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SPC Work Plan in Federated States of Micronesia



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The following table lists key work areas that SPC is undertaking in 2017 in cooperation with the Federated States of Micronesia. The country-specific work listed here complements other SPC work undertaken at a regional level to benefit the people of the Federated States of Micronesia 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)	Enhance data collection and provide data management services for fisheries and marine ecosystems	Ongoing	Support given for data entry in country, through the 'Slack' online collaboration platform	TUFMAN2 database
		Ongoing	Longline logsheet data received and processed at SPC on behalf of Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)	Logsheet data processing
		Ongoing	Assist country with Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) reporting obligations, particularly with the WCPFC Annual Report Part 1 (related to their fleet's activities in the WCPFC Convention Area)	WCPFC reporting obligations
		Completed	Participants from FSM attending the Tuna Data Workshop TDW11 - WCPFC funding. Annual catch estimates provided by country	Tuna Data Workshop
		Not Started	Use of tag recovery database by Tag Recovery Officer and promotion of recovery of tags by fishers and observers	WCPFC Project 42: Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme
		Ongoing	Collection of tag recovery information and deployment of tag seeding kits	WCPFC Project 42: Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme
		On Track	Port monitoring review	Integrated Fisheries Monitoring
		Ongoing	Collection of biological samples for the tuna tissue bank	WCPFC Project 35b: Tuna Tissue Bank
		Completed	Participated in and supported subregional workshop on Electronic Monitoring (EM) hosted by Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority (MIMRA), Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). Participating countries were Solomon Islands, RMI, FSM and Palau. Workshop covered plans for and systems to support the implementation of EM in longline fisheries across the subregion, including the flow of EM data from countries to SPC's regional database system.	Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring
Ongoing	Trials of electronic reporting and electronic monitoring technologies for improved fisheries data quality and flow. Tablet deployed in support of TAILS trials. In-country training and support.	Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring		

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	Provide analyses and advice for evidence-based fisheries management	Ongoing	Support for Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) decision-making	DFAT tagged funding
		Not Started	Support for FSM on national longline fisheries	DFAT tagged funding
		Completed	National bio-economic analyses of longline fisheries	Global Environment Facility
		Completed	Report on the distribution of fishing within the FSM exclusive economic zone (EEZ)	Global Environment Facility
		Completed	Report on seasonality and value of longline bycatch	Global Environment Facility
		Ongoing	Ongoing work provided in oceanic fisheries under WCPFC	WCPFC
		On Track	Assessment of sea cucumber in Pohnpei, with training of staff from State Fisheries agency and NGOs	DFAT tagged funding
		On Track	Assessment of mud crabs	DFAT tagged funding
		On Track	Review of FSM sea cucumber fishery management	World Bank Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program - BDM review
		On Track	Funded FSM participants to the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) Fisheries Technical & Advisory Committee (FTAC) meeting in September	World Bank Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program - BDM review
	Support the sustainable development of aquaculture	Completed	National OIE-World Organisation for Animal Health report on aquatic animal health updated	Pacific Aquaculture Dev
		On Track	National capacity strengthened on aquatic biosecurity planning	Pacific Aquaculture Dev
		On Track	National aquatic biosecurity plan developed	Pacific Aquaculture Dev
		Not started	National aquaculture business investment plan developed	FAO/SPC Aquaculture Business Investment Planning and Development
	Support capacity development in fisheries and aquaculture among PICTs	Completed (Feb. 2017)	Annual workshop to promote coordination and cooperation among observer programmes	ROCRS - Regional Observer Coordinators Workshop 17
		Completed (May 2017)	Assessor training to certify debriefer trainees (2 FSM attendees)	ROCRS - Subregional Observer Debriefing Assessor Workshop
		On Track	Workshop for Pacific Islands Regional Fisheries Observer (PIRFO) trainers to coordinate training activities for the year (2 FSM attendees)	ROCRS - Observer Trainer/ Assessor Workshop
		Delayed	Refresher training for existing PIRFO observers on new data forms and protocols	ROCRS - FSM (PIRFO) observer refresher training
		On Track	Completion of certification of trainee observer debriefers	ROCRS - FSM debriefing (Part C)
		On Track	Eight trainees to attend a second subregional (multiple-nationality) PIRFO observer training	ROCRS - Subregional basic observer training (in Pohnpei)
		On Track	Observer training specifically in procedures for reporting and managing critical incidents	ROCRS - Critical Incidents Workshop

