside the region. Capacity of national assessment officers enhanced on test item construction</p>	<p>Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Niue; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tokelau; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu</p>
EQAP	<p>DO9: Improve education quality</p> <p>More MoEs use regional literacy and numeracy comparative assessment data</p>	<p>Launch of PILNA 2018 Regional Report attended by 10 PICT representatives and development partners. Event received extensive media coverage</p>	<p>Launch of the Regional PILNA 2018 Report. SPC administered PILNA test in literacy and numeracy in 15 countries</p>	<p>Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Marshall Islands; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Niue; Nauru; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tokelau; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu</p>
EQAP	<p>DO9: Improve education quality</p> <p>More MoEs revise policies and interventions to address gaps</p>	<p>PILNA (Pacific Islands Literacy and Numeracy Assessment) Steering Committee met with senior ministry representatives from 15 PICTs, donor representatives and partners, and endorsed new or updated PILNA processes, methodologies, and activities for 2019</p>	<p>Senior ministry representatives from the 15 countries (e.g. CEO and Permanent Secretaries). Representatives from Donor partners - MFAT, DFAT. Technical partners - ACER. Update the SC on last years activities and upcoming ones including endorsing the various PILNA documentations and methodologies</p>	<p>Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Niue; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tokelau; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu</p>
EQAP	<p>DO9: Improve education quality</p> <p>More MoEs conduct good quality education research using existing and new data</p>	<p>Regional Research Network meeting brought 10 PICTs together to share best practices in education research, in collaboration with regional tertiary institutions (University of the South Pacific, Fiji National University, National Research Institute-PNG and Solomon Islands National University)</p>	<p>SPC convened Regional Research Network members to share and learn best practices on research around the region. SPC collaborated with tertiary institutions such as USP (IOE), FNU (Fiji), National Research Institute (NRI-PNG) and Solomon Islands National University (SINU-Sols)</p>	<p>Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Niue; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tokelau; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu</p>
EQAP	<p>DO9: Improve education quality</p> <p>More NQAAs improve the systems and protocols on development of qualifications and accreditation of providers</p>	<p>Regional workshop and international skills training provided for trainers and assessors to increase skills/competence in conducting quality assurance assessments in-country</p>	<p>SPC raising skills and competency levels of national assessors and trainers to conduct quality assurance assessment in-country in compliance with international standards</p>	<p>Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Nauru; Niue; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Tuvalu</p>


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	<p style="text-align: center;">SDG 5 Gender equality</p>			
<p>Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT)</p>	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>More PICs are implementing, resourcing and monitoring Domestic Violence (DV)/Family Protection (FP) legislation</p>	<p>122 government officials and service providers received training on implementing processes to end violence and protect families</p>	<p>Training delivered on planning, roles and responsibilities in the Act, and gender equality</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Kiribati; Nauru; Marshall Islands; Solomon Islands</p>
<p>RRRT</p>	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>Justice service providers understand their obligations under family violence legislation and are more responsive to the needs of women and girls</p>	<p>6 PICTs have endorsed tools for gender-sensitive application of legislation</p>	<p>RRRT delivered training on the checklist tool developed for judiciaries to use</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Marshall Islands; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Vanuatu</p>
<p>RRRT</p>	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>More PICs are implementing, resourcing and monitoring DV/FP legislation</p>	<p>7 PICTs have domestic violence and family protection services that are partially resourced and being expanded</p>	<p>Advocacy and technical assistance to justice and service providers</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu</p>
<p>RRRT</p>	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>Women and girls have increased access to justice in cases of domestic violence</p>	<p>Chuuk and Yap (FSM) have draft family protection laws</p>	<p>Technical input into drafting laws</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia</p>
<p>RRRT</p>	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>More PICs are implementing, resourcing and monitoring DV/FP legislation</p>	<p>8 PICTs have planned approaches to implementing mechanisms to end violence against women and provide family protection following SPC's technical input</p>	<p>Technical input into implementation planning, alongside UN Women</p>	<p>Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Tuvalu</p>

