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Australian Funding for Climate Change Adaptation in the Pacific Region

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International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative

- **Australia invested**
 - \$150 million over three years from 2008-09 to meet high priority climate adaptation needs in vulnerable countries in the Asia-Pacific
 - \$178.2 million over the two years from 2011-2012 to help the most vulnerable countries adapt to impacts of climate change
- **The primary geographic emphasis of the Initiative is the Pacific Island countries and East Timor**
- **ICCAI jointly managed by AusAID and DCCEE**



Four objectives of the ICCAI

1. Establish policy, scientific and analytical basis for climate change adaptation
2. Increase understanding of climate change impacts on natural and socioeconomic systems
3. Enhance capacity to assess vulnerabilities and risks, formulate adaptation strategies and mainstream adaptation into decision making
4. Help finance priority adaptation actions



Four principal components

Component 1 – Science

- **Improve scientific information on, and understanding of, climate change impacts in the Pacific**
 - Generate improved climate change impact information to assist decision-makers
 - Build capacity of scientific communities in the region



Four principal components

Component 2 – Strategic planning and vulnerability and adaptation assessments

- Enhance partner country capacity to assess key climate vulnerabilities and risks, formulate appropriate adaptation strategies and plans, and mainstream adaptation into decision making.
 - Increase level of understanding of key climate vulnerabilities at regional, national and sectoral levels in the Pacific
 - Help ensure decision-makers have access to the right information and tools to support adaptation planning and action



Four principal components

Component 3 – Implementing priority actions

- **Finance implementation of priority adaptation measures**
 - Assist in implementing priority adaptation measures at community, national and regional levels
 - Developing national capacity to increase resilience to climate change impacts in the longer term
 - Coordinate with activities of partner countries, other donors, multilateral agencies and regional organisations



Four principal components

Component 4 – Multilateral funds

- **Contribution to multilateral adaptation funds**
 - Increase Australia's contribution to multilateral financial mechanisms for climate change adaptation
 - Australia's contribution notionally allocated to the Pacific, but funds are operating globally



Recent adaptation activities

- **Australia's long-standing support for climate monitoring, prediction and adaptation in the Pacific included:**
 - South Pacific Sea Level and Climate Monitoring Project (\$32 million, 1991-2010)
 - Pacific Islands Climate Prediction Project (\$5.3 million, 2003-2009)
 - Vulnerability and Adaptation Initiative (\$4 million, 2002-2009)



Key Pacific activities

- **Pacific-Australia Climate Change Science Adaptation Planning (PACCSAP) program (\$32 million – 2011 to 2013)**
 - Consolidated PCSSP and PASAP programs
 - Improved scientific information for informed adaptation responses
- **Bilateral Adaptation Program (\$21.25 million)**
 - Support implementation of high priority, practical adaptation programs in Pacific island countries & support to SPC and SPREP
- **Pacific Future Climate Leaders Program (\$3 million)**
 - Scholarships, leadership and media
- **Community Based Adaptation Program (\$1 million for Pacific)**
 - Community-based adaptation through the GEF Small Grants Program
- **NGO Grants (\$5 million)**



Bilateral Adaptation Program

- **\$16.85 million allocation for bilateral adaptation activities in the region**
- **This may include activities such as:**
 - working with the agricultural sector to address food security issues;
 - protecting water supplies and essential infrastructure;
 - improving coastal zone management to increase the resilience of coastal areas and community settlements to climate change; and
 - supporting disaster preparedness and disaster risk reduction programs.
- **Funds will be programmed in line with national priorities identified in the P4D**
- **Will seek to complement existing Australian assistance**
- **Process for allocation of these funds is currently underway.**



PACCSAP

- **Objectives**

- Further understanding of climate change and its impacts
- Communicate key climate science and adaptation knowledge
- Build regional capacities to support decision makers

- **Activities are currently being developed**



Funding breakdown in the Pacific

- Approximately \$120 million will benefit the Pacific region (including Pacific Island countries and East Timor)
- Includes both regional and bilateral activities, as well as contributions to multilateral funds with a focus on the region