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Forestry, land use, agriculture				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)		Ongoing	Capacity-building support for North Pacific countries on establishment of Micronesia biosecurity plans; training provided	Biosecurity and Trade Facilitation
		Ongoing	Capacities and priorities of Lands and Survey Departments mapped	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 PAFPNNet portal (infrastructure in place for FSM)	Agriculture Policy
		Completed	Baseline Study and National Policy Inventory and Analysis (FSM as part of 15 Pacific countries; to be published)	Agriculture Policy
		On Track	National agriculture and forestry policy frameworks and subsector strategies completed - Development of Strategic Action Plans for Pohnpei and Yap to assist implementation of national FSM Agriculture Policy	Agriculture Policy
		Ongoing	FSM consulted in the development of several agriculture policy frameworks (draft Pacific Regional Extension Strategy)	Agriculture Policy
		On Track	Improved dissemination and adoption of applied agricultural production research technologies	Agriculture Policy
		On Track	Collection and documentation of FSM's taro and cassava varieties for climate-ready research and documentation of taro varieties in the North Pacific (incl. FSM) for taro leaf blight research and food security policies	Agriculture Policy
		Completed	Agriculture National Minimum Development Indicators (NMDI) updated through desk-based data collection and analysis; Infographic of agricultural statistics from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) prepared in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization	Agriculture Policy
		Ongoing	Provision of technical assistance and capacity building activities for national ministries, departments, private sector and farmers' organisations	Agriculture Policy

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Minerals and water				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)		Ongoing	Levelling survey of tide gauges and associated land monitoring stations - Tide gauges are operational and deliver precise water level information and continuously operating geodetic stations monitor ground movement	OCG Geodetics
		Ongoing	A modern Geodetic Reference Frame that underpins fundamental geospatial systems and applications is adopted	OCG Geodetics
		Ongoing	Technical support to maintain 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
		Ongoing	Printed annual tide calendar received by relevant agencies and available online to public - A tidal fact sheet and additional information and improvements were included with the tide calendar for Pohnpei Harbour following a user survey	Ocean Information and Knowledge Management
	Natural resources developed and managed and governance strengthened	Ongoing	SPC Regional Maritime Boundaries Unit and its project partners assisted Pacific Island countries (PICs) to complete lodgement of their boundaries data - Providing assistance with the review of maritime legislation; once passed by national governments, these domestic laws will be deposited with the UN to fulfil the obligations under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)	Regional Maritime Boundaries Project
		Ongoing	Technical solutions prepared with PICs for shared/overlapping EEZ - Technical support for preparations for negotiation meetings for FSM	Regional Maritime Boundaries Project
		Ongoing	Maritime baseline, zone, limits and boundaries developed for PICs; provision of appropriate maritime boundaries data, support and advice allowed countries to develop their technical/legal solutions - Currently supporting development of baselines and outer limits of maritime zones for Fiji	Regional Maritime Boundaries Project
	Strengthen assessment and monitoring of natural resources, systems and processes	Ongoing	Kosrae State Freshwater Resources Plan - pilot project testing methods for catalysing local community action, utilising and providing best practice examples, and building institutional linkages for integrated land, forest, water and coastal management	GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Project
		Ongoing	National diagnostic analyses for Integrated Coastal Management conducted for prioritising and scaling-up key ICM/Integrated Water Resource Management reforms and investments	GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef 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	Ongoing	Capacity building support for North Pacific countries on establishment of Micronesia biosecurity plans; training provided on biosecurity and trade facilitation	Biosecurity and Trade Facilitation
		Ongoing	Market access information systems updated and maintained - 2016, World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS): Updated 1st and 2nd Semester Country Reports	Biosecurity and Trade Support / Animal Health

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Transport and energy				
3. Strengthen sustainable transport and energy security	Strong leadership in the Pacific's energy sector, with good governance, effective multi-sectoral coordination and strategic partnerships, including monitoring and evaluation	Completed	Developed course and unit descriptors for climate change adaptation (CCA) and sustainable energy (SE) in FSM; at least 10 trainers from FSM took part in training of trainers courses on CCA and SE	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training USP
		Ongoing	Developed and established training courses and support facilities in technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training USP
		Ongoing	CCA and SE training networks strengthened	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training USP
Development statistics				
4. Strengthen access to and use of development statistics in policy development and monitoring progress	All countries and territories have in place some form of national statistics strategy or plan in line with their national development strategies	Completed	Technical assistance provided for completion of final National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) design - FSM NSDS draft to be reviewed by national and external technical partners	DFAT - Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		Completed	Production of 7 peer-reviewed publications, covering nutrition, fisheries management, food security and systems - Training of 25 participants on household income and expenditure survey (HIES) data extraction and analysis. Data dissemination products drafted	DFAT - Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		Completed	Using infographics to better communicate on statistics - 20 posters delivered and training completed (FSM National Statistical Office would like workshop to be repeated with outer island participants also included)	DFAT - Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017

