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# The Connection

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## Message from Mr Sefanaia Nawadra, SPREP Director General



Bula Vinaka to you all.

When I was working for Shell Pacific Islands as their Health, Safety and Environment Manager - we had a mantra within our operations group - "**Make it Happen**" - I hope that is the way we can operationalise our theme for the work of the PacWastePlus programme.

Sound waste and pollution management is an urgent priority for our Pacific Island leaders - ours here at SPREP is just to "Make it Happen."

These waste and pollution challenges are impacting our human, socio-economic and environmental health.

We have agreed the Cleaner Pacific Framework 2025 as the way we will address waste and pollution in the Pacific region.

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## Message from Mr Michal Krejza, Head of Cooperation European Union



The PacWaste Plus programme started in 2018 and is thus in its 4th year of implementation.

The past two years have certainly been very challenging, but we have managed to move forward and make important steps in the right direction despite the travel restrictions in the region. In this regard, I would like to acknowledge and welcome the work being done in terms of preparation of country projects.

The PacWaste Plus programme reflects the importance of the EU's partnership with the Pacific in preserving the environment and supporting the countries in the area of sustainable management of waste.

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## Feature



## PacWastePlus Programme Participating Countries Commit to "Make it Happen"

The urgency of implementing commitments into action was the key message at the 3<sup>rd</sup> PacWastePlus programme steering committee meeting, which was held virtually on May 12 2022, due to the ongoing COVID pandemic... [Read more](#)



### 2022 Asbestos Safety and Management Conference

Participants of the 2022 Asbestos Safety and Management Conference in Australia were informed that a survey conducted across 13 Pacific Island countries estimated that there was 187,891m2 of non-residential asbestos in-situ and an estimated 78 percent was confirmed as a high or... [Read more](#)



### Programme Implementation Phase Updates - Country Projects



### Cook Islands – First Mission Post COVID

With country borders closed for the past two years in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, face-to-face meetings have been a distant memory. However, with vaccination rates now... [Read More](#)



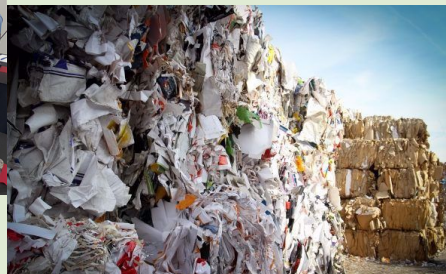
### Yap Environment Protection Agency completes interviews for the State Officer position

The PacWastePlus Programme Management Unit with the Yap Environment Protection Agency has completed interviews for the State Officer position. The State Officer will... [Read More](#)



### Fiji Mission Travel

The PacWastePlus Programme Manager deployed on mission travel to Fiji in May 2022. The country mission was to confirm the responsibilities of both SPREP and the Fiji... [Read More](#)



### Cabinet Endorsement of Sustainable Financing

Niue has a new recycling transfer facility under construction which will provide for the collection and management of household recyclables, e-waste, and ... [Read more](#)



### On the Path to Circular



## Management of Waste

Diverting waste away from landfills is a key priority of the Majuro Atoll Waste Company (MAWC). Recognising that circular solutions provide long-term results for waste .. [Read more](#)



## Sistas Developing Apps for Vanuatu Recycling

Recycling in Vanuatu has taken a technological advance with the development of a "Recycle made Fun" App that promotes recycling and rewards good behaviour. The Asia Pacific .. [Read more](#)



## Banaba Asbestos Assessment

PacWastePlus continues to work closely with Kiribati on the proposed project to create an asbestos abatement strategy for the Island of Banaba. In late May, the Environment and ... [Read more](#)



## Waste to Increase Agricultural Production

The Tuvalu Department of Waste Management has recently constructed a compost facility. This facility will collect organic "waste" materials from households in the .. [Read more](#)



## Samoa Project to be Boosted with Appointment of National Officer

PacWastePlus and GEF ISLANDS co-facilitated a consultation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) to discuss country actions in Samoa. The discussions... [Read more](#)



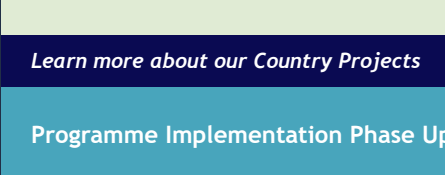
## Project Actions Advance with National Officer Appointment

PacWastePlus joined with GEF Islands in Country Consultation with the Kingdom of Tonga. The consultations are part of the GEF Islands' effort to familiarise participants... [Read more](#)



