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Project Summary Information	
Project Title	Pacific Elections Assistance Program (PEAP)
Project ID	1001333
Project duration	Start Date: 1 November 2023 End Date: 31 March 2028
Location	Pacific Region
CPD/UNSDCF/RPD/SP Outputs	Governance institutions are accountable and have improved capacities for service delivery
Gender marker	Gender Marker 2: Gender equality as a significant objective
Digitalization marker	Contributing to digital transformation of society and inclusive governance
Implementing Partner	UNDP
Total budget	NZD 3,000,000
Donors (funding sources)	New Zealand MFAT
Budget (annual budget)	USD 685,049
Expenditure recorded for the reporting period	USD 560,298
Expenditure recorded for the total project	USD 933,320
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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Pacific Elections Assistance Programme (PEAP) draws on UNDP's global expertise in electoral support to serve as the dedicated regional office providing electoral assistance across the Pacific. Launched in November 2023 alongside a sister programme led by the New Zealand Electoral Commission (NZEC), PEAP was created to address governance challenges and work around growing inequalities in the Pacific by improving the capacity of Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) to deliver inclusive, effective, and transparent elections.

Since its inception, PEAP has progressed to become a leading regional network amongst EMBs and an electoral resources provider with knowledge-sharing platforms for the Pacific. The programme arranges regional activities engaging all Pacific EMBs and provides tailored support upon request to countries including the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, and Tuvalu, with additional countries accessing support through supplementary funding arrangements.

Through its wide range of activities, PEAP delivers advocacy, technical advisory support services, training, awareness campaigns, Pacific-focused research and data collection, curriculum development, and targeted outreach. These efforts have strengthened democratic processes across the region, improved EMB capacity, and established PEAP as a central hub for dialogue, collaboration, and the exchange of electoral expertise among Pacific electoral institutions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Highlighting the key progress for the implementation of the programme from March 2025 to March 2026, this report highlights key activities, progress on Key Outputs and partnerships established for an effective, inclusive and accountable electoral processes in the region.

Key Achievement:

Support on Tuvalu Electoral Reform continued, maintaining momentum toward the preparations of the 2028 general election. A roundtable discussion was held followed by public consultations and stakeholder engagement in advancing improving transparency of the process and to hear and gain public trust throughout the reform process.

Kiribati Needs Assessment Mission: Conducted 16 consultations with government, civil society, media, and international partners to assess electoral needs. Identified critical areas for electoral reform and established strong working relationships with the Kiribati Electoral Office.

Regional peer-to-peer capacity building programs efforts were strengthened through the delivery of two BRIDGE workshops in Kiribati and Tuvalu, which empowered over 40 EMB officials with improved knowledge and skills in civic and voter education programmes and inclusive initiatives.

Advocacy on Elections and Climate Change, has scored another momentum when two piloting programs were organised for the UNDP Elections and Climate Change module. The piloting program introduced climate-resilient electoral practices that engaged more than 40 EMB officials and electoral stakeholders.

Pacific-TAPA Research Stream provided evidence-based knowledge products covering dispute resolution, candidate safety, disability-inclusive processes, gender equality, and Temporary Special Measures (TSMs). Products serve as practical guidance for EMBs, policymakers, and regional partners to inform decisions and support reforms. The knowledge products are earmarked for peer review prior to publication.

Pacific Legal Electoral Administrators Dialogue (PLEAD) expanded its membership and hosted its first face-to-face workshop, engaging 16 legal and policy officials. The workshop strengthened participants' understanding of electoral dispute resolution and other key areas, supporting more informed and sound decision-making processes

Gender Awareness and Resources offered the launched of the revamped PACWIP website that served as a regional knowledge hub on women's political participation. A Pacific Women Candidates Toolkit was developed and piloted in Tonga during the women's youth Parliament. A draft updated Pacific TSM Guide, providing country-specific technical advice to strengthen women's political participation.

Program Outputs:

For the current reporting period, PEAP has made progress in strengthening the capacity of EMBs in Kiribati, Tuvalu, and across the Pacific through technical assistance, training, research, and civic education. Support focused on promoting inclusive, transparent, and resilient electoral processes, through reforms initiatives such as legal frameworks, dispute resolution, and voter registration. Organised regional platforms such as PLEAD and BRIDGE workshops further expanded the peer-to-peer learning support and practical guidance while targeted assistance program supported the electoral reform efforts in Tuvalu gearing towards the 2028 general election and electoral needs assessment in Kiribati.

Despite these achievements, geographic dispersion, high travel and logistical costs, and connectivity challenges continue to limit consistent regional engagement. Electoral and legislative reforms also require time due to their consultative nature, while capacity constraints and competing national priorities influence the pace of

progress. These challenges highlight the need for sustained flexible support to ensure long-term institutional strengthening.

Looking ahead, priority areas include continued support to Tuvalu's electoral reform process in preparation for the 2028 elections, further rollout of regional training initiatives, ongoing assistance to EMBs with capacity constraints, and strengthened efforts on gender equality and inclusion, including women's participation, electoral safety, and disability inclusion.

PEAP is aligned with the United Nations Pacific Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) Outcome 4, which aims to ensure that by 2027 people enjoy and contribute to more accountable, inclusive and responsive governance systems that promote gender equality, participation and human rights. The programme also contributes to the UNDP Multi-Country Programme Document (MCPD) Outcome 3, particularly Output 3.2, which focuses on strengthening institutions and systems to accelerate inclusive development through responsive, participatory and transparent governance processes. The project further contributes to the achievement of SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) and SDG 5 (Gender Equality).

PROGRESS REVIEW

Key Results Achieved

- **National electoral reform dialogue** progressed in Tuvalu through the Electoral Reform Roundtable, bringing together government, experts, and partners to discuss reforms on areas including EMB structures, voter registration, electoral systems, regulations, gender inclusion and other key components.
- **A Needs Assessment Mission (NAM)** was conducted in Kiribati, highlighting the need for targeted electoral assistance and support, particularly for smaller electoral management bodies in the region.
- **Support on BRIDGE modules updates** was significant as this played a key role in upskilling the knowledge and expertise of EMB officials and stakeholders with updated resources, such as case studies, readings and country examples.
- **Two sub-Regional BRIDGE workshops were delivered** to EMB's and stakeholders. The program strengthened the knowledge and expertise of officials on civic and voter education targeting the Micronesian and Polynesian countries where it involved 10 countries across the Pacific.
- **The Elections and Climate Change module was piloted** for the first time globally, introducing tools and concepts to help EMBs integrate climate risks into electoral planning and operations.

