



Unpacking the evidence on social protection in the Pacific and Timor-Leste

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The information on this page is called a **blog**.



A **blog** is information that is on the internet.



It includes the ideas and thoughts of the person who wrote the information.



This blog is called **Unpacking the evidence on social protection in the Pacific and Timor-Leste**.



You can also read this blog at this website <https://p4sp.org/resources/unpacking-the-evidence-on-social-protection-in-the-pacific-and-timor-leste/>



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How to read this blog



This blog is written in an easy to read way.



There will be some hard words.

We will write the hard words in **bold**.



We will explain what they mean.



You can ask someone to help you to read this blog.



When you see the words ‘we’, ‘our’, or ‘us’ it means **Partnerships for Social Protection**.

We also use the short name **P4SP**.



P4SP is a project by the Australian **government**.



Government means a group of people who make up the rules that everyone must follow.



P4SP makes social protection systems stronger in the **Pacific**.



Pacific means people who live on an **island** in the Pacific ocean.

An **island** is when there is water all the way around the land.

What are we learning about social protection in the Pacific and Timor-Leste?



Social protection means things that the government gives a person to



- have money to buy things like food



- do things like see a doctor



- recover when something that is not planned happens, like losing your job or being in a flood.



Social protection also helps to protect you as you get older.



We did some **research** about social protection in Pacific countries.

Research is a way to find out about something.



A company called Sustineo helped us do our research.



P4SP and Sustineo wrote a report.

The report is called **Evidence Review: Social protection in the Pacific and Timor-Leste.**



You can read the report at this website:

<https://p4sp.org/resources/evidence-review-social-protection-in-the-pacific-and-timor-leste>



We looked at many documents.



We need to learn more about the way Pacific countries give social protection.



Some countries that spend more money on social protection are

- Kiribati
- Timor-Leste.



Kiribati gives social protection to people who are old, have a disability or do not have a job.



Timor-Leste gives social protection to people with children, with a disability and to **veterans**.

Veterans are people who fought in a war to make Timor-Leste its own country.



Some Pacific countries do not spend much money on social protection.



Some of these countries are

- Solomon Islands
- Vanuatu
- Papua New Guinea.



Since the year 2009, **8** Pacific countries have spent more money on social protection every year.

They have spent money to help people



- pay for the things they need to live



- find jobs.



In the past, only people with a job could get help from the government.



Now people can get help even if they do not have a job.



Pacific countries often plan and deliver social protection in ways that are the same.

They



1. start a **program**

A **program** is a plan for how things will be done and when they will be done.



2. make programs that get bigger over time.



3. make programs that more people can use.



Some Pacific countries also have **informal** social protection systems.



Informal means that the help comes from people in your community like your church or family and friends, and not the government.

Informal social protection helps people who



- might not be able to get help from the government



- need help to recover from a natural disaster, like a flood or earthquake.



We need to do more research about how informal social protection systems



- help people



- can fit together with government support to help people best.

We know that a lot of research is done by



- international development banks



- the **United Nations**

The **United Nations** is an organisation made up of many countries working together.



These groups find out about social protection from governments.



Other groups find out about informal social protection.

These groups include



- Pacific countries



- Pacific organisations



- people who live in the Pacific countries.



We now understand much more about social protection in the Pacific and Timor-Leste.

This helps us



- understand more about social protection



- decide what else we need to research.



How to talk to us

Would you like to learn more?

Do you have any questions?

You can contact us at:



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