

Pacific Region: Regional adaptive urbanization and climate risk analytics and knowledge exchange

Country

Pacific Island Countries – Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, PNG, RMI, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Mainstream DRR and CCA into national and priority sector policies and investment planning

Amount Approved

€237,000 / \$250,000

Duration

12/2023 – 12/2025

Context and Objectives

Pacific Island Countries are exposed to various risks including hydrometeorological and geophysical hazards such as cyclones, floods, landslides, earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic activity, as well as the longer-term impacts of climate change which poses existential risks to many Pacific Island communities.

The objective of this project is to provide support to national governments to improve the knowledge base and analytical capacity for risk-informed urban spatial planning and management. Specifically, this involves development of technical and analytical products relevant to disaster-risk informed and resilient spatial planning and urban land use policy development.

Activities under this grant build upon previous work undertaken through the [ACP-EU NDRR](#) program.

Main Activities and Expected Results

Technical contributions to a regional study focused on urbanization and risk-informed adaptation planning and investment in the Pacific

This activity supports a regional technical report on urbanization, risk-informed adaptation planning, and investment needs in the Pacific. The report aims to improve the understanding of urban resilience in the region and covers spatial planning and building codes, resilient urban housing and public facilities, preparedness for shocks, urban governance and financing capacities and social inclusion.

Expected Result:

- Enhanced knowledge and understanding of the Pacific region's urbanization and risk-informed adaptation planning and investment.

Climate change impact analysis for select Pacific cities

This activity supports an analysis of climate change impact data specific to Pacific urban areas, particularly the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, and Kiribati. This knowledge product represents a reference that can assist PIC governments with urban planning and analysis of potential high risk, priority adaptation areas. This analysis aims also at informing the World Bank's Country Climate and Development Report on Atoll Nations.

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Knowledge sharing and capacity building

This activity supports the participation of PIC representatives in regional knowledge-exchange forums to improve the impact of technical and analytical products developed under this project.

Expected Result:

- Systematized participation of Pacific Island countries in relevant global and/or regional knowledge-exchange activities.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements this project in close collaboration with the relevant line ministries of the involved national governments and coordinates its efforts with the relevant EU delegations in the region.