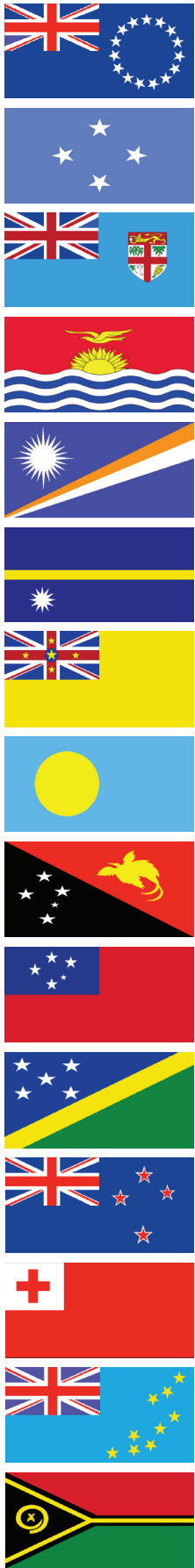




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Acronyms

ADO	Asian Development Outlook
ASL	Authorised Spending Limit
BCPR	Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
CPR	Crisis Prevention and Recovery
CROP	Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
DRM	Disaster Risk Management
ECF	Enterprise Challenge Fund
FEMM	Forum Economic Ministers Meeting
FICS	Forum Island Countries
FSPI	Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International
FWRM	Fiji Women's Rights Movement
HRBA	Human Rights Based Approach
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NGO	Non Government Organisation
PC	UNDP Pacific Centre
PFTAC	Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre
PIFS	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
RAMSI	Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands
RBAP	Regional Bureau for Asia Pacific
RRRT	Regional Rights Resource Team
SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
SOPAC	South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission
TOR	Terms of Reference
TTFAC	Tuvalu Trust Fund Advisory Committee
USP	University of the South Pacific

Message from the Pacific Centre Manager

This is the second official Annual Report for the UNDP Pacific Centre. The Centre is the regional support arm of the three UNDP Country Offices in the Pacific, in Samoa, Fiji and Papua New Guinea. This support is provided in conjunction with the other regional centres for the Asia Pacific Region in Bangkok and Colombo. This Annual Report can be read in conjunction with the Integrated 2007 Annual Report produced for all three UNDP Asia Pacific regional offices (which for the first time includes the Pacific Centre). The Pacific Centre report also complements the Annual Reports produced by the three Pacific Country Offices, which when read together provide a comprehensive picture of UNDP's engagement with Pacific Island Countries.

The three main thematic areas for the Pacific Centre are democratic governance, poverty alleviation and MDG achievement and crisis prevention and recovery. These areas closely track key Pacific regional priorities captured in the Pacific Plan, the framework document endorsed by Pacific Leaders in 2005.

The Pacific Centre worked closely in 2007 with a range of regional organisations and others to support implementation of specific priorities in the Pacific Plan. Promoting close partnerships with Pacific regional and national stakeholders is a key plank in the Centre's strategy for ensuring sustainable outcomes. Our Team has put considerable effort into strengthening our partnerships with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and a number of the other regional organisations in the Pacific. We have also been active in supporting national governments, both directly upon request and through multi-country initiatives, as well as through our support to UNDP Country Offices. Our Teams have also focused on developing our networks and partnerships with Pacific civil society organisations.

Section 3 of this Annual Report summarises the range of activities undertaken by the Centre in 2007. Notably, in addition to implementing a diverse range of programme activities, 2007 saw the team at the Centre put considerable work into the development of a new 2008-11 Asia Pacific Regional Programme Document (RPD). The RPD is the platform on which three new Pacific Regional Project Documents were developed which will set the course for the work of the Centre over the next four years. Our new Project Documents are guided by an overarching Regional Pacific Centre Strategy, which sets out the framework for our approach to implementing, managing and monitoring the Pacific components of the RPD. We are pleased to report that the new Project Documents have been endorsed by UNDP Headquarters and signed by a number of Governments in the region and as result will commence implementation from the second quarter of 2008.

As I reflect back on the first two years of the Centre's operations, I would like to acknowledge the support of the Director and staff of the Regional Bureau for the Asia Pacific (RBAP) in New York, in particular the former RBAP Head, Mr Hafiz Pasha, who completed his term with UNDP in December 2007. I would also like to thank the Pacific Centre Management Committee for their guidance and oversight, and our colleagues at the Bangkok and Colombo Regional Centres for their contributions to our Pacific activities.

I would like to express appreciation to our donors, particularly Australia and New Zealand, for their ongoing support. During 2007, both AusAID and NZAID contributed additional funding for our activities thereby assuring the effectiveness of the work of the Centre. I would also like to extend the Centre's gratitude to our wide range of partners, both inside and outside the region, as their support and willingness to network, partner and engage with our activities has contributed significantly to the impact and sustainability of our outputs.

Lastly, a special thanks to the staff of the Centre who have worked so effectively as a team throughout 2007.

Garry Wiseman
Manager, UNDP Pacific Centre

1 Overview of the Pacific Region

1.1 Human Development Trends in the Pacific

The latest UNDP Human Development Report¹ provides data on only six developing Pacific Island Countries (PICs):

Country	Human Development Index (out of 177)	Human Poverty Index (out of 108)
Tonga	55	n/a
Samoa	77	n/a
Fiji	92	50
Vanuatu	120	56
Solomon Islands	129	53
Papua New Guinea	145	90

Although generalisations can be misleading given the diversity amongst PICs, the overall trend is that the Polynesian countries have been performing relatively well, the Micronesian countries of the North Pacific have been struggling to maintain gains already made, and in some of the Melanesian countries, notably those that have been impacted by natural disasters or where there has been conflict or civil/political tension, a reversal of earlier development progress is being witnessed. The result is that many Pacific Island countries are off-track to achieve at least five or more of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Weak fiscal situations, the impact of global externalities, concern over the future impact of climate change, and high levels of domestic rural/urban migration are all factors which are adversely affecting the ability and commitment of PIC governments to implement the policy initiatives necessary to realise significant achievements towards the MDGs, improving equitable human development and the reduction of hardship and poverty, particularly for those most vulnerable.

Indeed, the impact of oil price rises, climate change and demography, including the consequences of labour mobility and the growing threat of HIV/AIDS, are having profound effects on the likely long-term sustainability of some small island states. These issues therefore set very challenging policy agendas for human development in the Pacific Islands.

1.2 Economic Trends in the Pacific

In aggregate terms, Pacific Island economies continued to perform relatively poorly in 2007. According to the ADB's Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2007 Update, the average growth rate across the region in 2006 was only 2.6%, down from an original estimated 3.3%, while the forecast growth rate for 2007 was 3.4% (see Table 1). The performance of both Fiji and Tonga, with negative forecasts for 2007 of -3.1% and -3.5% respectively, stand-out as being the weakest in the region. (The latest Reserve Bank of Fiji Economic Review for January 2008 suggests that the decline in 2007 actually amounted to 3.9%). However even in those

¹ UNDP Human Development Report 2007/08

countries with seemingly good growth rates – for example, PNG which is up by 5.2%, riding the commodity boom, and Solomon Islands up by 6.3% fuelled by the recovery programmes – there does not appear to have been any noticeable reduction in poverty or inequality. Indeed in some countries, although the data may not be very robust, it would seem that poverty and inequality have been increasing, with significant variations both within and between countries.

For 2008, the region is forecast to grow by an average of 3.2%, with Fiji and Tonga moving back into positive territory by 1.5% and 0.1% respectively. Growth in PNG is expected to slow to 4.5% in 2008 as the commodity price boom begins to flatten out with the economic slow-down in both China and the USA.

Reflecting the diversity in the countries of the region, there was both good and bad news for Pacific Island economies. Vanuatu and Cook Islands both benefited from rising numbers of tourists, while Fiji recovered much of the ground lost in the immediate aftermath of the military takeover in December 2006. However, whilst in Vanuatu and Cook Islands, higher tourist numbers were reflected in greater revenues and employment, in Fiji it appears that price-cutting meant that margins were reduced and employment numbers did not recover from the earlier lay-offs. In Solomon Islands, continued expansion in the palm oil plantations on Guadalcanal provide a sound basis for increased employment and exports as the logging industry moves towards the inevitable consequences of recent unsustainable harvesting. In the northern part of the Pacific, Nauru is coming to terms with the ending of the Australian “Pacific Solution”, but is nevertheless looking forward to the commencement of secondary mining in old phosphate areas. In the Marshall Islands, the reported plans to reopen a tuna-loining plant will give a very welcome boost to both employment and growth in coming years as the plant reaches full operations. Samoa’s economy received a boost from the investment in sports infrastructure and from receipts from hosting the Pacific Games. Tonga continued to struggle to recover from the riots of late 2006 and also experienced reductions in earnings from tourism, squash exports and remittances.

The initiation of the New Zealand Recognised Seasonal Employer Scheme during 2007 began to have an impact on remittance flows to those participating countries of Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Samoa and Tonga. Remittances have also become one of the primary sources of income for many households in Fiji, having risen in value from F\$50 million in 1999 to F\$320 million in 2006. However the latest data from Reserve Bank of Fiji² suggests that as at November 2007, the level of remittances was down by over 25% on the previous year, thus adding to the already depressed state of consumer spending in Fiji.

During the course of 2007, the US\$ price of oil on the international markets rose by almost 50%. Although partly mitigated by the fall in the value of the US\$ against regional currencies, this big increase in oil prices had a significant impact on prices in the Pacific region where transport costs are a big factor in import prices. The ADB’s ADO 2007 Update estimated that average inflation across the Pacific region would reach 4.7% in 2007 up from 3.2% in 2006. Solomon Islands, with inflation estimated at 8%, and Tonga, at 5%, experienced the highest rates of inflation across the region, with Vanuatu having the lowest rate at 2.5%.

² Economic Review, Vol 25, No.1, January 2008.