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Goal 2: Pacific communities are empowered and resilient				
Climate change and disasters				
5. Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters	Strengthen development and management of natural resources, systems and processes	On Track	Recruitment of staff to manage Emergency Operations Centres in two States	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Support for state-led activities to celebrate International Day for Disaster Reduction	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		Completed	Dam and reservoir completed to supplement existing municipal water supply	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Complete installation of solar panel and battery for communication equipment	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Establishment of traditional plant nursery	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Refurbishment of Emergency Operations Centre in Yap	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
	Enhance management, and accessibility, of information and data by PICTs and strengthen the coordination of knowledge networks	On Track	Attendance at Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance (PIEMA) coordinated meetings supported	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Attendance at regional disaster risk management meetings supported	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Finalisation of the spatial data framework	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		Ongoing	Letter of agreement signed by SPC and Government of FSM on climate change adaptation	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change
		Delayed	National Climate Change Coordinator recruited and on board	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change
		Ongoing	Social and environmental safeguards integrated into national work plan	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change
		On Track	Policies or plans, identified in institutional mapping assessment, to guide multi-sectoral approaches to climate change and disaster risk management implemented by December 2019	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change

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		On Track	Mainstreaming training successfully delivered and incorporated in national planning processes to support agencies to plan/manage climate change and disaster risk management by December 2019	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change
		On Track	Project management tools produced and mainstreamed into national planning processes to support government agencies to plan/manage for climate change and disaster risks	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change
		Delayed	Climate finance assessment for FSM with recommendations and action plan completed by June 2017	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change
		On Track	One to two recommendations from the climate finance assessment implemented by December 2019	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change
		On Track	Support for FSM Development Bank National Implementing Entity (NIE) accreditation through joint innovative awareness programmes	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change
		On Track	FSM national Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Communications Plan developed and implemented by 2018	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change
		On Track	Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Communications Plan activities implemented	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change
		On Track	Increased awareness of lessons learned in climate change/climate finance through participation at project regional meetings/forums and peer to peer exchanges by 2019	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change
		On Track	Lessons learned from peer to peer exchanges are disseminated and implemented in national plans/processes	USAID Institutional Strengthening for PICs to Adapt to Climate Change
		Not Started	Inception phase for EU-North Pacific Readiness for El Niño (RENI) project starts in July and runs to December 2017 - introducing project, hiring project team and designing activities	EU-North Pacific Readiness for El Niño project (RENI)
	Integrated approach to human development fostered at regional and national levels	Ongoing	Innovative post-graduate training program in Integrated Coastal Management /Integrated Water Resource Management and related climate change adaptation delivered for project managers and participating stakeholders through partnership with James Cook University	GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Project

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	Enhanced climate funding opportunities made available to members	On Track	Strengthened country capacity with Green Climate Fund (GCF) focal points for each State secured. An 'FSM-GCF Applications/Proposal Generation Toolkit' is almost completed.	GCF FSM Readiness Support project
		On Track	GCF presentations made at various national meetings and workshops to engage stakeholders in consultative processes	GCF FSM Readiness Support project
		On Track	Nominated Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), FSM Development Bank and FSMPC for accreditation processes to realise direct access to finance	GCF FSM Readiness Support project
		On Track	Consultative meetings held with GCF and accredited entities in Tokyo, Sengdo and Suva on access to finance	GCF FSM Readiness Support project
		On Track	Inception workshop and country program workshops held in the States to mobilise the private sector	GCF FSM Readiness Support project
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	Effective shared agendas, regional platforms and institutions	On Track	Three-year work plan on progressing gender equality and mainstreaming developed and attached to signed MoU	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Increased capacity of the national women's machinery to implement gender mainstreaming	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Ongoing	Effective assistance to the Australian Embassy in FSM to develop and implement Pacific Women activities in FSM, Palau and RMI	Pacific Women
		Ongoing	Increased capacity to implement the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development partners' projects	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Report of recommendations from the regional conference of Pacific women and Ministers and Senior Government Officials Meeting	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
	Pacific peoples adapt to their changing environment while protecting and promoting their rights, assets and identity	Ongoing	Gender policy adopted and disseminated	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Delayed until 2018	Mainstreaming gender and social inclusion in climate change (ISSAC)	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Delayed	Technical assistance to scope women's economic empowerment activities	Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development
		On Track	Technical assistance for survivors of violence service needs assessment	Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development
		On Track	FSM formal labour market gender analysis training workshop held	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Ongoing	Technical assistance provided to finalise and complete the National Youth Policy	Youth Policy

