

Solomon Islands - Strengthening policy framework and capacity building for resilience

Country

Solomon Islands

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

01/2024 – 12/2025

Context and Objectives

In 2021, the Solomon Islands was ranked as the second most vulnerable country in the World to natural hazards. The country is highly exposed to natural hazards and extreme weather events due to its location in the 'Pacific Ring of Fire' and within the cyclone belt. Modelling suggests that in the next 50 years, Solomon Islands is likely to incur an average direct loss of \$20.5 million per year (or three percent of GDP).¹

The objective of the project is to strengthen Solomon Islands' climate and disaster risk management policy, systems, and local capacities to prepare and respond to natural disasters.

Main Activities and Expected Results

Support for climate and disaster risk management policy reforms

This activity supports technical inputs essential to the review and development of targeted DRM and climate resilience policy reforms, a proposed disaster risk financing strategy, climate and disaster risk ordinances, the new climate legislation Bill, and the public health emergency Act.

Expected Results:

- Strengthened capacities of provincial governments and communities to manage the negative effects of climate change and disaster risk.
- Strengthened financial capacity to respond to natural disasters and health emergencies.

Technical advisory support on implementation of selected policies and climate and disaster risk management financing

This activity provides technical advisory support on implementation of targeted strategic activities under the Climate Change Policy (CCP), and the National Strategy and Framework for Climate, Weather and Ocean Services, including assessment of the level of vulnerability across the country to inform priority climate and resilience investments.

Expected Results:

- Improved capacity to assess level of vulnerabilities and identify adaptive measures.
- Strengthened disaster preparedness and response systems.
- Improved awareness around application of the National Building Code and disaster risk financing.

¹ Country Risk Profile: Solomon Islands, GFDRR, available:

<https://www.gfdrr.org/sites/default/files/publication/PCRAFI%20AIR%20Brochure-%20Solomon%20Islands.pdf>



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Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements this project in close coordination with the Ministry of Finance and Treasury (MoFT), Ministry Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM), Ministry of Infrastructure Development, Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening and Ministry of Health and Medical Services. The team will coordinate activities with the EU Delegation in Fiji.

The implementation of this project complements the ongoing work of the [Solomon Island Integrated Economic Development and Community Resilience Project](#), and the [Solomon Islands First DPO/Cat DDO Operation](#).