Adaptation funding breakdown in the Pacific

Bilateral

Total funding
\$16.85m

Bilateral
Adaptation
Initiatives to
Pacific and
PNG

Regional

Total
Funding
\$4.4m

SPC, SPREP
and PIFS
Secondment

Community Based Adaptation

Total
Funding
\$1m

Science

Total
Funding
\$19m

PACCSAP

NGO Grants

Total
Funding
\$5m

Assistance to
NGOs

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Other assistance modalities

- **Pacific Regional Infrastructure Facility - www.theprif.org**
 - Multi-partner infrastructure coordination and financing mechanism
 - Partners: ADB, AusAID, NZMFAT, WBG, EC & European Investment Bank
 - To support infrastructure planning, development and management in the Pacific
- **Pacific Technical Assistance Mechanism (PACTAM)**
 - Long term technical assistance to Pacific countries
 - Government submission and endorsed
- **Technical assistance via SPC, SPREP etc**

Climate change policy

Seven principles:

Global action on climate change

1. An effective global solution to climate change

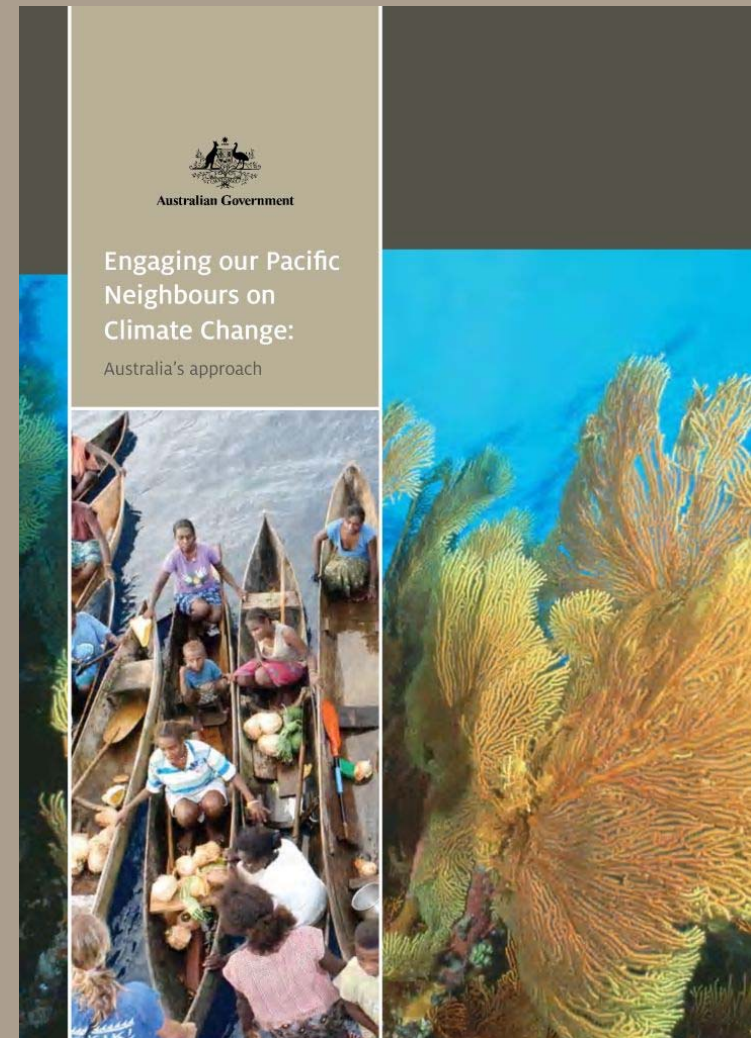
Supporting pacific priorities

2. Support aligned with Pacific regional and national priorities
3. Pacific contribution to global emissions reductions

Building climate resilience

4. Long-term viability of Pacific island communities
5. Capacity to deal with climate change
6. Information to facilitate decision making
7. Improved use of resources

<http://www.climatechange.gov.au/international/>





Pacific Risk Resilience Program (PRR)

- **Goal:** to make Pacific communities more resilient to the impacts of disasters and climate change
- **Funding:** \$16 million over four years (2013-16) and delivered by UNDP Pacific Center and an international NGO partner (*TBD*)
- **PRR countries:** Fiji, Tonga, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu
- **Modality:** Multi country approach and working in 3 levels - *National, Sub-national/Provincial and Community*
- **Activities** to include:
 - Mainstreaming DRM at national level
 - Scientific data to inform decision making for planning
 - Strengthening key in-country risk governance mechanisms
 - Community risk governance arrangements
 - Small grants scheme

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Key focal points at AusAID Posts

Kiribati

- Arititea Teeta (Program Manager)

Samoa

- Asenati Tuiletufuga (Senior Program Manager)
- Misileti Satuala (Program Manager)

Solomon Islands

Tuvalu

- Lily-Anne Homasi (Program Manager)

Vanuatu

- Patrick Haines (Senior Program Manager)



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