

Pacific Region and Fiji – Strengthen Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems

Country

Fiji, Tonga, RMI, Samoa, Tuvalu,
Vanuatu

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Early warning systems are operational
in targeted ACP regions and countries

Amount Approved

€142,000 / \$155,000

Duration

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Context and Objectives

Pacific Island Countries (PICs) are some of the world’s most vulnerable and at-risk countries to the impacts of natural hazards and climate change. Collectively they are exposed to cyclones, floods, droughts, landslides, earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic activity, risks that are exacerbated by other vulnerabilities such as isolation, dispersion, and environmental fragility.

The objective of this grant is to support government entities in Fiji and other PICs and regional organizations, such as the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and Pacific Community (SPC), in enhancing preparedness and response to natural hazards by strengthening multi-hazard early warning systems (MHEWS) for the Pacific Region.

Main Activity and Expected Results

Strengthen multi-hazard early warning systems for the Pacific Region

This activity provides technical support to PICs and regional organizations to strengthen country level and regional MHEWS to enhance disaster preparedness and response. This includes assessing gaps, supporting investment planning, and identifying regional collaboration opportunities.

Expected Results:

- Enhanced overall knowledge and understanding of the Pacific region’s MHEWS gaps and investment needs.
- Strengthened capacity for the delivery of MHEWS and other services to communities and individuals including vulnerable population groups.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements this project in close collaboration with the relevant line ministries of the governments of Fiji, Tonga, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu, as well as regional organizations like the PIFS and the SPC. The World Bank coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Fiji.