

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	Agriculture Sector Policy (Draft)
What are the key <u>issues</u> identified? (please list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orderly Agriculture Sector; • Qualified and Competent Agriculture workforce; • Widespread coverage of agriculture information; • Accessible Agriculture Credit; • Vanuatu agriculture land appropriately allocated according to land use policy; • Agriculture sector the leading domestic and foreign direct investment option; • Quality and productive agriculture produce; • Agricultural seeds, planting materials and inputs readily available and accessible; • Environmentally friendly Agriculture; • Agriculture soils improved and conserved; • Sufficient and surplus agriculture outputs; • Stakeholders income and revenue base increased; • Food and nutrition security needs of Vanuatu adequately met by all stakeholders in the agriculture sector; • Agriculture sector the most attractive national employer; • Disaster and Climate Resilient Agriculture; • Equal opportunities in agriculture development.
What are the key <u>commodities</u> identified? (please list)	Coconut, Coffee, Cocoa, Root crops, Spices, Fruits, Vegetables, Rice,
Are there any specific directions in the current policy that <u>link farmer's to markets</u>? (please list)	<p>Yes there are several thematic areas in the policy that link farmers to markets. Under the Policy directive of Production and Market Access, it talks about;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up a market information system to support producers • Improving linkages between Trade Commissions and Producers • Encourage downstream processing to value add

How is <u>evidence or data</u> used to support directions set out in the strategy? (if possible please give 2 examples)	Various sources of data are used to help develop strategies. For example Agricultural census data notes that 51% of Cocoa trees are between 20-49 years old so the Cocoa Strategy has to focus on replanting and rehabilitation.
What agency is responsible for implementing the policy/strategy?	All key stakeholders are identified in the policy who will be responsible to implement the policy directives. This includes government agencies, donor partners, NGOs and civil society
Does the strategy have a fixed term? (e.g. 2012-17; or ongoing)	Yes the draft policy has a 5 year term from 2015 - 2020
When is it scheduled for review?	Mid-term and end of term
Any other comments	These comments are based on the draft Agriculture Sector Policy which would come into effect in 2015. This would be the first Agriculture Policy to be adopted by the country. The draft is more than 95% complete so no major changes to the document is anticipated before it is accepted by Government as the Policy framework for Agriculture.