Table 1: GDP Growth in PICs

Country	2004	2005	2006	2007*	2008**
Cook Islands	4.3	0.1	0.8	2.5	3.5
Federated States of Micronesia	-4.3	1.5	-0.7	1.0	1.5
Fiji	5.3	0.7	3.4	- 3.1	1.5
Kiribati	2.3	2.5	1.1	1.0	1.0
Nauru	-	-	-	-	-
Niue	-	-	-	-	-
Palau	4.9	5.5	5.7	5.5	4.8
Papua New Guinea	2.9	3.4	2.6	5.2	4.5
Republic of Marshall Islands	5.6	1.7	1.3	2.5	-
Samoa	3.4	5.2	2.6	3.1	-
Solomon Islands	8.0	5.0	6.1	6.3	4.0
Tonga	1.4	2.3	0.7	- 3.5	0.1
Tuvalu	4.0	2.0	3.0	2.5	2.5
Vanuatu	5.5	6.8	5.5	4.7	4.6
Average PICs³	3.6	2.6	2.6	3.5	3.2

Source: ADB Asian Development Outlook 2007 Update

* estimated growth rates

** forecast growth rates

- data not available

1.3 Political Developments in the Pacific

In 2007, the political situation in the region had its highs and lows. Papua New Guinea, Kiribati and Nauru all held peaceful elections. Tokelau also held a referendum for the second time in two years on its status as a territory of New Zealand, but again voted against becoming a self-governing state.

In Marshall Islands, the elections held in late 2007, though peaceful, encountered significant post-poll problems, with a number of election results being challenged in the courts. A new Government was eventually formed however, and there was a peaceful transition of power to the successful Opposition party. Shortly after Nauru's general election, in December 2007, the Government of President Ludwig Scotty was replaced by a new Government headed by President Marcus Stephen, following a no-confidence vote.

Throughout 2007, the Solomon Islands Government continued to raise concerns over the presence of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI). The Pacific Islands Forum negotiated agreement for a review of RAMSI, but the Solomon Islands Prime Minister did not attend the Pacific Island Leaders meeting in Samoa in October where this review report was discussed. In December 2007, the Solomon Islands Government led by Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare was replaced by a new Government headed by Prime Minister Derek Sikua, following a vote of no-confidence. This development is expected to contribute to improved political environment and diplomatic relations between the two countries.

³ Excluding Nauru and Niue, for which GDP information was not available, but including data from Timor-Leste

Following the coup in Fiji in December 2006, the human rights situation continued to deteriorate, with reports of beatings of civilians by the military, including reports of three deaths in custody, as well as the imposition of restrictions on freedom of expression and assembly. There was a transition from a military-led government to a military-installed government containing both civilian and security sector personnel. The Interim Government established a new Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption. It also set up the National Council for Building a Better Fiji, tasked with producing the People's Charter aimed at providing a long-term framework for Fiji's political and economic governance. The Fiji Human Rights Commission no longer enjoys membership in either the International both the International Coordination Committee for National Human Rights Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC) or the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF).

In Tonga, the riots of November 2006 resulted in a state of emergency being imposed which has since remained in place. It is understood that the Tongan Government has agreed on a strategy for moving forward with democratic reforms which the opposition has been calling for. However, although the next general election is scheduled for April 2008, it appears that the proposed reforms will progress more slowly and will likely only take effect after the subsequent elections scheduled in 2010.

On a positive note, in 2007 both Vanuatu and the Cook Islands reported to the CEDAW Committee, doubling the number of Pacific Island Countries that have reported to this important treaty body.

1.4 Environmental developments in the Pacific

The release of the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change 4th Assessment Report in 2007 made some very significant forecasts about the likely impacts of Climate Change upon Small Island Developing States within the Pacific, including serious financial, economic and environmental impacts. The 4th Assessment Report, the release of the 2007/2008 UNDP Human Development Report on Climate Change and the Conference of Parties in Bali highlight the strong interdependency between human development and climate change and provide impetus for the development of cross practice and adaptation measures that integrate considerations of human security, development, disaster risk and environmental management and poverty reduction.

On 2 April 2007, a massive undersea earthquake measuring 8.1 on the Richter scale triggered a tsunami that struck the islands of Gizo, Simbo, Ranongga, Shortlands, New Georgia, Mono, Vella Lavella and Kolomobangara in the Western Province and Choiseul Province of Solomon Islands. An estimated 20,000 people of a total population of 90,000 in both provinces were affected. Over 5,000 people were displaced, and 52 people were confirmed dead, mostly children. All islands in the affected provinces suffered widespread damage to housing, infrastructure, schools, and medical facilities. Several villages were completely destroyed. The force of the quake was such that the physical environment of the islands and reefs have changed, leaving a small number of islands and reefs tilted and causing concern about the impact on coastal vulnerability, ground water levels, agriculture and livelihoods.

Over 12-16 November 2007 a Category 1 Tropical Cyclone (Guba) struck Papua New Guinea, bringing torrential rains and high tides which caused severe flooding in Oro and Milne Bay provinces in the east of the country. Media Reports placed the death toll at 172 with the number of affected people estimated at 64,000. Up to 13,000 people have been left homeless. Considerable damage has been done to infrastructure in the region.

2 Pacific Centre Management

2.1 Regional Programme and Project Development

In 2007, UNDP focused on developing its new Global Strategic Plan for 2008-11.⁴ Subsequently, the Regional Bureau for the Asia Pacific, which oversees the work of the Pacific Centre, spearheaded work on a new regional programme document. The team at the Pacific Centre spent considerable time contributing to the development of the 2008-11 Asia Pacific Regional Programme Document (RPD).⁵

The Centre's three Projects – GovPac, PeacePac and MDGs Achievement and Poverty Reduction – were all scheduled to be completed at the end of 2007. The RPD provided the platform for the development of three new Pacific Regional Project Documents, which will set the course for the work of the Centre over the next four years. Our new Project Documents are guided by an overarching Regional Pacific Centre Strategy, which sets out the framework for our approach to implementing, managing and monitoring the Pacific components of the RPD. The three new Project Documents have been endorsed by UNDP Headquarters and signed by a number of Governments in the region. Consequently, they will commence implementation from the second quarter of 2008.

2.2 Pacific Centre Management Committee Meetings

In 2007, the Pacific Centre Management Committee was chaired by the UNDP Fiji Multi-Country Office Resident Representative, Richard Dictus. Other members of the Committee include UNDP Samoa Multi-Country Office Resident Representative Naheed Haque, UNDP PNG Resident Representative Jacqui Badcock and a representative from the UNDP Regional Bureau for the Asia Pacific Chief of Regional Support Unit and the UNDP Bureau for Development Policy. There were three Management Committee Meetings in 2007, 15 March, 10 August and 1 November.

2.3 Resource Mobilisation

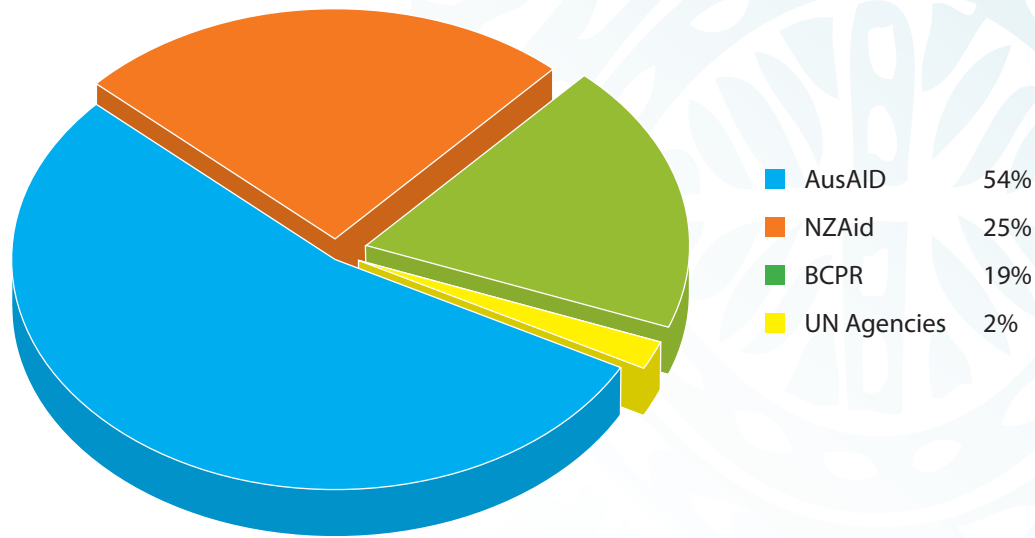
UNDP regional Target for Resource Assignment from the Core (TRAC) was in the amount of US\$1.6 million in 2007. The UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR) also committed an amount of US\$889,000 to the Crisis Prevention and Recovery Team in 2007. TRAC, together with BCPR funds, provided a strong foundation for the Pacific Centre's resource mobilisation strategy.

Significantly, the Pacific Centre's support for the implementation of the Pacific Plan and partnerships with a range of regional entities has led to a sustained commitment to the Centre's work from two of the traditional bilateral donors in the region, namely, Australia and New Zealand. Both donors have been willing to provide funding for the core work of the Pacific Centre in 2007, with an undertaking to remain engaged in the longer term. AusAID provided almost \$2.5 million in support of all three of the Centre's Projects, while NZAID provided almost US\$1.2 million in support of the Governance in the Pacific Project and MDGs Achievement and Poverty Reduction Project.

⁴ http://www.undp.org/execbrd/word/dp07-43_updated.doc

⁵ http://www.undp.org/rbap/Country_Office/Regional_Programme/UNDP_RPD_AP_rev.doc

Pacific Centre Funding Partners in 2007



In addition to core UNDP resources and funding from AusAID and NZAID, the Centre was active in encouraging partner organisations to co-fund activities. For example, in 2007, UNAIDS provided \$50,000 and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community provided \$15,000 towards the production of a publication on “Enabling Effective Responses to HIV in Pacific Island Countries: Drafting Instructions for Human Rights Based Legislative Reform” by the Democratic Governance Team.

The MDGs Achievement and Poverty Reduction Team co-funded the Pacific Business Forum with PIFS and the private sector, mobilising \$180,000 resources from these two partners. Parallel funding of \$70,000 was also mobilised from the Commonwealth Youth Programme and Body Shop International for two workshops for young business entrepreneurs in Samoa and Vanuatu. Massey University of New Zealand and FSPI/IFAD co-funded components of the financial literacy programmes in Tonga and Fiji were co-funded in the amount of \$22,000. UNCDF, the EU and the UNDP Fiji MCO provided \$108,000 in additional resources to undertake a financial services sector assessment of Pacific LDCs. UNFPA and UNESCAP also supported workshops on MDG-based planning, budgeting and costing in the amount of \$54,000 in co-financing to the Centre.