- **Support on Pacific Training Excellence Workshop** was rendered through the PEAP-sister program with the New Zealand Electoral Commission. A workshop for EMB training team was designed and implemented to strengthen the quality of training programs and systems.
- **Pacific TAPA research stream** is in the final stages of the first set of research papers to be peer reviewed and published that will serve as critical tools in influencing decisions such as inclusive participation, gender equality and strengthening electoral processes.
- **Evidence for inclusive electoral participation expanded** through regional research paper on barriers faced by persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities across 12 Pacific countries, informing future advocacy on inclusive and accessible democratic processes.
- **Legal and policy cooperation enhanced through PLEAD**, with an in-person workshop involving nine Pacific Island countries and producing follow-up actions such as negotiation plans, cascade workshops, and webinar planning.
- **Progress on Digital Hub for Women Political participation** paved the way forward when the revamp PACWIP website was launched as a regional knowledge platform for resources that will assist women's political participation and create a pathway for finalising the pacific women candidate toolkit.
- **Curriculum Development support** to the Solomon Islands helped strengthen citizen ownership, commitment, and engagement throughout democratic processes.



Figure 1 & 2: Kiribati BRIDGE workshop

Figure 3: Talanoa session during the PACWIP launch

Figure 4: Discussions underway during the PLEAD workshop

OUTPUT PROGRESS

OUTPUT 1: EMBS DELIVER EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND INCLUSIVE ELECTIONS WITH INCREASED CAPACITY AND RESOURCES

Indicator 1.1: Procedural reforms adopted by electoral management bodies

Progress under this indicator was in Tuvalu, where PEAP supported the Tuvalu roundtable discussions on the country's Electoral Reform strategies and advocate for public consultations and stakeholder engagement moving the electoral reform forward. The roundtable consolidated momentum and stakeholder alignment, laying the groundwork for a structured programme of technical assistance toward the 2028 elections. A Needs Assessment Mission was also conducted in Kiribati following their request for electoral assistance support. The PEAP team also supported the BRIDGE module updates that will have an impact and support procedural reforms within EMBs. The updated and improved module content will play a key role in influencing decision-making processes within EMBs once implemented.

Activity 1.1.1 EMBs have strengthened capacities to organise credible, inclusive, accountable elections

Tuvalu Electoral Reform Roundtable (August 2025)

The roundtable brought together representatives from the Government of Tuvalu, the Australian and New Zealand High Commissions, the UNDP team, and electoral experts, including Alan Wall, a Consultant and Electoral Systems Expert, to discuss the Government's commitment to the proposed electoral reforms. The discussions generated strong momentum for reform and highlighted broad stakeholder alignment on priorities to strengthen the Tuvalu Electoral Management Body (EMB) ahead of the 2028 elections.

Key reform areas included establishing an independent Electoral Commission, introducing continuous voter registration, and exploring operational innovations such as pre-poll and mobile voting. Additional priorities included strengthening campaign regulations, exploring options for diaspora participation, and integrating civic education and gender inclusion into the reform process.

Public consultations and stakeholder engagement were identified as central to advancing the reform agenda, with an emphasis on transparency and inclusivity to build public trust. Strengthening the EMB through targeted improvements in voter registration, election operations, and civic and voter education was identified as fundamental ensuring that citizens are well informed about new systems and procedures.

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Figure 5: Electoral reform roundtable discussions underway

Kiribati Needs Assessment Mission (23 to 28 June 2025)

Every request for UN electoral support from a sovereign nation is undertaken through a Needs Assessment Mission (NAM). Following a formal request from the Kiribati Principal Electoral Officer in March 2025, a NAM was deployed to Kiribati in June 2025. The mission engaged in a series of consultations with key stakeholders, including officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Minister for Internal Affairs and Culture, the Minister for Education, the Deputy Attorney General, media organisations, civil society representatives, and international partners such as the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Australian High Commission, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

The NAM concluded after having 16 constructive consultations and stakeholder meetings, providing a comprehensive understanding of the political, technical, legal, social, institutional, and cultural context of Kiribati. The mission also provided insights on key challenges, gaps and priority areas for electoral assistance and improvement. Discussions were also held on potential funding support, and the mission successfully established strong working relationships with the Kiribati Electoral Office and key stakeholders, laying a solid foundation for future collaboration.

Contribution to the Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections (BRIDGE) Module Updates

As a key BRIDGE partner, significant contributions were made to both regional and global efforts to revise and update BRIDGE modules. These updates are important as they ensure the modules remain current, practical, and responsive to emerging electoral challenges, strengthening electoral officials' knowledge, skills, and capacity to uphold integrity in electoral processes. BRIDGE partners remain committed to collaborate on reviewing existing modules and developing new ones through cost-effective approaches that leverage collective expertise and networks.

Ms. Yvonne Goudie, our Civic Education Advisor and BRIDGE Accrediting Facilitator, led the revision process of the *Media and Elections* and *Electoral Systems* modules. The revised Electoral Systems module features several enhancements, including new case studies and country examples, updated reading materials and resources, and a range of newly developed activities. The Media and Elections module was updated to include new country case studies and examples, as well as refreshed content on information integrity, including the addition of Artificial Intelligence and its implications for elections.

The refinement of the modules directly supports procedural reforms within EMBs where it contributes to strengthen the knowledge and skills of election officials through updated content, case studies, and practical exercises. The updated versions will assist EMBs to review, refine, and adopt new procedures in areas such as electoral systems, media engagement, and information integrity.

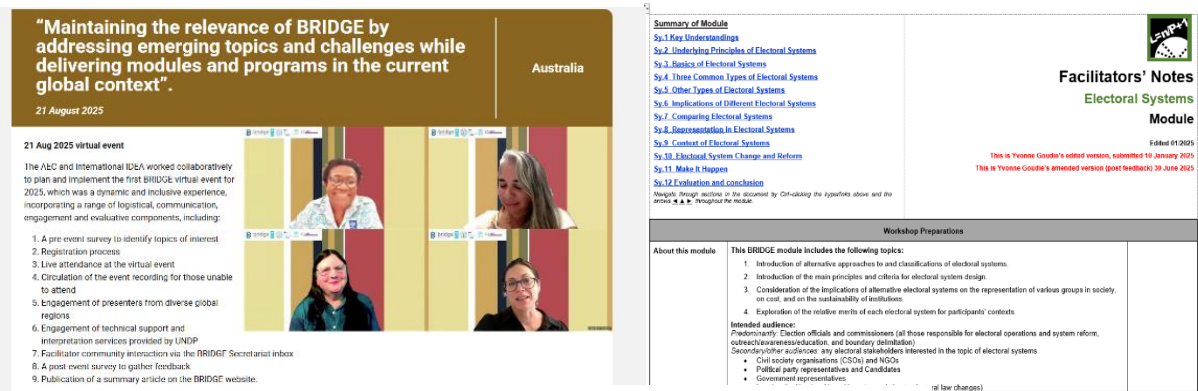


Figure 6: webinar session and BRIDGE module updates

BRIDGE community webinar session (August 2025)

