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SOLOMON ISLANDS

COUNTRY PROFILE

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Solomon Islands is an important United States partner in advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific region. Our relationship is based on mutual respect, shared history, and common values of strength through diversity, fairness, and freedom.

OUR WORK

As the world's premier development agency, USAID partners with Solomon Islands government, development partners, the private sector, academia, civil society, and others to have a greater development and humanitarian impact. USAID's work focuses on economic growth, strengthening disaster preparedness, climate change, gender equality, women's empowerment, health, and democratic governance.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

USAID works with partners at the national, provincial, and community levels to advance the Solomon Islands' economic competitiveness and inclusiveness with specific emphasis on the development of the agribusiness sector and improved natural resources governance. As of March 2023, USAID has supported more than 10 local communities in Solomon Islands to promote sustainable agribusiness and forestry, as well as entered into a USD \$1 million partnership agreement with Solomon Islands' largest cocoa buyer to promote farmer education, nursery development, family plantation renewal, and improvements to processing techniques.

DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

USAID reinforces the foundations of good governance in Solomon Islands by encouraging all citizens, including women, youth, and other marginalized groups, to participate in democratic processes through community-level training, analysis of challenges to participation, and support to local civil society organizations (CSOs). USAID supported over 20 youth activists in Solomon Islands to better understand democratic leadership, political process monitoring, and advocacy strategies, and provided funding for the activists to conduct political process monitoring activities in their communities.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Intensifying natural disasters and rising sea levels threaten the food security, lives, and livelihoods of communities across Solomon Islands. USAID works at the regional level as well as with national and provincial governments, CSOs, and local communities in Solomon Islands to strengthen community resilience to the effects of climate change, natural disasters, and severe weather events. USAID also provides humanitarian assistance to save lives and reduce suffering among communities affected by disasters. Through USAID support, more than 2,500 Solomon Islanders in 20 at-risk communities are better prepared to respond in the event of a disaster with climate-smart agricultural practices and inclusive hazard risk reduction and disaster preparedness plans.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND MARINE RESOURCES

USAID works with government partners and other stakeholders to draft and implement policies to achieve adaptation goals; access larger amounts of financing from international adaptation funds; and improve the skills and systems within each country to better manage and monitor adaptation projects. USAID also supports collaborative approaches to managing biologically diverse marine and coastal resources in Solomon Islands as part of international and regional programs. Through Climate Ready, USAID supported the mobilization of over USD \$31 million in climate financing from global funds that will benefit over 18,000 people in Solomon Islands.

CROSS-CUTTING

USAID is strengthening the capacity of locally established civil society organizations in the Pacific to address the second order impacts of COVID-19. USAID assistance supports communities to increase their resilience to disasters and climate risks, enhance their livelihoods, increase food security, improve access to water, bolster health and education, improve governance, manage natural resources more sustainably, and conserve vital biodiversity.

HEALTH

USAID supports COVID-19 infection prevention and control, communications and community engagement; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities; data collection and information systems strengthening; vaccination campaigns, health worker training; and cold chain and procurement of emergency equipment and supplies. In Solomon Islands, USAID partners have helped establish quarantine facilities, supported case tracking, and assisted with the repatriation of Solomon Islanders stranded overseas.

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