In 2007, resource mobilisation efforts also yielded funding commitments for the Pacific Centre in 2008. Of this US\$2.55 million, US\$1.54 million has been expended in 2007 with US\$1.01 million to be expended in 2008.

Resources Mobilised for July 2007 – June 2008

Resources	US\$ m
AusAID	
Centre Core Funding (July 2007 to June 2008)	1.50
Conflict Gender & Violence Project jointly implemented with UNIFEM	0.15
NZAID	
Centre Core Funding (October 2007 to June 2008)	0.90
TOTAL	2.55

2.4 Strengthening Partnerships

The Centre was established at the same time as an increased focus was being given to regionalism by governments, captured in the Pacific Plan which was finalized in October 2005. The Pacific Plan is based on the concept of regionalism: that is, countries working together for their joint and individual benefit and includes a range of initiatives that align closely with the development priorities identified in the three regional projects implemented by the Pacific Centre. The alignment of the Pacific Centre's work plan with the Pacific Plan has also ensured that all three of the Centre's teams have formed strong partnerships with the Pacific Islands Forum and a range of other Pacific intergovernmental organisations such as the Pacific Geosciences Commission (SOPAC), the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and Pacific Financial Technical Cooperation Centre. For example, the Crisis Prevention and Recovery Team worked with PIFS and SOPAC, under the auspices of the Pacific Partnership Network for Disaster Risk Management, to support PICs in the implementation of the regional adaptation of the Hyogo Framework for Action.

All three of the Centre's teams have been active in developing and strengthening their network of partnerships throughout and outside the Pacific region. The Commonwealth Youth Programme and Body Shop International supported two workshops for young business entrepreneurs in Samoa and Vanuatu. The Democratic Governance team also pursued cross-sector engagement with the Commonwealth Secretariat, Commonwealth Local Governance Programme and Commonwealth Parliamentary Association on a range of issues. The team's parliamentary programme has also strengthened links with the Pacific Forum for Presiding Officers and Clerks, Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, Pacific Parliamentary Assembly on Population and Development, and regional Parliaments, as well as a number of national academic institutions working with Pacific parliaments.

All aspects of the Pacific Centre's programmes also include significant work in partnership with and support of national and regional NGOs/CSOs. For example, the Crisis Prevention and Recovery Team collaborated closely with key CSOs such as FemLINKPacific, Pacific People Building Peace Network and the Citizens Constitutional Forum (CCF) in the initiation of conflict prevention networks and the development of a human security framework for the Pacific.

2.5 Promoting Cross-Practice Coordination

The Teams at the Pacific Centre have been active in ensuring they strengthen cross-team approaches within the Centre. Teams have also dedicated considerable efforts to strengthening partnerships between the Centre, the three UNDP Pacific Country Offices and regional and global UNDP offices, as well as the Centre and other UN Agencies. For example, the Democratic Governance Team and the Crisis Prevention and Recovery Team jointly worked together to develop checklists and other resources aimed at integrating human rights in natural disaster management in the Pacific, in collaboration with the OHCHR Pacific Regional office and with the support of OCHA and UNIFEM Pacific. The MDG Achievement and Poverty Reduction Team has also been working closely with the Regional Centres in Bangkok and Colombo, and the Pacific Country Offices on the roll-out of the Millennium Development Goals Initiative.

Considerable effort has been made to support joint UN programming. For example, the MDGs Achievement and Poverty Reduction Team's financial services sector assessment of Pacific LDCs was supported by UNCDF, the European Union and the UNDP Fiji MCO. UNFPA and UNESCAP also supported Workshops on MDG-based planning, budgeting and costing and UNFPA, UNICEF and UNESCO supported the development of PacificInfo. The Democratic Governance Team's Human Rights programme co-sponsored a sub-regional workshop to build capacity of governments and civil society to implement CEDAW, with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UNIFEM and UNICEF. The publication, "Translating CEDAW

into Law: CEDAW Legislative compliance in Nine Pacific Island Countries”, which has now been recognised as a global innovation, was jointly developed with UNIFEM Pacific.

2.6 Mainstreaming key development issues

In 2007, the team at the Pacific Centre continued to actively work to ensure the mainstreaming of key development issues in our work. Most notably in this regard, at the Centre’s annual work planning meeting in February, a refresher course was given to staff on mainstreaming gender and the Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) to development. In October, the Centre held a 5 day retreat to work on the development of its new regional programme documents. Two days from this retreat were dedicated to comprehensive training on gender mainstreaming (training led by the Deputy Manager of the Regional Centre Bangkok) and HRBA (training led by the Human Rights Advisor from UNDP’s Bureau of Development Policy). The knowledge gained from this training was immediately channeled towards ensuring that the Centre’s new programme documents effectively integrated these key issues.

3 Key Achievements of Pacific Centre Practice Areas

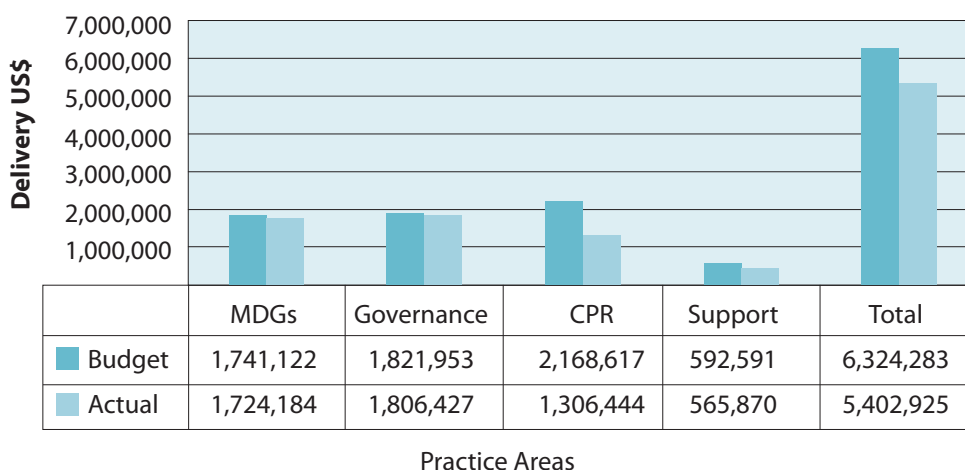
3.1 Overall Delivery

The total budget in 2007 for the Pacific Centre was USD \$6,324,283 made up of TRAC or core funding, and UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR) resources, as well as third party cost sharing resources from the Governments of Australia and New Zealand.

Project	Project Name	Budget (\$'000)	Delivery (\$'000)	Rate
00043898	GovPac	1,822	1,806	99%
00044125	MDG Achievement & Poverty Reduction	1,741	1,724	99%
00044194	PeacePac	2,169	1,306	60%
0040803	Operations & Management	592	566	96%
	TOTAL	6,324	5,403	85%

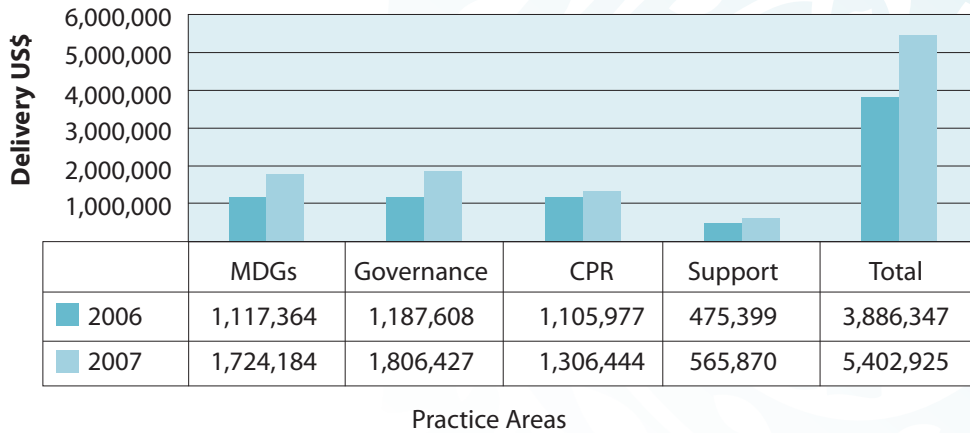
The total expenditure as at 31 December 2007 stood at USD \$5,402,925. The delivery rate against the Budget across the four projects is varied, but taken together, at year end the total delivery rate was 85% of the total budget. A more detailed breakdown of budget versus expenditure is shown in Annex 4.3.

UNDP Pacific Centre Delivery by Practice Area Against Budget for 2007



Notably, in 2007, the Centre's budget increased substantially, as did our delivery. In 2006, the Centre delivered almost \$3.9 million, whereas in 2007, delivery increased to more than \$5.4 million.

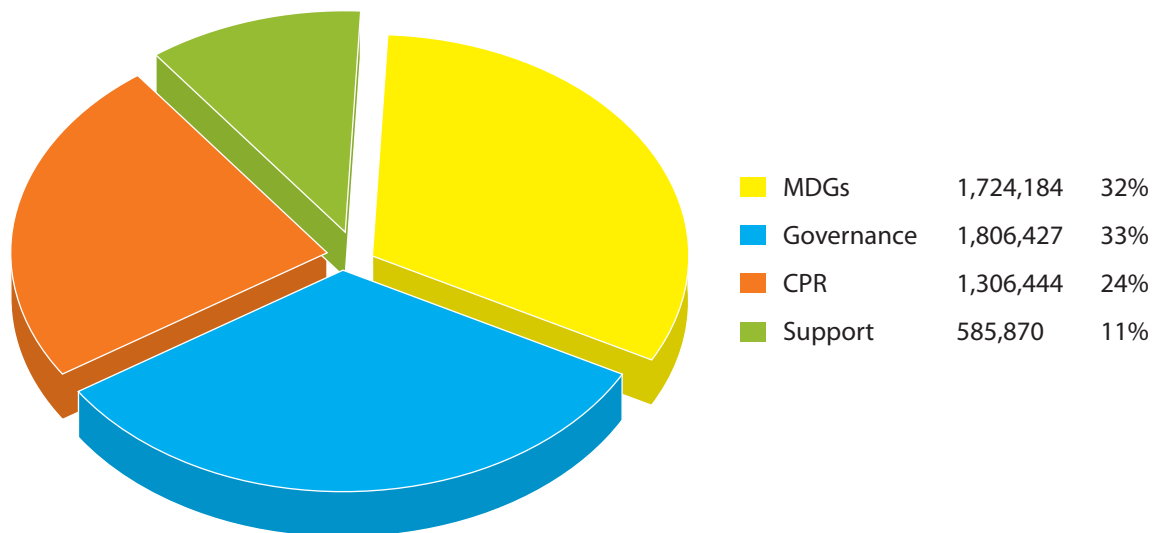
UNDP Pacific Centre Delivery by Practice Area for 2006 and 2007



3.2 Programme Outcomes and Outputs

The Centre’s stated mission is to be a “Partner in Achieving Prosperity and Stability through Knowledge and Expertise”. This philosophy captures the fact that developing close partnerships with organisations throughout the Pacific region is the foundation of our approach to implementation. In this context, the Pacific Plan is at the core of much of our programme, and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat is a key partner. More broadly however, the Centre has been active in cultivating relationships with a range of regional intergovernmental organisations, government stakeholders and CSOs.