A BRIDGE virtual event was organised bringing together facilitators around the globe to strengthen knowledge-sharing and engagement on emerging electoral topics. The event incorporated interactive elements such as surveys, diverse expert contributions, and post-event knowledge products. Our Facilitators, Ms. Yvonne Goudie and Ms. Asenaca Kolinivala, Feedback highlighted the value of shared experiences, module updates, and practical guidance, demonstrating the event’s effectiveness in enhancing facilitator capacity and maintaining the relevance of BRIDGE in a changing global context, while also identifying opportunities for more interactive and regionally driven future engagements.

Activity 1.1.2 Technical advice provided to additional EMBs, upon request, to strengthen their capacities to organise credible elections.

No activity.

Indicator 1.2: Improving EMBs' understanding of electoral topics improved through effective advocacy via regional thematic workshops

Under this Indicator, two subregional thematic workshops were conducted on civic and voter education. The two key events improved the participants' understanding on electoral training systems, voter and civic education design and planning around the electoral cycle. The UNDP Elections and Climate Change module was also piloted alongside the two subregional workshops which again improve the advocacy around climate change dialogue and climate-responsive election administration. Through collaborative efforts with the PEAP sister program under the New Zealand Electoral Commission, a focused thematic workshop was also organised for Pacific EMBs on Training excellence. The workshop reinforces a key priority within EMBs to consider the training component and its integration within the election operational plans.



Figure 7: BRIDGE participants showing voter awareness examples & Piloting elections and climate change workshop chart

BRIDGE Sub-Regional Workshop for Micronesia EMBs (September 2025)

The UNDP–Pacific Islands, Australia and New Zealand Electoral Administrators (PIANZEA) support brought Micronesian Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) together in Tarawa, Kiribati, for a two-day workshop on voter and civic education. Hosted by the Kiribati Electoral Commission, the workshop convened 20 EMB participants (15 women and 5 men) from Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Nauru, alongside key stakeholders, media representatives, and organizations of persons with disabilities.

The workshop provided the platform for peer learning and collaboration, enabling participants to share experiences, address operational challenges, and develop specific outreach strategies applicable to Micronesian countries. Discussions emphasised the importance of inclusive and effective voter education, particularly in reaching remote

and dispersed island communities, to ensure that all citizens are informed and able to participate in democratic processes.

At the conclusion of the two-day workshop, participants gained knowledge in understanding and applying the eight-step voter and civic education approach and highlighted the value of the professional networks established.

BRIDGE Sub-Regional Workshop for Polynesia EMBs (September 2025)

Building on the successful collaboration between UNDP and the PIANZEA network, a second sub-regional workshop was held for Polynesian EMBs. Aimed at strengthening EMB capacities in managing electoral processes, 16 women and 8 men convened in Funafuti, Tuvalu, for a two-day workshop on the civic and voter education module. The workshop served as a continuation of the 2025 BRIDGE series, providing a platform for dialogue and knowledge sharing tailored to the unique electoral contexts of the Polynesian sub-region.

The workshop aimed to deepen participants' understanding of civic education, voter education, and voter information, while exploring strategic approaches for outreach across diverse communities. Activities included defining key concepts, planning education programs using an eight-step framework, and sharing country-specific initiatives. Emphasis was placed on inclusive democratic processes, with particular attention to youth engagement, gender-sensitive programming, and overcoming barriers to electoral participation. Participants were encouraged to move beyond basic voter information and adopt holistic, long-term strategies such as digital tools for civic engagement.

The workshop also reinforced the value of strategic planning and evaluation in designing civic education programs that are clear, effective, and inclusive, ensuring greater impact across communities.



Figure 8: BRIDGE participants discussing outreach programs and celebration at the conclusion of the workshop

Piloting Elections and Climate Change module – Kiribati and Tuvalu (September 2025)

Setting another milestone in integrating climate resilience into elections, the world's first UNDP Elections and Climate Change module was piloted in Kiribati and Tuvalu following the sub-regional BRIDGE workshops. This pioneering initiative examined the intersection of climate resilience and democratic processes, introducing concepts of climate mitigation and adaptation within electoral cycles and exploring strategies to reduce the environmental footprint of electoral operations.

The one-day workshop highlighted how climate-related disruptions such as extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and natural disasters can affect electoral infrastructure, voter participation, and the integrity of elections. EMBs engaged in discussions on mitigation, adaptation, and practical steps to integrate environmental considerations into election planning, providing recommendations for minor refinements on the finalisation of the module.

The inaugural workshop took place in Kiribati on 4 September, bringing together participants from Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Kiribati. A second session was held in Tuvalu on 25 September, with representatives from Tuvalu, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, the Cook Islands, and Tokelau. At this workshop, *Ms. Mervina Paueli*, Project Development Officer at Tuvalu's Climate Change Department, delivered a keynote address, highlighting Tuvalu's unique climate challenges and underscoring the importance of embedding climate resilience into electoral frameworks.

At the conclusion of the workshops, participants expressed strong interest in deepening dialogue on climate-responsive election administration, demonstrating the growing urgency and relevance of this emerging area.

NZEC – PEAP Training Excellence Workshop (May 2025)

The PEAP project supported its sister NZEC-PEAP program in delivering the regional *Training Excellence workshop* which brought together EMB training officials from across the Pacific. The three-day workshop was designed to strengthen the quality and impact of election training programmes, helping participants identify areas for improvement in existing training systems and processes, and at the same time plan and make considerations in building effective training initiatives.

A key component of the workshop was the improvement in understanding core training concepts, including the importance of conducting training needs analyses, structuring and implementing effective training plans, and designing well-organised training programmes. The sessions also covered methods for conducting assessments, developing evaluation plans, and applying Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles, along with exploring various instructional methods and tools to enhance learning outcomes.

