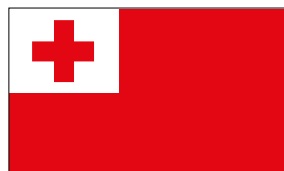




Summary of the Pacific Community's 2015 work programme in Tonga



(November 2015 update)

The following table lists key work areas that SPC is undertaking in 2015 in cooperation with Tonga. The country-specific work listed here complements other SPC work undertaken at a regional level to benefit the people of Tonga and achieve its national development priorities. SPC's key regional work will be presented in its next Programme Results Report (to be published in May 2016).

SPC's expected contribution to national development goals			
Expected long-term result (impact)	Expected medium-term result (outcome)	Key outputs for the year	Status
<i>Pacific communities are empowered and resilient</i>			
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems			
Improved management of coastal fisheries	Enhanced coastal fisheries management policies and systems based, where possible, on scientific assessments of the status of national coastal marine resources	Age, growth and genetic parameters determined for a selection of coastal finfish	On Track
		Baseline assessments and monitoring report completed for the aquarium trade; Capacity development and training attachment at SPC headquarters provided	On Track
Increased contribution of fisheries to food security and livelihoods	Increased skills and knowledge base to maximise the return on investments in aquaculture	Improved technical capacity in seaweed culture and production through trials on new seaweed strains and through provision of practical technical training; Assistance provided with importation of new seaweed strains	On Track
		Pearl industry development enhanced through improved culture methods	On Track
Climate Change			
Strengthened resilience to climate change and disasters	Increased capacity to effectively manage the risks posed by climate change and disasters	Refresher training on the logical framework approach provided, and the impact of training assessed	Completed
		Climate change policy revised; Selected adaptation measures implemented	On Track
		Tonga-Palau Climate Change Adaptation Exchange facilitated	Completed
		Design of Tonga Climate Change Fund undertaken	On Track
		Technical assistance provided to increase public awareness of the impacts of climate change and adaptation; Media awareness activities on climate change and coastal protection	On Track
		Proposed adaptation measures in vulnerable coastal communities identified; Coastal protection measures implemented	Completed
		Systems established to monitor and evaluate the performance of the project protection measures - three sets of beach profiles completed and analysed for monitoring	On Track

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Land Resources			
Informed policy decisions, advocacy and knowledge sharing on sustainable land, agriculture and forestry development supported	Awareness and understanding of key issues relating to land, agriculture and forestry enhanced	Information knowledge management and social media training conducted for the provision of agriculture and forestry information	On Track
Strengthened food and nutritional security resilient to impacts of disasters and climate change	Increased capacity of sustainable land and forest management	Adaptive capacity analysis completed; Work plan developed with communities, and adaptation strategies implemented	Completed
		Increased production and consumption of local, nutritious foods	Support provided for the development of Tonga's food security framework
	Technical assistance provided on soil management practices; Soil field school set up	On Track	
	Farmer field school established; Farmer field school research results on good agricultural practices for integrated pest management disseminated	On Track	
	Farmer field school research results of good agricultural practices for incorporating mucuna legume in cucurbits (watermelon, cucumber, squash, zucchini) disseminated	On Track	
	Adaptive capacity strengthened at pilot communities through training on nursery management, plant propagation, management of climate-ready collection of crop plants, integrated pest and disease management, agro-forestry, livestock husbandry, and waste management	On Track	

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<i>Pacific Island people reach their potential and lead long and healthy lives</i>			
Education and Quality Assessment Programme			
Improved quality of education	Improved teacher and principal performance	Capacity of education officers, teacher educators, teachers and school leaders enhanced - classroom-based assessment	On Track
		Quality assurance of national agencies and other regional accrediting agencies; Referencing national and international quality assurance strategies against the Pacific Qualification Framework, Referencing report and quality assurance report compiled	On Track
	Provision of high-quality programmatic technical services and policy advice	Pacific Register of Qualifications database updated with: (i) accredited qualifications, (ii) registered institutions, (iii) professional associations and members, (iv) accrediting agencies, and (v) regional standards in education	On Track
	Raising of student's literacy and numeracy	Technical assistance provided in the assessment and monitoring of literacy, numeracy and life skills in the Pacific	On Track
		Improved capacity in the development of intervention framework resources, and in clarifying learning outcomes, and the identification of a skills band in the curriculum	On Track
	Strengthening national accreditation and assessment systems	Capacity of education officers, teachers and school leaders enhanced in improving the quality of regional qualifications and in supporting the process of national examinations	On Track
		Pacific Register of Qualifications referencing reports and quality assurance reports on agencies compiled	On Track

