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Pacific Insurance and Climate Adaptation Programme

Building Resilience in the Pacific through Climate Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance

UNCDF, UNDP, and UNU-EHS are jointly implementing the 'Pacific Insurance and Climate Adaptation Programme' that aims to develop, deploy, pilot, test, and scale market-based financial instruments including parametric insurance. This new approach to offering insurance will provide Pacific people with immediate cash relief after extreme weather events and natural hazards – **“Improving the financial preparedness of Pacific households, communities, small businesses, organisations, and governments towards climate change and natural hazards”**.

The Technical Advisory committee supports the Programme implementation by providing need based guidance and technical inputs to the Programme Investment committee and the management. The committee members represent a cross-section of important and relevant regional and global industry stakeholders and organizations that have a role in climate disaster risk financing, parametric insurance, high-level policy advisory on climate change, disaster risk reduction, private sector development, women's economic empowerment etc.

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Resilience in the
Pacific through
Finance,
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Unlocking Public and Private
Finance for the Poor

About UNCDF:

The UN Capital Development Fund makes public and private finance work for the poor in the world's 46 least developed countries (LDCs). UNCDF offers "last mile" finance models that unlock public and private resources, especially at the domestic level, to reduce poverty and support local economic development. UNCDF's strategy 'Leaving no one behind in the digital era' is based on over a decade of experience in digital financial inclusion in Africa, Asia and the Pacific. UNCDF leverages digital finance in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to achieve the vision of promoting digital economies that leave no one behind. The goal of UNCDF is to empower millions of people by 2024 to use services daily that leverage innovation and technology and contribute to the SDGs. To achieve this vision UNCDF uses a market development approach and continuously seeks to address underlying market dysfunctions that exclude people living in the last mile.

About UNU-EHS:

The United Nations University – Institute for Environment and Human Security is based in Bonn, Germany and conducts research on risks and adaptation related to environmental hazards and global change. The institute's research promotes policies and programmes to reduce these risks, while taking into account the interplay between environmental and societal factors. Research areas include climate change adaptation by incorporating insurance-related approaches, environmentally induced migration and social vulnerability, ecosystem-based solutions to adaptation and disaster risk reduction, and models and tools to analyse vulnerability and risks linked to natural hazards, with a focus on urban space and rural-urban interfaces. UNU-EHS also offers the joint Master of Science degree programme "Geography of Environmental Risks and Human Security" with the University of Bonn and hosts international PhD projects and courses on global issues of environmental risks and sustainable development. <http://ehs.unu.edu>

About UNDP:

UNDP partners with people at all levels of society to help build nations that can withstand crisis, and drive and sustain the kind of growth that improves the quality of life for everyone. The UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji serves 14 countries and territories in the Pacific, as part of the 177-country office UNDP network, and offers global perspective and local insight to help empower lives and build resilient nations. www.pacific.undp.org

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