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PROJECT SNAPSHOT

USAID's Pacific-American Climate Fund (PACAM) is a five-year grant facility implemented in twelve countries.

OBJECTIVES

PACAM provides grants to civil society organizations (CSOs) to reduce long-term vulnerabilities associated with climate change and to provide additional "co-benefits." Resources for managerial and financial capacity-building are also provided to CSO grantees, so as to ensure the sustainability of their efforts and improve their ability to access and manage funds from other donors.



Much of the Pacific, like this mangrove in Federated States of Micronesia, is low-lying and threatened by sea level rise. Photo © PACAM/ P. Collier

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BACKGROUND

Pacific Island countries are highly vulnerable to the negative effects of climate change. More than 8.5 million people across the region depend for their livelihood primarily on tourism, fisheries, forestry and agriculture, all of which are highly sensitive to rising sea levels, changing ocean temperatures and acidity, and shifting rainfall and storm patterns. Civil society organizations (CSOs), which play a critical role in the region's social and economic development, are often hindered by a lack of resources and managerial capacity from responding to climate change challenges.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

PACAM is a five-year, USAID grant facility that provides awards through an open and competitive basis to non-sovereign CSOs, including local, national, and internationally-operating entities. The Fund supports grantee projects that assist Pacific Island communities to adapt to the negative impacts of climate change and provide co-benefits or solutions to other development challenges, such as livelihood enhancement, improved health, food security, water availability, ecosystem conservation, and better governance.

The Pacific-American Climate Fund encourages the development of innovative adaptation measures that can be replicated and scaled-up at the community level. Special consideration is given to climate change interventions by female community members, or those that create opportunities for women's economic participation.

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Cycle I Grant Synopsis

Country	Grantee	Project Title
Marshall Islands	Aquaculture Technologies of the Marshall Islands (ATMI)	RMI Aquaculture Fisheries Project
PNG	Care International	Improving Community Climate Resilience in Nissan
PNG	Conservation International	Spreading the Reach of Community-based Marine Management in Milne Bay
FSM	College of Micronesia	Climate Resilient Adaptation and Mainstreaming (Project CREAM)
FSM	Marine and Environmental Research Institute of Pohnpei (MERIP)	Climate Change Adaptation and Income Diversification in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia
Fiji	University of Fiji	Developing Base Maps of Tropical Aquatic Resources in the Pacific
Marshall Islands	Namdrik Atoll Development Association (NADA)	Namdrik Atoll Pearl Farming: Linking Adaptation and Livelihoods
Samoa	Matuaileoo Environment Trust, Inc. (METI)	Climate Change Action Project in Fifty Samoan Villages
Solomon Islands	Natural Resources Development Foundation (NRDF)	Adapting to Climate Change through Sustainable Forest Management

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Fiji	World Wide Fund for Nature – Pacific (WWF-Pacific)	Strengthening Governance and Resources Management for Climate Resilient Communities in Fiji
Kiribati	Institute for Sustainable Futures – University of Technology Sydney	Supporting Community Adaptation to Water Shortages in Kiribati
PNG	ChildFund	Adaptive, Resilient, and Productive Agriculture in PNG
Samoa	Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA Samoa)	Community Disaster Management and Livelihood Development
Vanuatu	CARE Vanuatu	Increasing Small Islands' Resilience to Climate Change in Vanuatu
Fiji	Internews Earth Journalism Network	Pacific GeoJournalism Project: Strengthening Environmental Journalism to Build Community Resilience to Climate Change

*PACAM is preparing to award nine grants across Polynesia, Melanesia, and Micronesia under Cycle 3.



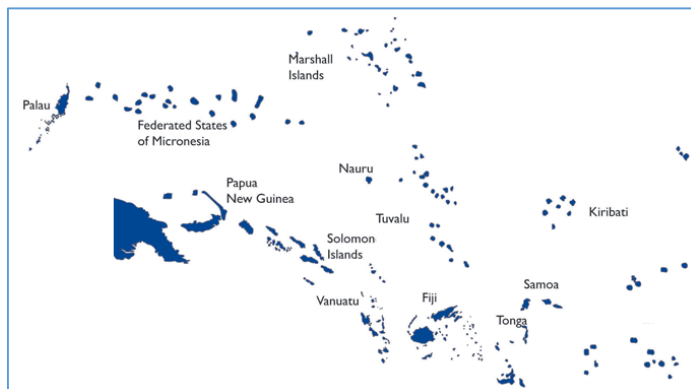
Children in Solomon Islands. Photo © Bruno Manele

The grantee selection process begins with the submission of project concept papers from interested CSOs to the PACAM Administrative Office. CSOs with promising concept papers are then invited to develop these into full proposals for review.

The Pacific-American Climate Fund works in tandem with the CSOs to ensure proper grant implementation and reporting in compliance with USAID guidelines and procedures. In this manner, CSOs “learn by doing” and strengthen their internal capacities.

Improved proficiency in grant management will enable these organizations to eventually scale up their climate change adaptation efforts, collaborate with other organizations, and engage in more complex projects, including public-private partnerships. The grant facility will also capture and disseminate best practices and lessons learned to a variety of stakeholders, including those at the community level.

PACAM activities are conducted in coordination with U.S. Government partners, including U.S. Embassies, the Peace Corps, and implementers of other USAID activities in the Pacific Islands.



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