

Regional Projects

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Solomon Islands EW4ALL stakeholder consultation Workshop, Honiara, Solomon Islands (21-23 Aug 2024)



NETP stakeholders meeting Fiji, Suva, Fiji (19 July 2024)



NETP stakeholders meeting Tuvalu, Funafuti, Tuvalu (Jan 2025)

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Workshop on Digital Transformation for the Pacific, 12-14 Feb 2025, Suva

9FSM22001	Accelerating SDG achievement through digital transformation to strengthen community resilience in Micronesia	01 Sep. 2022	31 Jul. 2025	Ongoing	967,121	Joint SDG Fund	Kiribati Republic of Marshall Islands F.S. Micronesia Nauru Palau	WTDC Res. 16 WTDC Res. 49 WTDC Res. 89
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Smart Islands, Republic of Marshall Islands

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/itu-regional-office-for-asia-and-the-pacific_on-25-february-under-the-smart-islands-activity-7301149344219435008-Rgei?utm_source=li_share&utm_content=feedcontent&utm_medium=g_dt_web&utm_campaign=copy



Digital transformation strategy, Kiribati workshop

7RAS23073	Pathways to Cybersecurity in Pacific	6 December 2024	30 June 2026	Ongoing	132,261	Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication (MIC), Government of Japan	Fiji Kiribati Marshall Islands Micronesia Nauru Papua New Guinea Samoa (Independent State of)	WTDC Res. 45 WTDC Res. 69

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Digital Government Workshop, Vanuatu



Prime Minister's Office Dashboard, Bhutan



Smart Islands Vanuatu

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9PNG20003	Support to Rural Entrepreneurship, Investment and Trade in Papua New Guinea (STREIT PNG)	1 Jan 2020	31 May 2025	Ongoing	2.7 Million US Dollars	European Union	Papua New Guinea	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-agriculture strategy developed at provincial level. Agriculture MIS being developed with FAO Improved quality of service policy frameworks Established Seven Resource Centres in East and West Sepik Province Built the capacity of 1,264 entrepreneurs Developed 10+ online trainings & uploaded to LMS platform 							

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Digital skills for farmers

RI: ASP 2 - Harnessing information and communication technologies to support the digital economy and inclusive digital societies

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Smart Village Pakistan: Tele-education in Gokina



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2nd Smart Village Pakistan: inauguration in Sambrial-Sialkot



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2RAS22070	Smart Islands in the Pacific	01 Oct. 2022	31 Dec. 2025	Ongoing	240,000	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Fiji Papua New Guinea Vanuatu	WTDC Rec. 19 WTDC Res. 17 WTDC Res. 37 WTDC Res. 54 WTDC Res. 89
Achievements	<p>Smart Islands implementation progressed in Papua New Guinea (Maprik), Vanuatu (South Malekula) and Fiji (Rotuma) including needs assessment of identified islands and digital skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital services facilitated in the three countries - Smart Islands needs assessment methodology developed 							



Smart Village Papua New Guinea, Maprik

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<p>3. Capacity Building: Organize regional, sub-regional, and national workshops and trainings on digital transformation to enhance human and institutional capacities.</p> <p>4. Stakeholder Engagement: Foster stakeholder consultations and partnerships around digital transformation and sustainable development, aiming for inclusive progress based on a comprehensive governmental approach.</p> <p>Specific Achievements (web page : Accelerating digital transformation in Asia- Pacific)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ASEAN Digital Government Technical Framework is developed through a comprehensive consultation, and it is endorsed by the ASEAN Digital Ministers in ADGMIN 2025 (January). 2. Capacity building through in-person workshop was conducted for ASEAN Member States on Whole of Government approach to digital government transformation using GovStack and related topics such as Digital ID, Payments and Information Mediator. 3. Assistance to PNG on GovStack including Digital ID and related building blocks such as workflow, payments, etc GovStack Building Blocks is ongoing. Capacity building sessions are ongoing for the existing and new teams on. Developing the concept notes and capacity building exercises were undertaken to develop RFP for Digital ID. Capacity building for ~ 400 stakeholders across different departments; during the workshop PNG proceeded with the launch of pilot services. <p>Assistance to LAO PDR, to develop the PMO Dashboard (in progress) and capacity building workshops hosted to the DGC (Digital Government Centre) teams on GovStack.</p>								
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- Partnership with Asian Development Bank was also leveraged upon in the Smart Islands implementation in Fiji and Vanuatu.



