



Insights on disability and 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 **Insights on disability and social protection in the Pacific and Timor-Leste**.



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

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.

Social protection for people with disabilities in the Pacific



Social protection in the Pacific is important because it helps people when they need it most.

Many people need support because



- there are more people who are becoming disabled from diseases



- people are living longer.



We did some **research** to learn more about social protection in the Pacific.

Research is when you look for information about something.

We wrote about what we learned in a new **brief**.



A **brief** is a short document that tells people about something.



Our brief talks about what we know about social protection for people with disabilities in the Pacific.

Our brief is called Disability and Social Protection in the Pacific and Timor Leste.



You can read it on this website

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

What Pacific countries are doing



More governments are providing social protection for people with disabilities in the Pacific.

Some countries are already using disability benefits paid for by the government.



This is happening in countries like

- Fiji
- Kiribati
- Nauru
- Samoa.



This shows more people are learning that social protection is important for people with disabilities.



Countries in the Pacific are developing their social protection systems at different speeds.

Some countries have more developed social protection systems than others.



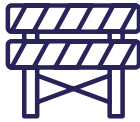
Some countries with the most people do not have tax financed social protection for people with disabilities.



Some of these countries are

- Papua New Guinea
- Solomon Islands
- Vanuatu.

Ways to do social protection better



There are still many **barriers** for people with disabilities to get social protection.

A **barrier** is something that stops you from doing or getting something you need, like filling in a form or going into a building.

We know that this happens even when there are programs for people with disabilities.



But there are some good things happening for people with disabilities in the Pacific.



Countries can learn from each other how to make social protection better for people with disabilities.



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For example, Fiji has done some good things about social protection for people with disabilities.

In 2018, Fiji made new laws to make it easier to get social protection.

Fiji also made



- a scheme that gives people money to help pay for transport



- a scheme that looks at all the types of help people with disabilities need.

These changes mean that more people with disabilities in Fiji are getting help from social protection.

Research shows it is important to



- ask people with disabilities to help decide if programs do what they need



- reach more people with disabilities in the community



- design social protection that also helps people with disabilities to work.

What else can be learned about social protection?



There is still a lot to learn about social protection in the Pacific.

More research is needed to learn



- how social protection can address the many challenges faced by people with disabilities



- what **informal** social protection systems do to help people with disabilities

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



- how climate change will impact people with disabilities

Our brief says that people with disabilities should be part of research into social protection.



This will make sure social protection programs help people with disabilities as much as possible.

Most of the information about social protection and disability is written by big organisations outside the Pacific.



Only 1 in 10 articles are written by organisations in Pacific countries.



Our brief says there needs to be more research done by people in Timor-Leste and other Pacific countries.

This will make sure



- information about social protection is from people who live in these countries
- research about social protection also thinks about **culture**.



Culture means the way a group of people celebrate special days or how they treat each other.



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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