World Bank Group Engagement in Pacific Agriculture

PNG, Timor-Leste & Pacific Islands

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GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

Agriculture highly prioritzed by Governments, with strong demand for WB support (PNG, Solomon Isl., Timor Leste, Samoa, Tonga),

Agriculture main driver for food security and livelihoods and potentially for growth.

Priorities for WB support:

- Overall, to improve: productivity and resilience, market access and value chains, rural service delivery, sector planning, community and Govt capacity building.
- PNG: export crops (HH income source), extension service delivery & building climate resilience.
- Solomon Islands: rural community econ dev, rural service delivery, rural banking & climate resilience.
- Tonga: agriculture and fisheries sector plans; support to the preparation of GAFSP request.
- Timor-Leste: MAF institutional reforms; sustainable commercialization of smallholder ag (GAFSP).
- Samoa: improving livestock and horticulture productivity, climate resilience.
- Fiji: diversifying agricultural production, improving enabling environment, sugar sector reforms.







WBG STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

EAP Strategic area	Pacific WBG Engagement Areas	PNG	Solomon Islands	Timor Leste	Samoa	Tonga	Fiji	Vanuatu	Regional
Climate-smart and Environment. Sustainable Agriculture	Raising agricultural productivity and building resilience	Double cocoa yield, ensure large uptake of improved planting materials (WB, IFC)		Improved land management, development of farmer groups, agroenterprises (WB, IFC)		Leverage partnerships with private, NGOs, CBOs, FBOs to raise productivity GAFSP)		Improving productivity and climate resilience (Climate Resilience Project)	
Value Chains and Agribusiness	Linking farmers to markets and strengthening value chains	Strengthening selected agric VC (coffee, cocoa) (WB, IFC)		Strengthening selected agric VC (coffee)	Strengthening selected agric VC (organic, niche products) & import substitute (fruits, vegetlivestock)	to export oriented and import replacement	Possible support to Fiji Sugar and Non-Sugar Agriculture Value Chains	Possible support to innovative value addition for Coconut Cocoa (JSDF?)	Cross- country value chain analyses (Coconut top candidate)
Livelihoods and Risk Management	Improving rural service delivery and support of the rural non- farm sector		Expand, enhance CDD systemsto deliver econ. & social infrastruc. and services					PDNA and possible support to Cyclone Pam response project in ag and fisheries	Share best practices in risk mgmt. and disaster preparedness across the Pacific
	* Support to sector strategy, PER, investment plans, statistics					Developing ag and fisheries sector plans	Ag Sector Scoping Study; AgPER; Legislative review in ag	Possible support to agriculture sector coordination	Cross- country AgPER

Top Priority

Medium Priority

Not a Priority





