



Summary of the Pacific Community's 2015 work programme in

Vanuatu



(November 2015 update)

The following table lists key work areas that SPC is undertaking in 2015 in cooperation with Vanuatu. The country-specific work listed here complements other SPC work undertaken at a regional level to benefit the people of Vanuatu 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	Baseline assessments and monitoring report completed for the aquarium trade; Capacity development, including training attachment at SPC headquarters, provided	Completed
	Enhanced community-based approaches and national management arrangements; Incorporation of ecosystem-based principles and coastal fisheries legislation into community-based fisheries management	Community-based activities implemented in selected locations; Criteria developed, and pilot sites selected	On Track
Increased contribution of fisheries to food security and livelihoods	Increased skills and knowledge base to maximise the return on investments in aquaculture	Provided practical technical training in sea cucumber aquaculture	On Track
		Profitable aquaculture systems developed to improve nutrition and livelihoods for communities; Mono-sex tilapia production facility established; Tilapia cookery and tasting exhibition undertaken	On Track
		Aquaculture hatcheries rehabilitated and producing seed supply; Community farmers re-established and producing fish for food and income	On Track
Integrated Coastal Zone Management			
Increased capacity to effectively manage the risks posed by climate change and disasters	Restoration of ecosystem services and adaptation to climate change in selected pilot sites: integrated coastal management planning practice developed and piloted; use of economic analysis strengthened, including ecosystem services valuation; economic and financial sustainability ensured; dissemination of learning and experiences to key partners in the region	Initial analysis of the North Efate pilot site	On Track
Land Resources			
Strengthened food and nutritional security resilience 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	Technical assistance provided to increase the quality of dry cocoa beans ordered by selected niche markets; Continued assistance provided for chocolate liquor marketing	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, teachers and school leaders enhanced - classroom-based assessment	On Track
		Referencing of national qualifications frameworks against the Pacific Qualification Framework; Updating the Pacific Register of Qualifications and Standards; Report compiled	On Track
		Building capacity of national agencies in the development of national qualifications, and report compiled	On Track
		Quality assurance of national agencies and other regional accrediting agencies conducted, and report compiled; Consultation conducted and report prepared on establishing criteria for registration and licensing of professionals	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 students’ 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 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
	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	NGOs are supported to write their shadow and human rights reports	Ongoing
	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

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Public Health			
Improved health and well-being of Pacific communities	Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) develop public health policies, plans and regulations that respond effectively to national priorities	PICTs adopted technical assistance that improved legislation and policy to address food and nutrition security	On Track
		Technical support provided to strengthen sexually transmitted infection STI/HIV prevention and control strategy, and revision of HIV testing population and case management	Ongoing
	PICTs have access to high-quality information and evidence to inform policy and the delivery of core public health functions	Technical assistance provided in response to tropical cyclone Pam (initial response, early recovery, medium- to long-term recovery); Supported strengthening of Early Warning Alert and Response Network (EWARN), and strengthening of sustainability of routine surveillance and laboratory surveillance	Ongoing
<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 sector	Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) need and gap analysis conducted and report produced	Completed
		Completed training of trainers for Vanuatu Rural Development and Training Centres Association (VRDTCA) on climate change and disaster reduction	On Track
	Development and implementation of effective policies, plans and regulatory frameworks supported	New petroleum and alternative fuel legislation and regulations introduced	On Track
		Solar lights and charging station installed in White Sands and Port Resolution, Tanna Island, Tafea Province; Commission of solar shops/charging station; 100 households (1,200 people) in the villages of White Sands and Port Resolution have access to solar energy	On Track
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	14 shipping companies provided technical assistance on development of standard operating procedures; 22 domestic vessels were considered under the Pacific Islands Domestic Ship Safety (PIDSS) programme	Completed
		Completed safety audit on Pacific Islands Domestic Ship Safety (PIDSS)	On Track
		Technical assistance carried out in Port Vila and Santo, in International Ship and Port Security (ISPS) Code follow-up audits, and for International Maritime Organization (IMO) Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) awareness raising and port worker training	On Track
	Strengthened institutions and expertise in the transport sector	Attachee attended a one-week training in New Caledonia as part of a South-South capacity-building initiative	Completed
		One surveyor trained in surveyor best practices; Attachment completed	Completed

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Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems			
Improved management of oceanic fisheries	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
	The oceanic fisheries management initiatives of the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) and other sub-regional fisheries organisations are supported by efficient and cost-effective data management services	Tuna fisheries database management for monitoring, control and surveillance system enhanced as a result of in-country technical assistance	Completed
Increased contribution of fisheries to economic development and food security	Effective relationships between SPC and stakeholders developed and sustained	Teacher information kit and related materials to introduce fisheries into school curriculum developed, including 20 information sheets and a user guide for teachers	On Track
Geoscience			
Sustainable management and development of ocean and island resources	Natural resources, systems, and processes monitored and assessed	Post-cyclone Pam assessment comparison with 2012 LiDAR data conducted to estimate 3D shoreline change resulting from cyclone wave and storm surge impact, using the shoreline topography generated by Unmanned Airborne Systems (UAS); Image data processing and photogrammetry completed; Derived point clouds and Digital Terrain Model (DTM); Estimated inundation extent and run-up from data output generated from Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) survey	On Track

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Land Resources			
Enhanced sustainable land, agriculture and forestry resource management	Capacity to make evidence-based policy decisions on food security, sustainable resource management and economic growth strengthened	Awareness of integrated approaches to climate change adaptation planning and implementation strengthened at the national and provincial levels through participatory planning and development/dissemination of print media/materials, policies and plans	On Track
	Increased capacity of sustainable land and forest management	National awareness workshop on the voluntary guideline of land tenure organised	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	One animal disease survey and training conducted	On Track
		Technical support services provided for preparedness in animal health emergency disease response (including unplanned emergency response plan); Desktop review of Vanuatu’s Emergency Response Plan conducted	On Track
		Negotiations continued for further institutionalisation of the Paravet training programme	On Track
		National stakeholder training courses on information systems held	On Track
		Fruit fly surveillance support provided; Traps and fruit fly equipment supplied	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	Demographic and health survey data dissemination, and policy dialogue held	On Track
	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	Technical assistance provided for the collection and compilation of international merchandise trade statistics; International merchandise trade data checked and analysed	On Track
		Provided follow-up support for the completion of national plans, in line with the regional framework for action; Established baselines and targets through site visits and meetings with the national committee	On Track
		Re-based consumer price indices; Compilation manual produced	On Track
		Provided targeted technical development support aimed at countries using the Pineapples education statistical package (Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu) to provide support and enhancements to ensure the ongoing efficient operation of these systems	On Track
		Conducted a workshop on network security for the Ministry of Education and the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO), and hardened Windows servers as required to support the Ministry of Education Open Vanuatu Education Management Information System (VEMIS) initiative	On Track
		Technical support and training in the Education Management Information System (EMIS) provided for national technical training workshop on out-of-school children initiative	Completed