

CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER MITIGATION

People in the Pacific Islands depend on tourism, fisheries, forestry and agriculture for their livelihoods—all of which are challenged by the changing climate. USAID strengthens the capacity of civil society, national governments and regional institutions to improve management of natural resources and mitigate the negative effects of climate change. Activities include climate-proofing community infrastructure and promoting disaster preparedness and adaptation measures. USAID has helped nearly 140 communities across nine Pacific Island countries make their infrastructure more resilient to natural disasters. These activities now serve as models that can be scaled up throughout the region. At the national and regional levels, activities include strengthening climate change policy and strategy development, and ensuring access to climate finance. USAID also supports disaster preparedness, relief and reconstruction in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia under the Compact of Free Association.

HIV/AIDS AND TUBERCULOSIS

Papua New Guinea suffers from one of the highest rates of HIV/AIDS in the Pacific Islands. Sex workers, men who have sex with men, and transgender persons are particularly at-risk. In partnership with the National Department of Health, USAID provides people vulnerable to, living with, or affected by the disease with prevention, support and treatment services. USAID also works with the Government of Papua New Guinea to strengthen its response to multidrug-resistant tuberculosis.

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

USAID helps sustain peace and stability in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea. With a referendum on full independence from Papua New Guinea slated to take place in 2019, USAID is working with the Bougainville Government, civil society organizations and women's groups to ensure informed decision-making and open, transparent and peaceful electoral events.



Men in Papua New Guinea pledge to end gender-based violence.

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USAID provided vouchers for Super Typhoon Maysak survivors to rebuild their homes.

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