

Donor country Australia			
Project/programme title Pacific Vulnerability and Adaptation Initiative			
Purpose The aim of this initiative is to enable Pacific island countries to adapt to the future impact of climate change, climate variability and sea-level rise. Consistent with the objectives of the Pacific Island Framework for Action on Climate Change, Climate Variability and Sea Level Rise, the initiative aims to contribute to adaptation at the community level.			
Recipient country Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga	Sector Adaptation strategies cross-cutting	Total funding \$2.8 million	Years in operation 2005 to 2009
Description The initiative is focused on funding community adaptation projects in Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu and enhancing water catchment and storage facilities in Tuvalu.			
Indicate factors that led to project's success The initiative has funded practical activities such as the replanting of coastal mangroves to protect shorelines, the construction of rainwater tanks on islands affected by seasonal drought, the trialling of versatile crop varieties and the recording of traditional knowledge about disaster preparation. Education/building awareness Information support to communities through education and awareness programs. Institutional strengthening Relevant government ministries, such as national planning, finance and environment and local organisations and community groups involved in vulnerability assessment and adaptation..			
Technology transferred Human resources development/training: targeted training in a range of adaptation techniques, including impact assessment, risk management and the integration of these techniques within national development planning and the wider community.			
Impact on greenhouse gas emissions/sinks Not quantified			