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SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-COUNTRY PROGRAMMING FRAMEWORK FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (2023–2027)

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SDGs:



Countries: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Marshall Islands, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

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Implementing Partners

Ministries of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock, Forestry, Environment and Health.

Beneficiaries

Pacific Island Countries.

Country Programming Framework (CPF) Outputs

CPF 2023–2027.



BACKGROUND

In August 2021, during the 7th Pacific Heads of Agriculture and Forestry Services (HOAFS) meeting, the development of a Pacific Regional Agriculture and Forestry Strategy was endorsed. The Pacific Community (SPC) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) were tasked with designing a process and foresight methodology for this strategy, to be presented at the 2022 Joint FAO and SPC Pacific Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry Meeting. Additionally, SPC and FAO were encouraged to support the region in adopting a strategic approach to transforming food systems and addressing climate change impacts on agriculture and forestry. With the FAO CPF for the Pacific Islands (2018–2022) and the UN Pacific Strategy (UNPS) expiring at the end of 2022, efforts were initiated to develop new frameworks for the next cycle. This work involved evaluations of the CPF and UNPS, alongside drafting the FAO Pre Common Country Analysis (Pre-CCA) and the UN Common Country Analysis for the Pacific Islands. Considering the complexities of the Pacific Subregion, with 14 small island nations and territories, coordination among development partners such as the SPC, United Nations and FAO is critical. At the project design stage, FAO aimed to actively participate in crafting the Pacific Regional Agriculture and Forestry Strategy and the Pacific UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2023–2027, alongside its next CPF by the end of 2022.



IMPACT

The project successfully achieved its intended results, contributing to improved food and nutrition security in the Pacific Islands in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It was designed with a step-by-step methodology to complete the FAO Multi-Country Programming Framework for the Pacific Islands (Pacific CPF) for the region. The project provided important analysis and narrative to guide FAO's future work, ensuring that an updated framework was in place as the previous CPF cycle ended. It also addressed necessary changes in focus and updated resource mobilization priorities.

The project closely aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), successfully achieving its targets by prioritizing those SDGs requiring additional attention.

ACHIEVEMENT OF RESULTS

The project successfully culminated in the finalization and endorsement of the Pacific CPF 2023–2027. Some of the originally planned outputs were removed from the project as they were covered by another organization. These included works for the development of strategic documents on agriculture, forestry and climate change, where the Pacific Community agreed to take the lead and cover funding, and FAO primarily provided technical inputs. In addition to the completion and launch of the Pacific CPF, the framework's first-year implementation plan was published by mid-2023, incorporating updated resource mobilization strategies aligned with the new framework.

The primary outcome, strengthened cooperation between FAO and the Pacific Islands for 2023–2027, was achieved with the development and endorsement of the Pacific CPF. Although some strategic documents were not directly supported by FAO due to external shifts, FAO contributed technical inputs and developed a climate adaptation tool in their place.

Significant progress was made in identifying priorities and resource needs for the Pacific CPF, which was drafted on schedule by October 2022. This process included extensive consultations and aligned with the UNSDCF process. The CPF and its first-year implementation plan were validated in late 2022 after a comprehensive meeting involving representatives from member countries and partners, reflecting on past achievements and future priorities. By mid-2023, the Pacific CPF was officially launched and published, with implementation plans disseminated across all 14 Pacific Island countries. Additionally, the project supported the update of the SAP Resource Mobilization and Partnership Strategy, ensuring alignment with the new Pacific CPF.

IMPLEMENTATION OF WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

The project's timeline was adjusted through two No-cost extensions (NCE). The planned budget was fully utilized, ensuring that financial resources were effectively managed. For activities that were not carried out due to a shift in project direction, the associated budgets were reallocated to support the successful launch of the Pacific CPF. Throughout the project, risks were regularly reviewed, and proactive measures were taken to address any issues that arose, ensuring the project remained on track and responsive to emerging challenges.

FOLLOW-UP FOR GOVERNMENT ATTENTION

The CPF document was shared with government members and ongoing monitoring will take place throughout the duration of the CPF.

SUSTAINABILITY

1. Capacity development

The Pacific CPF, a five-year planning document, will serve as a foundation for continued programming in the region, ensuring that the work accomplished under this project extends well beyond the CPF's lifecycle. A key focus of the CPF is fostering sustainable partnerships, which are critical for the long-term success of its implementation. The revision of the resource mobilization strategy to align with the new CPF further strengthens the sustainability of the project outcomes by ensuring that resources and partnerships are secured to support ongoing activities. This comprehensive approach guarantees that the impact of the project will endure, supporting capacity development and regional priorities for years to come.

2. Gender equality

Gender equality was a central focus in the development of the Pacific CPF, with comprehensive gender analysis informing the framework's priorities. As a result, the document directly addresses gender-related challenges and integrates gender-sensitive approaches into its programming. By embedding gender considerations into the strategic planning process, it ensures that future initiatives will promote inclusive development, support women's empowerment, and tackle the unique barriers faced by women and marginalized groups in the Pacific region. This emphasis on gender equality enhances the sustainability of the Pacific CPF, ensuring that its benefits are equitably shared across all sectors of society.

3. Environmental sustainability

The Pacific CPF places a strong emphasis on environmental sustainability, with a dedicated outcome focused on addressing environmental challenges in the region. This ensures that sustainable management of natural resources, climate resilience, and environmental protection are key priorities throughout the Pacific CPF's implementation. By integrating environmental considerations into its programming, the CPF promotes practices that safeguard ecosystems, enhance food security, and mitigate the impacts of climate change. This focus on environmental sustainability not only addresses immediate concerns but also supports long-term resilience and sustainability for Pacific Island communities.



