

Pacific Agriculture Policy Program (PAPP)

Inventory of national Agriculture/Forestry Policies: National Questionnaire

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National policy/strategy/agenda

Please identify the **most important national level policy/strategy that applies for agriculture/forestry** (if there is more than one, e.g. one for agriculture, one for forestry, then one please use a separate sheet for each)

Full Title of policy/strategy	National Agriculture and Livestock Sector Policy (2009-2014)
What are the key <u>issues</u> identified? (please list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of improved production technologies in the farming system • Lack of inputs of production • Increase pest and diseases • Soil degradation • Lack of production incentives • Declining export prices (international market prices) • Limited market opportunities • Limited access to arable land • Lack of private and public investment in the sector • Political influence in the sector • Lack the capacity • Limited budgetary allocation • Timely access to funds (Finance procurement procedures) • Change of Government priorities • Natural disasters and National duties • Climate change issues •
What are the key <u>commodities</u> identified? (please list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coconut • Cocoa • Oil palm • Coffee and kava • Sweet potato, cassava, yam, taro, banana, pumpkin and vegetables • Cattle, pigs, poultry and honey bees
Are there any specific directions in the current policy that <u>link farmer's to markets</u>? (please list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market information-mass media programmes, collection interpretation and dissemination of information, link with other relevant ministries (Trade, CEMA) to

	<p>effectively inform farmers and traders, link with transport providers both domestic and international.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers access to inputs of production with reasonable prices • Project support to farmers-inputs and subsidies • Reduced levies and taxes on Agricultural inputs
How is <u>evidence or data</u> used to support directions set out in the strategy? (if possible please give 2 examples)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline data from surveys e.g. Household Income and expenditure survey (), Solomon Islands Small Holder Agriculture Study 2006, MOH Surveys (SIDHS- Demographic and Health Survey) • Reports e.g. MAL Annual Reports, CBSI Annual Reports, CEMA Annual Reports
What agency is responsible for implementing the policy/strategy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Extension, Livestock, Research and Development, Biosecurity, Planning and Corporate Services.
Does the strategy have a fixed term? (e.g. 2012-17; or ongoing)	2009-2014
When is it scheduled for review?	2015.
Any other comments	Consultations had been made to review this policy by early 2015