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	Survivors of violence have increased access to justice and support services	On going	Human Rights, Gender-Based Violence & Family Protection Act training - Kosrae Nurses and Social Services	DFAT (Pacific Women)
		On going	Pohnpei Family Protection Bill consultation	DFAT (Pacific Women)
		On going	Chuuk Family Bill consultation and drafting support	DFAT (Pacific Women)
	PIC governments promote and protect human rights, and fulfil human rights commitments	Ongoing	National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) stakeholder consultations conducted	DFAT
		Ongoing	National human rights mechanisms capacity building	Sweden
		Delayed	Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Concluding Observations implementation planning supported	Sweden
		Ongoing	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) implementation planning supported	DFAT
		On Track	Consultations held on climate resilience building in the North Pacific	EU-RENI
		On Track	Knowledge, attitude and practice survey conducted on climate resilience building and applying a rights-based approach in the North Pacific	EU-RENI
		Ongoing	Human rights and good governance training for local governance structures (elected and traditional)	EU-RENI
	Civil society and communities promote human rights, gender equality and EAW	Ongoing	International Human Rights Day implementation	DFAT
		Ongoing	International Women's Day implementation	DFAT
	Integrated approach to human development fostered at regional and national levels	On Track	Ridge to Reef gender mainstreaming strategy implemented	GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Project

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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	Improved and resilient food production systems	On Track	Provision of technical assistance on screening, evaluation and documentation of new resilient crop varieties	CePaCT - (FAO Treaty Access Benefit Sharing)
	Build capacity and knowledge for effective implementation/action	Ongoing	Staff trained or attended professional placements/training/ courses	PHD Policy Planning & Regulation (PPRP activity 7.4.2)
		Completed	Conducted targeted training at the national level (Data for Decision-making training)	PHD Policy Planning & Regulation (PPRP activity 7.4.3)
		Not started	Support provided to strengthen national diabetes coalition	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.4.4)
		Ongoing	Information, education and communication resources needs identified, and information distributed	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.4.6)
		Not started	Policies and legislation that address social and economic determinants of NCD (e.g. sugar-sweetened beverages, tobacco and alcohol, etc.): needs identified and policies/legislation developed as relevant	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.2.2)
Public health surveillance				
8. Strengthen regional public health surveillance and response	Improve support mechanisms for Pacific Island countries and territories facing public health and climate change health-related emergencies	On Track	Technical assistance provided for development of health support package for mass gathering surveillance	PHD REI work
	Improve quality of country-level surveillance and reporting	On Track	Training conducted on mass gathering surveillance (and the use of surveillance tools) in preparation for the Micronesian Games	PHD REI work
		On Track	Technical assistance provided for development and/or customisation of surveillance tools for enhanced surveillance	PHD REI work
		On Track	Technical assistance provided in the area of disease risk assessment (for mass gathering)	PHD REI work
		On Track	Updated HIV and sexually transmitted infection (STI) situation in the region, and Global AIDS Response Progress (GARP) reporting facilitated every year	PHD REI work
		On Track	PICTs supported to collate and analyse HIV/sexually transmitted infection related data	PHD REI work

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	Public health surveillance and response in PICTs guided by quality and up-to-date policies and plans	On Track	Sexual and Reproductive Health National Strategic Plan (SRH NSP) implementation status and updates mapped out	PHD REI work
	Improve timeliness, reliability and accuracy of laboratory results	On Track	Support provided for developing/updating HIV testing policy, guideline development and updates	PHD REI work
		On Track	Support provided for strengthening L1 lab capacity for HIV/STI testing and screening, including lab-based surveillance	PHD REI work
Education quality				
9. Improve education quality	Raising student achievement in literacy and numeracy	On Track	Technical assistance provided in the assessment and monitoring of literacy, numeracy, and life skills in the Pacific	Improving Literacy and Numeracy
	Strengthening national accreditation and assessment systems	On Track	Enhanced alignment of agency quality assurance strategies with the Pacific Qualifications and Accreditation Framework (PQAF)	EQAP Accreditation
		On Track	Relevant technical and advisory support for accrediting agencies and education and training institutions provided	EQAP Accreditation