Recommendations from the workshop include providing technical assistance to support EMBs in developing structured election training strategies and programmes, hosting sub-regional training-of-trainers initiatives to build skilled trainers within each EMB, and coordinating e-learning platforms to facilitate training especially for remote and outer-island staff. The workshop also reinforces the importance of positioning training as a strategic priority within EMBs, advocating for its integration into election operational plans with allocated budgets and monitoring tools.



Figure 9: Participants organising and sharing their presentation during the Training excellence workshop

OUTPUT 2: EMBS MAKE ROBUST AND INFORMED DECISIONS, SAFEGUARDING THE INTEGRITY OF ELECTIONS WITH IMPROVED INDEPENDENCE AND STRONGER MANDATES

Indicator 2.1: EMBS demonstrate increase in informed, data-driven electoral decisions by incorporating research papers on key electoral topics into their decision-making processes

Progress under this indicator was demonstrated through the development of Pacific TAPA research papers. These knowledge products are developed as key pointers based on data that can be influential in decision making processes. The data-driven analysis will support future electoral policies and electoral reform discussions across the Pacific EMBs.

Activity 2.1.1 – Systematic knowledge gathered and shared with EMBs and other democratic partners on key electoral topics

Pacific - Transformative Approaches for People Agencies (TAPA) Research Stream

Over the past year, work has been carried out to collect, compile, analyze, and report research data, with the support of two UN Volunteers. Their efforts have focused on producing high-quality, evidence-based knowledge products that provide practical

guidance on key electoral topics for Pacific EMBs, democratic stakeholders, and regional partners.

Through Pacific TAPA, the following knowledge products were developed:

Product	Description
Electoral Dispute Resolution - A Guide for Understanding Legal Frameworks in the Pacific	A study focuses on how electoral systems and dispute resolution processes work across Pacific countries.
Electoral Dispute Resolution Frameworks by Jurisdiction	Country Compendium on overview of electoral dispute resolution in the Pacific
Electoral Harassment and Candidate Safety in the Pacific Islands	Pilot Study. A Survey documenting women's experiences in electoral processes.
Disability Inclusive Electoral Processes	A quick reference guide for the Pacific
Equity in Pacific Elections: Including People with Intellectual and Psychosocial Disabilities	A guide to address barriers to electoral participation by drawing on stakeholder insights and promote more inclusive electoral processes for all persons with disabilities in the region.
Temporary Special Measures Promote Gender Balance in Pacific Legislatures: Options for Stakeholders	A guide that assists the stakeholders identify practical, context-specific actions to increase women's political participation and representation.

The research papers have been developed considering its relevance, and designed to inform policy, strengthen institutional capacities, and support peer learning across the region. The knowledge products will serve as practical resources to improve electoral processes, and promote transparency, and public confidence in the Pacific.

All knowledge products will undergo peer review prior to publication to ensure the quality, accuracy, and credibility of the findings and recommendations. This process will strengthen the content and enhance its usefulness for EMBs, stakeholders, students, academics, and other interested audiences. The Pacific-TAPA research stream will continue to generate and share relevant insights on key democratic issues in the Pacific.

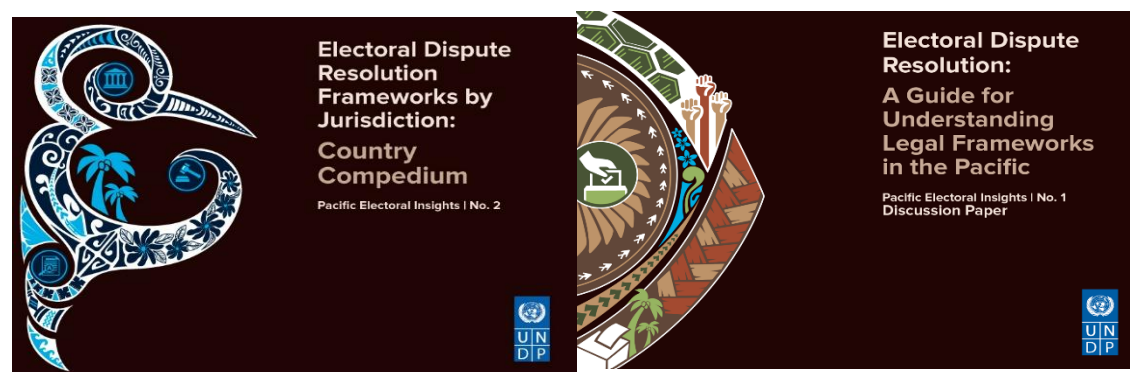


Figure 10: Examples of knowledge products currently developed

Indicator 2.2 EMBs able to leverage regional & global electoral institutions to inform electoral decision-making progress

During the reporting period, 13 Electoral Management Bodies engaged in the Pacific Legal Electoral Administrators Dialogue (PLEAD) where discussions were targeting more informed decision making on electoral legal matters. A BRIDGE workshop was conducted in Vanuatu on Political Party module focusing on women's participation on party decision-making and candidate selection processes.

Activity 2.2.1 User-friendly, searchable databases of election-related legal frameworks and electoral event data with membership platform

Pacific Legal Electoral Administrators Dialogue (PLEAD) Workshop (December 2025)

Following the establishment of PLEAD, the network has grown to include the Associate Membership category enabling broader engagement with senior electoral officials while preserving a trusted peer-learning space for legal and policy officers. With 16 members from 9 EMBs and a growing number of associates, PLEAD reflects increasing regional demand for structured knowledge exchange and collaboration.

The first ever face-to-face workshop was organised for PLEAD members in December. The workshop enhanced participants' understanding of the electoral cycle and clarified their role as Legal Officers from pre-election planning to post-election around dispute resolution. Participants developed practical mediation and negotiation skills, including applying objective criteria and tools such as BATNA/WATNA to support effective decision-making, and identified ways to integrate and cascade these approaches within their EMBs.

Through this engagement, PLEAD is enabling EMBs to leverage regional knowledge, peer networks, and expert guidance to enhance legal consistency, dispute management, and evidence-based electoral decision-making across the Pacific.



Figure 10: Group photo during the opening of the first in-person PLEAD workshop

BRIDGE workshop for Vanuatu (November 2025)

A BRIDGE workshop on Political Parties module was conducted in Vanuatu for women executive members of registered political parties. The PEAP team supported the Vanuatu Electoral Office in collaboration with the UNDP Vanuatu Electoral Environment Project (VEEP) and the Department of Women's Affairs brought together fifteen participants from the 11 registered political parties to participate to undertake this modular workshop. The workshop aimed to strengthen the knowledge, skills, and confidence of women executive members to actively participate in party decision-making and candidate selection processes.

