



2017 Results Summary for Cook Islands

This report provides an overview of the results achieved in Cook Islands in 2017 through SPC scientific and technical assistance. It includes results specific to Cook Islands and multi-country results, where initiatives involve Cook Islands and other Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs). Results are reported against SPC's nine development objectives as outlined in the *Pacific Community Strategic Plan 2016-2020*.

This report should be read together with the 2017 Regional Results Summary.

35 results
in
**Cook
Islands**

3
country-specific
32
multi-country results

Pacific Community Results Hierarchy

Results are described as dynamic change processes in PICTS along a non-linear hierarchy. The hierarchy shows how SPC responds to PICT development needs and priorities with appropriate capabilities to deliver outputs to PICTs (i.e. goods and services) to achieve changes in knowledge, attitude and practice, and where sustained over time, impact at the individual, institutional and population level. Ultimately the change pathway contribute to the three development goals of the *Pacific Community Strategic Plan 2016-2020*.



0 INSTANCES OF SUSTAINED IMPACT

Evidence of the difference SPC has made towards achieving PICTs' development objectives



15 CHANGES IN PRACTICE

Evidence of the effects of the application of acquired knowledge, skills, capacities, and changed attitudes on PICTs' individual or institutional performance



0 CHANGES IN ATTITUDE

Evidence of effectiveness of SPC's outputs and actions in changing PICTs' beliefs, opinions, motivations, intentions



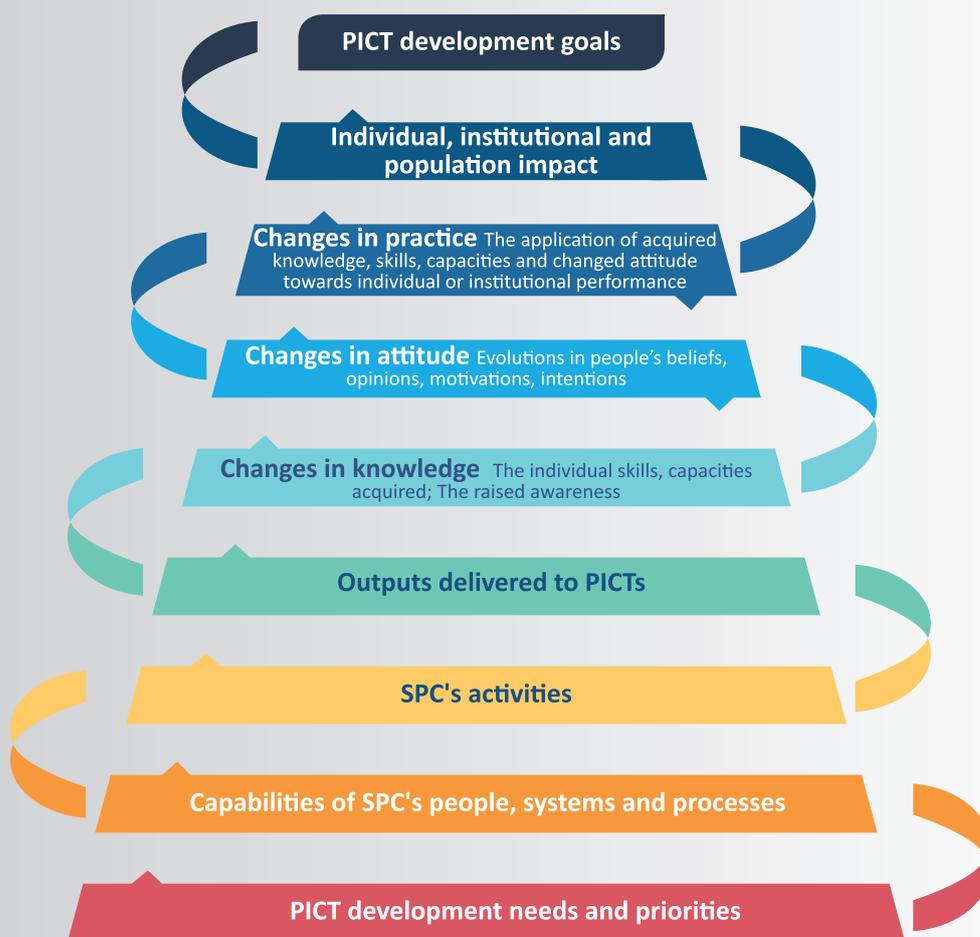
5 CHANGES IN KNOWLEDGE

Evidence of effectiveness of SPC's outputs and actions in increasing PICTs' knowledge, skills, capacities, awareness



15 OUTPUTS

Evidence of relevance of SPC scientific and technical assistance provided to PICTs



Sustainable Development Goals

The report also shows specific areas of synergy between the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and SPC's nine development objectives.