Smart Islands Tonga: Hunga, Vava'u



Smart Islands Fiji: Rotuma



Smart Islands Vanuatu: South Malekula



Solomon Islands: Digital literacy skills trainings in Choiseul Bay Village and Auki



Tuvalu: Digital literacy and skills trainings in Nukufetau

9RAS24077	Strengthening Asia and the Pacific Engagement in ITU Conferences	18 June 2024	31 Dec 2026	Ongoing	303,731	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications	Cambodia Fiji Kiribati Lao P.D.R. Marshall Islands Micronesia	WTDC Rec. 1
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						and the Arts, Australia - DITRDCA	Nauru Palau Papua New Guinea Philippines Samoa (Independent State of) Solomon Islands Timor-Leste Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu Viet Nam	
<p>This project aims to enhance the engagement of ITU's Asia and the Pacific developing country member states in global ITU conferences by capacitating them to meaningfully contribute to upcoming ITU conferences, namely the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) held in 2024, and the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) to be held in 2025.</p> <p>To achieve this, structured and dedicated training will be provided to build understanding of ITU's Standardization and Development Sectors, and the working methods of WTSA and WTDC, to ensure delegates can meaningfully contribute to these conferences. This project will leverage existing ITU delegate trainings, and provide delegates with the skills to navigate ITU conferences, develop contributions, take part in negotiations, and follow topics of interest through relevant ITU Standardization and Development workstreams.</p> <p>For WTSA, 23 fellows from 13 member states were supported through the SAPEIC project.</p> 								

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	sources. It is intended that the project countries will work towards integration of AI technology and standards in their wider digital transformation efforts, by the end of the project.							
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RI 3: ASP - Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity and connecting the unconnected								
7RAS24074	Enhancing Digital infrastructure and affordable access to ICT services in Asia and the Pacific - Phase 2	01 Jan. 2024	30 Sep. 2026	Ongoing	159,938	Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication (MIC), Government of Japan	Fiji, Tuvalu. Solomon Islands Kiribati Samoa Solomon Islands	WTDC Res. 17 WTDC Res. 34
Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Gaps assessment for infrastructure resilience, preparedness, service affordability and EW4ALL for Tonga and Solomon Islands done. For Kiribati, Samoa and Maldives in progress of validation by national stakeholders. NETP for Fiji updated and presented to National Emergency Telecomm Cluster. NETP for Tuvalu developed in consultation with stakeholders Project promoted through dedicated webpage at https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Projects/MIC%20Phase%202%20287RAS24074%29/main.aspx <p>Pictures</p> <div>Tonga EW4ALL inception workshop Nukualofa, Tonga (17-18 July 2024)</div>							



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Activities:

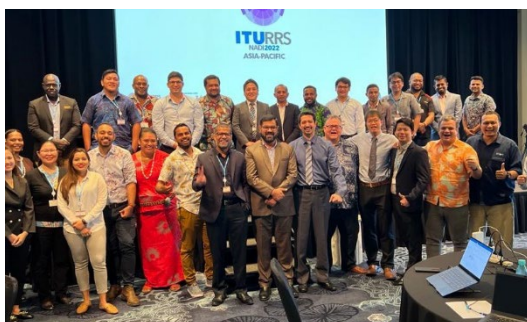
- 8 Country Assistances and assessments – Tonga, Mongolia, Sri-Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Lao Philippines, Fiji
- 6 Events: [RRS-22 ASP](#), [LMC ASP](#), [ITU-PITA Emergency Telecommunications Readiness](#), [ICT Infrastructure Resilience Testing](#), [AMS Masterclass 2023](#), [Masterclass on Broadcasting and MHEWS 2024](#), [ITU-ITLLDC seminar Satellite Services, National Regulatory Frameworks, and partnership, 1 to 2 October 2024, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia](#)
 - Developed skills and technical capacity of over 226 participants
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- Study Resilient National ICT infrastructure: Considerations based on Gap assessments in Asia and the Pacific)

Pictures

Assessment of digital television transmission model for FIJI



Regional Radiocommunication Seminar 2022 (RRS-22 Asia-Pacific), Nadi- FIJI



ASP Regional workshop on Satellite Services, National Regulatory Frameworks, and partnership



LMC ASP training (virtual) conducted virtually on 6-7 Oct 2022.



Masterclass was conducted in Malaysia from 1-2 Sep, as pre-event of Asia Media Summit 2024.



