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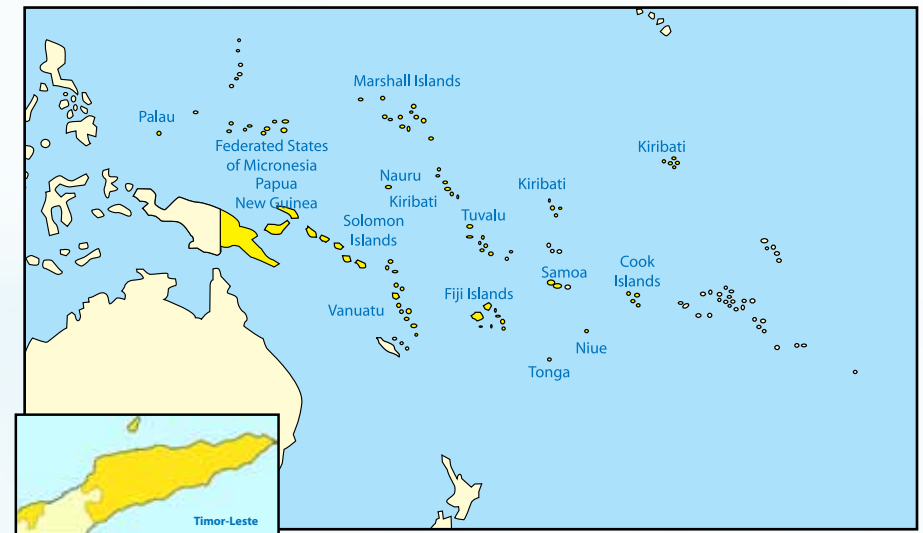


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EU - GIZ Adapting to Climate Change & Sustainable Energy Programme





Background

Climate change is already disproportionately affecting the islands of the Pacific. Although Pacific islanders contribute little to the cause with less than 0.03% of current global greenhouse gas emissions, they are among the first to be exposed and the least able to respond. At the same time, despite efforts to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels and improve energy security, many Pacific Island Countries depend to almost 100% on imported petroleum products for energy generation and transport. Sustainable energy and climate

change adaptation are therefore top priorities for Governments as expressed in regionally endorsed frameworks and national policies.

Helping the Pacific Islands Countries and Territories to cope with the adverse impacts of climate change is a priority for the European Union (EU). As part of its broader engagement on climate change adaptation, sustainable energy and disaster risk management in the region, the EU is assisting under the 10th European Development Fund (EDF 10) Pacific envelope 15 Pacific ACP countries

(PACPs)¹ through a new regional Programme:

Adapting to Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (ACSE)

The programme, which has been designed in partnership with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, will start in 2014 and has three components:

Component 1: EU-GIZ Adapting to Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (18.64 million Euros) which is administered by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Component 2: Energy Catalytic Component (10 million Euros) which is managed by selected Pacific Island Countries, and is partly co-funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the New Zealand Government; and

Component 3: Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) on sustainable energy and climate change adaptation (6.1 million Euros) which is managed by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) in partnership with the University of the South Pacific (USP).

The first component EU-GIZ Adapting to Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (ACSE) is

- Administered by GIZ
- Implemented by 15 PACPs with a partner of their choice
- Implemented through on-the-ground projects on climate change adaptation & sustainable energy.

Objective

The ACSE programme aims at enhancing sustainable livelihoods in PACPs; strengthening PACPs' capacities

to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change; and enhancing PACPs' energy security at the national, provincial and local/community levels.

Implementation

The objectives will be achieved by supporting the efforts of PACPs' governments and empowering communities to increase their energy independence as well as their resilience and ability to cope with the effects of climate change. Support will include interventions for the implementation of appropriate adaptation practices and technologies in food security, coastal management, water security, and improving access to energy, to mention a few examples.

¹ Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu