

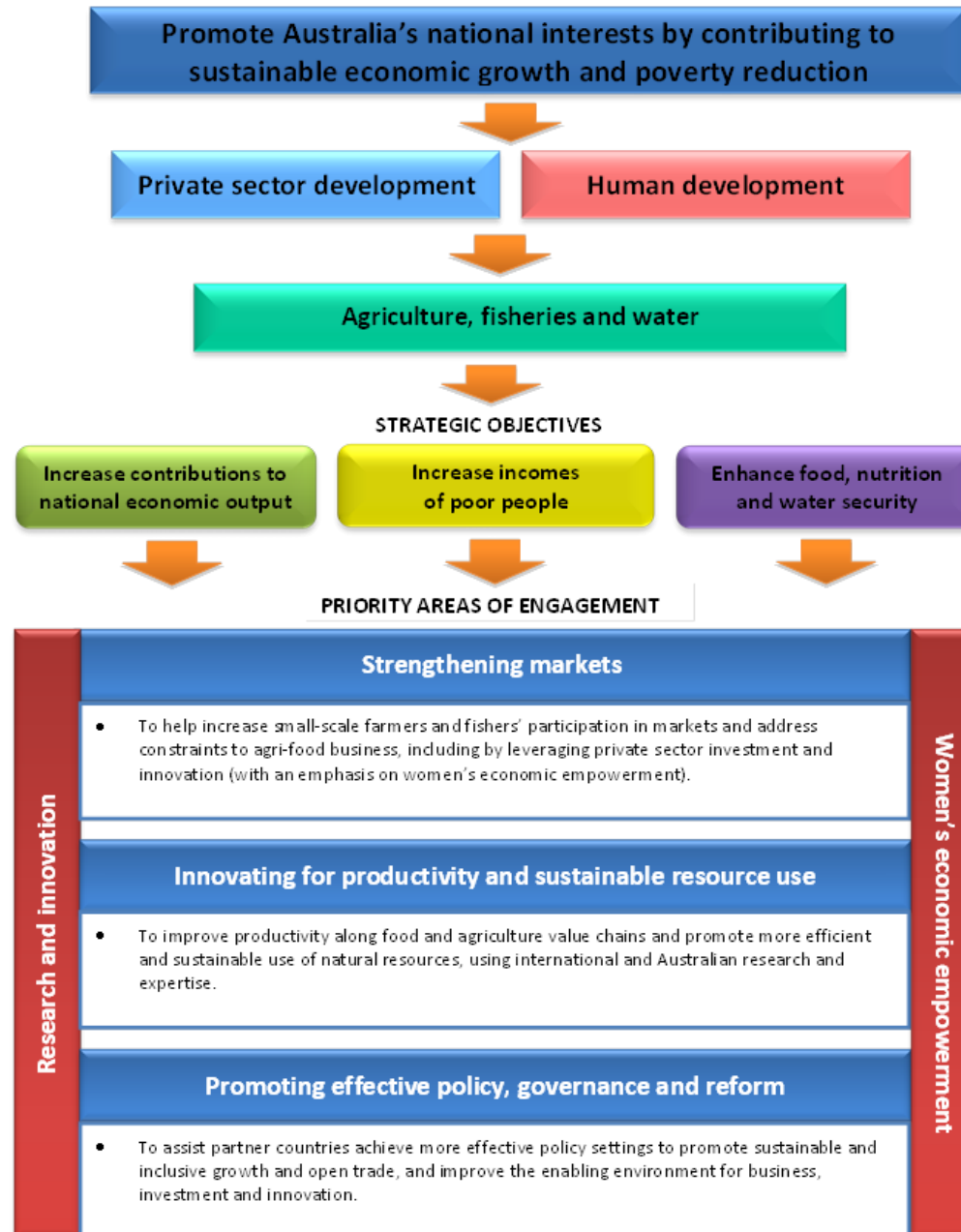
Australia's agriculture development investments in the Pacific



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DFAT Pacific Portfolio

Research

- ACIAR programs

Bilateral

- Solomon Islands
- Fiji
- PNG
- Vanuatu
- Tonga

Regional

- Market access
- Impact Investment
- Community-based fisheries
- Technical assistance in biosecurity and fisheries (SPC)

Global

- GAFSP
- AgResults

Features of programs

- Strong focus on **private sector** development in agriculture sector, particularly through MDF.
- Continuous investment in **agricultural research** through ACIAR.
- Three bilateral programs include **disaster recovery**.
- Little emphasis to date on **nutrition**, except during disaster response/recovery.
- Important work also being done on **fisheries**.

Lessons and future perspectives

- Likely to need to keep responding to disasters and climate impacts, hence need to deliberately program for **farmer resilience**.
- Rural development remains a proxy for **pro-poor development** in the Pacific context, with most of the poor engaged primarily in agriculture
- Need to also address food security in growing **peri-urban settlements**
- **Nutrition** in the Pacific is a key impediment to economic growth and human development – opportunities to address this through nutrition-sensitive agriculture.
- We can afford to ignore **resource sustainability** in the Pacific, such as soil infertility, salinity, erosion and water resource impacts
- Government and donor resources available for agricultural development are too limited; need to draw in new, sustainable **agricultural investment** – hence stimulating investment by smallholders themselves, by agri-business and improving access to agricultural finance is crucial.
- Level of **coordination** between agriculture development stakeholders is relatively weak.