



REGIONAL OVERVIEW

The Pacific Islands Rural and Agriculture Stimulus Facility (PIRAS) aims to support economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in the Pacific, through improved income generation, food security and nutrition for rural communities.

Our target is to benefit 20,000 rural households across the Pacific countries of Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu.

Duration: 2021-2024



WHAT WE DO

PIRAS supports rural farmers through:

- Provision of seedlings, planting material, agricultural inputs, labour saving and post-harvest processing equipment;
- Provision of technical training in vegetables, seed and seedling production, composting, pest and disease control, soil conservation, post-harvest handling, food safety and preservation, value-adding, business and financial management;
- Establishing nurseries, demo plots and cool storage facilities;
- Strengthening market linkages, through establishment of permanent road-side vendor stalls, and e-commerce.

PIRAS works in close collaboration with national governments and regional partners to better inform decision making by:

- Scaling up tested digital solutions for market linkages, agricultural advice and nutritional awareness, such as MyKana App and Traseable Farm App;
- Supporting national governments' use and leadership of surveys to better articulate their food security and nutrition targets for policy makers;
- Strengthening existing data dashboards to ensure the analytics disseminated are relevant to countries for national tracking of food and nutrition outcomes.

PIRAS' end-of-program outcomes are:

- Expanded knowledge and coordination around production, distribution and consumption of nutritious local foods;
- Improved food and nutrition security;
- Safe post-harvest handling and local food preservation;
- Functioning local food markets, resilient to COVID-19, strengthened market linkages and transfer of business skills, focussing on women and youth;
- Improved employment and business environment in the informal sector through sustainable businesses, access to social security.

PARTNERS

FIJI

- Fiji Ministry of Agriculture
- Pacific Island Farmers Organisation Network
- Asian Farmers Association
- Partners in Community Development Fiji
- Rise Beyond the Reef

KIRIBATI

- Live & Learn Environmental Education Kiribati

SAMOA

- Samoa Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Matuaileoo Environment Trust Incorporated
- Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa
- Samoa Women's Association of Growers
- Women in Business Development Incorporated

SOLOMON ISLANDS

- Solomon Islands Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
- Kastom Gaden Association

TONGA

- Tonga Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Forests and Fisheries
- Mainstreaming of Rural Development Innovation of Tonga Trust

VANUATU

- Vanuatu Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries, and Biosecurity
- World Vision New Zealand



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