

 **75** AUSTRALIA
ASSISTS
DEPLOYEES

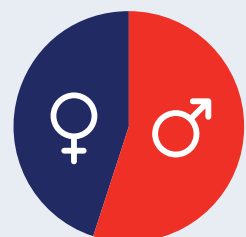
 **8** PACIFIC ISLAND
COUNTRIES
WORKED WITH
SINCE 2017

DEPLOYEES HAVE **REDUCED DISASTER RISK AND BUILT RESILIENCE** IN LINE WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S REGIONAL PRIORITIES, INCLUDING THE *PACIFIC STEP-UP* INITIATIVE.

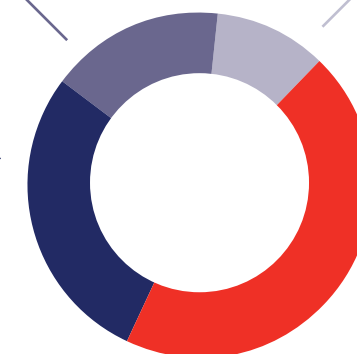
 **498** DEPLOYMENT
MONTHS,
WHICH IS
EQUIVALENT TO

41 YEARS

OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN LESS
THAN THREE YEARS OF THE PROGRAM

 **45%** FEMALE
DEPLOYEES
55% MALE
DEPLOYEES

23 TO GOVERNMENT
33 TO UN AGENCIES
(FAO, IOM, UN WOMEN,
WFP, UNFPA, UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF)



11 TO NATIONAL DISASTER
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES
8 TO NGO & REGIONAL
ORGANISATIONS
(IPPF, SPC, PDF)

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AUSTRALIA ASSISTS' SUPPORT TO PACIFIC DISASTER PREPAREDNESS; 2017-2020

LOCAL EXPERTISE, GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

“[Deployee] advised me on the process for submission to Cabinet for the National Disaster Act. She has been able to mainstream the Act. Climate Change is a part of the Act now as a result of her work.”

— MS. MANRONGO KARARAONNONG, STATE ATTORNEY,
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, KIRIBATI

“I was in Geneva this May and I was very proud when I saw that Tonga was one of the only countries validating our Sendai data. Even though we are a very tiny country, we did so well.”

— MA FUA MAKI, DIRECTOR, NEMO, TONGA

PACIFIC DEPLOYEE SKILL PROFILES

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
|  COMMUNICATIONS |  GENDER EQUALITY |  MONITORING, ASSESSMENT
& EVALUATION |
|  DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
/ MANAGEMENT |  HEALTH/NUTRITION |  PROTECTION & SOCIAL INCLUSION |
|  EDUCATION |  HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE
& COORDINATION |  RECOVERY & STABILISATION |
|  ELECTIONS |  INFECTION, PREVENTION
& CONTROL |  SUPPLY & LOGISTICS |
|  ENGINEERING |  INFORMATION MANAGEMENT |  WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE |
|  ENVIRONMENT |  INFORMATION &
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY | |

COVID-19: A 'ONCE IN A CENTURY' PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE EVENT

17
DEPLOYMENTS

AUSTRALIA ASSISTS DELIVERED A
168%
INCREASE IN TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS TO THE
PACIFIC BETWEEN MARCH AND JULY 2020

'COVID-19 COORDINATORS'
RAPIDLY SUPPORTED

7 PACIFIC
ISLAND
COUNTRIES

75 DEPLOYMENTS

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

9
DEPLOYMENTS

- Filled critical gaps in logistics, IT and corporate services to support credible local elections in PNG and the Bougainville independence referendum. Contributions reinforced regional peace and security by facilitating democratic processes in compliance with international standards.

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

3
DEPLOYMENTS

- Enabled WFP to expand operations to previously unreachable areas of the North Pacific, developing a network of key logistics operatives in the region.

KIRIBATI

3
DEPLOYMENTS

- Deployed sequential legal and DRM specialists to the Office of the President that resulted in the passing of a *National Disaster Act* and its subsequent implementation.
- In-country DRM specialist was able to rapidly pivot to develop Kiribati's *National Covid-19 Emergency Response Plan*.

VANUATU

10
DEPLOYMENTS

- Supported the NDMO to finalise the *Disaster Management Act* for adoption by Parliament, updated the *National Tsunami Plan* and facilitated staff emergency operations training at national and provincial level.
- Advised on the *Vanuatu Recovery Strategy 2020-2023*, approved by the Vanuatu Council of Ministers.