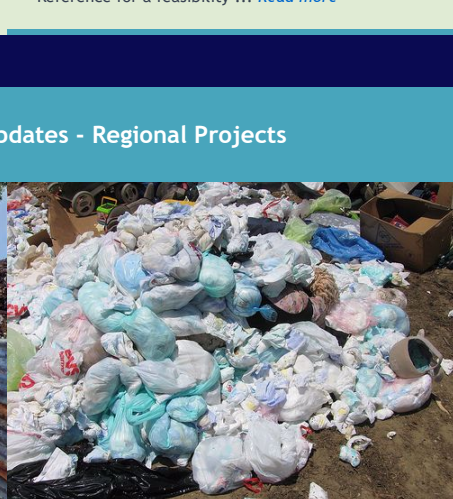
## Waste Management Policy Workshop

Papua New Guinea (PNG) has confirmed that 29th July 2022 will be the final validation workshop for the PNG waste management policy to be held in Port Moresby. This waste.... [Read more](#)



## Progress on Feasibility Study to Design National End-Of-Life Tyre Recycling System

The PacWastePlus Programme Management Unit is currently working with the Solid Waste Management Division to finalise a consultancy's Terms of Reference for a feasibility ... [Read more](#)



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## Programme Implementation Phase Updates - Regional Projects



## Cooking Organic Materials in the Cook Islands

## What can we DO with Diapers?

“There is no such thing as waste,” says Titikaveka Growers Association (TGA) founder and director, Teava Iro, “it’s only waste when we don’t know what to do with it.” This is the ... [Read more](#)

Single-use disposable diapers are a waste issue in Pacific countries, both filling up landfills and as a commonly littered item. Three Pacific countries (Kiribati, Vanuatu, and Tuvalu) have.. [Read more](#)



## Impact Assessment of Healthcare Waste Management Commences

PacWastePlus has begun an impact assessment of the healthcare waste management program, noting the challenges encountered during the implementation of this ... [Read more](#)

## Asbestos Containing Material Management Resources

PacWastePlus has sent programme country points a summary of PacWastePlus asbestos-containing material management resources recently developed that . [Read more](#)



## Enhancing Management of End-Of-Life Vehicles

Bulky waste refers to wastes that are usually too large to be accepted by the regular waste collection and takes up space at the landfill. End-of-life vehicles and consumer white ... [Read more](#)

## Practitioner Guidelines to Implement Effective Disaster Waste Management

The Pacific region is identified to be most prone to disaster and climate risks, such as cyclones, landslides, flooding ... [Read more](#)

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### Programme Resources



PacWastePlus Steering Committee Meeting Report 2022  
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Volume 1: Executive Summary- Research Report: Assessment of Alternatives to Single Use Disposable Diapers  
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Volume 2: Literature Review Research Report: Assessment of Alternatives to Single Use Disposable Diapers  
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Volume 3: Guidance for Decision Makers – Assessment of Alternatives to Single-use



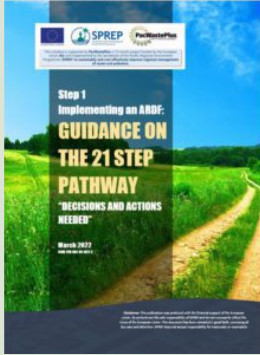
Volume 4: Guidance for Decision Makers – Assessment of Alternatives to Single-use



Volume 5: Guidance for Communities and Private Sector – Assessment of Alternatives to Single-use Disposable Diapers Research Report  
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Step 1: Implementing an ARDF –  
Guidance on the 21 Step  
Pathway

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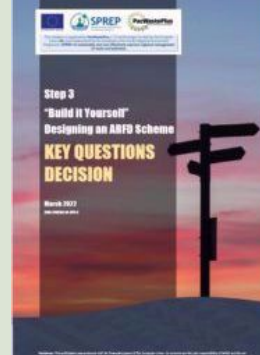
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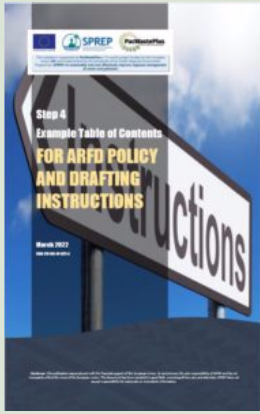
Step 2: Determining Scheme  
Partners – Roles and  
Responsibilities

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Step 3: Build it Yourself-  
Designing an ARDF Scheme -  
Key Questions and Decisions

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Step 4: Example Table of  
Contents for ARFD Policy and  
Drafting Instructions

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Step 5: Build it Yourself  
Guidance to Drafting ARFD  
Policy

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Benefits of a Sustainable  
Financing System for Waste  
Management

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Policy Guidance Report: Waste  
Licensing and Environmental  
Monitoring Policy – Pacific  
Island Countries and Territories