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Gender, Human Rights and Culture			
Enhanced development for all Pacific people, through increasing the observance of all human rights and good governance standards	Increased capacity of civil society to monitor and advocate for human rights and good governance standards	Legislative lobbying and advocacy training provided to government and civil society organisations (CSOs) to build skills in leadership and lobbying	Completed
	Increased observance of human rights and good governance standards by decision-makers	Technical assistance provided to ensure human rights policies and laws comply with international conventions	On Track
	Increased observance of human rights and governance standards by governments and agencies providing services to the public	Technical assistance and training provided to support national actors in key human rights areas	On Track
	Integrated approach to human development fostered at regional and national levels	Four-year work plan attached to signed memorandum of understanding	On Track
Public Health			
Improved health and well-being of Pacific communities	Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) have access to high-quality information and evidence to inform policy and the delivery of core public health functions	On-distance support provided for surveillance and control plan for typhoid and paratyphoid public health management	Completed
Water and Sanitation			
Increased access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation	Vulnerability and risks managed	Tongan language resource and awareness materials on climate change developed and distributed	On Track
<i>The Pacific region and its people benefit from inclusive and sustainable economic growth</i>			
Energy Services			
Sustainable economic development through accessible, affordable, efficient, secure and safe energy services	Strengthened institutions and expertise in the energy and transport sectors	Technical assistance provided on the review of energy and fuel pricing templates and energy supply contracts; Tonga's fuel regulation practices and limitations report produced; Options and recommendations provided to achieve improved performance, including achieving lower fuel prices	Completed

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Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems			
Improved management of oceanic fisheries	Enhanced national oceanic fishery data management to meet national requirements and international obligations	Fisheries observer data quality and coverage audit completed	On Track
	National tuna oceanic fisheries policy- and decision-making are informed by the best, science-based, stock assessments and advice	Reports of longline fishing performance in the southern longline fishery produced	On Track
Increased contribution of fisheries to food security and livelihoods	Improved seafood quality standards and value-adding for exports	Improved knowledge of deep water demersal species and economics of the associated line fishery; Two fishery development officer visits completed; Commenced economic and market analysis	On Track
Geoscience			
Sustainable management and development of ocean and island resources	Natural resources, systems and processes monitored and assessed	Identification of additional sand supplies, other than those of Fafa; Desktop study initiated to look at all data since original work was completed in 1992, and maps produced that fit the modern chart detail; Field work completed: Jetprobing 105 holes, sidescan, seismic reflection profiles and sediment sieving, splitting and drying using lab facilities in Tonga; Samples prepared for analysis	On Track
	Vulnerability and risks managed	National capacity strengthened to apply cost-benefit analysis as a tool in adaptation planning; Training report produced	Completed
Land Resources			
Enhanced sustainable land, agriculture and forestry resource management	Increased capacity of sustainable land and forest management	Training programme for the implementation of sandalwood regulation conducted; Draft regulation endorsed by Cabinet, and going through the Law Reform Commission vetting process	On Track
		Code of logging practice and forest management plan implemented; Agroforestry training conducted	On Track
Increased contribution from agriculture and forestry sectors to inclusive, broad-based economic growth	Increased capacity of PICTs to meet standards, guidelines and conditions for exports and domestic trade	Training on vegetable pest management completed; Training of trainers and establishment of farmer field schools in cucurbits completed; Ecological guide for cucurbits developed	Completed
		National stakeholder training courses on information systems held; Computer provided	On Track
		Diamondback moth resistance to insecticide in brassica vegetables explored; Resistance management strategy introduced	On Track
		Integrated pest and disease workshop completed to increase awareness of biosecurity issues	On Track
	Viable agribusinesses have a development impact created or strengthened	Survey undertaken to determine usefulness of strategic and inclusive business and marketing plans, and strategies developed for enterprises	Completed

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Statistics for Development			
Pacific national and regional statistics are accessible and are being utilised	PICTs are producing the agreed core set of statistics across key sectors, including, but not limited to, economics, population, civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS), education and health, as required by their national plans and agreed regional and international reporting frameworks	National websites completed and upgraded with latest technologies	Completed
		Training on the Census and Survey Processing System (CSPPro) and set up and data processing for Tonga Agriculture Census 2015 completed	Completed
	PICTs have the technical capacity to manage and implement all core statistical collections, including key administrative databases, as required by national development plans, including national strategies for the development of statistics	Quality data control check completed for Tonga Agriculture Census 2015	On Track
		Agreed Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) plans and budgets	Completed
		Computers set up for the HIES field enumeration training for Tonga 2015/2016	On Track
		Business registers successfully set up	On Track
		Provided follow-up support to complete national plans in line with the regional framework for action and established baselines and targets, through site visits and meeting with the national committee	On Track
		Survey field enumeration training 2015/2016 completed	On Track
		Technical assistance provided to support completion of national CRVS assessments and improvement plans	Completed
Transport Services			
Sustainable economic development through accessible, affordable, efficient, secure and safe transport services	Development and implementation of effective policies, plans and regulatory frameworks supported	International Maritime Conventions familiarisation training conducted for seven Marine and Ports Division staff	Completed
		Internal auditor training conducted with 12 Ports Authority Tonga personnel	Completed
		International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code follow-up audit on Vuna Wharf conducted	Completed