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Description

Objectives

Build the resilience of the Pacific Island communities to adapt to the negative impacts of [climate.change](#) by improving the quantity and quality of information on [climate.change](#) impacts and resilience strategies, and by increasing transparency in natural resource management and [climate.change adaptation policies](#) and [policy-making](#).

Project Summary

The environmental challenges and [climate](#) stressors facing the island nations of the Pacific are numerous and serious, with ecosystems already showing the effects of [climate.change](#). The region is home to coastal settlements and ecosystems such as mangroves, coral reefs, and seagrass beds that are highly vulnerable to natural phenomena such as storms, cyclones, and tsunamis. The [climate.change](#) impacts on these coastal ecosystems are significantly affecting livelihoods as the region relies heavily on industries such as [tourism](#), fishing and [agriculture](#). At-risk groups bear the brunt of [climate.change](#) typically have the least influence over how to respond as their voices are rarely a significant part of the dialogue.

With a grant from the Pacific-American [Climate](#) Fund (PACAM), Internews-Earth Journalism Network will equip the local media in Samoa, Fiji and Vanuatu with skills and knowledge to build and improve the reporting of [climate.change](#) impacts and resilience strategies to enable the communities to make well-informed decisions and take effective action on the [climate.change](#) issues affecting them. The grant will also support increased transparency in natural resource management and [climate.change adaptation policy-making](#) process, thus contributing to better [governance](#).

Working with local media, the project will highlight the human dimensions of [climate.change](#) in the region, and amplify the voices and concerns of the most vulnerable and marginalised people. This project will address people's lack of access to and understanding of data that show potential and real impacts of [climate.change](#) and which could better inform [adaptation](#) and [relief](#) strategies. Internews' innovate GeoJournalism tools and technologies will provide a platform for the local media to reach a broader audience and for journalists to connect with peers and [climate.change](#) experts.

See factsheet for full details.

Project Status

[Completed](#)

24 months

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| Project Type | Field Implementation |
| Total Funding | 100,000 |
| Donor Currency | USD |
| Project Scope | Community |

Related Documents

[Pacific GeoJournalism Project: Strengthening Environmental Journalism to Build Community Resilience to Climate Change, Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu Factsheet](#)

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Implementing Countries

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