UNDP Pacific Centre Percentage of Total Budget by Project in 2007



Total Expenditure for 2007 US\$5,402,925

The Centre's work in **MDG Achievement and Poverty Reduction** continued to focus on providing high-quality and responsive policy advice and technical assistance to build capacity for regional, national and sub-national efforts in reducing hardship and emerging poverty within the MDG framework. Support has been provided for: (a) the preparation of regional and national MDG reports, integrating MDG targets and indicators in national planning and budgeting processes, costing the achievement of the MDGs, regional advocacy and the use of MDGs for elaborating and monitoring the regional Pacific Plan; (b) policy advice on pro-poor macro economic policies, preparation of national poverty reduction strategies and facilitating regional cooperation in finding solutions to ameliorate the impact of economic shocks on the poor (c) strengthening policy formulation, promoting more accessible regulatory environments, providing entrepreneurial capacity building and facilitating private sector partnerships for rural livelihoods to improve the economic choices and coping capacities of the majority of people living in hardship in the region.

Good governance is recognised in the Pacific Plan as one of the four key pillars in achieving better development outcomes for the people of the Pacific. In support of this overarching goal, the **Democratic Governance** team works in five key areas: (a) strengthening commitment to rights-based development and human rights; (b) enhancing the capacity for the achievement of increased regional cooperation and integration amongst Pacific Island Countries; (c) strengthening national legislatures to support them to engage more effectively in national development processes; (d) enhancing capacity for participatory local governance and decentralized development; and (e) improving public sector and community responsibility to reduce corruption.

The **Crisis Prevention and Recovery** team works to raise awareness, build capacity, support and facilitate the development of a body of knowledge, policies and practices in crisis prevention and recovery by strengthening regional and national networks and partners that are thereby enabled to reduce vulnerabilities and increase resilience at the national and local level. To reduce the vulnerability of Pacific Island communities to violence, conflict and natural disasters, the project will replicate the dual focus on prevention and recovery, specifically to:

- Prevention: Improve the capacity of Governments and CSOs to prevent, manage and respond to conflict and natural disaster
- Recovery: Enhance the capacity to carry out socio-economic activities for early and sustainable post-conflict/disaster recovery

In 2007, in line with UNDP's global objectives, the **MDG Achievement and Poverty Reduction Project**, channeled its efforts towards the long-term goal of "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals and reducing human poverty". To this end, the team focused on five priority areas, namely:

- **MDG country reporting and poverty monitoring**

Technical assistance was provided to finalise National MDG Reports for Tuvalu, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu which were all launched early in 2007. Technical assistance was also provided during the year to Niue, FSM and Kiribati towards the completion of their first MDG reports. The production of national MDG reports is now increasingly being seen as a priority by PIC governments as they attempt to put their progress towards MDG achievement back on track. Support for these country reports included capacity building for MDG Task Forces.

A sub-regional workshop on MDG-based pro-poor policy, planning, budgeting and costing was held for the northern-Pacific countries of Palau, FSM, Marshall Island and Kiribati in June 2007. A second workshop was held for the western-Pacific countries of Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Nauru, Fiji and Tuvalu

in Honiara in November 2007. These workshops, which included a focus on costing for HIV/AIDS, energy and environment, and on gender sensitive budgeting, furthered the process of integrating MDGs into national development planning processes. The two workshops generated considerable interest, not only in the MDGs as useful tools for national strategy focus, but more specifically on the usefulness of the costing tools as a means to improve cost effectiveness and quality of service delivery. The Centre has worked with Fiji MCO to develop a joint MDG Programme in 2008.

With UNDP's lead in organising this workshop, I must say it's a step in the right direction. I sincerely hope that from this workshop, each and every one of you will be able to take way the tools needed to focus resources and efforts necessary to achieve the MDGs. I hope all of you will participate meaningfully and engage in the discussions so that the people, the communities and the hard working individuals and organisations of the North Pacific and the Micronesian region can fully benefit from the workshop..."

Hon Alik L Alik, Vice President,
Federated States of Micronesia, June 2007

- **Pro-poor policy reform to achieve MDG targets**

Activities focused on providing pro-poor macro-economic analysis and advice to target countries. Assistance was provided for the compilation of national poverty lines and estimates of poverty incidence for the Federated States of Micronesia and Solomon Islands. A Sub-Regional Workshop for nine PICs on poverty analysis was co-facilitated with SPC helping to strengthen understanding and capacities for poverty analysis by national statistics offices (NSOs). The latest preliminary data from these analyses, which will be further supported in the coming year, suggest that poverty is now becoming a serious concern for almost all PICs.

- **Local poverty initiatives, including microfinance**

The Centre has priorities work on supporting financial inclusion for low income and rural men and women. In this context, in 2007 support was secured from Forum Economic Ministers for financial inclusion work. Financial service sector assessments were then undertake for all 5 Pacific Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and this work informed the development of the Pacific Financial Inclusion Programme (PFIP). PFIP will commence in 2008 and be co-financed with UNCDF and EU. The Project aims to increase access by low income and rural women and men to sustainable financial services. It will (i) promote the creation of knowledge and its dissemination among policy makers, regulators, banks, non-bank financial institutions, telecom operators and other players to overcome challenges in financial service delivery to vulnerable groups; and (ii) provide capacity development support to financial services providers to implement pro-poor financial services.

Support was provided to assist AusAID to develop the Enterprise Challenge Fund for the Pacific and Asia region aimed at engaging the private sector in implementing innovative and commercially sustainable projects that benefit the poor.

"I am pleased to share with you that a new best practice book on "Building Inclusive Financial Systems: A Framework for Financial Access" mentions the example of ANZ Bank partnership with UNDP as a best practice example in terms of a partnership that support inclusive financial markets development... We also mention ANZ Bank/UNDP partnership in the P[ri]vate] S[ector] Strategy Deck as probably one of the most successful PSE/ Inclusive Business Model examples we currently have."

Sahba Sobhani, Programme Manager
Private Sector Division, Partnerships Bureau
UNDP, New York

- **Private sector development**

Support for PIPSO, the regional private sector organisation, commenced in April 2007, with a view to developing a forum for promoting public-private sector dialogue at regional and national levels. This resulted in a very successful Pacific Business Forum in August and the launch of the PIPSO website/ knowledge network in November. Through the Centre's support in partnership with PIFS, the fledgling

PIPSO organisation has been able to establish itself as a leading agency for promoting private sector development throughout the Pacific region; and in particular the promotion of the participation of private businesses in shaping regional and national policies. The organisation, through networking, the web-site and advocacy is also serving to strengthen the development of a regional public-private sector dialogue framework that will lead to more private sector supportive policies at national level.

Two pilot projects will also support the development of better private sector dialogue across the region. A pilot project to integrate entrepreneurship and financial education into secondary school curriculum was initiated in Samoa. A second pilot project to establish business mentoring scheme in Fiji was developed. Once piloted and replicated, these pilots will have significant benefits for Pacific private sector development.

In addition to progressing towards the key benchmarks identified for 2007, the MDG Achievement and Poverty Reduction Project also made progress on a number of additional initiatives, namely:

- To address the growing HIV/AIDS vulnerability in PICs, an HIV/AIDS specialist was appointed to the MDG team in the fourth-quarter of 2007. The impact of this appointment was already being felt at year end through the Specialist's work with other UN and regional agencies involved in this critical area of concern.
- In supporting the Fiji MCO in facilitating the work on the Integrated Framework for Trade and in promoting "trade on human terms" through its concern for the human development impact of the increasing temporary mobility of labour in the region. This is occurring both at the intra-country level as well as internationally as people migrate from the rural areas in search of work in the domestic urban centres and overseas. These impacts are being felt particularly in the weakening of traditional social structures, the increasing frequency of gender-based violence, increased vulnerability of communities to HIV/AIDS, the growing importance of remittances as a primary source of income for many families and the consequent increasing monetisation of traditional societies.

The **Governance in the Pacific** team prioritised five key areas of work in pursuing its overarching goal of supporting democratic governance. Key achievements included:

- **Parliamentary development**

The Centre held a Pacific Parliamentary Assistance Roundtable to bring together parliamentary practitioners, both within the UN system and within the Pacific region, and recipients of technical support assistance to share their experiences and promote collaboration. The Roundtable Report reflected on lessons learned, good practice and ideas for future approaches. It was released along with a Directory of Organisations Providing Assistance to Pacific Parliaments.

In support of regional coordination, the Centre also developed a Pacific Parliamentary Portal, to collect together resources on Pacific legislatures and regional groupings, UNDP parliamentary support activities and more general information on supporting parliaments to engage with development issues, such as the MDGs, human rights and gender. It is hoped that the new Portal will eventually be owned by the new Secretariat set up in 2008 to jointly service

"The Association of Pacific Island Legislatures expresses its gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Centre for inviting APIL to its Roundtable Discussions in Fiji, and for providing much appreciated technical assistance to our membership, and... APIL invites UNDP, Pacific Centre to work closely with our membership to achieve our mutual goals of strengthening the legislative branches of government in the region..."

Association of Pacific Islands
Legislatures Resolution, November 2007

the Pacific Forum for Presiding Officers and Clerks (FPOC) and the Pacific Parliamentary Assembly on Population and Development (PPAPD). The Pacific Centre has been invited to sit on the Executive Board of the new FPOC/PPAPD Secretariat.