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Result description	Result level	Result type	PICTS
 <p>Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)</p>			
Fisheries			
Tails app used in 4 new PICTs, bringing the total to 9 PICTs by end of 2017. Fisheries staff trained in Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, Tonga and Vanuatu. 8525 trips entered using Tails in 2017 (only 803 entered from paper)	CHANGE IN PRACTICE	Knowledge integration informing practice	Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
			
Log sheet data was processed for 1626 fishing trips (purse-seine and longline trips) for vessels flagged to 16 countries, i.e. 10 PICTs, New Zealand and 5 Asian countries	OUTPUT	Knowledge building, e.g. data collection and mapping	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
			
1140 observer trips were processed by SPC from 14 PICT observer programmes and regional arrangements (FSM Arrangement and US Treaty)	OUTPUT	Knowledge building, e.g. data collection and mapping	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
			
Summary of tuna stock status and national implications provided to 14 PICTs	OUTPUT	Knowledge building, e.g. assessment and analysis	Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Vanuatu
			
National level analysis on purse-seine fishing during FAD closure periods provided to 9 PICTs	OUTPUT	Knowledge building, e.g. assessment and analysis	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tuvalu
			
A resource for accessing commercial fisheries data and plots provided to 9 PICTs	OUTPUT	Systems building, e.g. app/programme development	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea
			
Land use and agriculture			
Biosecurity Information Facility (BIF) - Cook Islands Biosecurity Operations Manual launched and accessible online	CHANGE IN PRACTICE	Knowledge integration informing practice	Cook Islands
			

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 <p>Improve pathways to international markets (mobility, private enterprises, phytosanitary and biosecurity standards supporting trade)</p>			
<p>Knowledge building through 5 essential initial port audits and 4 follow-up port audits completed</p>	<p>OUTPUT</p> 	<p>Systems building, e.g. app/programme development</p>	<p>Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tonga</p>
 <p>Strengthen sustainable transport and energy security</p>			
<p>Country energy rating awareness reports completed and circulated in 10 PICTs</p>	<p>OUTPUT</p> 	<p>Awareness raising</p>	<p>Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu</p>
 <p>Strengthen access to and use of development statistics in policy development and monitoring progress</p>			
<p>HIES completed</p>	<p>CHANGE IN PRACTICE</p> 	<p>Censuses and surveys</p>	<p>Cook Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu</p>
<p>Training for selected PICTs on the development of national CRVS plans. All countries developed a draft CRVS plan</p>	<p>CHANGE IN KNOWLEDGE</p> 	<p>Increased knowledge</p>	<p>American Samoa, Cook Islands, Nauru, Niue, Tokelau, Tuvalu</p>
<p>19 people, including doctors and health information staff, trained on medical certification of causes of death</p>	<p>OUTPUT</p> 	<p>Capacity development</p>	<p>Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu</p>
<p>SPC-Australian Bureau of Statistics held a workshop on CPI base revisions</p>	<p>OUTPUT</p> 	<p>Convening, facilitation</p>	<p>Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Vanuatu</p>

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 Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters			
Review of 2009 national DRM arrangements and plan completed	CHANGE IN PRACTICE	Knowledge integration informing practice	Cook Islands
			
Review of the National Building Code undertaken by BECA consultants and managed by Infrastructure Cook Islands. Building Code review process in final stages with update to reflect latest international standards and include guidance on the overall building permit application process and design requirements	CHANGE IN PRACTICE	Knowledge integration informing practice	Cook Islands
			
