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### Pacific-American Climate Fund

#### PROJECT SNAPSHOT

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

#### OBJECTIVES

PACAM provides grants to civil society organizations (CSOs) to reduce long-term vulnerabilities associated with climate change. 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.

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*Sonya Joel inspects the open ocean cage for moi fish in Majuro. She works as fish hatchery manager for a PACAM-supported resilience project. Photo © PACAMI M. Abbott*

#### BACKGROUND

More than 8.5 million people across the Pacific 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 application process to non-sovereign CSOs, including local, national, and internationally-operating entities. The Fund supports grantee projects that promote climate and environmental resilience while addressing other development challenges, such as livelihood enhancement, improved health, food security, water availability, ecosystem conservation, gender empowerment and better governance.

Working with Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu, the Fund encourages the development of sustainable, inclusive and innovative adaptation measures. PACAM supports CSOs in grant implementation, aiming to improve their efficiency in project management and ensure the sustainability of their adaptation initiatives.

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Country	Grantee	Project Title
<b>Cycle 1</b>		
Marshall Islands	Aquaculture Technologies of the Marshall Islands (ATMI)	RMI Aquaculture Fisheries Project
PNG	CARE PNG ( <i>completed</i> )	Improving Community Climate Resilience in Nissan
PNG	Conservation International ( <i>completed</i> )	Spreading the Reach of Community-based Marine Management in Milne Bay
FSM	College of Micronesia	Climate Adaptive and Agriculture Resilience
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) ( <i>closed</i> )	Climate Change Action Project in Fifty Samoan Villages
Solomon Islands	Natural Resources Development Foundation (NRDF)	Adapting to Climate Change through Sustainable Forest Management
<b>Cycle 2</b>		
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 Samoa Vanuatu	Internews Earth Journalism Network	Pacific GeoJournalism Project: Strengthening Environmental Journalism to Build Community Resilience to Climate Change

<b>Cycle 3</b>		
Fiji	Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises and Development (FRIEND)	Climate Change Adaptation through Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture
Palau	Palau Conservation Society (PCS)	Reviving Traditional Croplands to Improve Community Climate Resilience
Samoa	Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisation, Inc. (SUNGO)	Strengthening Communities' Climate Change Adaptation Capacity
Palau and FSM	Hatohobei Organization for People and Environment (HOPE)	Improving Community Climate Resilience in Micronesia
FSM	Chuuk Women's Council (CWC)	Climate Change Adaptation through Family, Gardens, Food and Health
Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands Association of Community Learning Centres (SIACLC)	Climate Change Adaptation and Aquaculture Development in East Guadalcanal
Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership (SICCP)	Strengthening Communities' Climate Change Planning and Adaptation in Solomon Islands
Fiji	Community Centred Conservation Fiji (C3)	Building Climate Resilience of Fishing Communities in Macuata
Tuvalu and Solomon Islands	Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International (FSPi)	Mainstreaming Indigenous and Local Knowledge into Human Health Responses to Climate Change
<b>Cycle 4</b>		
PNG	Mahonia Na Dari Research, Education & Conservation Centre (MND)	Youth as Agents of Change: Marine Environmental Awareness in Kimbe Bay
PNG	Institute for Sustainable Futures-University of Technology Sydney (ISF-UTS)	Engaging Communities and Government in Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Adaptation
PNG	Papua New Guinea Centre for Locally Managed Areas, Inc. (PNGCLMA)	Scaling Up Women's Participation in Mangrove Management
PNG	Live and Learn Environmental Education (LLEE)	Managing Fire to Conserve Biodiversity and Reduce Climate Vulnerability

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PACAM has awarded to date 28 grants valued at over \$11 million to civil society organizations across the Pacific. The projects implemented through the grants address the challenges of development and climate resilience in the most vulnerable communities in the Pacific region. PACAM-supported projects include introducing resilient agriculture, developing alternative livelihoods that are viable as well as sustainable, strengthening disaster management, training communities in adaptive water management processes, and other community resilience efforts. The projects have helped communities recover from major disasters such as Tropical Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu and Tropical Cyclone Winston in Fiji. For its fourth and final grant cycle, PACAM approved four grants to support biodiversity conservation and resilience in Papua New Guinea, a country with high levels of marine and terrestrial biodiversity.