

The Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility (PRIF) Water and Sanitation Working Group

Section 1: General Information	
Summary	The Pacific islands pose unique challenges for coordination, collaboration and information-sharing between development partners. The Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility (PRIF) is a multi-development partner coordination, research and technical facility that supports infrastructure development in the Pacific. An integral component of PRIF initiatives is to bring water and sanitation sector specialists together in regular WATSAN Working Group meetings to enhance stakeholder coordination.
Proponent Name(s)	The Proponent is the PRIF. PRIF Members are the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), European Union and European Investment Bank (EU/EIB), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (NZMFAT), United States Department of State and the World Bank Group.
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Section 2: Commitment	
Linkages to SDG 6	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water, End Open Defecation and Provide Access to Sanitation and Hygiene, Improve Water Quality, Wastewater Treatment and Safe Reuse, Increase Water-Use Efficiency and Ensure Freshwater Supplies, Implement Integrated Water Reso
Target	<p>The overarching target of the PRIF, through its WATSAN WG, is twofold: to enhance coordination of PRIF partner investments in the Pacific, and to provide technical advice on water, sanitation and water resources management infrastructure development and sustainable infrastructure management to PRIF partners and member countries.</p> <p>The beneficiaries of meeting these targets include: donor partners, communities, utilities, and governments within the 14 Pacific island countries with the objective to facilitate efficient networking, program coordination and consultation among partner experts working on infrastructure development in the Pacific. The group provides an opportunity for members to network with technical</p>

	<p>counterparts, share experiences, operational pipelines and activities.</p> <p>The work of the Water and Sanitation WG is driven by two key facts: 52% of people in the Pacific (including PNG) do not have access to safe drinking water, and 69% of people in the Pacific (including PNG) do not have access to adequate sanitation.</p>
Linkages to other SDG	<p>Good Health And Well-Being, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Decent Work And Economic Growth, Industry, Innovation And Infrastructure, Reduced Inequalities, Sustainable Cities And Communities, Responsible Consumption And Production, Climate Action, Life Below Water, Life On Land, Partnerships For The Goals</p>

Section 3: Actions and Outcomes to Achieve Targets	
Relevant Sub-Theme	<p>Water Security and Prosperity, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Sustainable Water Finance, Knowledge and Innovation</p>
Actions and Outcomes	<p>Towards the target (i) enhanced coordination of PRIF partner investments in the Pacific, the actions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sharing information on project pipelines, individual projects, and agency policy and guidelines with colleagues from other PRIF agencies who are in the WGs; • sharing information with their agency colleagues about the work of other PRIF Partners and advocate for the importance of coordination and collaboration (e.g. circulating the PRIF e-bulletins); • identifying and exploring opportunities for cross-agency coordination and collaboration on sectoral, cross-sectoral and thematic issues and projects, both within the WG and their own agencies; and • engaging productively with all relevant regional, national and local sector and thematic interest groups, sharing relevant information about PRIF. <p>The outcomes of target (i) actions have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities identified for co-financing (e.g., water and sanitation investments in Solomon Islands are co-financed by ADB, World Bank, EU, and in Kiribati by ADB and World Bank) <p>Towards target (ii) providing technical advice on water, sanitation and water resources management infrastructure development and sustainable infrastructure, the actions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing strategic advice to the PRIF Management Committee or Coordination Office, as required, on sectoral or cross-sectoral or thematic issues; • circulating relevant Concept Notes, proposals, designs and draft reports for comment by other members of the WGs; • contributing to research, learning and technical assistance projects managed by PRIF CO (as needed) including conceptualization, recruitment/selection of consultants, and review of key project deliverables; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting the PRIF Coordination Office, as needed, in its coordination and communications activities. <p>The outcomes of target (ii) actions have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitation technology options reports for Vanuatu, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Fiji, Tonga, Solomon Islands and Kiribati. • Utility benchmarking and performance assessment reports for 13 utilities. • Five diagnostic assessments on water utility progress towards achieving SDG 6. • Review of current and future human resourcing, capacity, skills and training needs across Pacific water sector, including urban and rural areas across water and sanitation, and water resources management. This include the concept design of a regional training facility, the “Pacific Water Center”. • Asset management training for 5 Pacific Water Utilities. 	
Implementation Period	Start Period	1/1/2008
	End Period	12/31/2027
Financial Commitment	<p>PRIF began in 2008 and is now entering its fifth phase where the development partners have provided \$13.45 million for the four-year period 2024 to 2027. The water and sanitation sector working group is one of 7 PRIF working groups and provides a forum for information sharing and coordination of activities in the sector. Facilitating Working Groups is one of many of its activities and time taken by its members to participate in coordination meetings and other Working group activities is given freely.</p>	