

## **Adaptation to Climate Change:**

# **Solomon Islands PACC Project results, challenges and opportunities**

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# Introduction

- V&A issues on small remote islands are multi-dimensional & inter-linked
- **There are challenges of scope and scale**
- Projects must create or be part of a longer term V&A program or strategic approach
- V&A Programs and Strategies must build capacity to manage change

# Project Location

- **Ontong Java atoll**
- **Polynesian communities**
- **122 islands with 1,797 people on 2 main villages**

# Issues

**In the beginning.....**

- **Food security (agriculture)**
- **Exposure to extreme events (king tides) and future sea level rise**

**Now.....**

- **Management of marine resources**
- **Transport, trade, communications**
- **Governance**
- **Migration, re-location**

# Results....so far

- **Reviews of past experiences**
- **Awareness raising**
- **V&A Assessment training**
- **V&A Assessment and report**
- **Adaptation planning**
- **National policy development**

# Challenges

- **Distance**
- **Communication**
- **Determining scope, scale and timing of interventions**
- **Incremental costs**
- **All politics is local**

# Opportunities

- **Linking the local with the national**
- **Using PACC project to develop a longer term strategic and programmatic V&A Plan for Ontong Java Atoll**
- **Sharing lessons learnt**
- **Up-scaling**

# Summary

- V&A assessments and actions cannot be stand alone
- Projects must be part of programs or strategies
- Must build capacity at local and national level to manage inter-linkages and manage change
- Link the local to the national



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