The training covered political party structures, electoral processes, gender equality, Temporary Special Measures (TSMs), and best practices for women's political participation. Interactive sessions, including "Kava Kafe" discussions and action planning exercises, encouraged participants to share experiences, develop strategies, and discuss communication and leadership skills. Panels, voter motivation insights, and regional and global case studies further assisted the participants' understanding of democratic governance and political engagement.

At the conclusion of the workshop, participants reported they have gained confidence to contribute to their party meetings, and one Vice President committed to nominating a woman in their upcoming provincial elections. A former TSM opponent became supportive following the training, while participants developed networks that bridged party divides and encouraged ongoing collaboration. The training promoted inclusive governance in Vanuatu, strengthened women's leadership in political parties, and will influence participants' capacity to contribute to electoral decision-making processes.

Indicator 2.3 EMBs are more aware of gender issues and their impact in elections

Under this Indicator, PEAP supported the revamp of the PACWIP website focusing more on gender-focused knowledge resources. , A draft Pacific Women Candidates Toolkit was developed and piloted in Tonga and this tool will be strengthened to suit each country context so that EMBs and stakeholders are made aware of gender issues and its impact on elections.

Activity 2.3.1 – Upgrading and maintenance of the Pacific Women in Politics website and database

Launch of Pacific Women in Politics (PACWIP) Website Revamp (March 2026)

Progress was made in revamping the Pacific Women in Politics (PACWIP) website, transforming it into a regional knowledge hub to address the persistent underrepresentation of women in political leadership across the Pacific. The redesigned platform consolidates regional and country-level data on women's political participation including women leaders' profiles, research, electoral resources, and legal

frameworks into a single, accessible space, addressing longstanding gaps in visibility, data availability, and knowledge sharing.

The upgraded platform improves access to credible, up-to-date information for EMBs, policymakers, civil society, researchers, aspiring women candidates, and development partners. By integrating key election-related materials such as constitutions, electoral laws, and participation data, it supports evidence-based decision-making and promote regional collaboration through shared initiatives, experiences, and peer learning opportunities.

The launch of the revamped PACWIP was an important milestone, introducing the platform's features and encouraging stakeholders to share data, resources, and stories. PACWIP serves as a tool to empower women leaders, strengthen inclusive governance, and advance gender equality commitments across the Pacific.

Panel Discussion 'Safe Spaces for Women in Politics: Challenges and Solutions'

A panel discussion was organised alongside the PACWIP launch event marking the International Women's Day. The event brought together current and former women MPs, youth representatives, civil society organisations, and regional partners committed to advancing women's political leadership. Key speakers included:

- *Hon. Rhonda Tiakia (Niue MP),*
- *Dr. Ofa Swann (Former Fiji MP),*
- *Dr. Puakena (Former Tuvalu MP), and*
- *Ms. Angeline Tikomaitoga (Youth Representative),*

with online participants joining from across the Pacific.

The panel discussion highlighted the PACWIP website new features, including an interactive map, updated country and parliament profiles, and a learning hub, designed to improve visibility, knowledge-sharing, and support for women aspiring to political leadership. Speakers emphasised the need for greater representation of women in Pacific politics and discussed persistent barriers, such as restrictive gender norms, safety concerns, lack of visibility, and online abuse. Strategies to overcome these challenges included Temporary Special Measures (TSM), mentorship, intergenerational leadership, access to reliable data, psychological support, safe campaigning spaces, and engaging men as allies. The discussions reflected on how the PACWIP platform could be used to strengthen mentorship, advocacy, and regional collaboration. There is a need for the region's commitment to advancing gender equality and inclusive governance, highlighting the importance of continued cooperation among governments, civil society, and development partners. A follow-up session is required to continue engagement, encourage contributions of data and resources, and reinforce the PACIWP platform as a regional hub supporting women political participation.



Figure 11: Talanoa session during the PACWIP launch

Progress on Development of the Pacific Women Candidates Toolkit

A Pacific Women Candidates Toolkit was developed to enhance EMBs' understanding of gender dynamics in elections and to strengthen women's political participation across the region. The draft toolkit was initially developed in Vanuatu, providing practical guidance, resources, and strategies tailored to women seeking public office. This draft was improved to ensuring the content fits the local context of each country and is applicable to Pacific EMBs and stakeholders.

The toolkit was successfully piloted in Tonga during the Women's Youth Parliament event in April 2025, where participants applied its guidance in practice. Local experts, including Balance of Power and former women candidates, contributed to tailoring the toolkit to the Tongan context. Following the pilot, further refinements were made, including digital content and flexible modules adaptable to different Pacific contexts.

The toolkit which is still in developments stage will equip women with essential skills, such as understanding electoral frameworks, developing campaign strategies, engaging voters, fundraising, team management, and effective canvassing. Through this initiative, EMBs have increased awareness of gender-related barriers in elections and are better able to implement measures that support women candidates, ultimately strengthening inclusive governance in Tonga and across the Pacific.

OUTPUT 3: CITIZENS ACTIVELY ENGAGE, UNDERSTAND, AND ARE COMMITTED TO PROTECTING DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND VALUES

Indicator 3.1: Pacific countries with active gender-responsive civic education curriculums in their national education systems

The Solomon Islands Political Parties Civic Manual was developed to support civic education initiatives and promote understanding of political parties and democratic participation. Work under this indicator remains ongoing and will continue to support potential uptake in the national education frameworks.

Activity 3.1.1 – Gender-responsive civic education and curriculums are promoted to PICs by engaging with EMBs to encourage its uptake

Civic Education Resource Development in Collaboration with Solomon Islands

Following the successful scoping mission to Solomon Islands in 2024, support was provided to develop civic education resources with a focus on education and awareness around the role of Political Parties. Ms. Scarlett Fairweather, Civic Education Curriculum Advisor, supported the Solomon Islands Electoral Commission in developing the Solomon Islands Political Parties Civic Manual, which provides a clear overview of the role of political parties in line with the Political Party Integrity Act 2014. The guide provides information about planning and preparing civic initiatives including preparation, checklists, logistics, historical information, the role of the Political Party Commission, membership and how Solomon Islanders can get involved with Political Parties. The guide includes example lesson plans for interested CSOs and was launched in November in Honiara. The guide aims to strengthen democratic governance by helping citizens better understand the role of political parties, policies, and their role in decision making. The manual equips communities and CSOs with practical tools to boost civic engagement, transparency, and accountability.