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RRRT	DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity Women have increased knowledge and agency to access justice for domestic violence	Women in 2 PICTs (Solomon Islands and Tonga) showed increased knowledge, attitude and agency in relation to accessing justice, with more limited evidence in another 4 PICTs (Nauru, FSM, Vanuatu, Tuvalu)	Awareness raising activities with women; Support to legal aid centre in TO	Federated States of Micronesia; Nauru; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu
	SDG 6 Clean water and sanitation			
GEM	DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters PICTs have access to the scientific knowledge needed to manage the risks associated with climate change, natural hazards, water resources and coastal zone management	Geophysical groundwater assessment and freshwater lens mapping conducted in 7 villages in Onotoa atoll and 3 islets in South Tarawa in Kiribati, all 3 atolls of Tokelau, and Gagil-Tamil basin, Yap, FSM	SPC technical assistance carried out the assessment	Federated States of Micronesia; Kiribati; Tokelau
SDG 8 Decent work and economic growth				
				
Social Development Programme (SDP)	DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity Women, youth and socially excluded people build economic assets through entrepreneurship, cultural industry, and sustainable livelihood initiatives	Pacific Women Growing Business project in Pohnpei ended in 2019, with support provided for entrepreneurial activities of 7 women's groups	7 women's groups in Pohnpei were supported in their entrepreneurial activities as part of the Pacific Women Growing Business Project	Federated States of Micronesia
				
Land Resources Division (LRD)	DO2: Improve pathways to international markets Environmental food safety, SPS and other voluntary standards and certification strengthened	49 participants from 5 PICTs, including north Pacific, reported increased awareness, knowledge and skills, and enhanced ability to respond to emerging threat of coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) following training	CIDP in partnership with University of Guam hosted and facilitated the training	Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Guam; Marshall Islands; Samoa

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RRRT	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights; gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>More PICs have established human rights coordination or monitoring mechanisms</p>	<p>3 PICTs (FSM, Kiribati, Vanuatu) scoped, and 1 PICT (Nauru) established a National Human Rights Institution to provide independent guidance and advice on human rights issues</p>	<p>Assistance in scoping visits and the preparation of scoping reports; technical assistance provided for the national human rights institution's implementation, alongside the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Asia Pacific Forum</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Kiribati; Nauru; Vanuatu</p>
RRRT	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights; gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>More PICs have established human rights coordination or monitoring mechanisms</p>	<p>6 PICTs have an active national human rights coordination mechanism to promote and protect human rights</p>	<p>Building internal capacity as committee members, providing coordination, technical input or training</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Kiribati; Nauru; Marshall Islands; Samoa; Vanuatu</p>
RRRT	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights; gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>More PICs have ratified, implemented and tracked progress against regional and international human rights commitments</p>	<p>6 PICTs made progress in implementing human rights commitments in relation to the following treaties and mechanisms: CEDAW and CRC (Nauru); CEDAW and CRPD (FSM), UPR, CEDAW, CRC and CRPD (Vanuatu); UPR (Tuvalu); CEDAW (Samoa)</p>	<p>RRRT has developed tracking tools to support the Universal Periodic Review and Treaty implementation planning and monitoring. It is updated by RRRRT staff with treaty or human rights working groups/task forces in country</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Samoa; Tuvalu; REGIONAL (all PICTs); Vanuatu</p>
RRRT	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights; gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>PIC governments promote /protect human rights & fulfil human rights commitments</p>	<p>852 government officials trained in human rights, gender equality and good governance</p>	<p>Training delivered to government officials on human rights</p>	<p>Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Palau; Solomon Islands; Samoa; Tuvalu; Vanuatu</p>
RRRT	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights; gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>Strengthened capacity of governments to apply human rights and gender equality in priority national development issues</p>	<p>Legislators in 4 PICTs reviewed 13 pieces of policy/legislation for human rights compliance</p>	<p>Technical assistance to review processes</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Marshall Islands; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu</p>


