

In-depth analysis of Partnerships for SIDS

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Global in-depth review of SIDS partnerships: The process

- Preliminary review undertaken in May 2018
- Draft enhanced “in depth” review presented at Samoa Inter-regional meeting in Nov. 2018
- Based on additional information
- Now being finalized
- To be published in book and online format

Review of Partnerships for Small Island Developing States

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Partnerships for Small Island Developing States

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Information sources for the analysis

- **SIDS Action Platform**
 - Samoa Pathway partnerships
 - 2017 UN Ocean Conference partnerships for SIDS
- **Information received from regional organizations:**
 - Regional SAMOA Pathway reports for mid-term review
 - Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)
 - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- **Information from partnership dialogues**
 - Organized since 2015, with regional and inter-regional dialogues in 2018: a total of 104 partnerships featured
- **Information from an analysis of SIDS Human Development index** undertaken by UNDP
- **Other relevant information:** reports, websites, etc.

The numbers

SIDS Regions	2014 partnerships	Current Partnerships	Completed	Active
Global	113	147	30	117
AIMS	20	82	25	57
Caribbean	42	178	37	141
Pacific	134	287	64	223

- **Increase in total number of active partnerships** in all regions
- **Numbers indicative rather than absolute** – likely underestimate
- **A large number of completed partnerships**

Participation

- **Main entities leading partnerships:** Governments, regional organizations and UN organizations
 - **Global:** UN agencies
 - **Caribbean and Pacific:** Regional agencies, governments
 - **AIS:** governments
- **IGOs, NGOs and civil society participate,** lead minority of partnerships. Highest in Pacific
- **Participation by the private sector and by academia was generally lower** than that of NGOs and civil society

Addressing Samoa Pathway priority areas

- **All Samoa Pathway priority areas addressed, but unevenly**
- **In most regions, oceans and seas, climate change well addressed**
- **Also many partnerships on sustainable economic growth, sustainable and renewable energy and disaster risk reduction**
 - **For example, Centres for Energy efficiency and Renewable Energy: Caribbean (CCREEE), Pacific (PCREEE), and Western Africa (ECPWAS)**
 - **More than 2.75 GW of total renewable energy installed capacity in SIDS (SIDS Lighthouses Initiative)**
- **Many partnerships had tangible on-the-ground impacts, furthering implementation of SAMOA Pathway**

Under-represented areas

- **Aspects of social and economic development, in particular addressing inequality** - income inequality, marginalized groups, youth employment
- **Multiple dimensions of poverty:** Sustained investments in human capital, such as education and health, and food and nutrition security
- **Sustainable transportation:** low-carbon, low cost options for communities on remote islands
- **Water, wastewater and sanitation**
- **Health and NCDs** - assisting countries with their NCD-related activities
- **Gender considerations** - income equality, women's participation in the workforce, and women's leadership
- **Integrated ecosystem management focusing on whole islands** - terrestrial connections to watershed and the sea; livelihoods
- **Sourcing development finance for SIDS** – Innovative financing.

Impacts

- **Direct impacts on beneficiaries** (*e.g. increased resilience of communities, customers enrolled in financial services, improved access to safe water and sanitation for communities*)
- **Direct impacts on the environment** (*e.g. protection of marine and terrestrial environments*)
- **Knowledge, information, data and indicators** (*e.g. platforms for disaster management, nutrient management and water and sanitation; knowledge sharing between drought-affected SIDS*)
- **Improved coordination between agencies and organizations**, *leading to a more effective and comprehensive delivery of programs and outcomes*
- **Improved capacity** (*e.g. training programs on topics ranging from disaster resilience to wastewater management, cultural heritage and comprehensive sexual education; delivery of university programs and virtual education*)
- **Positive policy environment** (*e.g. training parliamentarians on gender issues and empowerment of women, strengthening youth engagement in policy, and developing an agreed-upon comprehensive sustainability vision*)

**Impact on
SAMOA
Pathway
Priority Areas
by
Partnerships**

Example
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OVER 1 MILLION CUSTOMERS ENROLLED IN APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC (AS OF 2016), HELPING THEM ACHIEVE THEIR FULL ECONOMIC POTENTIAL (PACIFIC FINANCIAL INCLUSION PROGRAMME)



CULTURAL PRODUCERS IN THE PACIFIC HAVE BENEFITED FROM ENHANCED BUSINESS SKILLS AND MARKET ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE CULTURAL INDUSTRIES ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME (EU-ACP ENHANCING THE PACIFIC CULTURAL INDUSTRIES)



MORE THAN **150** SOLOMON ISLAND MARKET VENDORS OPENED BANK ACCOUNTS, MOST FOR THE FIRST TIME, INCORPORATING THEIR ECONOMIC POTENTIAL INTO THE WIDER ECONOMY (MARKETS FOR CHANGE)

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN ALL SIDS REGIONS EXPOSED OVER

5,000
PEOPLE EACH YEAR

TO VARIOUS LOCAL COMMUNITY CONTEXTS AND INITIATIVES (PEACE BOAT)

PACIFIC GOVERNMENTS HAVE MAINSTREAMED SUSTAINABLE TOURISM POLICIES IN THEIR NATIONAL PLANNING STRATEGIES AND DONORS/DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS HAVE ASSISTED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (PACIFIC REGIONAL TOURISM CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME)



A PRACTICAL AND ACCESSIBLE SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT TOOLKIT WAS DEVELOPED TO BUILD THE AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION OF TOURISM ENTERPRISES IN TWO PILOT DESTINATIONS (PACIFIC REGIONAL TOURISM CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME)



TOOLKIT FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS ON IMPLEMENTING UN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION (UNCAC) HAS BEEN DEVELOPED (PARLIAMENTARIANS ADVANCING ANTI-CORRUPTION THROUGH UNCAC)



ENTREPRENEURSHIP PORTAL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND MICROFINANCING FOR YOUTH IN ALL SIDS WAS DEVELOPED (ICT4SIDS)

REVIEWS OF THE PATENTING ACTIVITY IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF TECHNOLOGY WERE PRODUCED (WIPO PATENT LANDSCAPE REPORTS)



SIDS Partnership case studies

- Conducted through interviews with focal points
- **Collectively seek to understand:**
 - What is a genuine and durable partnership? What elements do they have?
 - Real examples of how partnerships have solved problems and innovated
 - How they have addressed SMART criteria
- **Case studies have already provided insights about how partnerships operate** – these insights helping develop learning materials (Partnership Toolbox)

Good practices

- **Successful partnerships depend on ownership, mutual trust, respect, transparency and accountability**
- **Good practices include:**
 - **Both good governance and flexibility are important in partnership** – different organizational structures can serve different purposes
 - **Support from ‘Champions’ and ‘Unusual Suspects’** can be of great help
 - **Inclusivity and ownership** are demonstrated through high stakeholder participation and shared commitments and benefits
 - **Capacity building within partnership is important** - every partner’s voice should be heard

In summary

- **Substantial achievements by existing partnerships**
- **Lessons learned & good practices**
- **Moving towards the next generation of sustainable and genuine partnerships**
- **Large number of completed partnerships**
 - Opportunity for new generation of partnerships to address under-represented areas
 - Learning from completed partnerships
 - Scaling up successful partnerships
- **Strengthening existing partnerships**
 - SIDS Partnership Norms and Criteria
 - Better understanding what makes a genuine and durable partnership – capacity
 - Partnership Toolbox