In support of the Fiji Multi-Country Office and PNG Country Office, the Centre reviewed UNDP's four current parliamentary support projects in the Pacific to assess the effectiveness and performance of country specific parliamentary support projects, as well as drawing lessons learned and identifying areas for which regional approach(es) to the provision of parliamentary support services maybe explored. Specific attention was paid to evaluating the integration of cross-cutting issues such as gender, human rights and promotion of the MDGs. To this end, the Centre produced evaluations of UNDP's Parliamentary Support Projects in PNG, Republic of Marshall Island, Fiji and the Solomon Islands, as well as a multi-country report which collected together the experiences across the four projects. The Evaluations were the first comprehensive review of UNDP's parliamentary support activities in the Pacific.

- Justice and human rights

The justice and human rights work of the Pacific Centre in 2007 included the development of practical tools and knowledge products produced in and for the Pacific that have both been recognized as globally ground breaking, and that have successfully provided concrete support and entry points to advance human rights, human rights based approaches to development, and gender equality in the Pacific.

"This is a very good example of a regional initiative...It is a very important tool for the elimination of de jure discrimination against women...I hope that we will have a replication of those legislative indicators in other regions in order to see what is really universal that could be supported by the CEDAW Committee as universal legislative indicators."

Ms Dubravka Simonovic

CEDAW Committee Chair on "Translating CEDAW into Law: CEDAW Legislative Compliance in 9 Pacific Island Countries"

Considerable attention was focused on developing practical tools to support the practical implementation of CEDAW by Pacific Governments. The first step was the launch of a report in March 2007 with UNIFEM Pacific on "Translating CEDAW into Law: CEDAW Legislative Compliance Indicators in Nine Pacific Island Countries". The publication provides a concrete set of measures of how national laws should be framed in order to fully comply with CEDAW. The CEDAW Legislative Compliance Indicators and Reviews represent groundbreaking work by the Pacific Centre and UNIFEM. Already the Cook Islands Government has requested the Centre to undertake a national CEDAW compliance review which was completed in November 2007 and discussed at a national roundtable in December 2007. On-going efforts are also underway in partnership with the Regional Centre Bangkok and UNIFEM to undertake a similar initiative in Southeast Asia. Also in support of Pacific efforts to implement CEDAW, the Pacific Centre joined OHCHR, UNIFEM and UNICEF in convening a sub-regional workshop on implementing the Concluding Comments of the CEDAW Committee.

The Centre has also worked on developing tools to assist Pacific Island Governments to ensure that the national enabling legal environment for the response to HIV/AIDS is appropriate, taking into account the unique context, constraints and opportunities presented in PICs. To this end, draft "Legislative Drafting Instructions for HIV Related Laws" were produced in early 2007 which were workshopped with Pacific policy-makers, including Health and Justice Ministers, at a major consultation in April 2007. The Drafting Instructions human rights reviews of laws relevant to HIV in 15 Pacific Island countries are scheduled to be finalised in 2008.

The Centre collaborated on developing knowledge products which will support the practical implementation of human rights treaties by Pacific governments. To this end, in April 2007 OHCHR launched the publication, "Advancing the implementation of Human Rights in the Pacific", with the

support of UNFPA, UNICEF and UNIFEM, was launched in April 2007. A consultant was hired near the end of 2007 to develop a Human Rights Treaty Implementation Handbook for the Pacific, which is scheduled to be published in 2008. The Centre's Human Rights Specialist also went to PNG in March 2007 to be a resource person at a PIFS/Commonwealth Secretariat regional meeting on the "Ratification of International Human Rights Instruments under the Pacific Plan".

The Centre also undertook work to assist disaster response field practitioners to implement a rights-based approach to disaster management. "Checklists for Integrating Human Rights in Natural Disaster Management" were developed, as a cross-practice initiative between the Pacific Centre's Governance and CPR teams, and in partnership with OHCHR. The Checklists provides a systematic and practical guidance tool on how to address human rights issues in the design and implementation of disaster management assistance. The toolkit represents another innovative tool that has also attracted interest from other regions.

Research for a study on the situation of women and girls with disabilities in the Pacific began in 2007, with the involvement of PIFS, the SPC and ESCAP. The Pacific Centre convened a regional consultation on this issue in Nadi, Fiji in December 2007. The study will be finalized and published in 2008.

- **Decentralisation, local governance and urban/rural development**

In 2006, the Centre developed a "pro-poor profiling" methodology that was piloted in Solomon Islands. The pro-poor profiling initiative was integrated as part of the design of the UNDP Fiji MCO Project on "Building Resilient Community through Effective Governance" in Vanuatu in 2007. Future work involves providing support to the adaptation of the methodology and linking the methodology to the planning and budgeting processes of local governments in Vanuatu.

The Centre also spent considerable time in 2007 formulating a regional program for developing capacity of civil society for good governance and MDGs at the local, national and regional levels. The project initiation stage of the CSO Project was approved in April 2007. The Project subsequently initiated the following activities: (i) pilot research on CSO engagement w/ the MDG processes in Fiji, and (ii) capacity assessment of CSOs. Both initiatives are on-going and are expected to be completed in 2008. These initiatives are expected to provide important inputs in the development of the project's long-term strategy for developing the capacity of CSOs in the Pacific.

- **Public administration reform and anti-corruption**

In early 2007, the Centre met with AusAID, PIFS and the Commonwealth of Australia Ombudsman to discuss the strategy for addressing the Pacific Plan initiative on support to the Ombudsman function in the region. Throughout the year, the Commonwealth Ombudsman facilitated information sharing and initial needs analyses of the 7 PIC Ombudsman offices, in Cook Islands, Fiji, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu. In October 2007, PIC Ombudsman met to discuss progress. The meeting endorsed continued research being undertaken by the Commonwealth Ombudsman into regional support for ombudsman functions. It also acknowledged the Pacific Centre's proposal to undertake regional review of Pacific accountability institutions, to feed into the review of Ombudsmen and any final options being proposed. It is anticipated that the Centre's initial findings will be presented at a regional meeting in May 2008.

The Centre Provided evidenced Pacific contributions to the development of the 2007 Asia Pacific Human Development Report on Corruption, most notably through the publication of an analytical study on "Corruption in the Pacific Island Countries." The publication provides an analysis on the nature and incidence of corruption in the Pacific and the role of culture and tradition in shaping public perception

of corruption. It pulls together information on various anti-corruption initiatives including those implemented by regional peak bodies in the Pacific, NGOs and those supported by various donor agencies. The document contains practical recommendations to address corruption in PICs.

The Centre continued to work on raising awareness with Pacific policy-makers and CSOs on the value of access to information for participatory development and responsive democracy. Activities included supporting key stakeholders to attend the 6th International Conference of Information Commissioners, which included a specific session on the special needs and challenges of Pacific Island countries.

- **Policy support for democratic governance**

A country stocktake survey on e-readiness for 6 PICs (Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, FSM, PNG and Vanuatu) were completed in 2007 with the remaining 3 PICs (RMI, Nauru and Fiji) expected to be completed in April 2008. The survey provides baseline information on the status and various types of constraints (institutional, legal, infrastructure, human resource, etc) affecting the development of ICT. The collection and analysis of the baseline information is critical in informing the development of ICT policies and strategies that can address development challenges posed by the “tyranny of distance” and isolation from major markets faced by PICs. It is anticipated that the final Study will be published presented at the Ministerial Meeting in June 2008.

In line with the global UNDP approach, the **Crisis Prevention and Recovery** worked in three broad areas, namely:

- **Conflict prevention and peace-building**

Considerable resources were directed at supporting the development and adoption of recommendations on human security by Pacific Islands Forum member governments. In April 2007, a “Human Security Framework for the Pacific” was developed in partnership with PIFS, the University of the South Pacific (USP), FemLINKPacific and the Citizens Constitutional Forum (CCF). The Framework was workshopped at three human security consultations and tabled at the Forum Regional Security Committee (FRSC) Meeting in June 2007. The FRSC endorsed further analytical work on the underlying causes of human insecurity in 4 Pacific Island Countries (PICs) and confirmed the necessity of broadening the concept of security away from the traditional focus on the security of the state and the maintenance of its territory and external borders, to a people-centered approach that works to guarantee that individuals are free from fear and free from want. Following the consultations, a regional partnership was also developed for the advancement of women’s human security concerns and development of a regional platform for civil society to lobby and co-operate to advance human security.

Initiating work to develop and deliver learning resources for Pacific leadership in regional organizations, government, civil society, and UN agencies that will engage in regular learning encounters, to build a critical and competent Pacific practice in Crisis and Conflict Prevention and Recovery. Specifically, the development of the Pacific Peace Building and Development Institute (PIPAD) was initiated in consultation with USP Pacific Institute for Advanced Studies in Development and Governance, Peace Foundation Melanesia, Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education and Advocacy, Divine Word University, PIFS and the Pan-Pacific, South East-Asian Women’s Association and other regional and international stakeholders. Development of curriculum, selection of Pacific and international trainers and resource persons has been initiated. PIPAD will be piloted in August 2008.

The Centre published a paper on: “Can Conflict Analysis Processes Support Gendered Visions of Peace Building? Reflections from the Peace and Stability Development Analysis in Fiji.” The publication

highlights the key issues, lessons and opportunities with regard to the integration of gender issues and concerns in conflict analysis processes. It is also being used to formulate the UNDP BCPR Gender and Conflict Analysis Working Guidelines.

The Civil Society Network for Human Security was initiated in May 2007 after the 3-day human security consultative workshops mentioned above. At the same time, a Women, Peace and Human Security Network was launched, and currently operates from the PIFS Gender Unit and is supported by FemLINKPacific. Both networks are still in the process of identifying a long-term regional NGO to house their secretariats.

- **Natural disaster reduction**

The Centre contributed to the implementation of the Regional Framework for Action 2005 – 2015 Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters which was endorsed by Pacific Island Forum Leaders in 2006. Under the auspices of the Pacific Partnership Network for Disaster Risk Management (DRM), support was provided to SOPAC and PIFS, and the Governments of Vanuatu and RMI, to develop National Action Plans for Disaster Risk Management. The plans have been developed to assist these countries to mainstream disaster risk reduction into national planning and budgetary processes with the overall aim of building communities that are resilient to the impacts of disasters.

"As you know I have a disaster management background and not human rights so as a disaster manager, I feel we have a useful tool for especially for people like me that have a very limited exposure to human rights issues to assist us in determining if there are issues present during an emergency that need to be flagged."

