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PACIFIC ISLANDS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE (PIEMA) PROJECT

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Figure 1 – Solomon Islands Emergency Management Roadmap consultation, Sep 2019

SOLOMON ISLANDS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ROADMAP

The PIEMA project conducted the Solomon Islands Emergency Management Roadmap consultation workshop in Honiara on 18 – 20 September 2019.

The workshop included representatives from the National Disaster Management Office, Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Services, Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Ministry of Communication and Aviation, Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs, UNOCHA, Fire Rescue NSW, Save the Children, Australian Humanitarian Partnership NGOs, and Solomon Islands Alliance of Humanitarian NGOs.

The draft roadmap will be ready for final consultation review in mid-October and endorsed by Cabinet by the end of 2019, or early 2020.

SOLOMON ISLANDS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ROADMAP CONSULTATION

18 – 20 Sep 2019

PIEMA PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS AUG – SEP 2019

A summary of activities undertaken by the project over Aug – Sep 2019

MAJOR PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR REMAINDER OF 2019

Project activities planned for the remainder of 2019

PIEMA PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS AUG – SEP 2019

01

In August, the PIEMA project attended the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) 2019 Conference in Melbourne along with Fire Service representatives from Fiji, Samoa, PNG, Cook Islands and Tonga.

The Project delivered joint presentations with two officers from the Fiji National Fire Authority on PIEMA project deliverables; the NFA's relationship with their twinning partner, Victoria Country Fire Authority; and the challenges and opportunities of working as a female firefighter in Fiji.

The Humanitarian Advisory Group, working on developing the PIEMA project's Gender Equality and Empowerment Strategy, used the opportunity to meet with the female participants to do in depth interviews and collect baseline data for their work.

Radio interviews with Pacific Beat were organised by the Project with PNG Fire Service and Fiji National Fire Authority around their strategy to attract and recruit more female firefighters in the future.

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio-australia/programs/wantok/wantok/11440410>

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio-australia/programs/pacificbeat/fiji-female-fireys/11463814>

02

In September, the PIEMA project participated in the National Emergency Response Team (NERT) Induction Course organised by the Solomon Islands NDMO.

The NERT is a concept developed by the Solomon Islands NDMO to train a pool of dedicated officers, volunteers and individuals to form multi-sectoral/agency teams available for emergency deployment at short notice to support response operations at the national and provincial levels. Supporting the course were facilitators and mentors from SPC, UNOCHA Suva and Geneva, Australia Assists, Fire Rescue NSW, Fiji NDMO, and UNDAC trained officers from Cook Islands and Fiji.

The course had 40 national participants from multiple government agencies, NGOs and several Provincial Disaster Officers. The course included a 24 hour simulation exercise conducted at Ginger Beach (45 mins outside Honiara) on 13 and 14 Sep.



MAJOR PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR REMAINDER OF 2019

01

Emergency management roadmap development consultations in Tonga (14-18 Oct) and Vanuatu (11-15 Nov).

02

Attend Boe Declaration Action Plan and Pacific Fusion Centre meeting in Suva on 14 – 18 Oct on behalf of PIEMA members.

03

Ongoing work with the Humanitarian Advisory Group on the development of the PIEMA project's gender equality and empowerment strategy.

04

Initial stakeholder consultation on Regional Emergency Management Roadmap planned for first quarter 2020 (date and venue TBC).

05

Ongoing work in the institutional capacity development of emergency management agencies across the region, the focus of which is to formally recognise achievement of competencies/skills and improve the sustainability of training at the national level. This work is being piloted in Vanuatu and Fiji.



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