

Proposal Summary

Regional Institutional Strengthening and Knowledge Management Support to Pacific Island Countries Pacific Plan

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Objectives	Activities
The overall objectives of this proposal are to: (i) provide regional ToT and development of suitable toolkits so as to support the foundations for country up-scaling and regional replication of CDS, SUS and other proven good urbanization practices and processes, (ii) manage lessons learned and knowledge acquired so as to strengthen implementation of the Pacific Urban Agenda (as contained in the Pacific Plan) national obligations and commitments, (iii) facilitate and institutionalize urban policy dialogue into regional and national planning so as to establish consensus with stakeholders on urbanisation priorities, strengthen partnerships, and up scale resource mobilization to achieve better urban outcomes, and (iv) strengthen monitoring by the SPC of the urban commitments made under the Pacific Plan activities (namely, the PUA). The latter will include an assessment of options to establish a Pacific Regional Urban Observatory. The proposal will support the requests of the 3 PICs and others to concurrently develop and implement their CDSs and SUSs by providing regional (i) institutional strengthening, (ii) knowledge management and (iii) support to strengthen urban policy and project development. It is hoped such processes will lead to (iv) improved monitoring of urban performance by PICs including integration of city and national responses to addressing urban issues vis a vis the PUA and the Pacific Plan.	1) Project Establishment and Regional Needs Assessment and Analysis; 2) Institutional Strengthening Support Through ToT Delivery Addressing Key Themes; 3) Supporting Urban Knowledge Creation and Management; 4) Facilitating Policy Learning Dialogue on Pacific Urbanisation; and 5) Strengthening the Capacity of SPC to Implement and Monitor Urban Initiatives under the Pacific Plan.

Submission		Implementation	Budget and Time	
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Expected Impacts

In the short term, the regional support component will result in greater exposure of policy makers, planners and the like to targeted training and policy dialogue on key urban themes such as CDS and SUS, the development of pragmatic toolkits and dissemination of knowledge management on urban issues and their solutions. Parallel to this will be a focus on strengthening the capacity of SPC and PICs to better respond to and integrate the PUA into national and regional plans and monitor implementation using quantifiable data.

In the longer term, the up scaling and replication of key processes such as CDS and SUS, the application of toolkits, regional policy dialogue on Pacific urbanization issues and dissemination of regional knowledge management should result in greater PIC and development partner attention to resolving urbanisation issues and improved urban performance. This should lead to more effective and efficient urban areas addressing the needs of the urban poor and implementing city development strategies whilst contributing to the broader economic, social and environmental development of the city.