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	<p>SDG 13 Climate action</p>			
GEM	<p>DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters</p> <p>Marginalized groups (Women, youth, people living with disabilities and the elderly) have increased awareness and participation in the Disaster and Community Resilience sectors in member countries</p>	<p>467 people (235 women) from 3 PICTs undertook training in using a people-centred approach</p>		<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Marshall Islands; Palau</p>
GEM	<p>DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters</p> <p>PICTS demonstrate evidence based investment in climate and disaster resilient infrastructure</p>	<p>Approximately 16,578 people now have improved access to water infrastructure</p>	<p>Consultation, design, procurement & supervision</p>	<p>Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Niue; Palau; Tonga</p>
GEM	<p>DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters</p> <p>Effective partnerships and alliances formed and supported to enable coordinated, collaborative and sustained actions for resilience in Climate Change and Disaster Resilience, Water and Sanitation Security and/or Integrated Coastal Management</p>	<p>Collaborative partnerships in place with Asian Development Bank and USAID Ready Project to support climate change and disaster risk finance assessments</p>	<p>SPC's contribution has been significant</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Palau; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu; Vanuatu</p>
GEM	<p>DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters</p> <p>PICTS demonstrate evidence based investment in climate and disaster resilient infrastructure</p>	<p>Community rainwater harvesting/ecological purification systems constructed in FSM (9) and Marshall Islands (5)</p>	<p>Consultation, design, procurement & supervision</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Marshall Islands</p>

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GEM	DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters Effective partnerships and alliances formed and supported to enable coordinated, collaborative and sustained actions for resilience in Climate Change and Disaster Resilience, Water and Sanitation Security and/or integrated Coastal Management	Design and roll-out of monitoring and evaluation plan for Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) being supported by EU PACRES (Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience) project		Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Palau; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu; Vanuatu
GEM	DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters Effective partnerships and alliances formed and supported to enable coordinated, collaborative and sustained actions for resilience in Climate Change and Disaster Resilience, Water and Sanitation Security and/or integrated Coastal Management	ISACC (Institutional Strengthening in Pacific Island Countries to Adapt to Climate Change) project has formalised partnerships for engagement on climate finance activities with PIFS, SPREP, USP, USP Pacific TAFE and Griffith University (iCLIM Project). The partnership has resulted in joint climate change and disaster risk finance assessments in 5 PICTs; delivery of postgraduate training in monitoring and evaluation for climate change, disaster risk resilience, and project management; and establishment of national climate change portals in Palau and Tuvalu (minor support for Samoa)		Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Palau; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu; Vanuatu
GEM	DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters Strengthened disaster preparedness and response coordination capacities in PICTS	Hydrogeological assessment of Gagil-Tamil Aquifer, Yap Proper, FSM, and Ngerderar and Tabecheding catchments, Palau	Technical assessment	Federated States of Micronesia; Palau
Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability (CCES)	DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters Access to climate finance and readiness support to countries is facilitated	2 year readiness project signed in June 2019, financed by GCF	SPC leading on all these projects as accredited entity	Federated States of Micronesia


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	<p>SDG 14 Life below water</p>			
Fisheries, Aqua-culture & Marine Ecosystems (FAME)	DO1: Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources Facilitate information management and circulation	11 participants (6 women) trained in digital library and information dissemination and processes to facilitate management and circulation of fisheries information		Federated States of Micronesia; Kiribati; Palau; Tonga; Tuvalu
FAME	DO1: Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources Provide integrated economic analysis and advice for informed decision-making	11 PICTs provided with reports on FAD closure, longline fishing, fishing summaries, potential FAD limits, bioeconomic analyses, update on commercial fishery plots (each SPC member country has a dedicated log-in to a 'country web page' containing information specific to its commercial fisheries), and productivity analyses to inform decision-making on fisheries management		Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Niue; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Islands; Tokelau; Tuvalu; Vanuatu; Wallis and Futuna
FAME	DO1: Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources Develop systems, tools and support services for standardised data collection, management and reporting	16 PICTs required to submit WCPFC Part 1 reports met 13 July deadline, with just 1 PICT being late, demonstrating that improvements in meeting reporting requirements have been sustained since last year		Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; French Polynesia; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; New Caledonia; Niue; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tokelau; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu; Wallis and Futuna
FAME	DO1: Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources Provide technical and analytic support for aquaculture to support production and economic sustainability	17 enterprises from 8 PICTs, comprising 15 partnership enterprises and 2 farmer association groups, receiving enterprise assistance under a grant agreement with SPC. 3 enterprises (Crab Co, Fiji, for shrimp, Tahiti Marine Aquaculture for giant clam and Biota Inc. of Palau for deep-dive collection of marine aquarium fish broodstock) received on-farm training to improve operations, with three standard operating procedures produced		Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; French Polynesia; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; New Caledonia; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Vanuatu
FAME	DO1: Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources Enhance the management of aquatic bio-security risks	All countries up to date with their OIE aquatic disease reporting, contributing to aquatic animal surveillance		Cook Islands; Fiji; French Polynesia; Federated States of Micronesia; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; New Caledonia; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Tonga; Vanuatu