Brett Cowcher

UNDAC Australia & Metropolitan Fire Brigade
Melbourne,

Commenting on Checklists on Integrating Human Rights in Natural Disaster Management

Considerable resources were directed at promoting coordination and information sharing in the area of DRM through the establishment of a Disaster and Development Network for development and DRM practitioners. The regional D&D Network, which currently has over fifty members from government, non-government and civil society has created both virtual and physical spaces for members to share ideas, information and best practice in risk sensitive development planning. Two regional workshops on Disaster Risk Reduction and Development and Risk Sensitive Development Planning were undertaken to develop partners' understanding and application of risk reduction activities in the context of their own development activities.

In support of mainstreaming activities at the national level and strengthening risk reduction at the sub-national level, the Centre was instrumental in designing and commencing the implementation of two pilot projects for DRM in Vanuatu and Fiji. Working closely with partners including the Fiji Multi-Country Office, Fiji Red Cross, SOPAC and others, the Centre provided technical advice on project design to integrate DRM into local governance and mobilised human resources for the implementation of the projects through the UN Volunteer Programme.

- **Recovery**

Support was provided to the UNDAC first response team following the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Solomon Islands. After the initial response phase, the Centre provided advice to both the Solomon Islands Government and UNDP Solomon Islands Sub-Office on the early recovery strategy and action plans being developed.

As noted previously, the CPR Team worked with the Governance Team to publish "Checklists for Integrating Human Rights in Natural Disaster Management" (see above for more).

3.3 Knowledge Products

Product Name	Type/Media	Brief Descriptions
Crisis Prevention and Recovery Knowledge Products		
Analysis: Can Conflict Analysis Processes provide Gendered Reflections from the Peace and Stability Development Analysis in Fiji?	Print	As part of the 2005-2006 Fiji Peace and Stability Development Analysis, this Paper was prepared on the request of BCPR to highlight key issues, document lessons and identify entry-points for the integration of gender issues and concerns in conflict analysis processes.
Towards a Pacific "Human Security"	Report	Outcomes Report, including key recommendations from the first round of regional consultations undertaken by UNDP PC, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, and the University of the South Pacific on developing a Human Security Framework for the Pacific. The report was presented to the Forum Regional Security Committee.
Human Security in the Pacific	Information flyer	Designed to develop understanding of Human Security issues in the Pacific Region. The flyer reflects human security priorities identified through consultations with women's organisations and the Pacific People Building Peace Network.
Integrating Human Rights in Natural Disaster Management in the Pacific: 9-11 May 2007	Report	Report on workshop for Pacific decision-makers and specialists working on Disaster Risk Management (DRM) to raise awareness of the relevance of human rights to DRM and seek their substantive input into the development of "Checklists for Integrating Human Rights into DRM in the Pacific".
Checklists for Integrating Human Rights in Natural Disaster Management in the Pacific	Print and cd	A specific Pacific tool designed for decision-makers working in the field that are conducting assessments or designing responses to ensure that human rights concerns are being effectively incorporated into every stage of disaster preparedness, response and recovery.
Pacific PeaceNet Portal – URL: www.pacific-peace.net	Web Portal (to be launched in early 2008)	Designed as a knowledge platform for Conflict Prevention & Recovery (CPR) practitioners in the region and as a Pacific information dissemination tool for an international CPR audience.
Pacific Disaster Net – URL: www.pacificdisaster.net	Web Portal and Database (to be launched in early 2008)	Designed as a comprehensive information resource on DRM for Pacific Island Countries – hosting information on effective governance for DRM, risk assessments, early warning and training and tools. It supports National DRM Action Planning, decision-making and collects specific in-country information.

Product Name	Type/Media	Brief Descriptions
Democratic Governance Knowledge Products		
Advancing the implementation of Human Rights in the Pacific	Print and CD	A compilation of recommendations of the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies to the countries in the Pacific
Translating CEDAW into Law: CEDAW Legislative Compliance in Nine Pacific Island Countries	Print & CD	A list and explanation of 113 indicators developed for evaluating compliance of national legislations with the provision of CEDAW and complete reviews of legislative compliance with CEDAW 9 Pacific Island Countries (FSM, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu).
Cook Islands CEDAW Legislative Compliance Review	Print and cd (draft to be published in 2008)	An evaluation of the Cook Islands CEDAW legislative compliance
Checklists for Integrating Human Rights in Natural Disaster Management in the Pacific	CD and Print	A specific pacific tool designed for decision-makers working in the field that are conducting assessments or designing responses to ensure that human rights concerns are being effectively incorporated into every stage of disaster preparedness, response and recovery.
Pacific Regional High Level Consultation on HIV and the Law, Ethics, and Human Rights	Print (not yet published)	Collection of Workshop Papers and Presentation at the High Level Consultation in Auckland, New Zealand from 11-13 April.
Enabling Effective Responses to HIV in Pacific Islands Countries: Drafting instructions for Human Rights-Based Legislative Reform	Publication (DRAFT not yet published)	Provides an explanation of the features of a human rights based approach in addressing HIV/AIDS and a checklist or sets of questions to assist legislators and policymakers in applying human rights standards in domestic legislation.
Study on "Corruption in Pacific Island Countries"	Print	A study on the nature, incidence and the role of custom and tradition in shaping public perception of corruption in the Pacific
Pacific Parliamentary Assistance Roundtable Report	Report	Summary of discussions from the Roundtable held in Nadi, Fiji in September 2007, to bring together organisations and individuals working to support Pacific parliaments to share their ideas, lessons learned and good practice activities.
Directory of Organisations Providing Assistance to Pacific Parliaments	Print	Collection of contacts of organisations working with Pacific Parliaments, including a summary of their activities and opportunities to collaborate.
Pacific Parliamentary Portal	Electronic - web	Collection of materials relating to Pacific parliamentary activities, as well as general resources on substantive development issues for use by Pacific parliamentarians

Product Name	Type/Media	Brief Descriptions
Evaluations Reports on the Fiji, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Parliamentary Support Projects	Reports	Individual evaluation reports were produced for the UNDP's four parliamentary support projects, plus a multi-country summary report reflecting on good practice and lessons learned
"Freedom of Information and the Pacific"	Print	Paper presented at the 6th International Conference of Information Commissioners, and circulated to Pacific participants
"Freedom of Information and Development Journalism"	Print (not yet published)	Chapter for a book to be published by the University of the South Pacific School of Journalism.
MDG Achievement and Poverty Reduction Knowledge Products		
Solomon Islands MDG Report 2005	Print	National MDG Report
Tuvalu MDG Report 2006	Print	National MDG Report
Vanuatu MDG Report 2006	Print	National MDG Report
"Explaining the MDGs"	Print	Chapter for a book to be published by the University of the South Pacific School of Journalism
Discussion paper on Pro-Poor Policies and Medium Term Expenditure Frameworks	Print	Publication in PFTAC Handbook Series #1 on Medium Term Frameworks in Public Finance
Paper on improving aid coordination and management within the Medium Term Expenditure Framework	Print	Publication in PFTAC Handbook Series #1 on Medium Term Frameworks in Public Finance
Poverty and Pro-Poor Policies for PICs	Print	Paper for Asia-Pacific Population Journal
Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PISPO) Private Sector Development Knowledge Network and Policy Dialogue Portal	Web Portal	Web-based tool to promote private sector dialogue and public-private sector dialogue, as well as knowledge and information sharing around the Pacific region.
Pacific Businesses: At the Threshold of regional and Global Competition	DVD	18 minute DVD/CD on public-private sector dialogue and private sector development challenges in the Pacific region, including discussion papers and outcomes documents
Financial Services Sector Assessment of Pacific LDCs – Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu	Document & CD	Study on the financial services sector in 5 LDCs with recommendations on improving services and outreach

Product Name	Type/Media	Brief Descriptions
Banks and Telcos – Key Players in Extending Financial Services to Rural Communities in the Pacific	Information & Advocacy Flyer	Best practice brief on how banks and telcos can utilize technology to extend services to the unbanked particularly in rural and remote areas
Vanuatu Microfinance Case Study	MDG-Net News Update	Country-in-the-News Article shared on the web
Financial Literacy for All	Information & Advocacy Flyer	
Tuvalu Trust Fund 20th Anniversary Profile	Print	Review of the progress of the Tuvalu Trust Fund over its first 20 years (1987–2007)
Country Economic/Poverty Profiles/Fact Sheets	Print	One pager which provides key socio-economic and governance indicators for each PIC

3.4 Missions

Country	Practice/Service Line Purpose	Dates	Specialist
Executive Office			
New Caledonia	Presentation on MDG and the role of SPC as well as acted as Chair for two sessions and supported preparation of the meeting report	23-28 Jan	Garry Wiseman
Thailand	To attend the Joint ExCom Agency Representative Meeting (16-17 March); RBAP Cluster Meeting (18 -22March); Gender Steering Committee Meeting (18 March); Regional Centre Management Board Meeting (23 March); DRR meting (23 March)	16-23 March	Garry Wiseman
Papua New Guinea	Representation of the Pacific Centre at Government Consultation on UNDP RPD (2008-2011) and facilitation of PNG UNCT Workshop	16 May – 1 June	Garry Wiseman
Thailand	To attend RPD/RRF finalization Meeting	17 – 22 May	Garry Wiseman
Papua New Guinea	Facilitate a UN Country programme process in defining nation building	29 – 30 May	Garry Wiseman
Bangladesh	Assistance with policy post interviews as part of the re-profiling of the UNDP Bangladesh CO	19-29 July	Garry Wiseman
Australia	Keynote Speaker at meeting of Pacific executives - PACE Programme	25-29 September	Garry Wiseman
Tonga	Prepared presentation for CSO Forum in Tonga on the Pacific MDG performance and Pacific Plan Implementation	12 – 13 October	Garry Wiseman
Thailand	To attend the workshop on Finalising of Regional Programmes	23 – 25 October	Garry Wiseman
Samoa	RBAP Pacific Cluster Meeting	29 October – 1 November	Garry Wiseman
Papua New Guinea	Support to the UN Strategic Action Plan Process	24 November – 2 December	Garry Wiseman