Indicator 3.2: EMBs receiving technical advice on Temporary Special Measures (TSMs) for increasing women's inclusion in democratic processes

Under this Indicator, A technical expert workshop was organised for the revision of Pacific TSM Guide to have more updated resources, , country-specific technical advice on options to strengthen women's political participation, while recognising national sovereignty in decision-making. A draft knowledge product on Equity in Pacific Elections was developed to highlight key barriers to participation and providing evidence to support advocacy on inclusion and reform efforts.

Activity 3.2.1 - Women empowered to engage more effectively in political and electoral activities, as voters, party members and candidates

Technical Expert Workshop on Women's Political Participation in the Pacific (December 2025)

A five-day technical expert workshop on Temporary Special Measures (TSM) was conducted to strengthen stakeholders' understanding of gender equality in political representation and build capacity to support inclusive electoral reforms. The workshop brought together experts in electoral systems, legal frameworks, and gender and governance to review the 2008 Pacific TSM Guide, incorporating recent evidence, clarifying practical implementation pathways, and aligning recommendations with current constitutional and electoral frameworks across the region.

This process resulted in the development of a draft Pacific- TAPA product, "Temporary Special Measures Promote Gender Balance in Pacific Legislatures," which provides up-to-date, country-specific technical advice on options to strengthen women's political participation, while recognising national sovereignty in decision-making. This guide

serves as a practical resource for governments, EMBs, and development partners, supporting informed, gender-inclusive reforms and strengthening the evidence base for advancing women's representation in Pacific legislatures.

Activity 3.2.2 - Promoting inclusive participation in Pacific democracies

Equity in Pacific Elections: Including People with Intellectual and Psychosocial Disabilities & Quick Reference Guide for Disability-Inclusive Electoral Processes

Progress was made in advancing disability-inclusive electoral processes through research and knowledge development under the Pacific-TAPA stream. The study, "Equity in Pacific Elections: Including People with Intellectual and Psychosocial Disabilities," engaged stakeholders across multiple Pacific countries, including Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, Nauru, Niue, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Palau, PNG, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. The findings highlighted key barriers to participation, including social stigma, legal restrictions, language challenges, and limited recognition, providing evidence to support advocacy on inclusion and reform efforts.

Building on this research, work is also underway in developing a *Quick Reference Guide for Disability-Inclusive Electoral Processes in the Pacific*. The guide aimed to provide guidance and support to EMBs and electoral stakeholders on facilitating changes for maximum benefit by providing information on how to address intersecting themes including physical barriers, (such as inaccessible polling locations, long distances, and geographical constraints), communication barriers (including limited availability of Easy Read materials, braille, sign language, interpreters, and plain language), cultural and social barriers (such as attitudes, language use, and approaches to equity and inclusion), and institutional barriers (including resource limitations, funding, policy implementation, and staff training).

COMMUNICATIONS, VISIBILITY AND PARTNERSHIP

Communications

1. [UNDP Pacific Launches Groundbreaking Elections & Climate Change Module.](#)
2. https://www.linkedin.com/posts/undp-pacific_undp-pacific-launches-groundbreaking-elections-activity-7379387176616153088-3g5H?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAB7jQkBPsg-GBFH00hVCQ1GwqvWChkGAnw
3. [SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OPENS PLEAD WORKSHOP - Strengthening Electoral Integrity Across the Pacific](#)
4. [Relaunch of the Pacific Women in Politics \(PACWIP\) website](#)
5. ["Maintaining the relevance of BRIDGE by addressing emerging topics and challenges while delivering ...](#)

6. Senior electoral officials from across Micronesia gathered for the first-ever BRIDGE Elections Training in Kiribati!.

7. Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) from across Polynesia gathered last week in Funafuti for a two-day BRIDGE workshop on Voter and Civic Education.

Visibility

The Program aims to ensure visibility for MFAT while also prioritising national ownership of electoral processes and events. In practice, this includes co-branding activity materials alongside implementing partners and media visibility through tagging. Striking a balance between these objectives requires ongoing discussions and updates between MFAT and the Program to reach an effective result and at the same time ensure visibility approaches respect local context, national protocols and the sovereignty of electoral institutions in the Pacific.

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UNDP Pacific Launches Groundbreaking Elections & Climate Change Module.

In 2025, UNDP Pacific Office piloted the world's first Elections & Climate Change module—a pioneering initiative designed to examine the intersection of climate resilience and democratic processes. This one-day workshop explores how climate-related disruptions such as extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and natural disasters can impact electoral infrastructure, voter participation, and the integrity of elections.

The module introduces practical strategies for Election Management Bodies (EMBs) to adapt electoral processes to climate challenges while minimizing environmental impact. It also promotes climate adaptation and mitigation as integral components of electoral planning.

The inaugural workshop was held in Kiribati on 4 September bringing together participants from Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Kiribati.

A second session followed in Tuvalu on 25 September, with representatives from Tuvalu, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, the Cook Islands, and Tokelau. At this workshop, Ms. Mervina Paueli, Project Development Officer at Tuvalu's Climate Change Department, delivered a keynote address. She highlighted Tuvalu's unique climate challenges and underscored the critical need to embed climate resilience into electoral frameworks.

These workshops sparked forward-thinking dialogue and generated valuable feedback to refine future iterations of the module—both regionally and globally. By equipping EMBs with tools to navigate climate risks, UNDP Pacific is helping safeguard democratic processes in an era of environmental uncertainty.

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VOTER & CIVIC EDUCATION WORKSHOP
02 TO 04 SEPTEMBER, 2025 | TARAWA, KIRIBATI

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A new regional platform to strengthen women's leadership in the Pacific has been launched. The Pacific Women in Politics (PACWIP) website brings together data, research, resources and stories to support women's political participation and leadership across the region.

The launch, held as part of activities marking International Women's Day, also featured a panel discussion with Pacific women leaders and advocates, including Hon. Rhonda Tiakia Tomailuga, Member of the Niue Legislative Assembly; Dr. Ofa Swann, former Member of Parliament in Fiji; Dr. Puakena Boreham, former Member of Parliament in Tuvalu; and Ms. Angeline Tikoitoga, governance and strategy consultant and youth advocate.

The discussion highlighted three key priorities for strengthening women's political participation in the Pacific: support systems tailored to the realities women face in politics, stronger intergenerational dialogue between emerging and experienced leaders, and sustained advocacy to address structural barriers to women's leadership.

The PACWIP website will serve as a regional hub for policymakers, civil society organisations, researchers and aspiring leaders working to advance inclusive governance across the Pacific.

