

# QUESTIONNAIRE

## Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway for the Sustainable Development of SIDS

Please note that strict word limits have been established for each question. In this regard, you are requested to report only on new or updated information. Previous surveys can be accessed at <https://sidsnetwork.org/> under reports.

### 1. Legal/Policy/Institutional Arrangements for SIDS and/or the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway<sup>1</sup>

France does not have a comprehensive strategy exclusively focusing on SIDS, nor does it plan to adopt one. France's priority recipients are LDCs, some of which fall under the SIDS category.

France is however highly involved in supporting the most vulnerable countries, like SIDS, to adapt to climate change and build resilience (ODD 13). For that matter, the mandate of the French Development Agency (AFD) in the Pacific region has been extended in 2018 and again in March 2021 (capacity to independently accord grants/loans pursuing climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as biodiversity preservation).

### 2. Financial Arrangements

Please give an indication of the budget allocated to the SAMOA Pathway programme areas in your government/organization/entity, if applicable, for the period Jan. - Dec. 2021 or the fiscal cycle that best fits this period. If the priority areas cannot squarely fit this chart, please report as closely as you can.

| Priorities   | Investment (USD) | Budget Allocation | FY/ Cycle/ Period |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth |                  |                   |                   |
| Climate Change                                       |                  |                   |                   |

<sup>1</sup> This question seeks to examine the extent to which each respondent mainstreamed SIDS and the Samoa Pathway into co-operation frameworks, programmes and activities, national development plans etc, to ensure effective follow-up and implementation at regional and national levels in SIDS.

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| Sustainable Energy                     |  |  |  |
| Disaster Risk Reduction                |  |  |  |
| Oceans and Seas                        |  |  |  |
| Food Security and Nutrition            |  |  |  |
| Water and Sanitation                   |  |  |  |
| Sustainable Transportation             |  |  |  |
| Sustainable Consumption and Production |  |  |  |
| Chemical and Waste management          |  |  |  |
| Health and NCDs                        |  |  |  |
| Gender Equality                        |  |  |  |
| Social Development                     |  |  |  |
| Biodiversity                           |  |  |  |
| Means of Implementation                |  |  |  |
| Other                                  |  |  |  |
| <b>Total</b>                           |  |  |  |

### 3. Enhanced Support for a resilient Post COVID 19 Recovery in SIDS

Overcoming the economic fallout of the pandemic and regaining growth momentum in SIDS will require a **robust, practical, tailored** and **impactful** solutions not only to keep SIDS afloat but also for the successful implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda. Please elaborate on any proposed resilience building interventions/programmes for implementation in SIDS that are to be pursued over the remaining period of the SAMOA Pathway. **(500 words)**

### 4. Financing for Sustainable Development in SIDS

The road to recovery post-COVID-19 will be challenging for SIDS. They will need new strategies and financial instruments to mobilize adequate resources for recovery and reconstruction. Please elaborate on any proposed/planned programmes that will be delivered to reduce risks and build resilience in SIDS, and/or that alleviate the liquidity and debt vulnerability challenges facing SIDS **(500 words)**

France launched or supported the following initiatives:

- Adapt'Action: AFD has launched Adapt'Action to support countries seeking technical

assistance for the institutional, methodological and operational implementation of their commitments in relation to adaptation to climate change. With 30M€ over a four-year period (financed by AFD and international climate finance), Adapt'Action is supporting 15 countries and regional organizations with a priority focus on Africa, the least developed countries (LDCs), and Small Island developing States (SIDS), which are among the most vulnerable countries to climate change

- CREWS (Climate Risk Early Warning Systems): the CREWS multi donor initiative was launched by France in 2015 at COP21. It supports LDCs and SIDS in developing projects that helps implement risk informed early warning services, to save lives, goods and livelihood of the most vulnerable people. The Pacific Regional Project (US\$7,5M planned in total) and the Caribbean Regional Project (US\$5,5M) are currently being implemented and primarily benefit SIDS. Multi-hazard assessment and early warning systems; training provided at community level with a renewed emphasis on gender.

- The joint Pacific Initiative on Biodiversity, Climate Change and Resilience (KIWA initiative) : On the occasion of the second edition of the One Planet Summit, held on the sidelines of the 73<sup>rd</sup> United Nations General Assembly in New York, the Agence française de développement (AFD), the European Union, New Zealand and Australia (later joined by Canada) have announced the launch of Kiwa in March 2020, which has been endowed with more than 35M€ (22M€ already engaged one year later, and 8M€ more should add up by the end of 2021). The objective of the initiative, which covers 19 countries and Overseas Territories, is to organize an international coalition to mobilize greater financial resources to accelerate and simplify the funding of adaptation and biodiversity protection.

- RESSCUE project (2014-2019) : €13M mobilized over the course of 5 years to enhance resilience against climate change related hazards and preserve fragile ecosystems. The project benefited among others to Fiji and Vanuatu and was mainly funded by AFD and the French Facility fo Globl Environment FFE).