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INTRA ACP
Agricultural Policy Programme

PAPP
Pacific Agriculture Policy Project

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POLICY LESSONS WORKSHOP
23-24 May 2018

Intra ACP Agriculture Policy Program (APP)
Policy Lessons Workshop

Objectives :

(1) Raise awareness/share policy lessons learnt/emerged from the APP ;

(2) Possible Actions to build on - national/regional level

- **To continue to build on policy planning capacity**

- ***5 Takeaway Lessons***

Revisit : The Intra ACP Agriculture Policy Program (EDF 10)

Overall Objective

- increase **capability of *Agriculture Development Organisations*** *in the Pacific.*

- *Parameters*
- ***3 Key Result Areas:***
- *(i) Policy,*
- *(ii) Climate Smart Suppoet/Technolgies/Information*
- *(iii) Markets*

- *10 Log Frame Indicators*
- *15 PACPs EU8.6m*
- ***14 March 2013 – 14 March 2017***
- *Commenced July 2014 (1.5 years late)*
- Extended in late 2016 to March 2017. New Global Contract limitations

Goal

"increase capability of *Agriculture Development Organisations in the Pacific"*

Q- HOW DO WE DO THIS ?

Within the 3 parameters;

- **Policy and Statistics**
- **Climate Smart Research knowledge**
- **Linking Farmers to Market**

The Baseline

- Understanding the Policy Context for the Region

What do we/you already know….

Includes:

[1] Limited public funding

- ***Around 2-3 % of total budget spend for Ministries of Agriculture***

(2) Declining service provision eg Extension, research

(3) Constant challenge to source, expand and adapt to markets

(4) Weak engagement with private sector, youths etc

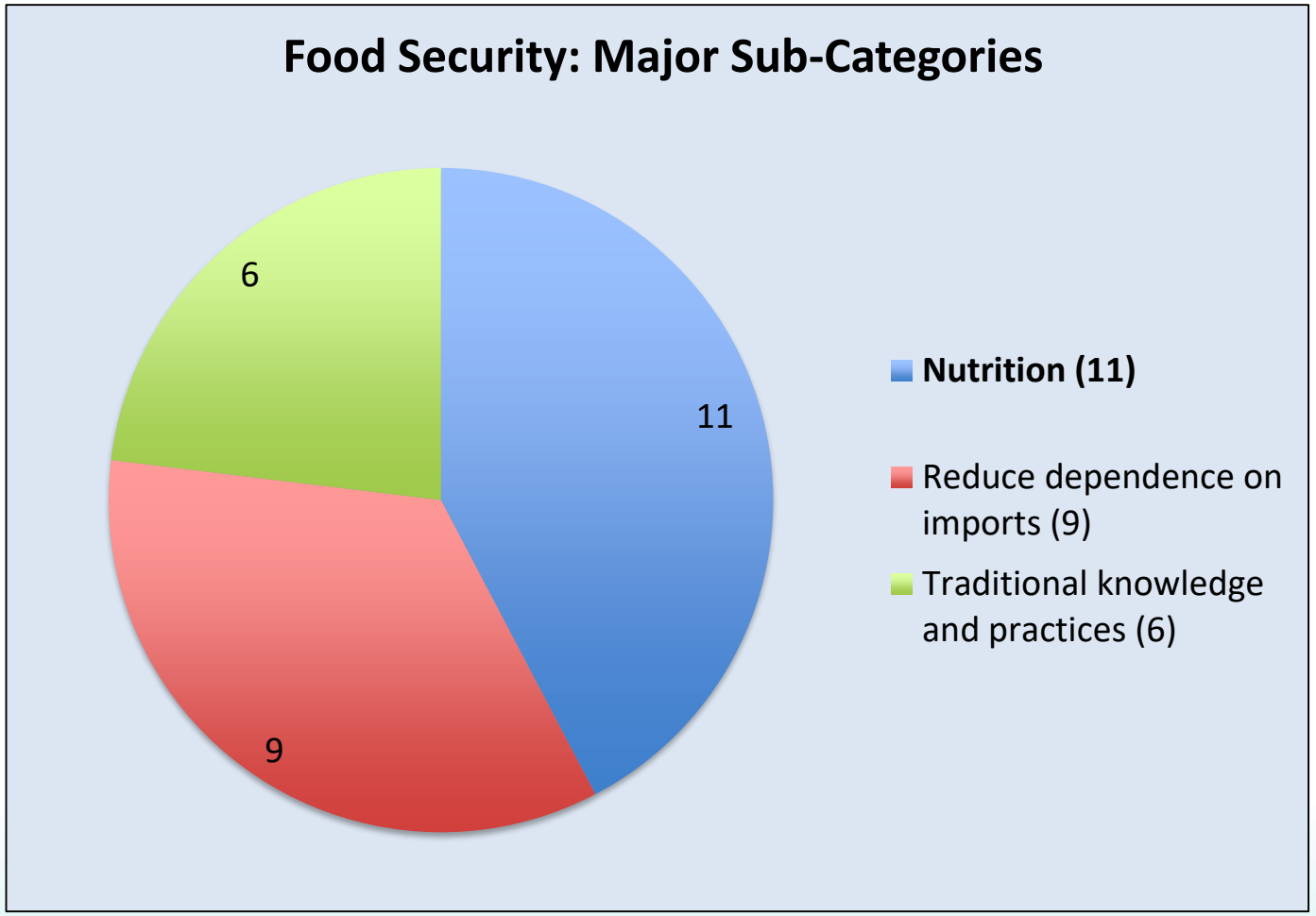
TakeAway 1!
PAPP Policy Compendium
Policy Inventory & Analysis

