

Environmental and Social Safeguards for for Better Development Outcomes in the Pacific

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS OF PROJECTS



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Gender & Equality



2
Fair & safe work



3
Pollution & Waste



4
Community health & safety



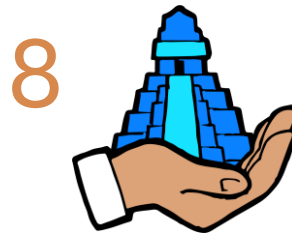
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Land & Livelihoods



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Nature & biodiversity



7
Indigenous communities



8
Cultural Heritage



9
Climate Change



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Social Inclusion



THE PACIFIC CONTEXT



Key Dimension	Pacific Context	Implication for Projects
Market Size	Small, fragmented, geographically dispersed	Limited scale, reduced competition, higher unit costs
Location & Logistics	Remote from global markets, infrequent shipping	High transport costs, long lead times, delays
Capacity	Thin public administration and small private sector	Implementation risk, need for hands-on support
Land Tenure	Predominantly customary ownership	Longer preparation timelines, social risk management
Climate & Disaster Risk	High exposure to cyclones, floods, sea-level rise	Higher costs, need for climate-resilient design
Culture	Strong emphasis on local culture, religion, community, family	Adapt business as usual to Pacific business

Safeguard Risks are a shared responsibility

Clear rules. Clear roles. Consistent practice.



Construction
Supervision
Consultants

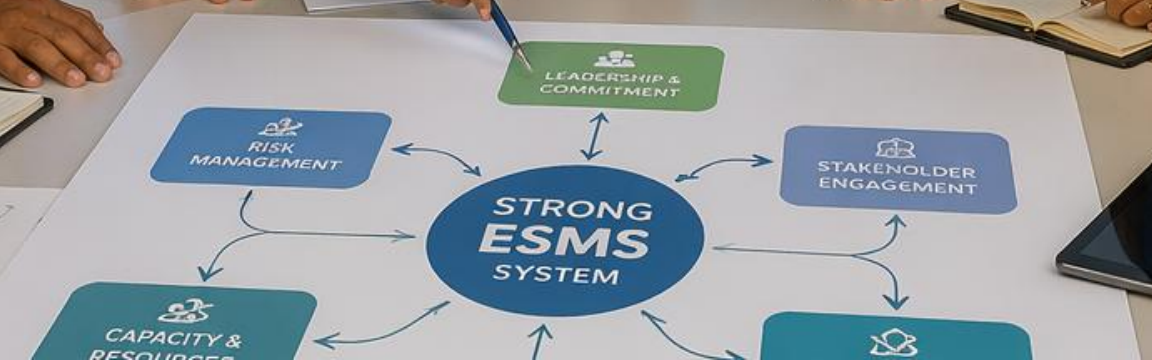
Financing
Partners

Regulators

Contractors

Communities
and Affected
People

Implementing
Agencies



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