Country	Practice/Service Line Purpose	Dates	Specialist
Crisis Prevention and Recovery			
Vanuatu	Costing exercise of the Vanuatu Government National Action Plan for disaster risk management	22-25 January	Peter Muller
Samoa and the Cook Islands	Provided policy advice for DRM programming to UNCP in Samoa and the Cook Islands 23 January	23 January – 2 February	Ruth Lane
Papua New Guinea	Preparatory mission with OCHA PNG for mainstreaming of DRM in PNG, including briefing to DMT.	24 February – 3 March	Peter Muller
New Caledonia	Attend Pacific Island Pandemic Taskforce Meeting, organized by SPC	26-28 March	Peter Muller
Solomon Islands	Part of the UNDAC Mission to Solomon Islands for assessment of Earthquake and Tsunami affected areas	5-25 April	Peter Muller
Nadi, Fiji	Civil Society and Human Security Workshop	23-26 April	Garry Wiseman, Samuel Doe
Solomon Islands	Support the Government of the Solomon Islands in the coordination of the transition from response to recovery, provide guidance to stakeholders	15-22 May	Peter Muller
Solomon Islands	Attend strategic planning meeting for Solomon Islands Ministry of Women, Youth, and Children relating to operationalising human security within the Ministry's Corporate Plan	21-23 May	Samuel Doe
Marshall Islands	Provide support to Government of RMI in developing a National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction	21-25 May	Moortaza Jiwajji, Herman Timmermans
Marshall Islands	2 week NAP planning process in liaison with Pacific Partnership network on DRM engaging with government of RMI on mainstreaming DRM into national planning and budgetary processes	28 May - 8 June	Moortaza Jiwajji, Herman Timmermans, Ruth Lane
Switzerland	Attend the HFA Consultation for Asia and the Pacific	4-7 June	Peter Muller
Nadi, Fiji	To attend the Track II Dialogue Meeting on Human Security in the Pacific	25 – 27 June	Garry Wiseman, Samuel Doe

Country	Practice/Service Line Purpose	Dates	Specialist
Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga	Conduct Case Study visits to three Pacific Island countries as part of the follow-up to the outcomes of the FRSC discussions of the Human Security framework for the Pacific and the need to identify root causes of human insecurity in PICs.	5-28 Nov	Iris Wielders
Marshall Islands	Attend the 13th Regional Disaster Managers Meeting and support SOPAC in presenting on the guidelines for the Disaster Risk Management National Action Planning process	26 – 29 June 2007	Ruth Lane
Thailand	Development of an Asia-Pacific programme on ‘Working with Men & Boys to Prevent Gender Based Violence’ Consultation organised by UNIFEM/UNDP/UNFPA.	12-13 September	Thomas Shanahan
Marshall Islands	Follow-up Mission as part of the Pacific Partnership Network on DRM’s support, in the development of the RMI Govt. Disaster Risk Management National Action Plan (NAP)	26-28 March	Herman Timmermans; Moortaza Jiwajji
Thailand	Attended workshop on DRM mainstreaming modules and met with CPR team in RCB	27-30 November	Ruth Lane
MDG Achievement and Poverty Reduction			
Samoa CO	Support to Country Programming Mission for Cook Islands	19 – 26 January	David Abbott
Philippines	MDG Fact Finding and Learning Mission to Philippines CO, Government and CSOs	6 - 7 February	David Abbott, Carol-Flore
Philippines	Participant at Knowledge Management for Development learning workshop	8 – 9 February	David Abbott, Carol-Flore
Sri Lanka	Stakeholders in MDG-Based Planning and Costing and Pro-Poor Policies Training Workshop	19 – 21 February	David Abbott, Carol-Flore
Sri Lanka	Stakeholders/Resource persons for MDGI Needs Assessment and Costing workshop	24 March– April 1	David Abbott, Carol-Flore
Thailand	Presenter/discussant at Workshop on Developing Sustainability Strategies for Asia/Pacific	8 – 9 March	David Abbott

Country	Practice/Service Line Purpose	Dates	Specialist
Thailand	To attend the RBAP Cluster Meeting (18 -22 March); Regional Centre Management Board Meeting (23 March)	16 - 23 March	David Abbott
New Caledonia	Stakeholder at Regional Meeting on Future Directions for Development of Statistics in the Pacific Region	17-23 March	Roderic Evers
Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa, Fiji	Member of international UNCDF, EU-AP and UNDP team conducting financial services sector assessment of Pacific LDCs	10 April - 3 May	Jeff Liew
Tuvalu	Member of Tuvalu Trust Fund Advisory Committee	12 – 30 April,	David Abbott
Nadi, Fiji	Stakeholders/Resource Persons Pacific Regional Trade Mode 4 workshop RCC/PC/PIFS	9 - 11 May	David Abbott, Roderic Evers
Solomon Islands	Support to NSO for estimation of national poverty lines and poverty incidence	22 May – 8 June	David Abbott
New Caledonia	10th Triennial Pacific Women Conference, Resource person on MDGs & Gender and Gender Costing	27 May –June 1	Carol Flore
Australia	Member of AusAID Technical Assessment Panel for selection of ECF Fund manager and briefing to AusAID senior management and staff on proposed PFIP	29 - 30 May	Jeff Liew
New Zealand	Stakeholder at Pacific donor coordination meeting on private sector development	31 May	Roderic Evers
FSM	Sub-regional Workshop for North Pacific countries on MDG-based Planning, Costing and Budgeting	26 - 29 June	Carol Flore, David Abbott
Fiji MCO	Resource person at regional CPAP Training and CO Workshops	11 – 13 July 24 July	David Abbott
Samoa	Young Entrepreneurs Retail & Business Development Workshop (with The Body Shop & Commonwealth Youth Programme)	25 - 29 June	Jeff Liew
Nadi, Fiji	Pacific Islands Business Forum	6 - 7 August	Garry Wiseman, Roderic Evers, Jeff Liew

Country	Practice/Service Line Purpose	Dates	Specialist
FSM	Support to NSO for estimation of national poverty lines and poverty incidence	11 – 28 August	David Abbott
Vanuatu	Young Entrepreneurs Retail & Business development Workshop (with The Body Shop & Commonwealth Youth Programme)	13 - 17 August	Jeff Liew
PNG	Member of organizing committee, resource speaker and coordinator of donor presentations for Pacific Microfinance Week	27- 31 August	Jeff Liew
Solomon Islands	Support to NSO for estimation of national poverty lines and poverty incidence	4-7 September	David Abbott
Fiji	Resource person/discussant at Regional Workshop on Trust Fund Governance	12 September	David Abbott
New Caledonia	Presenter/Discussant/Resource Persons at Regional Heads of Planning and Heads of Statistics meeting	15 - 26 September	Carol Flore, David Abbott
Vanuatu	Prepared sustainability strategy for VANWODS MFI and UNDP exit strategy	18 - 21 September	Jeff Liew
Samoa	Project initiation workshop for stakeholders & technical services provider for Samoa financial & entrepreneurship education curriculum project	22 - 30 September	Roderic Evers
Australia	Stakeholder at Pacific donor coordination meeting on private sector development	1 October	Roderic Evers
Tuvalu	Member of Tuvalu Trust Fund Advisory Committee	9 – 19 October	David Abbott
Thailand	To attend the workshop on Finalising of Regional Programmes	23 - 25 October	David Abbott
Samoa	RBAP Pacific Cluster Meeting	29 October – 1 November	David Abbott
Sri Lanka	Presenter at MDG Localisation and Poverty Reduction Best Practice Workshop	27-29 October	Carol Flore
New Caledonia	Presenter/Resource Person at Sub-regional Poverty Analysis Workshop	24 November - 8 December	David Abbott

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Solomon Islands	Post-facto monitoring of Solomon Islands Financial Empowerment Project & recommendations for Phase 2 project	12 - 16 November	Jeff Liew
Solomon Islands	Sub-regional Workshop for Western Pacific countries on MDG-based Planning, Costing and Budgeting	12 - 15 November	Carol Flore, David Abbott
Bhutan	Stakeholders/Presenters at Engendering MDG-Based Plans Workshop	26 November - 5 December	Carol Flore, David Abbott
Sri Lanka	Resource person on Gender Interventions & MDG support in the Pacific	1 - 3 December	Carol Flore
Samoa	Project development workshop for stakeholders & technical services provider for Samoa financial & entrepreneurship education curriculum project	14 - 17 December	Roderic Evers
Democratic Governance			
Solomon Islands	Technical inputs to the Tripartite Review of the Solomon Islands Parliamentary Support Project	5-7 February	Charmaine Rodrigues, Ernesto Bautista
Solomon Islands	Participation in the UNCDF formulation mission; attendance in SI Parliamentary Support Project Annual Review & UNDAF and follow-up consultations on potential PC initiative on accountability in the Solomon Islands	28 January -10 February	Ernesto Bautista, Tonet Ortega
Vanuatu	Technical inputs in the formulation / project design and appraisal (through the PAC) of the "Building Resilient Communities through Effective Governance" Project	16-21 February	Tonet Ortega
Nauru	Formulation / design of Nauru Parliamentary Support Project	5-13 March	Charmaine Rodrigues
Thailand	Attendance in the UNDP Pacific Management Committee Meeting & UNDP Asia Pacific Cluster Meeting	20-23 March	Ernesto Bautista
New Zealand	Participation in the Commonwealth Local Governance Forum Conference	26 - 29 March	Ernesto Bautista & Tonet Ortega
Papua New Guinea	Resource person at regional meeting on the Ratification of International Human Rights Instruments under the Pacific Plan	26-30 March	Suki Beavers