- Why? – We didn't know:
  - Key Starting Point
  - What Sector Plans existed
  - What did they say?
  - What plans were managed by MAFs
  - Extent of consultations - what/how does one engage?

- December 2014 – April 2015
- Key national agriculture sector-level policies
- Discussions & survey at PAPP Inception Meeting, followed by email liaison

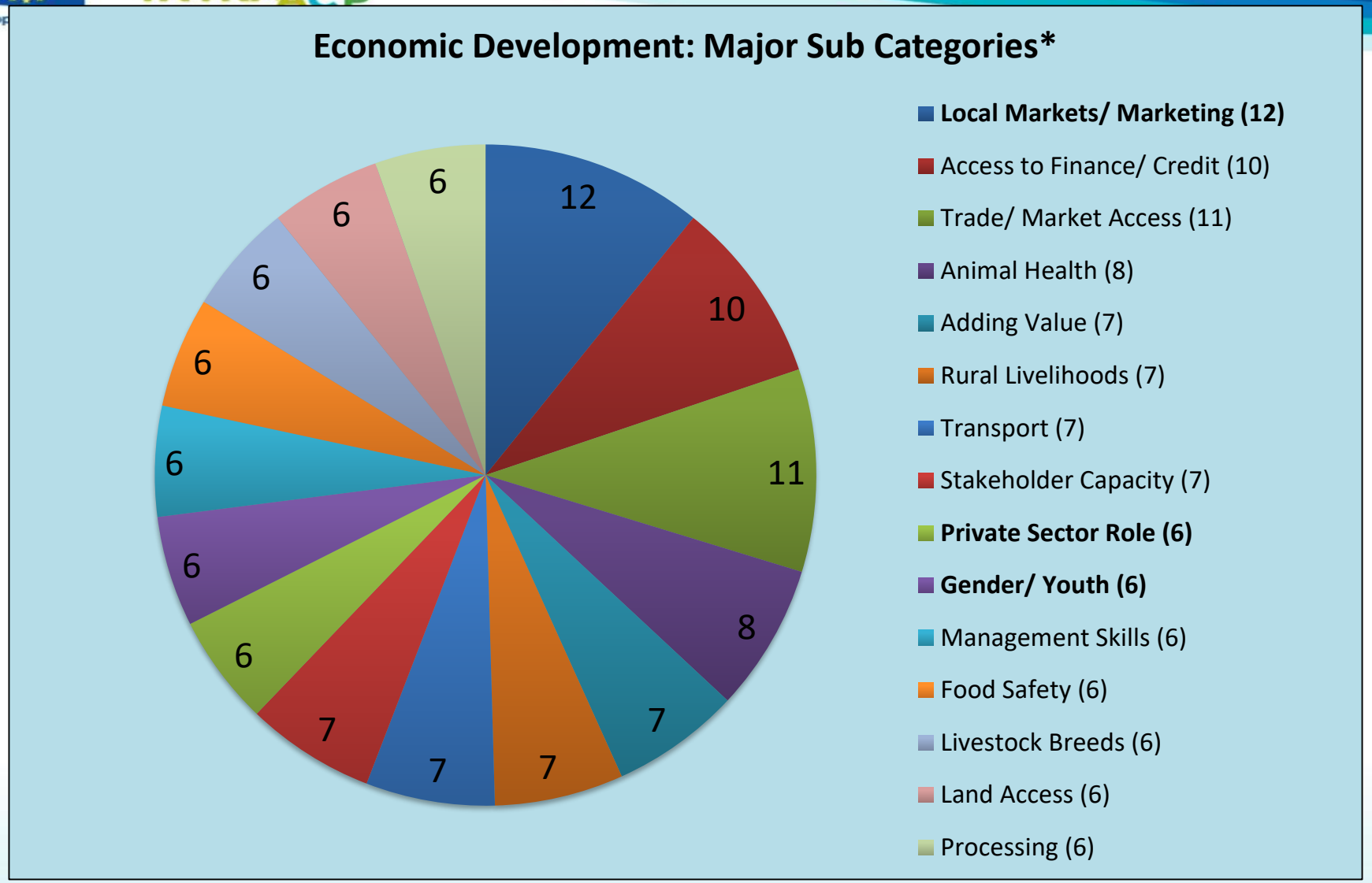
Country	Title of Document	Type of Doc	Status
Cook Islands	Ministry of Agriculture Business Plan 2014/15 Matairangi Purea	Agency business plan	Will be updated
Fiji	Fiji 2020 Agriculture Sector Policy Agenda "Modernizing Agriculture"	NAS policy	Current
FSM	Federated States of Micronesia Agriculture Policy 2012-16	NAS Policy	FSM State Policy (2017) Draft
Kiribati	Agriculture and livestock Division Strategic Plan 2013 - 2016	Agency strategic plan	Current
Marshall Islands	Agriculture: Ministry of Resources and Development Strategy and Action Plan 2005 – 2010	Agency Strategy	Draft Revised
Nauru	National Sustainable Development Strategy 2005-2025 (as revised 2009)	Nat.Sustainable Development Strategy	Current
Niue	Niue National Strategic Plan 2009 - 2013 Niue ke monuina, A prosperous Niue	Nat. Sustainable Development Plan	New Plan launched
Palau	Bureau of Agriculture Strategic Plan FY 2014-2019	Agency Strategic plan	Current
Solomon Is	Agriculture Sector Plan 2016-20	NAS Plan/Policy	New Plan
Samoa	Agriculture Sector Plan 2011 - 2015	NAS Plan/Policy	New Sector Plan Launched 2016
Tonga	Ministry of Agriculture & food, forests and fisheries Corporate plan 2014/15 - 2016/17	NAS Plan/Policy	New Sector Plan Launched 2016-20
Tuvalu	Te Kakeega II National Strategy for Sustainable Development 2005 - 2015 including Mid-Term Review: Action Plan 2015	National sustainable development strategy	Current
Vanuatu	Vanuatu Agriculture Sector Policy 2014 – 2024	NAS Plan/Policy	Launched