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Template Policy: Waste  
Licensing and Environmental  
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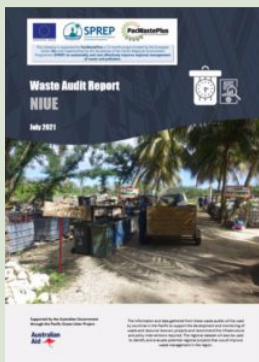


A Step-by-Step Guide to  
Implementation: Waste  
Licensing & Environmental  
Monitoring

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Waste Audit Report  
TIMOR-LESTE



Waste Audit Report  
NIUE



Case Study:  
Composting

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**Asbestos Management Briefs:**

Cook Islands FSM Fiji Kiribati Nauru Niue Palau PNG RMI Samoa Solomon Islands Timor-Leste Tonga  
Tuvalu Vanuatu

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**Partner Projects Update**



**Island Nations Get A NewLife Line to Beat Pollution**

Thirty-three Small Island Developing States (SIDS) took significant steps towards a cleaner environment today, with the global launch of a half-billion-dollar initiative to avoid marine litter and sustainably manage hazardous chemicals and waste. Because of many islands’ small size, limited disposal capacity, and . [Read more](#)



**SPREP Prepares Pacific for Conference of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions**

Pacific Island parties to the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions have met to prepare for the upcoming joint Conference of the Parties (COPs) in Geneva, Switzerland... [Read more](#)



**Partnership to Address Risk of WWII Oil Spill at Chuuk Lagoon Announced**

There are over 1200 potentially polluting shipwrecks (PPW) in the Pacific Ocean, many from World War II. Chuuk Lagoon in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) contains the largest concentration of.. [Read more](#)



### Value of Waste Data Identified as Critical, Countries Share Marine Litter Experiences

Valuable experiences from different countries have been shared, documented and will play a critical part in formulating plans to fight marine litter and pollution. The successes and lessons were... [Read more](#)



### Disaster Waste Management Assistance for Tonga Volcano-Tsunami Disasters

Since the occurrence of the major volcano eruption and the subsequent tsunami disaster on 15th January 2022, JPRISM II (Japanese Technical Cooperation Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries, Phase II) has been supporting Tonga's disaster waste management recovery effort.

In collaboration with JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) offices in Japan and Tonga, JPRISM II coordinated the provision of the needed disaster waste support for Tonga. The first support was requested through JICA headquarters in Japan and was delivered to Tonga by one of Japan's Air Force aircrafts along with the humanitarian relief supplies from the government and people of Japan.

This support provided specific equipment, tools, and materials for disaster waste management purposes - 130 water blasters (electric & petrol operated), 200 wheelbarrows, 2,000 shovels, 4,000 dustproof masks, 2,500 goggles, 1000 gloves, etc. These equipment, tools and materials intended to support the management of the generated volcano ashes.

The second part of JPRISM II support was provided directly to the Waste Authority Ltd (WAL) for supporting the maintenance of the government waste disposal sites to ensure sufficient spaces are available for the overwhelming generated disaster waste.

About 16 full drums of diesel were provided to WAL. In addition, JPRISM II coordinated an online donation initiative through the Regional Disaster Waste Technical Working Group Facebook website, which raised 1,800 reusable masks.

These masks were given to MEIDECC (Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications) and WAL to support the staff and workers who are directly involved with the ongoing disaster waste management operations.

## Programme Tenders



- Healthcare Waste Management Training To Timor-Leste: Development, Translation And Delivery
- Videography Services For The PacWastePlus Programme Communications And Visibility Actions In Vanuatu

- Videography Services For The PacWastePlus Programme Communications And Visibility Actions In Tonga
- Videography Services For The PacWastePlus Programme Communications And Visibility Actions In Palau
- Videography Services For The PacWastePlus Programme Communications And Visibility Actions In Cook Islands
- Videography Services For The PacWastePlus Programme Communications And Visibility Actions In Niue
- Development Of A Timor-Leste National Healthcare Waste Management Strategy 2022-2026
- Project Officer (Service Based Consultancy) To Provide In Country Management Of The GEF ISLANDS Project & PacWastePlus Programme At The Republic Of The Marshall Islands Environmental Protection Authority (RMIEPA), RMI
- Project Officer (Service Based Consultancy) To Provide In Country Management Of The GEF ISLANDS Project & PacWastePlus Pro-gramme At The Ministry Of Natural Resources (MNR), Niue
- Project Officer (Service Based Consultancy) - To Provide In-Country Management Of The GEF ISLANDS Project & PacWastePlus Programme At The National Environment Service (NES) In Cook Islands
- Design of the Gizo Central Market Organic Processing Programme

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