Explore the platform: <https://zurl.co/5WoYU>

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Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) from across Polynesia gathered last week in Funafuti for a two-day BRIDGE workshop on Voter and Civic Education. Representatives Cook Islands 🇸🇲, Niue 🇳🇺, Samoa 🇶🇲, Tokelau 🇹🇰, Tonga 🇹🇴 and Tuvalu 🇹🇻 had the opportunity to learn and discuss key definitions, types, strategies and planning for awareness programming applicable to their country context.

In strengthening networking and dialogue, participants explored different approaches and steps that are key aspects in planning civic and voter education programs. Across Polynesia, EMBs have a crucial role in ensuring civic engagement, and every available platform is an opportunity to advance electoral processes in the region.

This work - via the Pacific Elections Assistance Program - is made possible thanks to our partnership with the Pacific Islands, Australia and New Zealand Electoral Administrators Network, with financial support from the [New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#)

ELECTIONS & CLIMATE CHANGE PILOT PROGRAM
25 SEPTEMBER 2025

Partnerships

PEAP maintained strong collaboration with the New Zealand Electoral Commission (NZEC), including cooperation on regional capacity development initiatives such as the Training Excellence Workshop, which brought together EMB representatives to strengthen electoral training systems and share best practices.

The Programme also worked closely with the Pacific Islands, Australia and New Zealand Electoral Administrators Network (PIANZEA) and national EMBs. In addition, PEAP engaged with national partners in policy dialogue on electoral reforms, including technical discussions related to the Tuvalu Electoral Reform Programme, supporting cooperation between governments, electoral institutions, and development partners. These partnerships continue to strengthen regional cooperation and knowledge exchange among Pacific electoral stakeholders.

PROJECT RISKS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

1. Risk of Political Disruption: Potential disruptive political events pose a threat to the Programme's stability, potentially impacting implementation, priorities, and funding.

None identified during the reporting period; however, electoral and legislative reform processes remain consultative and subject to political, legal, and parliamentary timelines, which may extend beyond programme cycles. The Programme mitigates this risk through evidence-based policy dialogue and technical advisory support grounded in comparative and regional good practices.

2. Stakeholder Engagement Risk: There's a possibility that key stakeholders engaged by Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) may not participate to the extent initially envisioned, affecting the inclusivity of programme outcomes.

Stakeholder engagement remained strong during the reporting period, with consultations involving government, civil society, media, and international partners strengthening working relationships. Regional platforms and peer learning initiatives further reinforced collaboration and institutional networks across EMBs. However, challenges persist in geographically dispersed contexts such as Tuvalu, where the spread of islands limits broad-based participation, particularly for women, persons with disabilities, and remote communities. The Programme mitigates this through a blended delivery approach, combining targeted missions, sub-regional workshops, and virtual engagement, supported by clustered activities and follow-up consultations to sustain inclusive participation.

3. Shifting Priority Risk: Stakeholders may undergo a shift in priority areas, leading to reduced emphasis on implementing Programme activities.

None identified during the reporting period; however, variations in institutional capacity, competing priorities, and limited staffing across EMBs remain relevant. Small administrations often require officials to manage multiple responsibilities, affecting sustained engagement. The Programme mitigates this through tailored, demand-driven technical assistance supported by workshops, training initiatives, and peer exchanges that institutionalise knowledge and strengthen capacity, including on gender equality and inclusion.

4. Natural Disaster Risk: Natural disasters may disrupt stakeholders' daily lives and organisational functions, reducing their capacity to participate in and implement Programme activities.

No major disruptions were identified during the reporting period. However, geographic dispersion, connectivity constraints, and climate risks continue to affect delivery. The piloting of the Elections and Climate Change module highlighted risks from extreme weather, sea-level rise, and environmental disruptions to electoral operations. The Programme mitigates these through flexible, blended delivery modalities, including hybrid formats and offline-accessible resources, while strengthening EMB resilience and digital systems.

5. Funding Utilisation Risk: There's a risk that Programme funds may not be fully utilised or expended as intended, impacting the execution of planned activities.

The Programme maintained effective financial management, achieving an expenditure rate of 82 per cent, with remaining resources strategically reprogrammed to support delivery. Geographic dispersion and high operational costs were managed through cost-effective approaches, including sub-regional activities, clustering, and blended delivery. Exchange rate fluctuations were monitored within existing controls, supported by adaptive planning and continuous budget oversight to ensure efficient resource use aligned with programme objectives.

LESSONS LEARNED

Regional Peer Learning Strengthens Institutional Capacity

Experience across programme activities confirms that structured regional and sub-regional exchanges provide significant value for Pacific EMBs. Workshops such as BRIDGE training and legal dialogue platforms create opportunities for peer-to-peer

learning that are particularly relevant in the Pacific context, where institutions face comparable operational and geographic challenges. Participants consistently report that learning from neighbouring jurisdictions and adapting solutions to local contexts enhances both confidence and institutional capacity. The programme will continue to prioritise regional convenings and communities of practice as effective mechanisms for knowledge transfer and professional collaboration.

Evidence-Based Research Enhances Policy Dialogue

The programme's investment in comparative research and analytical outputs has demonstrated strong value in supporting informed policy discussions. Research initiatives under the *Pacific - Transformative Approaches for People Agencies (TAPA)* framework and election dispute resolution studies have provided EMBs with credible, regionally relevant evidence to inform engagement with policymakers and stakeholders. This experience underscores the importance of grounding electoral reform discussions in empirical data and legal analysis, which can facilitate more constructive dialogue and strengthen the neutrality of EMB advisory roles.

Incremental Reform Approaches Are More Sustainable

Programme engagement has highlighted that electoral reform in the Pacific is most effective when approached incrementally. Rather than pursuing large-scale institutional changes within short timeframes, gradual improvements to procedures, operational planning, and policy frameworks have proven more feasible and sustainable. Supporting EMBs to prioritise practical reforms, such as improved voter registration systems, clearer operational guidelines, and strengthened training systems, helps build institutional confidence and momentum that can eventually support broader legislative reforms.

Integrating Gender and Inclusion Requires Both Evidence and Practical Tools

Efforts to advance gender equality and inclusive participation demonstrate that awareness-raising alone is insufficient to drive institutional change. Research findings, such as those examining the experiences of women candidates, have been effective when paired with practical guidance, training resources, and operational tools that EMBs can implement within their existing mandates. The development of resources such as the Temporary Special Measures guidance, women candidates' training toolkits, and disability inclusion frameworks illustrates the importance of translating evidence into actionable institutional practices.