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FAME	DO1: Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources Develop systems, tools and support services for standardised data collection, management and reporting	OnShore, a mobile app for entering port sampling data, released and already in use in 5 PICTs. App includes a biological sampling form to help manage bio-sampling workflow, with New Caledonia using it only for this purpose. Trials of OnShore resulted in improved collection processes and better port sampling data		Fiji; Federated States of Micronesia ; Marshall Islands; Tonga; Samoa
FAME	DO1: Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources Develop systems, tools and support services for standardised data collection, management and reporting	Ongoing active use of SPC-developed systems in 6 PICTs — for water quality monitoring (Cook Islands), giant clam mariculture (French Polynesia), sea cucumber capture and export (French Polynesia), creel and market data (Kiribati), socio-economic data (Kiribati), aquarium fish and/or coral export (Kiribati, Marshall Islands) and sea cucumber survey data (Samoa, Tonga)		Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia ; French Polynesia; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Samoa; Tonga
GEM	DO1: Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources PICTs establish their maritime jurisdictional rights and responsibilities	Geospatial datasets for 14 PICTs provided to FFA for vessel monitoring system; polygonised datasets compiled for 14 PICTs.	Application of WS & PG maritime zones data in Regional FFA VMS	Cook Islands; Fiji; Federated States of Micronesia ; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Niue; Nauru; Papua New Guinea; Palau; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu
FAME	DO1: Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources Support the review and implementation of fisheries management legislation, policies, plans and MCS&E	PICT management plans for aquaculture, FADs, giant clam, pearl industry, trochus and coral reefs, and road maps, developed, reviewed or updated		Cook Islands; Fiji; Federated States of Micronesia ; Kiribati; Solomon Islands; Samoa; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Tonga; Vanuatu
FAME	DO1: Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources Develop systems, tools and support services for standardised data collection, management and reporting	Improved knowledge management in fisheries with in-country knowledge bases established and used in 6 PICTs (including 350 documents in Cook Islands, 90 in Yap (FSM), 3400 in Kiribati, 150 in Marshall Islands, and 80 in Palau)		Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia ; French Polynesia; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Samoa; Tonga
GEM	DO3: Strengthen sustainable transport and energy security PICTs laws and policies comply with international maritime instruments	3 consultations held on drafting laws relating to Ship Safety Management System Regulations 2020, to ensure compliance with international maritime instruments	Consulted, will develop draft and submit for review and finalisation	Federated States of Micronesia

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FAME	DO2: Improve pathways to international markets Enhance the management of aquatic bio-security risks	Support provided for development of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> national aquatic biosecurity strategies — completed for Samoa and PNG, and drafts produced for FSM and Fiji new aquatic biosecurity regulation for Vanuatu final draft of regional framework for aquatic biosecurity, for publication in 2020 new import/export standards developed for 3 PICTs (PNG — fishery and aquaculture products; Vanuatu — shrimp exports; and Tonga — export of mozuku seaweed to Japan) 		Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Papua New Guinea; Tonga; Vanuatu
GEM	DO1: Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources PICTs establish their maritime jurisdictional rights and responsibilities	Final recommendations on Ontong Java Plateau (OJP) joint submission give FSM, PNG and Solomon Islands sovereign rights over seabed resources, with additional 600,000 km ² to be managed by the 3 PICTs	Support to data collection or surveys	Federated States of Micronesia; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Islands
FAME	DO1: Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources Facilitate information management and circulation	Production of country-specific fisheries information and products facilitated and disseminated to 5 PICTs		Federated States of Micronesia; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Islands; Vanuatu
FAME	DO9: Improve education quality 6.1 Design, deliver and quality assure regional vocational training in fisheries	229 participants (46 women) trained as part of Pacific Islands Regional Observer Programme (fisheries)	As part of the Regional Observer Programme, SPC collaborated with other PICTs	Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; New Caledonia; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Islands; Samoa; Tuvalu; Tokelau; Vanuatu

