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**SPREP – SOPAC – SPC
Consultations
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**Human Development Programme,
HDP, SPC**

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HDP Key Facts & Sections

- o 17 staff (9 professional, 8 support)
- o (Headquarters, Suva Regional Office, Pohnpei Office and individual officers in a few countries)
- o 2008 budget: > USD 2.8 million
- o Pacific Plan 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, MDG 2

- Community Development
- Culture
- Gender/Women
- Youth
- MDGs
- TVET

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The HDP Programme

- **Mission:** "To support Pacific island countries and territories with the design and delivery of social policy, programmes and services".
- **Primary Clients:** agencies of government responsible for gender, youth, culture and community development and civil society organisations, TVET providers and private sectors, including those working at community level.
- **Activities:** policy advice and support, training/capacity building, technical assistance, research and analysis, strengthening and developing new partnerships with all stakeholders and especially with civil society; and producing and dissemination practical knowledge and information on human development approaches.
- **Partnerships:** international, regional and local
- Community Education and Training Centre and what were formally the Culture, Women and Youth Bureaus
- Start date, November 2006
- 2007 a transitional year with last 12 months concentrating on:
 - strategic planning framework, staff recruitment
 - consolidating work in the areas of youth, culture and gender under a broader human development framework
 - continuing with key activities

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2007 Highlights & 2008 – 2012 Plan

- HDP Stakeholder Meeting, January
- 10th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women and 3rd Ministers Meeting, May
- Gender based violence project in Solomon Islands and Kiribati
- CEDAW and youth policy support to members
- Pacific Youth Mapping Exercise
- 5th Executive Board of Council of Pacific Arts, August
- Joint initiatives with SPC technical programmes
- New partnerships forged at the CETC

**Regional Cultural Strategy
Pacific Platform for Action – CEDAW
Pacific Youth Strategy 2010 & Pacific Youth Charter
Youth, Gender, Cultural Policies
TVET – formal and non-formal – accreditation
Best practices in human development approaches (formal/non-formal)**

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Cross programme collaboration

HDP working with:

- **Land Resources** on improving prospects for women & youth in sustainable agriculture & use of PLA tools for community dev
- **Statistics and Demography** on improving the availability and use HD indicators – gender and youth
- **Public Health and HIV/AIDS/STI** to identify operational research, improve evaluation frameworks, teach livelihood skills, AHD & healthy lifestyles
- **Regional Media Centre** on producing advocacy tools for human development – Fiji, Vanuatu; and at CETC
- **Marine & Land Resources** in examining the role of women in fisheries, agriculture and forestry; incl. access to land tenure at the 10th Triennial Conference; aquaculture training at CETC
- **Executive level** through training for all staff and the inaugural SPC Gender Award

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Priority Activities 2008

- 10th Festival of Pacific Arts, American Samoa, July August
- PSY2010 consolidation and implementation using the results of the Youth Mapping Exercise – technical support for the Pacific Youth Council
- First full year of implementation of GBV in Kiribati and Solomon Islands
- Support for PICT participation at CSW52
- HDP structure finalised and delivery of the first year of activities under the new strategic plan
- New TVET programme
- Scoping study of CETC and increased local level trainings

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Main challenge

Establish the HDP's visibility and credibility in member countries.

Through:

- improved communication and networking with country focal points
- delivery of activities in the context of SPC/Govt Joint Country Strategies
- increased direct or joint technical support
- in relation to monitoring and evaluation, an HDP advisory group made of member country representatives and other partners to monitor and provide direction on the work programme
- Other ways?

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Potential Synergies among SOPAC Programmes and SPC HDP

- HDP has significant potential to strengthen effectiveness of SOPAC programme delivery through HDP proofing of cross-cutting elements: e.g. integration of cultural, gender and youth concerns – in particular, with the Gender, Energy and Sustainable Development related activities under the Community Lifelines Programmes (CL)
- Providing a regional accreditation framework in the medium term to formalise non-formal courses offered by SOPAC's capacity dev programmes.