SAMOA

6
DEPLOYMENTS

- Ensured resilience is incorporated into food security cluster programming to **absorb the impact of market shocks** felt by the agriculture sector due to Covid-19.
- Provided the NDMO with technical recommendations on DRM strategies, legislation and policies to instigate structural change in line with global standards.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

15
DEPLOYMENTS

- Elevated programming and national capability to combat the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle emergency induced by climate change.
- Contributed a team of six election specialists in Solomon Islands to mentor more than 350 Election Commission staff. Their assistance facilitated the country's first ever pre-poll.

FIJI

25
DEPLOYMENTS

- Improved the inter-operability of emergency services by bringing NDMOs, police and fire services together to create joint response plans, build community resilience and enable stronger risk mitigation via SPC's Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance.
- Established an M&E framework for the DFAT-funded **Sexual and Reproductive Health in Crisis and Post-Crisis Situations (SPRINT)** humanitarian program.
- Built on previous employee's work to create a specific food security unit within the Ministry of Agriculture to safeguard against food shortages.

TONGA

4
DEPLOYMENTS

- Assisted the conversion of public infrastructure into evacuation centres, and the construction of warehouses to store essential items in preparation for extreme weather events.
- Developed Tonga's *National Action Plan* for Covid-19 for implementation across key ministries.
- Supported NEMO and ministry staff to report against Tonga's **Sendai Framework for Disaster** commitments for the first time.

ENHANCING GENDER EQUALITY AND PROTECTION

9
DEPLOYMENTS

- Worked with national counterparts to institutionalise new systems and SOPs within Vanuatu's Department of Women's Affairs to **ensure gender and protection is mainstreamed across clusters.**
- Mapped country-specific service and legal providers across six countries to **improve referral mechanisms and case support for survivors of GBV.**



“The clinics now understand that it is a requirement to provide SGBV screening and referral... I can confidently say that [the deployee] has increased access for GBV survivors.”

— AGGI DAWAINAVESI, IPPF FIJI

PRIORITISING DISABILITY INCLUSION

4
DEPLOYMENTS

- Built a cohort of certified disability inclusion advocates to **represent people with disabilities in emergency preparedness and response** through PDF and its member associations.
- Seconded a DRM specialist to PDF's member association, NOLA, to **engage with local implementing partners and deliver DRM training.**

ESSENTIALS OF HUMANITARIAN PRACTICE – PREPARING PACIFIC ISLANDERS TO RESPOND TO PACIFIC EMERGENCIES

RedR has contextualised its signature EHP training course for Pacific Islanders with leadership qualities for regional emergency management responses.

In September 2020, a pilot 'Pacific EHP' course was delivered in Fiji by a locally-based training team with support from RedR's Training and Capability team. In line with RedR's localisation strategy and broader sector objectives set out in the Grand Bargain, trained specialists from Pacific Island countries will be ready to support emergency preparedness and response across the Pacific. RedR expects to deliver further courses in the region in 2021 and beyond.

LOCALISATION

In recognition of Pacific Islanders' capability to deliver effective solutions to Pacific Island crises, RedR is progressing the humanitarian localisation agenda in the region by:

- developing an organisation-wide **Localisation Strategy and Action Plan**
- increasing **regional representation** on the RedR Roster
- supporting **regional inter-operability** of deployments
- briefing all deployees on mainstreaming localisation and **reinforcing local capacities and leadership**
- completing an **independent review** in 2019 of Australia Assists' contribution to emergency preparedness and disaster risk management in the Pacific, from an exclusively local perspective
- delivering RedR's inaugural **EHP training in Suva**, tailored to the Pacific context.

DOCUMENT KEY

DRM – Disaster Risk Management

EHP – Essentials of Humanitarian Practice

GBV – Gender-Based Violence

IPPF – International Planned Parenthood Foundation

NDMO – National Disaster Management Office

NEMO – National Emergency Management Office

NOLA – Nuanua O Le Alofa (Disabled Peoples Organisation, Samoa)

PDF – Pacific Disability Forum

SGBV – Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

SOP – Standard Operating Procedure

SPC – The Pacific Community

WFP – United Nations World Food Programme