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## SPC Work Plan in Samoa



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

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<b>Goal 1: The Pacific region and its people benefit from inclusive and sustainable economic growth</b>				
<b>Fisheries</b>				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)	Support the sustainable development of aquaculture	Ongoing	Aquatic biosecurity risks assessed, and aquatic biosecurity plans or standards developed	MFAT Pacific Aquaculture Dev, DFAT
		Ongoing	Capacity development provided to government and farmers in aquatic biosecurity	MFAT Pacific Aquaculture Dev
		Ongoing	Technological transfer facilitated in feed, seed and broodstock management	MFAT Pacific Aquaculture Dev, DFAT
		On Track	Application and evaluation of community-based approaches to strengthen community impacts of small-scale aquaculture	ACIAR: Improving community-based aquaculture in Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa and Vanuatu
	Provide analyses and advice for evidence-based fisheries management	On Track	New or revised national legislation for coastal fisheries and aquaculture is drafted / progressed	MFAT
		On Track	Coastal fisheries policies and management plans reviewed, updated or developed	Core, MFAT, programme funding
	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
		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

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		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
		Ongoing	Support for development of electronic reporting mechanisms and technologies for improved fisheries data quality and flow, including in-country training and support	Electronic Reporting
	Identify sustainable alternative livelihood options for nearshore fisheries	Not Started	Catch monitoring and socio-economic household surveys conducted	ADB and FAO projects
	Support capacity development in fisheries and aquaculture among PICTs	On Track	Training provided in fish aggregation device (FAD) rigging, deployment and FAD fishing skills and small-boat safety	FAD training assistance (funded by MFAT under PFTP, ADB under post-disaster projects or cost-shared with recipient PICT)
	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
		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
		Ongoing	Analyses and outreach in support of the development of harvest strategies for western and central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) 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	
<b>Forestry, land use, agriculture</b>				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)	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

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	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
	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 PAFPN portal (infrastructure in place for Samoa)	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
Completed		Baseline Study and National Policy Inventory and Analysis (Samoa as part of 15 Pacific countries; to be published)	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme	
Ongoing		Samoa consulted in development of several agriculture policy frameworks (e.g. draft Pacific Regional Extension Strategy)	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme	
	Increased capacity for sustainable land and forest management	On Track	Coconut Industry Development Project pilot commenced	EU-CIDP
On Track		Cocoa genetic resources developed, and production and post-harvest systems aligned to market opportunities	Cocoa Rehabilitation Project – Vanuatu	
<b>Minerals and water</b>				
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	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
		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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	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 Apia following user survey	Ocean Information and Knowledge Management
	Natural resources developed and managed, and governance strengthened	Ongoing	Maritime baseline, zone, limits and boundaries developed for Pacific Island countries - Provision of appropriate maritime boundaries data, support and advice to allow countries to develop technical/legal solutions (currently supporting development of baselines and outer limits of maritime zones for Fiji)	Regional Maritime Boundaries Project
		Ongoing	Technical solutions prepared with Pacific Island countries for shared/overlapping EEZ - Technical support for preparations for negotiation meetings	Regional Maritime Boundaries Project
<b>Mobility, private enterprises, phytosanitary and biosecurity standards supporting trade</b>				
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	Technical support services provided to PICTs for preparedness in animal health emergency disease response	Animal 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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<b>Transport and energy</b>				
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	Ongoing	Training courses and support facilities developed/established in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training USP
		Ongoing	Climate change adaptation (CCA) and Sustainable energy (SE) training networks strengthened	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training USP
<b>Development statistics</b>				
4. Strengthen access to and use of development statistics in policy development and monitoring progress	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 develop country capacity to meet regular reporting requirements	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Barriers to produce information reduced - Dashboard customised to meet needs of users; training on Tableau online course	DFAT Strengthening EMIS in the Pacific 2015-2017
<b>Goal 2: Pacific communities are empowered and resilient</b>				
<b>Climate change and disasters</b>				
5. Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters	Strengthen assessment and monitoring of natural resources, systems and processes	On Track	National Emergency Operations Centre construction supervision	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Building of search and rescue training facility	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Review and update of Disaster Risk Management (DRM) public awareness materials (information brochures, phone book, TV and radio slots, etc.)	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)

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		On Track	Capacity to respond safely during a disaster/emergency increased	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Procurement and installation of equipment to address user accessibility issues and improve resilience of Emergency Radio Network and Emergency Siren Network, which rely on same system	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Attendance at Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance (PIEMA) coordination meetings supported	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Mainstreaming guidelines and 14 sector-specific plans produced	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Donated resources deployed to strengthen emergency management	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Samoa National Disaster Risk Management Plan reviewed and updated to include sector-specific roles - Based on this, recommendations developed for amendments to the Disaster and Emergency Management Act - Consultation workshops completed in 2016 - Draft document presented to National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) in Q1/17	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Programme Support Unit (PMU) established and implementation support provided for regional and national activities - Ongoing support for Samoa and Tonga in finalising procurement plans and activities	Pacific Resilience Programme
		On Track	Impact forecasting tool to support early warning capacity of national observatories and disaster management offices developed and adapted	Pacific Resilience Programme
		On Track	Decision support tools incorporating disaster risk reduction developed and adapted	Pacific Resilience Programme
<b>Human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity and opportunities for young people</b>				
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	Report recommendations from workshop on strengthening role of central agencies in governments to support gender mainstreaming across government policies, programmes and services	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Samoa Census 2016 gender fact sheet completed	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs

