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SDG CONTRIBUTIONS

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2019

POLICY OR LEGISLATION CHANGES SUPPORTED BY SCIENCE-BASED KNOWLEDGE

PACIFIC COMMUNITY RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS 2019

Since 2007, the Pacific Community (SPC) has been contributing to sustainable change in the region through Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) implementation and achievement.

As a member-owned intergovernmental organisation, SPC earnestly considers the relevance and effectiveness of our work in meeting development needs. This has been more visibly through our change and transformation process, through which we prioritised efforts to implement our Strategic Plan 2016–2020 and improve the efficiency of our internal services. This transformation process is yielding positive outcomes, and in 2019 we reported more than two million dollars in financial savings, resulting in an 8% reduction in indirect costs and decreased greenhouse gas emissions at our office.

Thanks to SPC’s pilot project on solar power for shipping, the Vanuatu vessel ‘Tiwi Trader’ now has solar panels, providing clean, reliable, and affordable energy, resulting in a 34% reduction in fuel costs and decreased greenhouse gas emissions at anchorage.

MORE THAN 50% IMPROVED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY STRENGTHENING EVENTS OR PROGRAMMES WERE DELIVERED TO OVER 60 PARTICIPANTS

SPC has improved its ability to respond to the needs and priorities of members through a number of initiatives. SPC’s clients, including government, civil society organisations, and region-wide initiatives, reported high levels of satisfaction with the organisation’s capacity strengthening efforts in 2019. More than 200,000 people in the region (1% of the global population) have directly benefited from SPC’s development work.

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PACIFIC COMMUNITY RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS 2019

DELIVERY OF OVER 250 INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT OR PROGRAMMES IN THE FOLLOWING SECTORS:

SPC has delivered infrastructure equipment or programmes in the following sectors in 2019:

1. Education
2. Agriculture
3. Fisheries
4. Health
5. Transport and energy
6. Water, sanitation, and hygiene
7. Climate and disaster resilience
8. Agriculture and forestry
9. Access to justice
10. Youth employment
11. Improved access to water and sanitation

PROVIDING BUILT INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT AND SVC SERVICES

STRATEGIC PLAN 2021+: A MEMBER-DRIVEN APPROACH

A far-reaching approach to developing the Pacific Community’s next strategic plan was endorsed in 2019 and is already beginning to influence the implementation of Governments and Administrations (GOALs) — the SPC body invented to make decisions on governance issues.

This approach calls for members to be integrally involved in shaping and supporting the vision for the organisation in the years ahead.

PACPACIFIC COMMUNITY

Organisation key

(access to justice)

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(More than 3,000 people in 17 countries)

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Oceans management and governance

SPC and its partners are implementing the Pacific Community’s long-term strategy for Oceans Management and Governance (OMG) by supporting Regional initiatives and implementing five strategic pillars. In 2021, SPC has supported the delimitation of 13 island groups and territories. In the Pacific, 10 of 14 island groups remain to be delimited and declared.

Fisheries science

Tuna stocks in the Pacific region are being managed and monitored. A number of actions are undertaken to ensure long-term sustainability of resources, including implementing a number of measures to reduce fishing pressure on the stock and ensuring compliance with those measures. The Pacific region is committed to sustaining the lives and livelihoods of its people through a modern and sustainable fisheries sector.

Climate change and disaster risk resilience and management

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Regional data coordination and dissemination

The Pacific Public Relations and Publicity Committee (PPRPC) was formed in partnership with the UNPAC and APEC. The PPCP is an exchange of experiences to improve and strengthen communication and media work in the region. The PPCP was restructured as the Pacific Communications and Public Relations Committee (PPPRC) to better highlight climate change adaptation.

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SPC supported the development of a new_protocol to provide guidance on the scientific principles and procedures of national variété catalogues. This protocol provides a framework for varietal trials to ensure that data are collected and stored to meet international standards.

Human rights, including gender equity and youth issues

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Since 2014, five member countries undertook an assessment of progress and challenges in the area of gender equality through the publication of a “Gender equality: where do we stand?” report.