Long-Term Engagement Is Essential for Institutional Change

Electoral assistance in the Pacific operates within complex governance environments where institutional change occurs gradually. The programme's experience reinforces

the importance of engagement, trust-building, and consistent technical support over multiple electoral cycles. By maintaining long-term partnerships with EMBs and supporting locally driven reform processes, the programme is better positioned to consolidate progress, strengthen institutional resilience, and support durable improvements in democratic governance across the region.

WAY FORWARD

Building on the progress achieved during the 2025 reporting period, the PEAP will continue to strengthen the capacity, independence, and inclusiveness of Pacific Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) across the region.

Consolidating Institutional Reforms:

PEAP will support EMBs in institutionalizing procedural, operational, and legislative reforms, with an emphasis on incremental and evidence-based approaches. Continued technical assistance, peer learning, and operational strengthening will ensure that improvements in voter registration, election management, and dispute resolution are sustained and embedded ahead of future electoral cycles.

Enhancing Gender Equality and Inclusive Participation:

The programme will expand efforts to promote gender-responsive electoral processes and inclusive participation, including for persons with disabilities. Building on research, practical guidance, and tools such as Temporary Special Measures, women candidates' toolkits, and disability inclusion frameworks, PEAP will work with EMBs to translate knowledge into actionable practices that strengthen representation, safety, and engagement.

Strengthening Regional Knowledge and Collaboration:

The Programme will continue to support regional platforms such as the Pacific Legal Electoral Administrators Dialogue (PLEAD) and BRIDGE workshops, fostering peer-to-peer learning and cross-jurisdictional collaboration. These initiatives will support comparative learning, reinforce best practices, and enhance regional preparedness for electoral challenges, including climate resilience, digital transformation, and emerging electoral risks.

Adaptive and Long-Term Engagement:

Recognizing the unique geographical, institutional, and political contexts of Pacific countries, PEAP will maintain flexible, long-term engagement strategies. Blended delivery approaches, including targeted in-country support, sub-regional workshops, and digital platforms, will enable continuous support while addressing logistical and connectivity challenges. Sustained partnerships will be central to consolidating institutional resilience, reinforcing transparency, and promoting durable democratic governance.

Strengthen the Digital Platforms for Women's Political Participation

The programme will improve by using digital platforms to advocate for women's political participation. The panel discussions during the PACWIP launch brought women leaders, youth representatives, civil society and regional partners where it reflected the need for open and safe space for mentorship, advocacy and information sharing. PEAP will ensure that tools such as PACWIP will provide platform for digital engagement promoting safe and inclusive space for women's political participation.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Outputs	Activities	April 2025 - March 2026 Budget	April 2025 - March 2026 Expenditure	April 2025 - March 2026 Expenditure rate (%)	Budget Balance 31 March 2026
OUTPUT 1	Activity 1.1	272,639	240,094	88%	32,545
	Activity 1.2	-	-	0%	-
	Activity 1.3	50,899	33,583	66%	17,316
Output 1 Total		323,538	273,677	85%	49,860
Output 2	Activity 2.1	88,495	65,799	74%	22,696
	Activity 2.2	31,850	29,894	94%	1,956
	Activity 2.3	9,900	2,261	23%	7,639
	Activity 2.4	40,862	19,665	48%	21,197
Output 2 Total		171,107	117,619	69%	53,488
Output 3	Activity 3.1	21,119	13,297	63%	7,822
	Activity 3.2	59,975	58,999	98%	976
	Activity 3.3	19,500	12,890	66%	6,610
	Activity 3.4	42,566	42,484	100%	82
Output 3 Total		143,160	127,669	89%	15,490
GMS(8%)		47,245	41,332	87%	5,913
TOTALS		685,049	560,298	82%	124,751

"Data contained in this financial report section is an extract of UNDP financial records. All financial information provided above is provisional."

ANNEX: OUTPUT TRACKING

Output statement	Indicators	Baseline Value, Year	Annual Targets	End of the project target	Status: On-track/ off-track / complete	Means of verifications and comment to substantiate the selected response
Output 1: EMBs deliver effective, efficient, and inclusive elections with increased capacity and resources.	1.1. Number of procedural reforms adopted by electoral management bodies (IRRF 2.4.1)	6 (2021)	9	14	on track – await reforms	Progress: Tuvalu electoral reform roundtable initiating discussions on potential procedural reforms to strengthen electoral administration. Kiribati – Needs Assessment mission and potential support would bring electoral reforms.
	1.2 Improve EMB's understanding of electoral topics through effective advocacy via regional thematic workshops/events	0 (2022)	4 completed	4	On track – completed 4 this year	2 sub-regional BRIDGE workshops delivered 2 Pacific region led workshop – PLEAD dialogue and Training Excellence workshop.
Output 2: EMBs make robust, inclusive, and informed decisions, safeguarding the integrity of elections with improved independence and stronger mandates.	2.1 EMBs demonstrate increase in informed, data-driven electoral decisions by incorporating research papers on key electoral topics into their decision-making processes	0 (2022)	3	5	Completed 6 research topics compiled/completed that will be a tool to 15 countries	6 Pacific TAPA knowledge products awaiting peer review: - Legal Framework guide - Electoral Dispute Resolution - Women Candidate Safety research - Disability Inclusive Processes - Equity in Elections in Pacific Elections - TSM research
	2.2 #. EMBs able to leverage Regional & Global electoral institutions to inform electoral decision-making progress	0 (2022)	1	6	Completed - 7 EMBs attended the PLEAD	PLEAD dialogue for the Pacific legal officers in December where 7 EMBs participated in the workshop.
	2.3 # of EMBs more aware of gender issues and their impact in Elections	0 (2022)	2	5	1 – focused activity in Vanuatu Toolkit will target 15 countries	BRIDGE workshop in Vanuatu targets women executive members in Political Parties. Progress on Pacific women candidate toolkit. The TSM research guide will target 15 countries.
Output 3: Citizens actively	3.1 # of Pacific countries with active gender-	1 (2022)	2	6	On track – in the pipeline –	Solomon Islands Political Parties Civic Manual.

engage, understand, and are committed to protecting democratic rights and values.	responsive civic education curriculums in their national education systems				SI and Vanuatu	Discussions underway for Vanuatu and Kiribati on their curriculum development.
	3.2 # of EMBs receiving technical advice on Temporary Special Measures (TSMs) for increasing women's inclusion in democratic processes	0 (2022)	1	3	On track with TSM booklet and women candidate toolkit.	Research work and development of Pacific Women Candidate toolkit is underway. TSM research booklet reviewed and updated. The toolkits will support the work of EMBs across the 15 Pacific countries.