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		On Track	Samoa cultural industries structured (ongoing support to culture and arts institutions, organisations, producers and entrepreneurs) - Cultural intellectual property issues addressed - Human resource needs assessed	EU-Enhancing Pacific Cultural Industries - Enhancing Pacific Cultural Industries - Fiji, Samoa, and Solomon Islands
	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
		On Track	Support for engagement on gender equality and exchange and learning - Organisation of 13th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Ongoing	National Culture Policy Peer Review and Learning Meeting held	Culture – Regional Culture Strategy Review Working Group
		Ongoing	Work with the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC) to compile data on the cultural dimensions of the ocean	Culture – Cross sectoral work
		On Track	Progress and report recommendations from the 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 2017-2018 period)	Culture – Kiribati, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, French Polynesia, Samoa and Solomon Islands
		Ongoing	Progressing recommendations from Mid-Term Review of Regional Culture Strategy: Investing in Pacific Cultures, 2010-2020, and resource mobilisation strategies at national and regional levels	Culture – Regional Culture Strategy Review Working Group
		On Track	Regional Culture Strategy Review Working Group	Culture – Regional Culture Strategy Review Working Group
		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



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		Ongoing	Technical assistance provided to develop Pacific Young Women's Leadership Alliance (PYWLA) structure and strategic plan - Engagement of PYWLA in Triennial Conference of Pacific Women facilitated	Youth engagement
		On Track	Establishment of LGBTI Youth-net through partnership and technical assistance provided to Pacific Sexual Diversity Network	Youth engagement
<b>Goal 3: Pacific Island people reach their potential and lead long and healthy lives</b>				
<b>Non-communicable diseases and food security</b>				
7. Improve multi-sectoral responses to non-communicable diseases (NCD) and food security	Agrobiodiversity conserved	On track	Establishment of new varieties in tissue culture using successful protocols	CePaCT Global Crop Diversity Trust Regeneration and Safety Duplication Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
		Ongoing	Strengthening of safety maintenance of Pacific regional crop and tree collections to ensure Samoa has crop reserves available to respond quickly to disasters	CePaCT Global Crop Diversity Trust Regeneration and 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 and 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)
		Ongoing	Strengthening resilience of Pacific agricultural systems to climate change	CePaCT - (FAO Treaty Access Benefit Sharing)
		On Track	Strengthening and promoting on-farm breeding of aroids, sweet potatoes, cassava and yam including establishment in new countries - New breeding lines sent to Samoa for taro leaf blight (TLB) screening	CePaCT Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme FAO Treaty Access Benefit Sharing - climate change Global Trust Regeneration and Safety Duplication

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	Improve the dissemination and adoption of agricultural production technologies	On Track	Rural Advisory Services (RAS) capacity to effectively service the farming community increased	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
<b>Public health surveillance</b>				
8. Strengthen regional public health surveillance and response	Strengthen policy development and strategic planning for a coordinated response to effective implementation	Ongoing	PICTs assisted to develop/update and implement their national surveillance and outbreak/disaster preparedness and response plan(s)	PHD REI work
		Ongoing	Sexual Reproductive Health National Strategic Plan implementation status and updates mapped out	PHD REI work
	Improve quality of surveillance and reporting at country level	Ongoing	HIV and sexually transmitted infection (STI) situation in the region updated - Global AIDS Response Report facilitated every year	PHD REI work
		Ongoing	PICTs assisted to collate and analyse HIV/STI related data	PHD REI work
	Improve capacity and standards of PICT laboratories	Ongoing	Support provided for strengthening L1 lab capacity for HIV/STI testing and screening, including lab-based surveillance	PHD REI work
		On Track	Support provided for developing/updating HIV testing policy, guideline development and updates	PHD REI work
<b>Education quality</b>				
9. Improve education quality	Improved performance of teachers and principals	On Track	Training on Assessment of Teaching and Learning Administration System (ATLAS) process (old ATLAS version) and ATLAS Plus process (outcomes-based software) - South Pacific Form Seven Certificate exam paper produced - IA workshop: Prescription review and verification	Regional Qualifications and Assessment for Learning
		On Track	National and regional benchmarks and enabling policies put in place to improve education system performance	Pacific Benchmarking for Education Results
		On Track	Assessment of capacity of institution and personnel in implementing education policies to enhance system efficiency	Pacific Benchmarking for Education Results
		On Track	Development of national standards and tools for teachers supported	Regional Qualifications and Assessment for Learning
		On Track	Countries assisted to develop monitoring and evaluation tools to track progress of education strategic plan	Pacific Benchmarking for Education Results

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	Raising of student achievement in literacy and numeracy	On Track	Capacity improved for development of intervention resources and consequently for teaching of literacy and numeracy	Regional Qualifications and Assessment for Learning
		On Track	Capacity enhanced for unpacking of learning outcomes, and development and identification of skills bands for consistency of teaching and assessment	Regional Qualifications and Assessment for Learning
		On Track	Technical assistance provided in assessment and monitoring of literacy, numeracy and life skills in the Pacific	Improving Literacy and Numeracy
		On Track	Technical assistance provided in assessment and monitoring of early grade reading assessment	Improving Literacy and Numeracy
		On Track	Capacity of countries to use Pacific Island Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (PILNA) results to develop strategies for intervention programmes enhanced	Improving Literacy and Numeracy
	Increased capacity of PICTs' education systems to manage and use high-quality, valid and reliable data to inform policy 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	Ongoing technical support provided to countries on research	EQAP Research 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 findings and recommendations to inform educational reforms	EQAP Research Section
		On Track	Relevant technical and advisory support for accrediting agencies and education and training institutions provided	EQAP Accreditation
	Strengthening of national accreditation and assessment systems	On Track	National and regional benchmarks and enabling policies put in place to improve education system performance	EQAP Accreditation
On Track		Labour mobility schemes, in collaboration with Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Office of Chief Trade Adviser, Melanesian Spearhead Group and World Bank, supported	EQAP Accreditation	