

# NEWSLETTER

## PACIFIC ISLANDS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE (PIEMA) PROJECT

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Participants of Vanuatu Strategic Roadmap for Emergency Management (SREM) consultation, Nov 2019

### VANUATU STRATEGIC ROADMAP FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The PIEMA project conducted the Vanuatu Strategic Roadmap for Emergency Management (SREM) consultation workshop in Port Vila on 12 – 14 November 2019.

The workshop included representatives from the National Disaster Management Office, Vanuatu Police Force, Police Maritime Wing, Vanuatu Fire Service, Vanuatu Police Training College, Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, Department of Strategic Policy Planning and Aid Coordination, Education Cluster Lead and ACT Fire and Rescue.

A similar consultation process was held in Tonga for their SREM on 16 – 18 October 2019. Follow up visits to both countries, including Solomon Islands, are planned for first quarter of 2020 to finalise their respective SREMs and pave the way for their endorsement by relevant government authorities.

### TONGA AND VANUATU SREM CONSULTATIONS

Oct and Nov 2019

### PIEMA PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS OCT – DEC 2019

A summary of activities undertaken by the project over Oct – Dec 2019

### MAJOR PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR JAN – MAR 2020

Project activities planned for Jan – Mar 2020

## HIGHLIGHTS OCT – DEC 2019

### 01

The Project represented the PIEMA members at the Forum Officials Committee (FOC) Sub-Committee on Regional Security (FSRS) meeting (14–18 Oct) held at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) in Suva.

The meeting included discussions and presentations on the Pacific Fusion Centre and Australia Pacific Security College.

The FSRS meeting witnessed the official launch of the Boe Declaration Action Plan including a detailed overview to members by PIFS on proposed actions in the Regional Security Activity Matrix for 2020.

To support fulfilment of these Boe Declaration commitments under **Strategic Focus Area 2: Human Security and Humanitarian Assistance**, SPC through the PIEMA project will work with PIFS to develop an **intra-regional cooperation strategy for disaster response and recovery in support of regionalism** and a **Regional Roadmap** in 2020.

The intention of the Regional Roadmap is to guide the development of a **comprehensive regional coordination mechanism** over a 2-3-year period, and be inclusive of training, legislative, capacity and other issues needed to be addressed for the coordination mechanism to be effective.

### 02

In November, the PIEMA project supported the Kiribati Government to implement an activity under their SREM to further strengthen the Kiribati Police Service (KPS) Fire Service through basic firefighter training provided by their twinning partners, the South Australia Country Fire Service (SACFS).

This assistance from SPC included the provision of two additional fire trucks through the Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (BSRP) project. As part of ensuring the sustainability of these assets, the SACFS included a mechanic in their training group to work with KPS mechanics on basic maintenance skills required for the trucks and their water pumps.

The training was supported by the Office of Te Beretitenti (President), Disaster Risk Management Office and Kiribati Police Service.

### 03

As part of the sustainable capacity development model activity, the Project conducted PacIMS<sup>1</sup> and WEOC<sup>2</sup> courses in Nadi (2-6 Dec) with support and local trainers from Fiji Airports, NDMO and Police. Similar courses were conducted in Port Vila (10-13 Dec) with support and local trainers from the Vanuatu Police Training College and NDMO.

### 04

The Humanitarian Advisory Group conducted interviews with key PIEMA stakeholders in Fiji (Nov) and Vanuatu (Dec) to inform their work on developing a Gender Equality and Empowerment Strategy for the Project.

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<sup>1</sup> Pacific Incident Management System Awareness Course

<sup>2</sup> Working in Emergency Operations Centre Training Course

# MAJOR PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR JAN – MAR 2020

## 01

Finalisation of SREMs in Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.

## 02

Commencement of SREM development process in further three countries (yet to be confirmed).

## 03

Finalisation of the PIEMA project's Gender Equality and Empowerment Strategy.

## 04

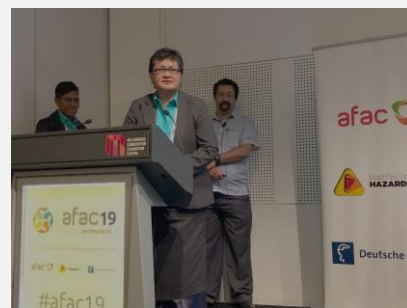
Initial stakeholder consultation on Regional Roadmap (date and venue TBC).

## 05

Ongoing work in the sustainable capacity development model being piloted in Vanuatu and Fiji. This includes discussions with key stakeholders and other projects in the Disaster and Community Resilience Program of SPC.

## 06

Implementation of select activities with countries that have completed their SREMs (TBC).



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