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 <p>GEM</p>	<p>DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters</p> <p>PICTS strengthen their legal, policy and planning instruments in order to support climate change, disaster risk management, water and sanitation security and Integrated Coastal Management for Resilience</p>	<p>SDG 16 Peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>4 Joint State Action Plans reviewed. Stakeholders report that state governments now have clarity on their responsibilities. Plans have been instrumental in facilitating donor investment (e.g. World Bank, ADB and GEF)</p>	<p>Funded review (via subrecipient) and contributed technical advice. Stakeholders report that state governments have clarity about their responsibilities. These plans have been instrumental in facilitating donor investment (e.g. World Bank, ADB and GEF)</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia</p>
RRRT	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>CSOs have increased capacity to monitor and advocate for human rights</p>	<p>10 campaigns supported by SPC were successful in bringing about policy and legislative change or other human rights advances (e.g. Pohnpei Disability Bill; new disabled persons organisation established in Chuuk; single-use plastic items banned in Marshall Islands; gender equality integrated in a policy in Tuvalu)</p>	<p>Grants for campaigns; Training and mentoring; Participation to campaign committee</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Marshall Islands; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu; Vanuatu</p>
RRRT	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>CSOs have increased capacity to monitor and advocate for human rights</p>	<p>21 civil society campaigns made progress towards human rights objectives and a new round of funding started for 37 new campaigns</p>	<p>Grants for campaigns; Training and mentoring</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Marshall Islands; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu; Tonga; Vanuatu</p>
RRRT	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>CSOs have increased capacity to monitor and advocate for human rights</p>	<p>98% of CSO members (44 out of 45 people) achieved competency in human rights advocacy and lobbying</p>	<p>Mentoring support on advocacy and lobbying</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Marshall Islands; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu; Vanuatu</p>
RRRT	<p>DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity</p> <p>Civil society and communities promote human rights, gender equality and EVAW</p>	<p>Community outreach on human rights undertaken in churches, outer islands and other settings in 7 PICTs, including 16 days of activism to combat violence against women</p>	<p>Awareness raising conducted</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu; Vanuatu</p>

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GEM	DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters PICTS strengthen their legal, policy and planning instruments in order to support climate change, disaster risk management, water and sanitation security and Integrated Coastal Management for Resilience	Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan reviewed	Funded review and consultations, and contributed technical advice. Stakeholders report that during last two typhoons and a plane crash, this plan was invoked and the technical working groups called together. Coordinator is said to be much better than 5-6 years ago	Federated States of Micronesia
GEM	DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters Improved knowledge and skills in capacity in climate change, disaster risk management, water and sanitation security and Integrated Coastal Management	74 people (24 women) trained in Introduction to DRM (training of trainers) across the region	Funding and facilitation	Cook Islands; Fiji; Federated States of Micronesia ; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Niue; Nauru; Papua New Guinea; Palau; Solomon Islands; Samoa; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu
GEM	DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters Improved knowledge and skills in capacity in climate change, disaster risk management, water and sanitation security and Integrated Coastal Management	78 people (12 women) trained in 'Working in an Emergency Operations Centre' (training of trainers) across the region	Funding and facilitation	Cook Islands; Fiji; Federated States of Micronesia ; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Niue; Nauru; Papua New Guinea; Palau; Solomon Islands; Samoa; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu
SDP	DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters National and regional gender equality, youth and cultural development strategies are strengthened	National Youth Conference held with SPC's support	Secretariat support and TA from planning through to outcomes drafting	Federated States of Micronesia
GEM	DO6: Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity PICTS strengthen their legal, policy and planning instruments in order to support climate change, disaster risk management, water and sanitation security and Integrated Coastal Management for Resilience	Spatial Data Policy Framework implemented. Government recruited a GIS Officer to oversee implementation of framework	Funded review (via subrecipient) and contributed technical advice. Government has recruited a GIS Officer in line with the policy to oversee implementation of the Framework. Is paid for from core budget	Federated States of Micronesia