More than 1800 tide calendars printed and distributed to 14 PICTs, where they are being used by National Meteorological Services to provide public early warning of king tides and inundation events, and by tourism operators, fishers, shipping companies, and others for monitoring/decision-making purposes related to ocean-based activities	CHANGE IN PRACTICE	Knowledge integration informing practice	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
			
Ongoing maintenance and calibration of Pacific Sea Level Monitoring Stations	OUTPUT	Infrastructure assistance	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
			
New Tide Prediction Calendar for Neiafu, Tonga, and new factsheets on Traditional Ocean Knowledge and Tide Datums, in response to Technical Coordination Committee requests	OUTPUT	Knowledge building, e.g. survey, review, information, education, communication	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
			
 Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity and opportunities for young people			
One PIC self-produced a gender statistics publication and another 2 have drafted them	CHANGE IN PRACTICE	Strengthening governance structures and systems	Cook Islands, Kiribati, Tonga
			
UN Treaty reports were submitted by 4 PICs – 2 reported on CEDAW and 2 on the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities	CHANGE IN PRACTICE	Strengthening governance structures and systems	Cook Islands, Palau, Samoa, Vanuatu
			

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4 National Human Rights Institution scoping studies completed after requests from governments	CHANGE IN PRACTICE 	Strengthening governance structures and systems	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru
Domestic violence or family protection legislation reviewed in 3 PICs	CHANGE IN PRACTICE 	Policy and legislation drafted or reviewed	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru
3 Family Law Bills enacted during 2017	CHANGE IN PRACTICE 	National and regional policy or frameworks adopted	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru
Increased access to and use of gender statistics in 7 PICTs	CHANGE IN KNOWLEDGE 	Use of data and statistics	Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu



Improve multi-sectoral responses to non communicable diseases and food security

National NCD plan in place and implementation demonstrated in collaboration with stakeholders	CHANGE IN PRACTICE 	Implementation of policies, legislation and initiatives	Cook Islands, Fiji, Tokelau
NCD risk factor interventions implemented, with resources and/or trained staff	CHANGE IN PRACTICE 	Implementation of policies, legislation and initiatives	Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Vanuatu, Tokelau
National NCD initiatives led by government ministers and parliamentarians, Ministry of Health/ Minister of Health and/or CEO, and senior public servants	CHANGE IN PRACTICE 	Implementation of policies, legislation and initiatives	Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Marshall Islands, Tokelau
After an NCD workshop for parliamentarians, over 95% of the 45 participants reported increased knowledge of NCDs	CHANGE IN KNOWLEDGE 	Increased knowledge	Cook Islands, Fiji
After training in NCDs/youth and media, over 95% of the 34 young participants reported increased knowledge of NCDs	CHANGE IN KNOWLEDGE 	Increased knowledge	Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Tonga, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna

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Survey on the status of diabetes' associations undertaken in 13 PICTs	OUTPUT 	Knowledge building, e.g. survey, strategy	American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu
 Strengthen regional public health surveillance and response			
55 health staff participated in outbreak simulation exercises	OUTPUT 	Capacity development, including training and mentoring	American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
 Improve education quality			
10 PICTs participated in training on using assessment data and learning outcomes to conduct educational research, as part of phase 1 of research on utilisation of PILNA results to inform policy change	CHANGE IN KNOWLEDGE 	Increased knowledge	Cook Islands, Kiribati, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
130 people trained in PILNA processes and procedures in 15 PICTs for PILNA trial. Engaging national PILNA counterparts in the processes and procedures strengthened knowledge and practice in preparation for actual PILNA administration in 2018	CHANGE IN PRACTICE 	Skills transfer	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
Survey conducted on the extent to which PILNA data has been used at system level to inform policy change. Over 70 education ministry officials were consulted and interviewed	OUTPUT 	Knowledge building, e.g. meetings, assessment, analysis, information, education, communication	Cook Islands, Kiribati, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
To raise awareness of effective data utilisation, a regional workshop was convened and attended by representatives of 15 PICTs and development partners (ADB, DFAT, PIFS, UNESCO, UNICEF, UIS, USP, World Bank). High levels of satisfaction were recorded during the post-summit evaluation	OUTPUT 	Knowledge building, e.g. meetings, assessment, analysis, information, education, communication	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

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