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PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIONAL PROFILE

Hosting a vast proportion of the world’s shipping and global fisheries, Pacific waters supply food and income to millions of people in the Pacific Islands and beyond. Yet, the region’s stability and vitality are threatened by debilitating natural disasters and development challenges. The Pacific Islands are central to American efforts to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific region that bolsters the global economy.

A Pacific country, the United States — through USAID — partners with 12 Pacific Island nations to bolster their ability to lead their countries to stable, prosperous futures. We focus on strengthening disaster preparedness and responding to climate change, health, and democratic governance.

OUR WORK

With some Pacific Island nations only 15 feet above sea level, this part of the world is particularly vulnerable to the most subtle environmental changes — from coastline erosion to storm surge to rainfall — but also among the least able to respond. USAID builds self-reliance while fostering prosperity and regional stability by strengthening their ability to plan, finance and lead their own sustainable development. Our support improving the well-being of the Pacific’s diverse communities spans the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT

USAID works with government partners and other stakeholders to draft and implement policies to achieve adaptation goals; access larger amounts of financing from international adaptation funds; and improve the skills and systems within each country to better manage and monitor adaptation projects. USAID also supports disaster preparedness, relief and reconstruction, and promotes biodiversity conservation and sustainable natural resource management in Papua New Guinea.

HEALTH

Papua New Guinea suffers from the highest rate of HIV/AIDS in the Pacific Islands. USAID works with the government and civil society to reduce HIV prevalence and prevent gender-based violence among vulnerable populations. USAID also partners with PNG to effectively respond to multidrug-resistant tuberculosis. To assist partner countries manage the pandemic, USAID is advancing internationally recognized infection prevention and control strategies, laboratory systems and case management strengthening efforts, and risk communication interventions with accurate information on COVID-19.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

USAID works with partners at the national, provincial, and community levels to advance the Solomon Islands' economic competitiveness and inclusiveness with specific emphasis on the development of the agribusiness sector and improved natural resources governance.

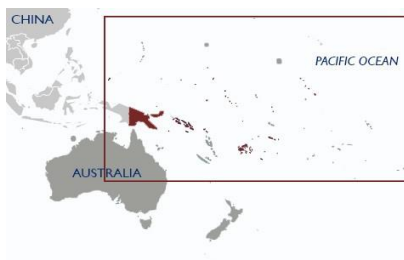
DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

USAID reinforces the foundations of good governance in the region by encouraging all citizens — including women, youth and other marginalized groups — to participate in democratic processes. USAID also promotes government accountability and transparency by encouraging citizen engagement and implementation of effective policies.



USAID has helped nearly 160 communities in nine Pacific Islands improve infrastructure resilience to natural disasters since 2012.

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Since 2012, USAID has counseled and screened more than 4,000 Papua New Guineans for HIV and AIDS, sustaining a healthy population.

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