Regional education qualification and assessment

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6. 3.  Les feuilles comestibles du Pacifique: mettez du vert dans votre assiette !

NATIONAL SNAPSHOT OF RESULTS AT INDIVIDUAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND COUNTRY LEVEL

PRACTICE

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KNOWLEDGE

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2019

- Increased coordination and collaboration between our members, IFAD, UNCTAD, UN-Water, and in all areas of statistics, analysis and discussion and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) reporting.
- A partnership between APTC, SPC and civil society organisations, Violence Against Women (VAW) for Cooperation in November 2019 at the 49th meeting of the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (COCRA) in Espíritu Santo, Vanuatu.
- A five-phase approach to developing the Pacific Community’s next strategic plan was endorsed in November 2019, allowing projects to the fund, and SPC was accredited to the Master Agreement in February 2019 and in November 2019.
- SPC’s role as the data provider and custodian, breaking science to governments, non-governmental organisations and intergovernmental organisations.
- SPC and IFAD continued to directly access the GIF in February 2018 and agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with for our virtual meeting, which we have continued to hold.
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POLICY OR LEGISLATION CHANGES SUPPORTED BY SCIENCE-BASED KNOWLEDGE

30 POLICY OR LEGISLATION CHANGES IN 13 PACES FOLLOWING SPC’S SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

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FFA  – Forum Fisheries Agency

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SPTO – South Pacific Tourism Organisation

POETCom – Pacific Organic and Ethical Trade Community

PCF  – Pacific Community

WHO – World Health Organization

WCPFC – Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

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1. Based on 2019 reported numbers

Scan this QR code to read the full copy of the Pacific Community Results Report 2019.
Fisheries science
Tuna stocks in the Pacific region are being managed and monitored through multi-country agreements, which cover approximately 1 million km² of the Pacific tuna habitat. SPC’s involvement in the management of the Pacific tuna stock is committed to sustainable and balanced fisheries management. SPC continues to support tuna management through the implementation of the Western and Central Pacific Tuna Commission (WCPO) Tuna Conservation and Management Plan (TCMP). In addition, SPC is currently implementing the new Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument (PRIMNM), which covers a huge area of the Central Pacific Ocean and is home to numerous islands and marine habitats.

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PRACTICE
SOLomon ISLANDS – SPC partnered with the RUFORUM University Network to reinforce the delivery of student-focused, gender-sensitive health education to reduce gender-based violence. The programme focused on creating awareness and reducing the number of cases of gender-based violence. SPC also supported the establishment of a National Grievance and Redress Mechanism for gender-based violence.

PRACTICE
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PEOPLE

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3. SPC was involved in directly accessing the GCF in February 2019 and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two bodies.

4. Qualifications for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were developed by SPC and SPREP in November 2019, allowing us to develop and submit projects to the Pacific Ocean Fund (POF).

5. In 2019, SPC engaged with a wide range of members and development partners to achieve transformational change on specific challenges.

6. SPC’s role as the data provider to the Pacific Climate Change Council (PCCC) and the Pacific Data Hub (PDH) is acknowledged by our members.

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11. The global burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and their underlying risk factors is significant. In the Pacific, NCDs are the leading cause of death and disability, killing more than 600,000 people in the region each year.

12. More than 170 health officers have improved their skills in disease surveillance and outbreak response through the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network (PPHSN).

13. SPC has contributed directly to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the Pacific Community Results Report 2019.

ORGANISATION KEY

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- 5 RESULTS
- 3 RESULTS

DELIVERY OF OVER 250 INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT OR PROGRAMMES IN THE FOLLOWING SECTORS:

- Agriculture
- Health
- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Climate and disaster resilience
- Agriculture and forestry

REACHING OUT ACROSS THE PACIFIC WITH SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

- 106 INFORMATION, AIDS OR TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS
- 12 RESULTS
- 11 RESULTS

RESULTING IN AN 87.5% REDUCTION IN FUEL COSTS AND DECREASED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AT ANCHORAGE.