Food Security



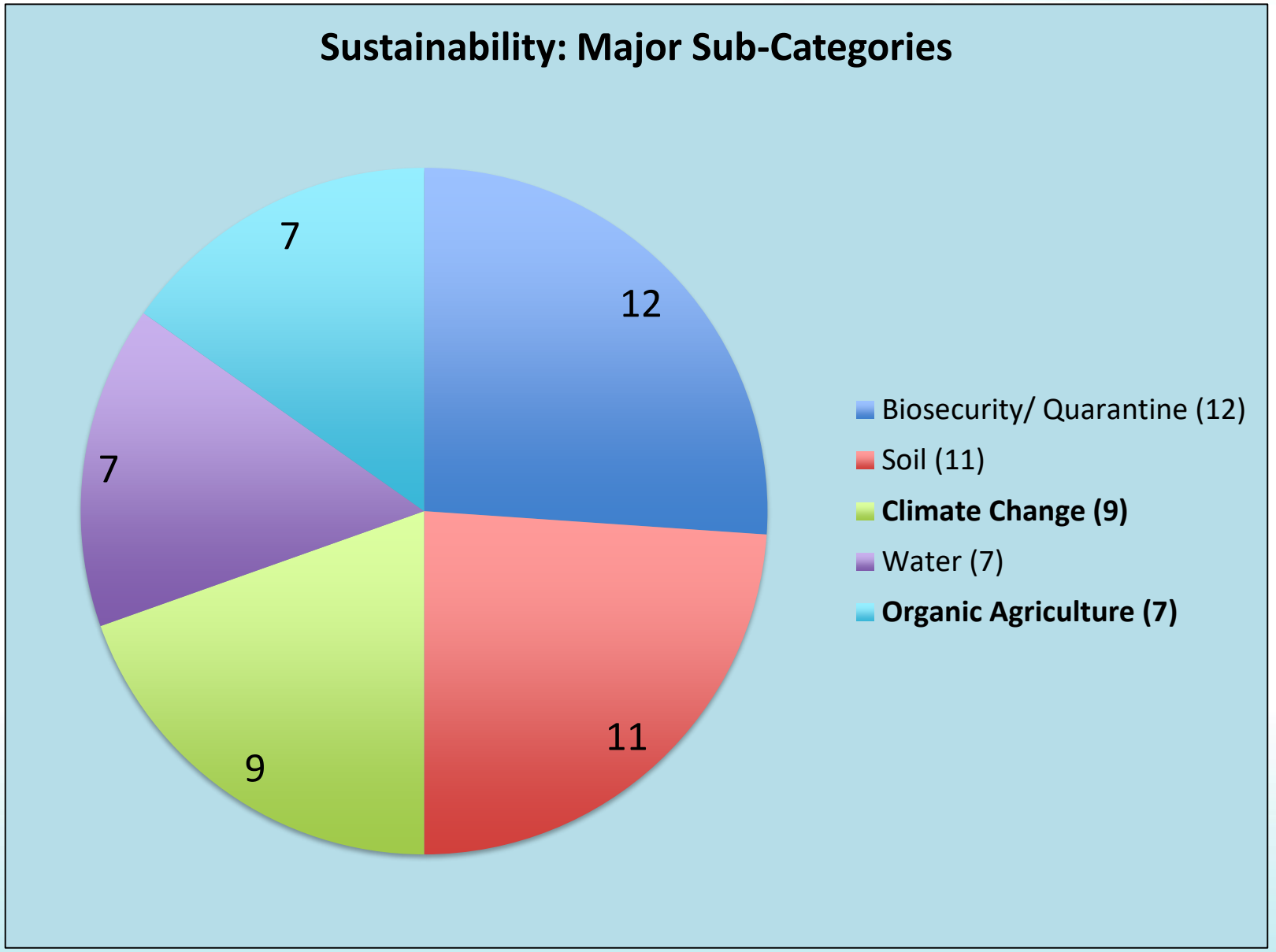
Countries were clear that locally produced food, particularly traditional staples, could offer a healthy substitute for certain imported foods

