

Health/Education Sector Operation in the Pacific Region

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The Pacific Strategy (2010-2014)

- ◎ Pacific Strategy (2005-2009)
 - To strengthen basic social services delivery: (i) to response to national objectives and client's needs; (ii) effective public, private, and development partner resource allocations for social services; and (iii) capacity to manage and deliver quality social services.
- ◎ Pacific Strategy (2010-2014)
 - To promote inclusive and sustainable growth, with particular attention to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. To improve the quality and enhancing the delivery of essential social services such as education and health to all population groups.
 - Education: Aim to provide better knowledge and skills necessary for sustainable economic growth. Focusing on increasing equity and access, improving quality, strengthening education management, mobilizing resources, strengthening partnerships, and applying new and innovative technologies.
 - Health: Through infrastructure projects to increase equity and quality services and to mitigate the spread of communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS. Through governance work, support public expenditure management for cost effective service delivery.

On-going Education sector projects

- SchoolNet Program (Samoa): Assist the Government of Samoa to develop the capacity of relevant divisions of the Ministry of Education, teachers, and students in ICT competencies in order to improve student learning outcomes.
- Pacific Education Strategy: Skills Development (Regional TA): Regional technical assistance (TA) project in partnership with Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), which provides detailed analysis of TVET in the 13 Pacific countries.
- ESP-II in Samoa (Loan): Assist the Government of Samoa to enhance equitable learning outcomes, through development of a new curriculum and provision of teacher training that improve the quality of learning for students.

Future pipelined Education related project

- Revitalization of ICT-based Education with the University of the South Pacific (Regional)
- TVET Policy Development and Partnership with Private Sector: Possible TVET projects are being discussed for Solomon Islands, PNG, and Fiji.
- Supporting Primary Education in PNG and Timor-Leste.
- SchoolNet program (phase II) in Samoa

On-going Health sector projects

- Demographic and Health Surveys in Pacific Developing Countries (Regional TA and TA for PNG)
- HIV/AIDS Prevention and Capacity Development in the Pacific (Regional; ADF grant): Renovation of existing health facilities, condom social marketing, behavioral change
- HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control in Rural Development Enclaves (PNG; ADF grant): Renovation of existing health facilities, condom social marketing, behavioral change, surveillance
- Health Sector Support (PNG TA): Costing of health services, partnership for service delivery
- Development of a Sustainable Health Financing Scheme (Palau TA): Assist the government to develop legislation for more efficient and sustainable management of government finances on health care.

Future pipelined Health related project/TAs

- Strengthening Rural Primary Health Services Delivery (PNG PPTA and future possible project): Assist improving and strengthening the delivery of rural primary health services through public and private partnerships-2010
- Regional Social Protection for the Vulnerable in the Pacific (JFPR proposed project)-2010
- Regional TA: Strengthening Social Sector Costing and Financing (\$1.5 million TASF) 2012

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