

One million dollar grant to SOPAC

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SOPAC has received a grant from **The Asia Foundation** of US\$1,059,696, over three years, in support of the **SOPAC's Disaster Reduction Programme**.

At the signing of the Letter of Agreement and Project Document, SOPAC Director, Dr Russell Howorth, said that the grant would enable SOPAC to further develop its leadership role in disaster risk management training for Pacific island countries, as well as strengthen SOPAC's support to its island Members in disaster risk reduction capacity building.

"It is expected that the SOPAC Disaster Reduction Programme will assist countries to implement national level disaster risk management training to boost capacity at national level," said Dr Howorth. "The three year programme will also assist at-risk communities to establish and maintain low-cost early warning and alert systems for disaster risk reduction."

Ms Kathryn Hawley, Director Pacific Program, The Asia Foundation, said that the grant to SOPAC had been made possible through the generous support of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of the US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), under the Pacific Disaster Risk Management Programme, as implemented by The Asia Foundation.



Mrs Kathryn Hawley, Director, Pacific Programme, the Asia Foundation and **Dr Russell Howorth**,

Director, SOPAC, signing the Letter of Agreement and Project Document.