Economic Development

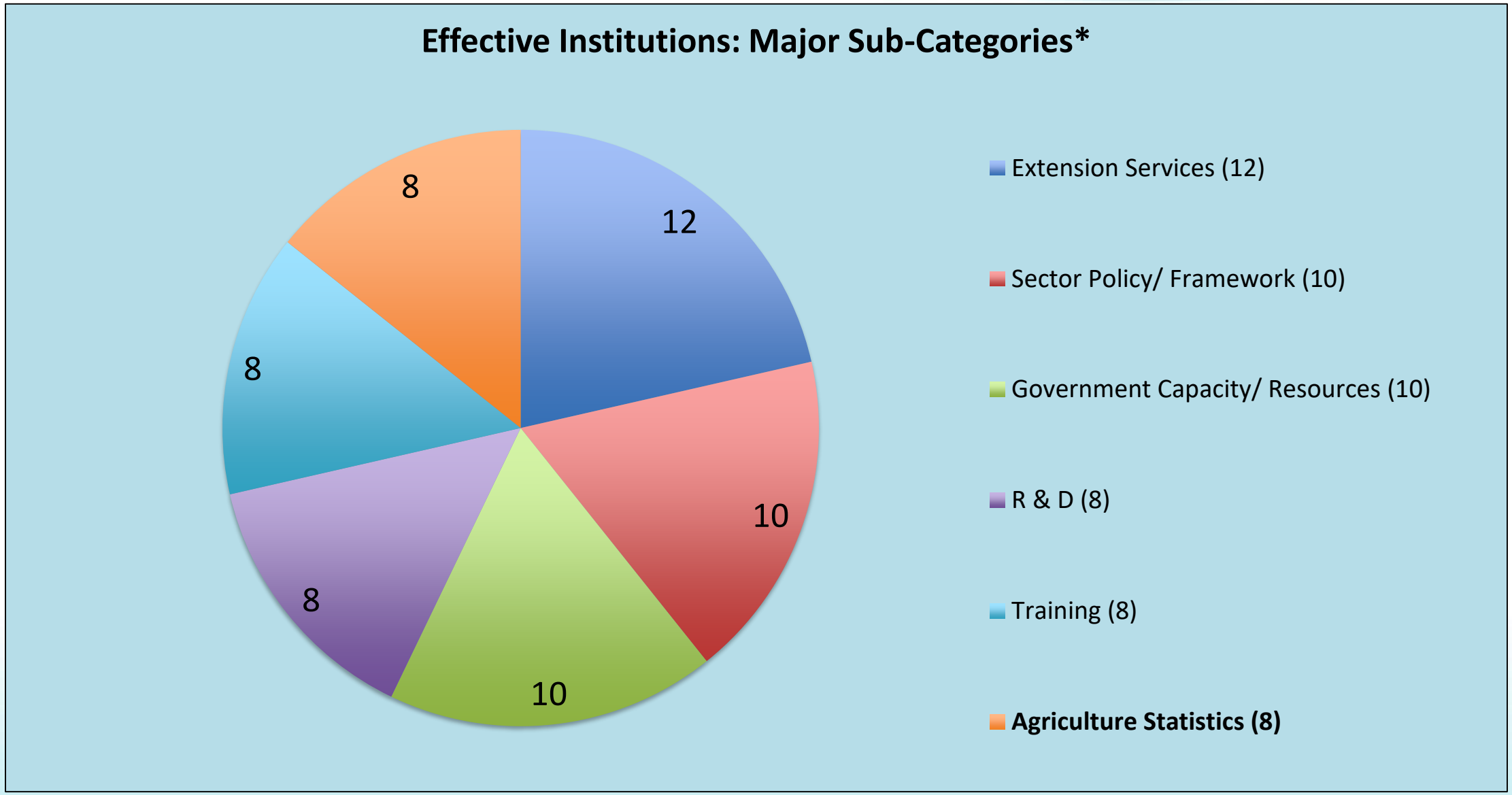


* Numeral indicates the number of countries that included the sub-category

Sustainability



Effective Institutions



What did we also learn

1] Access to policy information by anyone (including line Ministries) was limited

- ***But not limited to agriculture sector alone***

2] Climate Smart Technology in Agriculture – a public good in pressing demand

- ***Regional plant genetic facility (SPC CePACT) existed***

3] Farmer Organisations and the business sector needed to be engaged strategically by all stakeholders

- ***Many farmer networks existed, alot not legally registered.***

PACIFIC AGRICULTURE POLICY PROGRAM – STEERING STRUCTURE & TWGSs

PSC

Policy Steering Group
(PSC)