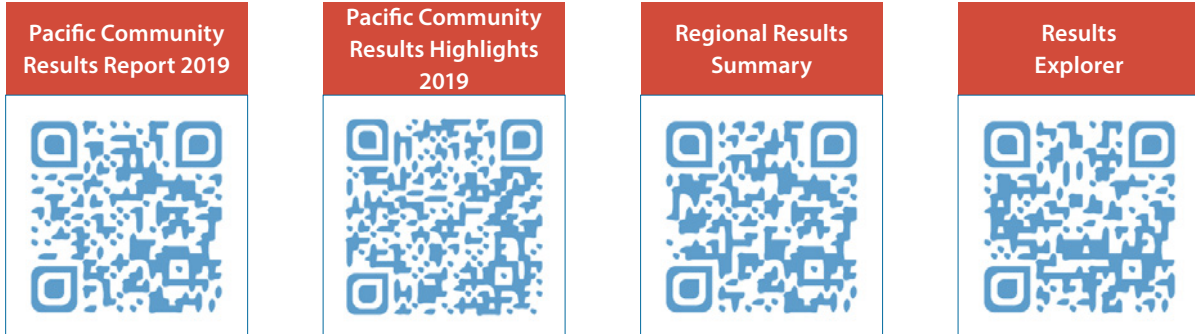
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Statistics for Development Division (SDD) 	DO4: Strengthen access to and use of development statistics in policy development and monitoring progress Improved regional statistics governance and coordination	SDG 17 Partnerships for the goals 1 National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) approved (Tokelau); draft NSDS awaiting formal government enforcement in FSM and Fiji; and NSDS drafts in progress in Nauru and Niue	Consultant completed work on Tokelau, FSM, and Fiji. Tokelau NSDS was approved while those for FSM and Fiji still await formal government endorsement. Drafting of new NSDS for Nauru and Niue was ongoing up to year end	Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Niue; Tokelau
SDD	DO4: Strengthen access to and use of development statistics in policy development and monitoring progress Improved regional statistics governance and coordination	Data Licence Agreements (DLAs) were signed with 12 PICTs to govern relationship, responsibilities, rights and duties of SPC vis à vis data producers and users, and to underpin SPC's efforts to provide safe access to Pacific Island microdata to enable research and analysis that benefits Pacific Island people. Some National Statistics Offices (NSOs) have been conservative in disclosing microdata so signing of DLAs is a significant milestone	Developed Data Licence Agreements (DLA)	Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia ; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Niue; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu; Wallis and Futuna
SDD	DO4: Strengthen access to and use of development statistics in policy development and monitoring progress Provide technical support to national data collections and quality assurance processes using standardised methods, systems and processes	Following SPC's advice, 2 PICTs deferred their HIES till after their census, in line with rational collection schedules	Recommendation that HIES be delayed to after census	Federated States of Micronesia; Palau
GEM	DO5: Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters Improved knowledge and skills in capacity in climate change, disaster risk management, water and sanitation security and Integrated Coastal Management	Knowledge exchange visit to American Samoa co-financed with GEF International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network (IW: LEARN). Exchange focused on technology and governance arrangements for pig waste management. Seven participants from 4 PICTs will 'twin' with American Samoa's Environmental Protection Agency to learn about its successful Piggery Compliance Program	SPC co-financed with Global Environment Facility's (GEF) International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network (IW: LEARN)	American Samoa; Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Kiribati; Tuvalu

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SDP	<p>DO6: Advance social development through promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity and opportunities for young people</p> <p>Partnerships networks are influencing decision making fora</p>	<p>4 partnership networks supported to improve their organisational performance, and skills in strategic planning and drafting policy briefs and outcome statements</p>	<p>SDP staff supported FSM Women's Council draft its strategic plan, budget and implementation plan. SDP staff supported PICs CSOs in strategic planning and drafting policy briefs and outcome statements (alongside RRRT). Drafting support for Pre Youth Conference Outcome Statement; SDP coordination with GEM</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia; REGIONAL (All PICTs)</p>

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