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Integrated WASH resilience and disaster preparedness in remote atoll schools and communities

Project Aim

The 'Integrated wash resilience and disaster preparedness in remote atoll schools and communities' project has three key outputs:

1. Strengthening WASH systems to be climate resilient.
2. Improving WASH services to achieve an improved quality of life.
3. Improved understanding and knowledge of WASH, which will contribute to changes in behaviour and responses to WASH in communities.
4. Improved gender and social inclusion – Encouraging more women and people with disabilities to be involved in WASH planning and activities.



Project Timeline:

3 years, 2023 - 2026

Project Donor:

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Project sites

Malekula, Santo & Efate

Targeting

45 Communities
20 Schools
5 Health centres

Key project objectives

- Engage community to better understand the existing WASH system strengths and weaknesses.
- Contextualise expertise with existing best-in class toolkits and resources from UNICEF and the World Health Organization, including the Drinking Water Safety & Security Plans for communities, the Three-Star Approach for schools, and the WASH Facility Improvement Tool for healthcare facilities.
- Empower women via WASH planning and decision-making processes to ensure systems are inclusive and effective.
- Prepare communities via training and educate local leaders and practitioners on resilient WASH development practices.
- Generate learning and knowledge through project activities for local organizations, community stakeholders and healthcare facilities.

Key Definitions

WASH

Water, sanitation & hygiene.

Resilience

The capacity to recover quickly from a disaster, in terms of maximizing the community resources for recovery.

Integrated

Inserting WASH into livelihoods, households, & communities via good water systems, good hygiene practices, good toilet facilities etc.

Project Stakeholders

- Department of Water
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health
- Rural health centers
- UNICEF
- ADRA
- Provincial Government

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