Intra ACP
Global Steering Committee

KRA 1 : POLICY

KRA 2: Research

KRA: 3 Markets

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TWGs

A **(Established by PAPP)**
TWG – Statistics
Chair: Cook Islands
(Patrick Arioka, also Chair of PSC)
Members: KIR, FSM, TON, SAM, VAN, CI, FAO, SPC

Key Deliverable
New Pacific Agriculture Statistics Strategy
(Approved by PSC. Co-Launch with FAO March 2018)

To be co-located FAO/SPC

B (Established by PAPP)
TWG – Research and Extension (PIRAS)
Chair: Malcom Hazelman,
(Samoa Farmers)
Vice Chair: Director Policy MAF SI (Michael Ho'ota)
Members: SI, SAM, FIJI, Palau, USP, USC (Australia), FAO, SPC

Key Deliverables
New Pacific Extension Strategy (Approved by PSC)
New Pacific Research Reports Database (PIES) (Launched by PSC Nov 2017)
New funding for PIRAS

Exists beyond PAPP. Morphed into Board Structure

C
(Existing Bi-Annual Mechanism)
Pacific Genetic Resource Group (PAPGREN)
Lead: SPC CePACT

Key Deliverables
Revamped SOPs for Plant Genetic Management
New Business Plan for CePACT

Exists beyond PAPP

D
(New / Strengthened by PAPP)
Pacific Farmers Annual Partners Meeting
Lead: PIFON, SPC, IFAD

Key Deliverables
Stronger business capacity and systems for PIFFO
Stronger profile for Pacific Farmers Network
Strategic relationships with other donors established

Exists beyond PAPP

(1) Building the Platform

An Agriculture Policy Online Platform
The Agriculture Policy Banks – Why?

- **Access**

- Farmers – *aware, support farmer livelihoods, make decisions*
- Business, donors– *invest, buy-in*
- Policy makers –*consult, design, buy-in, implement, coordinate*
- Government – *support, coordinate*

Countries print documents already . Some PICS did have online presence.

TakeAway?

Big Highlights

KRA 1: Policy

- National and Regional Policy Support
- Stronger policy focus on new domestic markets; agritiourism, municipal markets

KRA 2: CePACT

- Maintaining Plant Distribution service for PICs at the time s/t funding was drying for CePACT

KRA 3: Farmers Link to Markets

- Structured **Farmer to Farmer** Exchanges and Farmer to Market Exchanges

But all sitting on key platforms that needed building

- Online Policy Database – Agriculture Policy Banks
- Research Reports Database (Online and Offline) – PAIS
- Stronger Research and Extension Network (PIRAS)
- An online policy and research Technical Discussion Community (PAFPNET)
- A strong “umbrella” Pacific Farmers Network (PIFON)

- *Takeaway!*

Policy /Planning Lessons

Some Key Messages

Systemic issues

(1) Funding for Agriculture/Ministry of Agricultures is low

- ***2-3 % of Annual Government Budget Spend .***

(2) Climate Smart Technology will continue to be a pressing public good

- ***4 PICs are rated consistently as most vulnerable for CC/Natural Disasters by World Risk Index***
- ***Technical Skills, Awareness, Partnerships, Investment***

(3) Small holder farmers – Aggregation, structure, support and information is important

…and from PAPP

(1) Access to policies, plans and other key information (in MAFs) is important

- *Organising material pays off*
- *Accessibility promotes inclusivity (Agriculture cannot do it alone)*

(2) Regional /national collaboration /partnerships is important to shore limited national resources, reduce duplication and increase impact

- ***But you need Enabling Tools/platforms*** *to facilitate above (Ag Policy Banks, PAIS (research report database)*

(3) Promote Engage Farmer Organisations – and encourage alignment to national priorities

(4) Link to other sectors –tourism, fisheries, heath, climate change etc

- *Agriculture cant do it alone*
- *National Policies (Compendium work) shows multisector priorities*

(5) **Investment in Knowledge Management/ICT pays off.**

- *websites, databases (Government,FOs etc)*
- *E-Government.*

(6) Pay attention to domestic markets and value-addition

- *Eg municipal markets, agritourism, processed products etc*

- *And….*

- **Invest in your planning capacity**

- ***Staff, MIS systems, linkages, NFO support, exchanges***

THANK YOU