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Digital Transformation Summit, Papua New Guinea with Excellency Minister



Deliberations at the Prime Minister's Office for the scope of the activity of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Dashboard with Dy DG, DGC, Ms Vannapah





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ASEAN Workshop October 2024 Brunei

RI 5: ASP- Contributing to a secure and resilient ICT environment

7RAS24075	Creating a Circular Economy for Electronics and Electricals in Thailand and in Mongolia	31 Jan. 2024	15 Mar. 2026	Ongoing	270,230	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development,	Mongolia Thailand	WTDC Res. 66
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						Communications and the Arts, Australia - DITRDCA		
Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated the government sector and private sector stakeholder consultation workshops (Thailand). <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p>The expected impact of the JP includes:</p> <p>Legal and policy frameworks to promote economic diversification and decent work. Resilient and sustainable business development in the formal economy. Improved access to digital services and skills for remote and vulnerable communities. Enhanced community resilience through economic diversification and digital transformation.</p>							
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9RAS22071	Advancing the SDGs by Improving livelihoods	01 Sep. 2022	31 May. 2025	Ongoing	592,320	Joint SDG Fund	Fiji Solomon Islands	WTDC Rec. 19 WTDC Rec. 20

	and resilience via economic diversification and digital transformation						Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu	WTDC Res. 89
Achievements	<p>The JP has two main expected outcomes: strengthening capacity and resilience, and supporting digital transformation. The first outcome involves supporting workers and micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in vulnerable communities, particularly targeting women, youth, and persons with disabilities (PWDs). The goal is to promote decent work, modernize public employment services, improve business development services, and formalize the informal economy. The second outcome includes creating a policy and regulatory environment for digital development, bridging the digital divide, and improving access to digital services for remote and vulnerable communities. The JP aims to promote a resilient regional digital economy and digitally empowered individuals and institutions. The expected impact of the JP includes legal and policy frameworks to promote economic diversification and decent work, resilient and sustainable business development in the formal economy, improved access to digital services and skills for remote and vulnerable communities, and enhanced community resilience through economic diversification and digital transformation</p> <p>ITU Component:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Programme achieved significant milestones in advancing digital policies, infrastructure, and literacy across Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu, in support of accelerating SDGs in Micronesia. Policy landscape enhanced through assistances including Infrastructure Sharing and Universal Access and Service Policies in Vanuatu and Tonga, Fiji's National Digital Policies (Fiji and Solomon Islands) Comprehensive local needs assessments conducted in Ovaka and Hunga, Tonga, and Rotuma, Fiji, under the Smart Islands component (Smart Villages and Smart Islands - Asia Pacific), identified gaps in broadband connectivity, affordability, digital skills, and services, resulting in actionable reports to guide implementation. Digital literacy enhanced for 1796 community members (982 female participants) (9RAS22071 and 2RAS22070 combined) under Smart Villages and Smart Islands programme in Rotuma (Fiji); Hunga (Tonga); and South Malekula (Vanuatu); and digital skills trainings in Choiseul Bay Village and Auki (Solomon Islands); and Nukufetau (Tuvalu). The establishment of smart classrooms in South Malekula (Vanuatu), Hunga (Tonga), and Rotuma (Fiji) provides transformative opportunities for e-learning, adoption of online payment systems, and creates opportunities for access to healthcare through teleconsultations. Partnership with Asian Development Bank was also leveraged upon in the Smart Islands implementation in Fiji and Vanuatu. 							
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9RAS25002	Enhancing Digital infrastructure and affordable access to ICT services in Asia and the Pacific – Phase 3	Feb 2025	Aug 2027	Initiated	129,488	MIC Japan	1. Bangladesh 2. Cambodia 3. Maldives 4. Pakistan 5. Marshall Islands 6. Nauru 7. Vanuatu 8. Mongolia 9. PNG	
Achievements	<p>The project is targeted to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assessment for data-oriented development of inclusive and resilient infrastructure for EW dissemination and communication. ● Enhanced capabilities in administration to leverage benefits of broadcasting and advancement in satellite technologies. 							
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Achievements	At the end of the programme, it is envisioned that the project will build and enhance cybersecurity capacities through the development of a certified cybersecurity capacity building programme for entry-level professionals in Pacific Island Member States seeking cybersecurity related professional opportunities and support the creation of internship and professional opportunities in the field of cybersecurity.							