

SPC Programme in Cook Islands

01/01/2016 - 31/12/2016

The following table lists key work areas that SPC is undertaking in 2016 cooperation with Cook Islands. The country-specific work listed here complements other SPC work undertaken at a regional level to benefit the people of Cook Islands and achieve its national development priorities. SPC's key regional work is presented in the Pacific Community Results Report.

SPC expected contribution to national development goals			
Expected long term result (impact)	Expected medium term result (outcome)	Status	Outputs taking place or expected to commence this year
National Level Work			
Pacific Communities are Empowered and Resilient			
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems			
Improved management of coastal fisheries	Enhanced capacity of coastal communities to respond effectively to climate change and improved assessment of climate change impacts on marine environments	On Track	Training provided on database development and the use of databases, including GIS applications
	Enhanced coastal fisheries management policies and systems based where possible on scientific assessments of the status of national coastal marine resources	On Track	Biological sampling work including genetics, reproduction, age undertaken and capacity development provided in part through attachment training to SPC for 10 species in the Cook Islands - Samples were collected and analysis occurred
Pacific Island people reach their potential and lead long and healthy lives			
Education and Quality Assessment Programme			
Improved quality of education	Raising of students achievements in literacy and numeracy	On Track	Technical assistance provided in the assessment and monitoring of literacy, numeracy, and life skills in the Pacific
Gender, Human Rights, and Culture			
Increased development potential of Pacific Island people in culture and enhanced empowerment of women and young people	Integrated approach to human development fostered at regional and national levels	Completed	Conducted a scoping of the Cook Islands cultural industries and designed a cultural industries sector project to improve women's economic empowerment in partnership with UNWOMEN
		Ongoing	Increased knowledge and understanding of head of ministries to implement gender mainstreaming
		On Track	Gender mainstreaming handbook to implement gender mainstreaming for public service work customised to Cook Islands system

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		On Track	Technical assistance provided to the Cook Islands Police Force for the release of annual statistics on police complaints and investigations
		On Track	Mainstreaming of gender statistics and sex disaggregated data in National Strategy for the Development of Statistics
		Ongoing	Increased capacity of the National Women's Machinery (NWM) to implement gender mainstreaming through technical assistance and mentoring the NWM
		Ongoing	Ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the national gender policy and other conventions related to gender equality
The Pacific region and its people benefit from inclusive and sustainable economic growth			
Energy Services			
Sustainable economic development through accessible, affordable, efficient, secure and safe energy services	Strong leadership in the Pacific's energy sector, with good governance, effective multi-sectoral coordination and strategic partnerships, including monitoring and evaluation	On Track	Developed course and unit descriptors for climate change adaptation and sustainable energy; At least 10 trainers trained in train-the-trainer courses
		On Track	Climate change adaptation and sustainable energy training networks strengthened
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems			
Improved management of oceanic fisheries	National tuna oceanic fisheries policy and decision-making are informed by the best science-based stock assessments and advice	On Track	Scientific analyses provided to inform national tuna longline fishery management plans for Cook Islands
Increased contribution of fisheries to food security and livelihoods	Improved economic viability of fisheries investments through analysis, evaluation and capacity building in financial skills	On Track	Economic valuation of harvestable marine resources in Penryhn
Geoscience			
Sustainable management and development of ocean and island resources	Services to member countries and divisions efficiently and effectively delivered	On Track	Reviewed and provided feedback on Cook Islands Deep Sea Minerals Act Draft

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Land Resources				
Increased contribution from agriculture and forestry sectors to inclusive broad-based economic growth	Increased capacity of PICTs to meet standards, guidelines, and conditions for exports and domestic trade	Ongoing	Assistance provided to the Cook Islands to submit and negotiate market access requests based on scientific evidence - Payment of annual audit for Chinese organic certification of noni for Cook Islands to China	
	Enhanced sustainable land, agriculture and forestry resource management	On Track	Methodology for the development of land use policy and land zone map for Cook Islands published	
	Training provided to equip youth to participate in agriculture		Delayed	On farm demonstrations conducted to build capacity of producer organisations to support young farmers to enter markets; Farmer field school workshops conducted to build capacity of young farmers to enter markets
			On Track	Knowledge sharing on resilient agriculture through the development of audio visual training materials
			Not Started	Young people working with producer organisations trained to provide technical production and marketing support through ICTs and social media
	PICTs received assistance to comply with harmonised international standards including biosecurity standards and guidelines	On Track	Technical assistance provided in the area of biosecurity legislation and regulations	
	Increased availability and better access to traditional and improved crop and animal diversity	On Track	Pig and chicken animal genetic resources development and conservation	
Statistics for Development				
Pacific national and regional statistics are accessible and are being utilised	PICTs are producing the agreed core set of statistics across key sectors including but not restricted to economics, population, CRVS, education and health, as required by their national plans and agreed upon regional and international reporting frameworks	On Track	National PRISM websites completed and upgraded with latest technologies	

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	PICTs have the technical capacity to manage and implement all core statistical collections, including key administrative databases, as required by national development plans, including national strategies for the development of statistics	On Track	Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) field monitoring completed for 2015/2016
		On Track	Census cartography/mapping completed for 2016 census