

## Promoting Nutritious Food System in the Pacific: Solomon Islands National Action Plan

<b>NUTRITION:</b> Reduction in NCDs and childhood malnutrition and increased income from agri-food value chain development					
<b>Impact Aims:</b> Increase household incomes and consumption of nutrient-dense local foods through value addition					
<b>Key Innovations / Critical Success Factors:</b> Community based initiatives such as Kastom Gardens Association that reach thousands of farmers;					
Action	Partners involved	Stakeholder Targeted	Resources Required	Timeframe	Method of Verification
<p><b>1. Update national nutrition policy; improve coordination and strengthen collaboration across sectors</b></p> <p>➤ Agriculture, health, trade, and with regional bodies</p>	<p>➤ Ministries: MHMS, MAL, MFAT</p> <p>➤ Farmers' organisations: KGA, PIFON</p> <p>➤ RDP</p>	<p>Policymakers</p>	<p>Funds; HR</p>	<p>1-3 years</p>	<p>➤ Policy document; &lt; 33% obese; &lt; 33% childhood malnutrition; minutes and decisions of multi-stakeholder collaboration; household surveys</p> <p>➤ No. of active value chain platforms established for improved coordination and value chain performance</p>
<p><b>2. Increase production and trade of organically grown and value added local food crops and fish</b></p>	<p>➤ KGA, POETCOM, PIFON</p> <p>➤ RDP</p>	<p>Farmers &amp; SMEs; rural households</p>	<p>Funds: support</p> <p>Technical</p>	<p>1-3 years</p>	<p>➤ Survey reports on growth in production &amp; trade in local and niche markets;</p> <p>➤ Impact stories from NGOs / FOs / CBOs on increase in production and sale of traditional foods by local community groups</p>



					CTA/IFAD/PIPSO seed funding project)
<b>3. Strengthen institutional capacity for organic and HACCP certification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ministries: MAL,</li> <li>➤ KGA, POETCOM, PIFON</li> </ul>		Fund; technical expertise;	1-3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No. of Training and certification schemes accessed / developed;</li> <li>➤ No. of certified farms and processing facilities.</li> </ul>

**FINANCE – Making farmers bank ready and banks farmer ready**

**Impact Aims:** Improve the enabling environment for farmers to access financing

**Key Innovations/ Critical / Success factors :** Bank’s bundling of farming/SME loan products; farmers’ / SME commitment to loan repayment, farmers understanding of loan / financial products; favourable environment (business/weather); Mobile banking systems exist and are growing

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<b>1. Develop innovative funding mechanisms for farmers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ SIG</li> <li>➤ Banks: ADB, CBSI</li> <li>➤ Ministries: MFAT, MOF</li> </ul>	Farmers	HR	1-3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Re-establishment of DBSI</li> </ul>
<b>2. Improve the policy and institutional framework of development finance institutions including strengthening capacity to manage donor funds and</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ SIG</li> <li>➤ Financial Institutions: ADB, CBSI</li> <li>➤ SICCI</li> <li>➤ Donors</li> </ul>	DFIs; micro-credit agencies	Technical assistance	1-3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Re-establishment of DBSI</li> </ul>



lending to agriculture and fisheries	➤ Government ministries: MAL, MOF				
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### ICT – Robust Communication System for Growers

**Impact Aims:** Increase ICT uptake and adoption by farmers in rural communities

**Key Innovations / Critical Success Factors:** Available technologies (e.g. weather forecasting, mobile banking, PESTNET – pest diagnostic app.; strong farmers associations / organisations

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1. Capacity building for farmers for wider adoption of ICT applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ministries: MDPAC</li> <li>➤ Technical institutions</li> <li>➤ RDP</li> </ul>	Farmers; SMEs	Funding; Technical assistance	1-3 years	➤ No. of training programmes & farmers trained; % increase in ICT usage by farming and rural communities.
2. Increase mobile telecommunication network coverage across the country.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bmobile- Vodafone</li> <li>➤ Banks: CBSI, ANZ, BSP, BRED Bank, POB</li> </ul>	Farmers, Business community, households	Funding; Technical support	1-3 years	➤ % improvement in network services in rural communities

### Insurance – Robust Insurance Package for Farmers

**Impact Aims:** To build awareness on advantages and disadvantages of weather index based insurance / parametric insurance

**Key Innovations / Critical Success Factors :** Bundled insurance; detailed costing for crops; available census data to calucalet the total value at risk; experiences (negative) with PCRAFI scheme; strong farmer organisations; 60% phone penetration except in the outer islands and rural communities; mobile banking systems exist



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<b>1. Feasibility study on WIBI for Solomon Islands</b>	➤ Ministries: MECDM (SIMS division)	Policymakers; Farmers; SMEs	Funds; Technical expertise in insurance	1-3 years	➤ Report published
<b>2. Financial literacy education</b>	➤ Ministries: MECDM (SIMS division) ➤ SICCI	Farmers; SMEs	Funds; Technical support: HR	1-3 years	➤ Training material published ➤ No. of trainings conducted/No. of people trained

#### List of Acronyms

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ANZ	Australia and New Zealand Banking Group
BSP	Bank of South Pacific
BRED Bank	Banque Régionale d'Escompte et de Dépôt
CBSI	Central Bank of Solomon Islands
CTA	Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation
DBSI	Development Bank Solomon Islands
KGA	Kastom Gaden Association
MAL	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
MDPAC	Ministry of Development, Planning and Aid Coordination
MECDM	Ministry of Environment and Conservation, Disaster Management & Meteorology
MHMS	Ministry of Health and Medical Services
MFAT	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
MFMR	Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
MOF	Ministry of Finance



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MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
PIFON	Pacific Island Farmers Organisation Network
POB	Pan Oceanic Bank
POETCOM	Pacific Organic and Ethical Trade Community
RDP	Rural Development Programme
SICCI	Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry
SIG	Solomon Islands Government
SIMS	Solomon Islands Meteorological Services
SINU	Solomon Islands National University
SPC	Pacific Community
WHO	World Health Organization

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