

SUPPORTING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS IN THE PACIFIC AND TIMOR-LESTE



What is the Pacific Humanitarian Warehousing Program (PHWP)?

The PHWP will support the Pacific and Timor-Leste to further develop disaster preparedness and resilience by building their national humanitarian warehousing capability. In partnership with the Pacific Community (SPC), the program will work with partner countries to enhance humanitarian warehousing either through refurbishing, building or leasing a warehouse, depending on the local context. The program will also pre-position approved emergency relief supplies in those warehouses for use immediately before, or in the first 48 hours after a disaster.

Partners in the Blue Pacific and France are collectively contributing to the PHWP over 8 years from 2023-2031. Program funds will support the establishment or enhancement of warehouses that are stocked with appropriate, approved supplies and are located for optimal accessibility and distribution.



End of Program Outcomes

1. Pacific governments and humanitarian partners have timely access to climate and disaster resilient, fit-for-purpose warehouses and disaster relief supplies that are accountable to and meet the needs of those most at risk such as women, children, people with diverse SOGIESC¹, people with disabilities and older persons.
2. Warehouse and Humanitarian Emergency Relief Supplies (HERS) management are funded to an appropriate scale and contribute in a complementary way to stronger national and regional partnerships for preparedness, response, and recovery outcomes.
3. National Pacific and Timor-Leste partners are increasingly able to independently manage humanitarian warehouses and pre-positioned supplies in ways that increase climate and disaster resilience and are more inclusive of community, based on contextual diversity, including those most at risk.

¹ Sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and sex characteristics.

Participating Countries

Fourteen Pacific island countries and Timor-Leste have indicated they will be part of the program, including Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. A program map and the Investment Design Document is available on the DFAT PHWP webpage.

Regional Cooperation and Collaboration

To ensure partners benefit from the expertise in the region, the program will rely on local knowledge and expertise wherever possible. Humanitarian and disaster response experts from NGOs, Community Services, local National Disaster Management Offices and multilateral agencies will continue to be closely consulted as the program progresses.

PROGRAM PRIORITIES



Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion

Maximising the leadership and participation of women and girls, people with disabilities and other marginalised groups across all program activities, including throughout warehouse design and planning, selection of supplies and the provision of supplies in an emergency.



Localisation

- Building on regional mechanisms, initiatives, and architecture such as the Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction Ministerial Meeting and the Regional Disaster Managers Meeting.
- Focussing on nationally led capability building and working to Pacific-led, regionally owned approaches, adapting to varying contexts in each partner country.



Green Humanitarian Action

- Using rainwater capture and clean energy, such as solar water pumps and lighting for warehouses.
- Sourcing local building materials and supply chains where possible to minimise the carbon footprint of freight.
- Applying green specifications to essential items and encouraging better environmental standards from suppliers.