

Partnerships for Social Protection (P4SP)

Building foundations for social protection in the Pacific

P4SP is an eight-year (2021-2029), AUD 36 million (ex GST) Australian Government program that works with governments, civil society organisations and development partners in the Pacific and Timor-Leste to strengthen national social protection systems and enhance understanding of social protection.

By doing this, P4SP supports community and economic wellbeing, and helps build resilience to disasters and shocks such as cyclones, earthquakes and the COVID-19 pandemic.

What can P4SP offer?

P4SP provides tailored support to strengthen national social protection systems through:

- **Short- or long-term advisors** who work alongside partner governments to build and strengthen inclusive and sustainable social protection systems
- **Specialist on-call technical assistance** from our network of over 70 global experts spanning:
 - Social protection policy (including integration with disability, ageing populations, children, social services, health and nutrition, livelihoods and labour markets, climate change and humanitarian responses)
 - Financing and fiscal management for social protection
 - Governance and strengthening institutional capacity
 - Social protection operations (including Management Information Systems, financial inclusion and payments)
 - Economic analysis, modelling and undertaking simulations
 - Ensuring gender equality, disability and social inclusion are considered and promoted in social protection policies and programs
 - The role of social protection in relation to climate change
 - Monitoring and evaluation of social protection programs and policies.
- **Research and analysis** to help improve understanding of social protection in the region
- **Training, learning and networking opportunities**, in-country and across the region
- **Partnerships, advocacy and policy dialogue** with partner governments, civil society organisations and other development partners
- **Supporting the piloting of new initiatives** and helping procure and implement solutions to improve the delivery of social protection programs.

Our activities

Partnering with countries to strengthen local systems

- **Fiji:** We are supporting the Fijian Government to progress its ambitious social protection reform agenda, led by the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection. This was by first reviewing the existing six schemes, and now helping implement the review's recommendations, focusing on policy change, operational reform and digitising social protection systems.
- **Kiribati:** With P4SP's support, the Government of Kiribati is implementing its new social protection reform agenda. We are providing both long-term and short-term technical advisory support to help establish the government's Social Protection Unit and supporting the unit to effectively and efficiently administer Kiribati's key social protection programs, including the Support Fund for the Unemployed and the Senior Citizens Allowance.
- **Tonga:** P4SP is providing technical support to the Government of Tonga to help strengthen their Social Welfare Scheme for the Elderly, and Disability Welfare Scheme. In addition to providing training, analysis and advice, P4SP is supporting the government to further strengthen the delivery of its elderly benefit by developing an operations manual.
- **Vanuatu:** In 2024, P4SP commenced its engagement in Vanuatu, supporting the government with its first social protection policy.

Building understanding of social protection in the Pacific

- **Research and analysis:** P4SP has led and commissioned research and analyses in a range of areas, including:
 - [An assessment of social protection financing in the Pacific](#)
 - [Social protection in the Cook Islands: A case study](#)
 - [Evidence Review: Social Protection in the Pacific and Timor-Leste.](#)
- **Training:** P4SP provides various training offerings on social protection, including an eLearning course, online sessions, and in-person workshops. Topics cover different aspects of social protection, including the fundamentals, operations, gender and disability, and relevance for climate change. Over 400 people have participated in our training.

How to access P4SP support

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