DOCUMENTS AND OUTREACH PRODUCTS

- ❑ **Dumaine Laulusa L.** 2021. *Pacific Multi country Programming Framework 2023–2027*.
- ❑ **FAO.** 2022. *Updated Resource Mobilization and Partnerships Strategy for the Pacific Islands 2023–2027*.

ACHIEVEMENT OF RESULTS - LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

Expected Impact	Improved food and nutrition security contributing to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Pacific Islands		
Outcome	Strengthened networking and cooperation between FAO and Pacific Islands during 2023–2027 in line with regional and country needs and priorities		
	Indicator	Pacific CPF 2023–2027 developed.	
	Baseline	Current Pacific CPF expires in 2022.	
	End Target	Pacific CPF 2023–2027 ready for signature by December 2022.	
	Comments and follow-up action to be taken	The Pacific CPF 2023–2027 was endorsed and launched in 2023, following a year-long drafting and consultation process.	
Output 1	Agriculture, forestry and climate change guiding documents drafted in response to outcomes of 7th Pacific Heads of Agriculture and Forestry Services (HOAFS) meeting		
	Indicators	Target	Achieved
	Strategic regional guiding documents drafted in response to outcomes of 7th Pacific HOAFS meeting.	Pacific Regional Agriculture and Forestry Strategy foresight methodology and Climate change and agriculture and forestry papers drafted for 3rd Joint FAO and SPC Pacific Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry Meeting.	No
Baseline	N/A		
Comments	The documents initially proposed for project support under this output were subsequently handled by the SPC, and FAO was not required to provide financial support. However, technical officers in SAP contributed technical inputs to the development process. Additionally, the focus of the climate change document was revised to concentrate on developing a climate adaptation tool to support Pacific food systems planning.		
Activity 1.1	Provide technical advice on the development of a Pacific Regional Agriculture and Forestry Strategy		
	Achieved	No	
	Comments	The development of strategy was fully funded and led by the SPC through funds mobilized from the International Fund for Agricultural Development. FAO did not provide funding towards this work under this project. FAO SAP officers provided technical inputs and advice towards the development of the strategy.	
Activity 1.2	Develop guidance document on addressing the impacts of climate change on agriculture and forestry in the Pacific Islands		
	Achieved	No	
	Comments	The proposed development of the guidance document was replaced by the development of a climate adaption tool to support Pacific food systems planning which was led and funded by SPC. Although FAO provided inputs, the project did not support this work directly.	
Output 2	Priorities and resource requirements (and opportunities) identified for FAO support to Pacific Island Countries in 2023–2027		
	Indicators	Target	Achieved
	Pacific CPF 2023–2027 drafted.	Pacific CPF 2023–2027 drafted by October 2022.	Yes
Baseline	Pre-CCA and Common Country Analyses for the Pacific Islands (expected by January 2022)		
Comments	A draft Pre-CCA was developed for the Pacific Islands, and information from the Pre-CCA was integrated into the development of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for the Pacific Islands and the Pacific CPF. These three documents informed each other and were developed in accordance with the CPF drafting guidance and the UNSDCF process.		
Activity 2.1	Draft CPF document 2023–2027		
	Achieved	Yes	
	Comments	The Pacific CPF 2023–2027 for the Pacific Islands was developed through a series of national consultations and is directly aligned with the UNSDCF 2023–2027. The CPF document for 2023–2027 was fully drafted and submitted for endorsement in 2023, following FAO CPF drafting guidance and process. The document was based on the Pre-CCA and further aligned with UNSDCF outputs.	

Activity 2.2	Update SAP's Resource Mobilization and Partnerships Strategy and Action Plan		
	Achieved	Yes	
	Comments	The project provided technical support to update the SAP Resource Mobilization and Partnership Strategy and Action Plan, which was initially based on the previous CPF 2018-2022. With the endorsement of the new CPF, the revised programming focus for SAP needed to be incorporated into the Resource Mobilization and Partnership Strategy and Action Plan. Draft changes were proposed to management by the end of the project.	
Output 3	Pacific CPF 2023–2027 validated by Pacific Island Countries, including first year implementation plan		
	Indicators	Target	Achieved
	Pacific CPF 2023–2027 and first year implementation plan presented for endorsement/signature to FAO's 14 Pacific Island Member and Associate Member Countries.	Pacific CPF 2023–2027 and first year implementation plan presented for endorsement/signature to FAO's 14 Pacific Island Member and Associate Member Countries by December 2022.	Yes
Baseline	Pacific CPF 2023–2027 full document drafted (expected by October 2022)		
Comments	The CPF 2023 –2027 was developed, validated in 2022 and endorsed and launched in 2023. The process of validation took place in Samoa and included member countries and partners.		
Activity 3.1	Develop first year CPF implementation plan		
	Achieved	Yes	
	Comments	Implementation plans or workplans for 2023 were developed for the 14 countries and shared with the multi-disciplinary team.	
Activity 3.2	Validation of the CPF 2023–2027		
	Achieved	Yes	
	Comments	The project provided technical support to update the SAP Resource Mobilization and Partnership Strategy and Action Plan, which was initially based on the previous CPF 2018-2022. Following the endorsement of the new CPF, the revised programming focus for SAP needed to be reflected in the Resource Mobilization and Partnership Strategy and Action Plan. Draft changes were proposed to management by the end of the project.	
Activity 3.3	Publish CPF 2023–2027 with relevant annexes and implementation plan		
	Achieved	Yes	
	Comments	The CPF was published and launched in mid-2023 in Fiji, with representatives from three countries present and others participating online. Key development, private sector, and NGO partners were also in attendance. Implementation plans were developed and circulated internally.	

Partnerships and Outreach

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