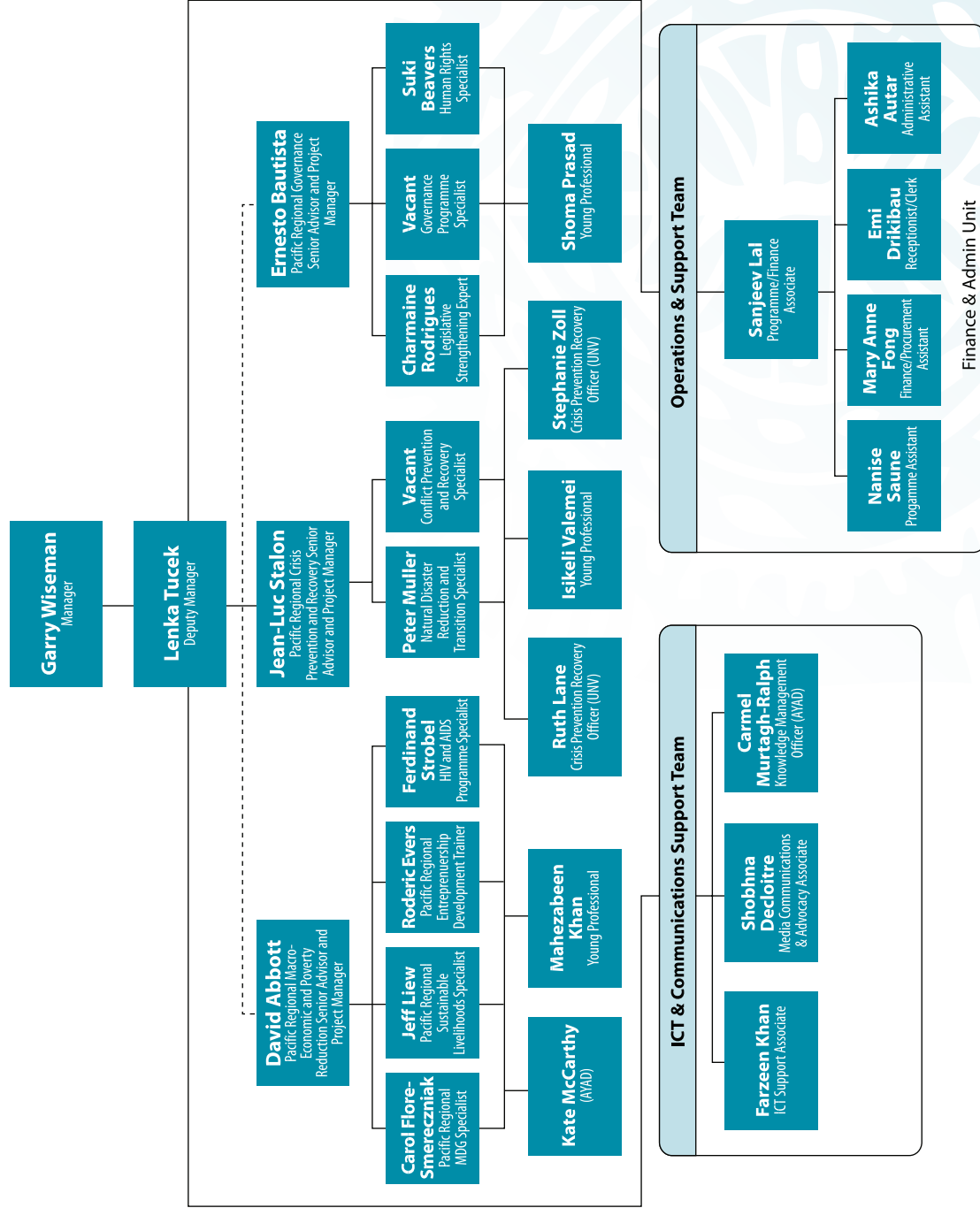
Country	Practice/Service Line Purpose	Dates	Specialist
New Zealand	Pacific Regional High Level Consultation on draft Legislative Drafting Instructions on HIV/AIDS	10-14 April	Garry Wiseman, Suki Beavers, Tonet Ortega
Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands	Evaluation of Parliamentary Support Projects for Marshall Islands and Solomon Islands	21 April – 5 May	Charmaine Rodrigues
Solomon Islands	Assessment of development planning experience and local budgeting in the Solomon Islands	12-25 May	Ernesto Bautista
Cook Islands	Advocacy of national UNDP parliamentary support projects at Forum for Presiding Officers and Clerks	9-12 May	Charmaine Rodrigues
Papua New Guinea	Evaluation of Parliamentary Support Project for PNG	13 -18 May	Charmaine Rodrigues
New Caledonia	10th Triennial Pacific Women Conference, convened and facilitated workshop on CEDAW legislative compliance and made a presentation during the workshop on women with disabilities	27 May – 1 June	Suki Beavers
FSM	Presented on HIV and human rights at the sub-regional workshop on MDG-based planning, costing and budgeting held for the North Pacific	24-29 June	Suki Beavers
Thailand	Presented on CEDAW legislative compliance at ESCAP Expert Group Meeting for National Machineries and Senior Law-Making Officials on How to Effectively Integrate and Implement the CEDAW at the National Level to Promote the Human Rights of Women	18 - 20 July	Suki Beavers
Cook Islands	Advocacy of national UNDP parliamentary support projects at CPA Pacific Regional Meeting	10-12 July	Charmaine Rodrigues
Marshall Islands, FSM, Palau	Participation in Fiji Multi-Country Office Northern Pacific Integrated Mission	28 July – 16 August	Charmaine Rodrigues
Nadi, Fiji	Pacific Parliamentary Assistance Roundtable	4-6 September	Garry Wiseman, Ernesto Bautista, Charmaine Rodrigues
Vanuatu	Attendance at USP Conference on Executive Power and the Battle for Parliamentary Confidence” and meeting with Vanuatu Clerk of Parliament to discuss parliamentary support	20-25 September	Charmaine Rodrigues

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Nadi, Fiji	Resource Person at the PRNGO Multi-Stakeholder Workshop	12-13 September	Ernesto Bautista, Gouri
Vanuatu	Resource Person on "Challenges in Working Regionally" at the CSO Law Reform Conference	25-28 September	Ernesto Bautista
Thailand	Attendance in the UNDP Workshop for the Finalization of Regional Projects in Asia Pacific, RPD 2008-2011	23-25 October	Ernesto Bautista
New Zealand	Resource person at RRRT-PIFS Regional Human Rights Training for Pacific Parliamentarians	29-31 October	Charmaine Rodrigues
Samoa	Attendance in the UNDP Pacific Centre Management Committee and Pacific Cluster Meetings	30 October – 1 November	Ernesto Bautista, Suki Beavers
New Zealand	Participation at Pacific Regional Ombudsmen Meeting to discuss options for regional support to Pacific Ombudsmen	1-2 November	Charmaine Rodrigues
Vanuatu	Workshop to build capacity of government and civil society stakeholders in four PICs (Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Cook Islands) that have reported to the CEDAW Committee	18-21 November	Suki Beavers
Philippines	Attendance at Centre for Asia Pacific Women in Politics (CAPWIP) "Making Governance Gender Responsive" Training	10-20 November	Charmaine Rodrigues
New Zealand	Attendance at 6th International Conference of Information Commissioners and resource person at session on "The Value of Freedom of Information in the Pacific"	26-29 November	Charmaine Rodrigues
Nadi, Fiji	Convened and facilitated Roundtable on the situation of women and girls with disabilities in the Pacific	26-28 November	Suki Beavers
Norway	Attendance at the UNDP Oslo Governance Centre "Workshop on Local Government in Post Conflict Situations: Challenges in Improving Local Decision-Making and Capacities"	28-29 November	Ernesto Bautista
Cook Islands	CEDAW legislative compliance review for Cook Islands presented for discussion at a Roundtable	19 – 21 December	Suki Beavers
Sigatoka, Fiji	Attendance in the Pacific Governance Network Inaugural Meeting	12-13 December	Ernesto Bautista, Charmaine Rodrigues

4 Annexes

4.1 Organisational Structure of Pacific Centre as at 31 December 2007

As at 31 December 2007 there were a total of 26 staff at the Pacific Centre, working in three thematic teams, our Operations Unit and our ICTs and Communication and Communication Unit. Under the new programme for 2008-2011, there are expected to be a number of changes in the Centre's organisational structure, and a new Organisational Chart is currently being developed.



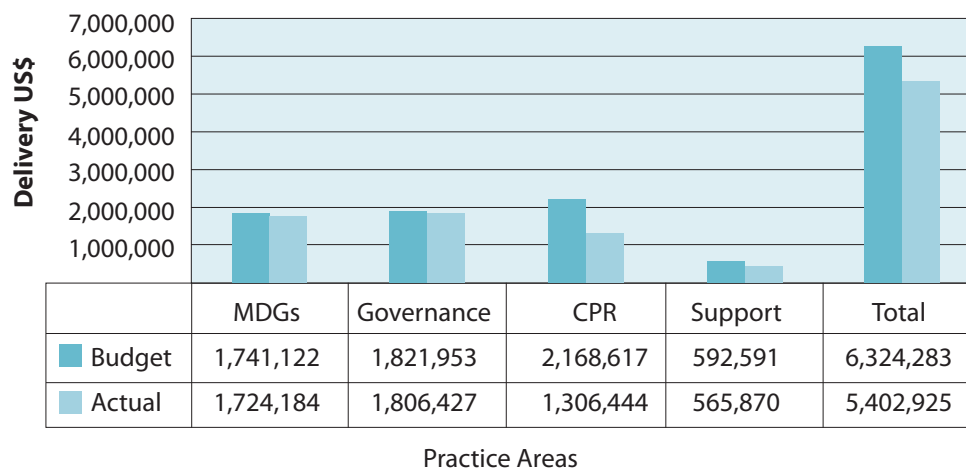
4.2 Financial Report for Year Ending 31 December 2007

FINANCIAL DELIVERY REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2007

Project	Project Name (all amounts in US\$ Thousands)	Source of Funds	Budget Expenditure	Total	Delivery Rate %
00040803	PC Support				
		Core (TRAC)	450,000	450,000	100%
		XB Funds	142,591	115,870	81%
	Sub Total		592,591	565,870	95%
00043898	Governance in the Pacific				
		Core (TRAC)	500,000	500,000	100%
		UNAIDS	50,000	34,474	69%
		NZAID	578,544	578,544	100%
		AusAID	693,409	693,409	100%
	Sub Total		1,821,953	1,806,428	99%
00044125	MDG's in the Pacific				
		Core (TRAC)	500,000	500,000	100%
		AUSAID	1,211,681	1,211,681	100%
		UNICEF	9,806	4,648	47%
		UNESCO	9,947	4,417	44%
		UNFPA	9,688	3,438	35%
	Sub Total		1,741,122	1,724,184	99%
00044194	PEACEPAC				
		Core (TRAC)	150,000	150,000	100%
		BCPR	889,000	289,717	33%
		NZAID	588,985	528,273	90%
		AusAID	540,632	338,454	63%
	Sub Total		2,168,617	1,306,443	60%
	Grand Total		6,324,283	5,402,925	85%

4.3 Budget versus Expenditure by Project for Various Sources of Funds in 2007

UNDP Pacific Centre Delivery by Practice Area Against Budget for 2007



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