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Pacific utilities delivering WASH services in peri-urban areas

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As Pacific Island countries urbanize, the provision of safely-managed water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services becomes increasingly important. With urban growth rates now outstripping national population growth in many Pacific nations, peri-urban areas are expanding but WASH infrastructure is not keeping pace.

Informal settlements are often dense and overcrowded, with challenging governance and land tenure issues. Inadequate WASH services make managing daily needs difficult, and negatively impact residents' health, dignity, prosperity, and safety. Water and wastewater utilities play a crucial role directly providing or supporting WASH

services in peri-urban areas, despite these areas often falling outside utility service boundaries and responsibilities.

Join us to explore how Pacific utilities (Water Authority of Fiji – WAF; Solomon Water – SW) are mobilizing funding and adjusting their service delivery models and community engagement activities to improve WASH services in peri-urban areas in partnership with NGOs (Live & Learn Environmental Education; Plan International), including through:

- Hygiene and sanitation surveys
- Handwashing campaigns
- Sanitation loan schemes.

