

# Germany's Cooperation with the Pacific Island States

## Pioneering Sustainable Development and Climate Resilience Together

The Pacific Island states and Germany are key partners for a world based on rules, justice and sustainability. Despite contributing only very little to global emissions, the Pacific Island states are facing existential threats as a result of the climate crisis and rising sea levels. Therefore, they are at the forefront of tackling these global challenges.

As an economic powerhouse, Germany recognises its responsibility to take decisive action and stands by these countries as a committed partner, focusing jointly on building resilience to climate impacts, supporting international climate justice, preserving biodiversity and advancing a green economy.



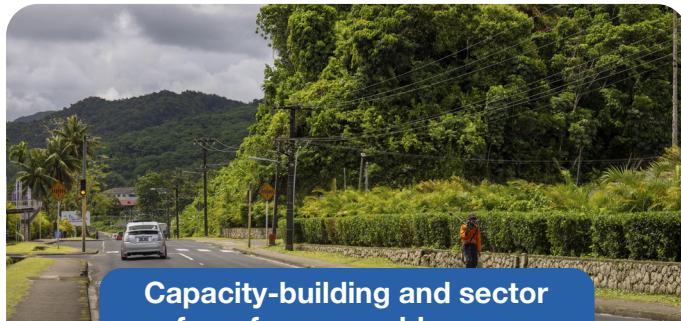
**€750 million**  
2021 - 2027

EU development assistance for the Pacific region  
Germany contributed 24% of the EU's budget

**€3 billion**  
2024 - 2027

Germany's contribution to the Green Climate Fund

### Key Projects and Initiatives



#### Capacity-building and sector reform for renewable energy investments in the Pacific

The off-grid energy programme, implemented by the German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce, focuses on scalable, off-grid energy solutions for remote regions, particularly in the tourism sector, and aims to initiate new partnerships, address local needs and contribute to sustainable development in the region.

Furthermore, Germany has pledged €7 million to support the Pacific Island states by 2027 in expanding renewable energy and achieving 100% sustainable electricity supply.



#### International Climate Initiative (IKI)

Significant climate adaptation projects, such as the cargo ship *Juren Ae* for low-carbon maritime transport, water purification and the conservation and restoration of ecosystems to protect against climate impacts, have been realized in the Pacific Island states with the help of the IKI.

Globally, Germany has funded over 950 climate and biodiversity projects to the tune of nearly €6 billion.

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### Strengthening Marine and Coastal Sustainability

The MAC Blue Pacific Project, which aims to protect and manage seagrass and mangrove ecosystems ("blue carbon") in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, has been funded by Germany since 2019.



### Rising Nations Initiative / C-SET

Tuvalu and Germany are co-chairs of the Coalition for Addressing Sealevel Rise and its Existential Threat (C-SET). Germany is also the key donor to the Rising Nations Initiative, which aims to protect the rights, statehood and cultural heritage of Pacific atoll countries.



### Humanitarian and Climate Security Support

Together with Nauru, Germany is actively involved in the UN Group of Friends on Climate and Security. Germany supports women in the Pacific region in the prevention of climate-related conflicts and has committed €3 million to strengthening humanitarian response capacities in the region.

## Building Long-Term Prosperity

### Strategic Partnerships and Diplomacy

The Pacific Island states are not only crucial partners in climate action, but also important voices in global discussions on peace, security and sustainable development. Strengthening diplomatic ties with our partners on the Blue Continent is vital for shaping the future of multilateralism and climate policy.

Germany became a dialogue partner of the Pacific Islands Forum in 2016 and aims to intensify its cooperation with the Pacific Islands Forum within the framework of a strategic partnership. The appointment of the first German Special Envoy for the Pacific Island States was followed by the opening of the German embassy in Suva in August 2023.



GIZ, the German service provider in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development and international education work, has been an experienced partner in the region since 1977.

### Cultural Cooperation

Germany and the Pacific Island states are striving to transfer knowledge in both directions. Professional visits by archive and museum staff, journalists, researchers and creative artists from the Pacific to Germany and vice versa facilitate exchange and further cooperation.



Germany's Cultural Preservation Programme has funded projects in 11 Pacific Island States to date, including Samoa, Vanuatu and, in the near future, Tuvalu. The translation into English of reports from German expeditions to the region and other documents from the beginning of the 20th century serve as a basis for legal decisions and research. Last but not least, Germany and the Pacific Island States share a passion for sports.

