



Thematic Area – People-Centered Development

This thematic area recognises that Pacific peoples draw their identity and inspiration from their cultural diversity and deep cultural and spiritual attachments to their land and the ocean. Despite a range of initiatives in the Pacific to promote improved health and education outcomes, much more needs to be done. There is a need to address issues of exclusion and inequality, including gender inequality, marginalised groups, and the importance of protecting human rights and environmental rights.

People-centered development includes youth and cultural development, cultural wellbeing, and participation in sport and physical education. Adaptation and preservation of our indigenous knowledge, social inclusion and social protection are important elements for a people-centered approach to development, and in positioning our region at the global level.

