

# Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific

The Pacific Climate Infrastructure Partnership – Australia's Regional  
Investment in Climate Infrastructure

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# What is Pacific Climate Infrastructure Partnership (PCIFP)



Photo: It's Time Foundation Off-Grid Schools Project in Fiji through REnew Pacific

## What is it?

An Australian Government initiative, delivered through the AIFFP, to support climate-resilient infrastructure across the Pacific and Timor-Leste

## Funding

AUD 350 million announced by Prime Minister Albanese at the 2023 Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting

## Purpose

Support Pacific nations to adapt to climate change, expand renewable energy, and build resilient economies

## Why it matters

Strengthens climate resilience, expands clean energy access, and reduces reliance on fossil fuels while supporting regional climate leadership



# Delivering climate-resilient infrastructure across the Pacific

PCIFP delivers climate infrastructure investments through three components: **large-scale infrastructure (C1)**, **emissions reduction and climate resilience across AIFFP's portfolio (C2)**, and **community-level renewable energy access in off-grid communities (C3)**



## Component 1

Examples include **Nadi Flood Alleviation Project (Fiji)** – currently in project preparation phase



## Component 2

We are actively progressing climate resilience and renewables energy initiatives across AIFFP financed ports, roads, and cable landing sites. These additions to projects will reduce fuel emissions and climate vulnerabilities



## Component 3

23 projects currently in implementation across 7 Pacific countries, valued at approx. AUD 30 million, benefiting thousands of people





# Component 1 – Large-scale Infrastructure



Photo: Palau Solar

Australia is supporting transformational energy and adaptation projects with Pacific partners

## Nadi Flood Alleviation Project (Fiji)

Currently in project preparation phase – set to become Fiji's largest climate adaptation project

## Projects like Palau Solar Farm

Example of grid-scale renewable generation (completed)



## Component 2 – Climate Resilience & Emissions Reduction



Photo: Senator Penny Wong and Assistant Minister Matt Thistlethwaite with local partners in Vanuatu

Investments strengthening digital and transport resilience and improving regional connectivity

### Palau Renewable Energy Integration Project

Grid upgrades + battery storage to improve grid reliability and increase RE penetration (announced and in implementation)

### East Micronesia Cable

Renewable energy to power the landing site

### Tonga Hawaiki Cable Greening

Securing affordable clean power for cable operations

### Additional Initiatives Under Design

Port resilience, coastal protection through nature-based solutions combined with hard infrastructure



# Component 3 – Community & Off-Grid Renewable Energy (Part 1)



Photo: Respond Global team installing solar systems in remote Vanuatu communities

## Business Partnerships Platform **AUD 5.8 million**

Supporting private sector renewable pilots in PNG, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu

**13 projects** signed & underway, with several already completed  
Examples:

- PNG - **Kokoda College solar** (completed)
- Fiji - **remote school solar model** (completed)
- Timor-Leste – **renewable-powered coffee processing** (underway)

**Impact:** improving healthcare, education and supporting local livelihoods with clean energy

## FSM Outer Island Electrification **AUD 4 million**

**Renewable energy** solutions for remote outer islands in the Federated States of Micronesia





# Component 3 – Community & Off-Grid Renewable Energy (Part 2)



Photo: It's Time Foundation Off-Grid Schools Project in Fiji through REnew Pacific



Photo: REnew Pacific Project at Goldie College Malaita, Solomon Islands

## **REnew Pacific AUD 75 million**

Regional off-grid program across Pacific & Timor-Leste

### **Total project value**

AUD 75 m over 2024-29

### **Quick-start**

First three projects announced in Vanuatu (x2) and Solomon Islands

### **Call for Proposals**

326 applications received for projects across the Pacific and Timor Leste

### **Beneficiaries**

Tens of thousands of households will benefit from sustainable, clean power access

## **Fiji Rural Electrification Fund 7.5 million**

### **Clean electricity access for rural Fijian households**

(design refined with UNDP; staged rollout beginning)



# Snapshot – REnew Pacific









APRIL 2025 TO MAY 2027



## Empowering Vanuatu’s remote communities with clean energy and fresh water

Eight rural communities in Vanuatu’s Santo, Paama, Tanna, and Malekula islands will benefit from better water security, sanitation and hygiene, together with reliable, clean energy to power their health centres and schools through this project led by GGGI.

 Partner contribution <b>\$801,147</b>	 DFAT contribution <b>\$2,999,761</b>	 TOTAL <b>\$3,012,939</b>
 VANUATU	 4,700+	 SOLAR-POWERED WATER PUMPING SYSTEMS

In partnership with:





# Spotlight – Palau Renewable Energy Integration (REI)



Palau is a valued partner in renewable energy. This project will implement upgrades on the Palau grid that will improve solar farm impact, help reduce diesel reliance and lower electricity generation costs while improving grid stability

- **Status:** Approved at up to \$16.4 million (August 2025)
- **Scope:** Grid upgrades and up to 10 MW / 14 MWh battery storage

**Impact:** Enables ~25% of Palau's electricity demand to be met from renewables

- **Strengthens** the Palau grid and demonstrates the regional commitment to climate change action
- Will enable future increased RE investment

**Project Partners:** Government of Palau, Palau Public Utilities Corporation, Solar Pacific Pristine Power, Tetra Tech



Photos: Australia's Climate Change Minister and President Whipps Confirming the Palau REI





