

Nadi Integrated Flood Management Project

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Mountainous Pacific countries are particularly susceptible to flood impacts. Aside from the obvious humanitarian impact of flooding, flooding also has an economic dimension. Recent assessments of flooding in Fiji and Samoa put annual costs from floods about USD 10 million and USD 220,000, respectively. Despite the immense social and economic costs PICs have commonly been reactive rather than proactive and tactical rather than strategic in dealing with the issue. The Nadi Integrated Flood Management (IFM) project aims to implement a mix of appropriate strategies and options which have been carefully evaluated based on technical feasibility, cost-effectiveness and socio-cultural viability/acceptability to reduce flood losses.

On 28 January 2011, SPC Director General Dr Jimmie Rodgers signed a grant agreement with the World Bank for *Integrated Flood Management in the Pacific: Nadi Pilot*. The project aims to develop integrated flood management for the Pacific using the Nadi catchment as a case study.

The Project was designed to complement and enhance the work of the GEF funded IWRM Demonstration Project in the Nadi catchment and build on synergies such as the Pacific HYCOS project, EU funded IWRM national planning programme and the AusAID NAP facility.

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Figure 1: Nadi Integrated Flood Management Project Area. The map shows the project boundary, which follows the coastline and extends inland. The map includes contour lines, roads, and various geographical features. A scale bar is visible in the bottom right corner.



Figure 2: A person using a surveying instrument to collect data for the project. The person is standing next to a tripod-mounted device in a field. The background shows some vegetation and a clear sky.