About PRISE

Funded by the European Union, the Pacific Regional Integration Support (PRISE) Programme supports Pacific Island States to trade more, by increasing their capacity to access and benefit from international markets.

The PRISE programme aims to promote the Pacific States of the African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group (PACPs) to the global export market. It is focused on strengthening regional economic integration towards sustainable economic development and improved livelihoods in the region.

As part of this, the programme’s specific objectives are two-fold:
1) to increase intra-regional and international trade, and
2) to increase the private sector’s participation in economic integration

The PRISE Programme is implemented under three separate contribution agreements signed with the three lead implementing partners.

- The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) - Strengthening Pacific Intra-Regional and International Trade (SPIRIT) project.
- The Pacific Community (SPC) - Safe Agriculture Trade Facilitation through Economic Integration in the Pacific (SAFE Pacific) project.
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) - Improving Pacific Islands Customs and Trade (IMPACT) project.

These critical strategic partnerships seek to contribute to the objectives of the programme and achieve the overall outputs;

- SPIRIT: Strengthening institutional and technical capacity for trade in the region and facilitating the implementation of trade agreements.
- SAFE Pacific: Strengthening biosecurity, animal health and production and sustainable agricultural value chains.
- IMPACT: Strengthening border and customs procedures for trade.

Strengthening Pacific Intra-Regional and International Trade (SPIRIT)

- The project’s aim is boosting and increasing intra-regional and international trade by strengthening institutional and technical capacity in the region.

- It will support members in the implementation of trade agreements, particularly the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and the Pacific’s Aid-for-Trade Strategy 2020-2025.

Safe Agriculture trade Facilitation through Economic integration in the Pacific (SAFE Pacific)

- SAFE Pacific project aims to support PACPs in addressing the barriers to accessing the export market, enhancing value-added products and improving compliance with international standards.

- The areas of focus include: strengthening biosecurity, strengthening sustainable agricultural value chains, improving access to export markets, improving and strengthening compliance with international standards and improving animal health and production.

- In addition, SAFE Pacific focuses on enhancing economic integration in the region, which will have positive impacts leading to improved livelihoods for communities, creation of jobs and reduction in poverty.
Improving Pacific Islands Customs and Trade (IMPACT)

IMPACT Project aims to increase intra-regional and international trade in the Pacific, by facilitating trade and harmonizing border/customs procedures. To achieve this, IMPACT will:

- Increase countries’ ability to benefit from World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement priority measures and other Free Trade Agreements;
- Standardize and simplify customs operations across Pacific countries;
- Enable countries to develop single window systems; and
- Strengthen capacity of Oceania Customs Organisation and Melanesian Spearhead Group.

The PRISE programme is being implemented in 15 countries across the Pacific; Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

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