

# Role of Water Utilities in Supporting Rural WASH

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Water utilities are playing an increasing role in the management of rural WASH around the world, driven by factors including population growth and increasing urbanization, the service delivery and performance capacity of utilities, and a strong enabling environment (IRC, 2021). In the Pacific, rural WASH is often managed at a community level by Village Water Committees or similar. The role and involvement of water utilities vary in each country, and the national government often plays a central role in facilitating utility involvement in rural WASH. Navigating how these services should be managed, and the role utilities can play in rural water supply requires strong coordination between key actors and a clear vision.

Join the ADB and PWWA on Wednesday 5 July for the next Pacific WASH Webinar on the Role of Water Utilities in Supporting Rural WASH. The webinar will explore the unique challenges in managing water, sanitation, and hygiene in rural areas and how water utilities are uniquely positioned to support them. Case studies will be presented from the Water Authority of Fiji and on a Village Water Committee pilot in Tonga, along with insights from other international case studies from the IRC who will present their research into the 'utilization' of rural water services. The webinar will finish with a panel discussion including all speakers, along with Tonga Water Board.

## SPEAKERS

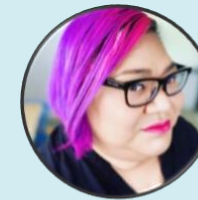
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