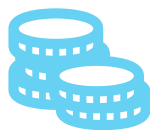


GEF ISLANDS

Country Consultations on *Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemicals Development in Small-Island Developing States (GEF ISLANDS)* in the Pacific

GEF ISLANDS recap



\$50 million in GEF financing



Global programme –originally including **27 SIDS** from Caribbean, Indian Ocean, and Pacific, now expanded to 3 additional Caribbean SIDS with additional finance



185,400 ton of **plastic pollution prevented**

23,236 tons of **products, material etc. addressed**



656 metric tons of **toxic chemicals reduced (POPs included)**

38 metric tons of **Mercury avoided**

National priorities

Countries will benefit from regional and one national activities under GEF ISLANDS

At the GEF ECW priorities for national level activities confirmed as:



E-waste: Cook Islands, Solomon Islands



Recycling/landfill management/POPs reduction: Samoa, Vanuatu, Niue, Tonga, Palau, Nauru



Plastics management: Kiribati, FSM, Tuvalu



Used oil: Marshall Islands




POPs/chemical stockpiles: PNG, Fiji

Pacific regional activities

Initial baseline research has led to the conception of three potential regional activities

- 1 Mercury free Pacific.**
Focusing on regional eradication of mercury containing medical devices and dental amalgam
- 2 Single use plastic free Pacific.**
Focusing on regional eradication single use plastics across the region and to promote locally produced alternatives
- 3 Regional End of life vehicle collection**
building on the concept of a mobile crusher, using Moana Taka, and guidance from the CCKM on dealing with the POPs component of vehicles.
- 4 Training**
Linked to the CCKM, delivered by webinar and available at any time, so ensure we build capacity in an ongoing, as opposed to once-off way.
- 5 Customs tariff coding**
improved harmonization of customs codes to ensure correct tax / revenue on valuable waste (electronics and plastics)
- 6 Regional trade networks**
Linked to the PRIF to promote movement of wastes to regional hubs..

Pacific Child Project - PPG Development

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- February 2019:** All countries attended the preparatory meeting in Nadi
 - July 2019:** National priorities for action under Pacific Child Project. Confirmed at GEF Expanded Constituency meeting
 - November – December 2019:** Consultants visiting PNG (POPs stocks) and Palau (waste audit), and baselining through partner activities (waste audit in Tuvalu).
 - 9 December 2019:** ISLANDS Regional workshop (Brisbane, Australia), on regional activities, and consult on national needs.
 - February 2020:** Further country consultation and design of national and regional interventions.
 - 20-27 April 2020:** Regional endorsement consultation (dates TBC), Noumea, New Caledonia.