



Terms of Reference

Project Title: Midterm Review of the PYDF 2014 – 2024.

A. Background

The Pacific Community (SPC) is the principal scientific and technical organisation in the Pacific region, proudly supporting development since 1947. It is an inter-governmental development organisation owned and governed by our 26 country and territory members, including all 22 Pacific Islands Countries and Territories (including Fiji). Its development goals for the Pacific include;

Goal 1 – Pacific people benefit from sustainable economic development

Goal 2 – Pacific communities are empowered and resilient

Goal 3 – Pacific people reach their potential and live long and healthy lives

In pursuit of sustainable development to benefit Pacific people, our organisation works across more than 25 sectors. SPC is renowned for its knowledge and innovation in such areas as fisheries science, public health surveillance, geo-informatics and conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture. Much of our focus is on major cross-cutting issues, such as climate change, disaster risk management, food security, energy security, gender equality, youth development, human rights, culture preservation, data dissemination, health and education. Using a multi-sector approach in responding to our members' development priorities, we draw on skills and capabilities from around the region and internationally, and support the empowerment of Pacific communities and sharing of expertise and skills between countries and territories. To achieve genuine and lasting improvement in people's lives, its focus is on working with all members, at all levels, to deliver integrated services that advance their progress towards addressing their development challenges and achieving their aspirations.

One of SPC's specific focus areas is on youth development, guided by the Pacific Youth Development Framework 2014 – 2023 and delivered under the Social Development Programme (SDP). In line with this focus on youth, SPC through SDP has the mandate to track progress and direction of youth development in line with the Pacific Youth Development Framework specified priority outcome areas of;

- 1) More young people secure decent employment
- 2) Young people's health status is improved
- 3) Governance structures empower young people to increase their influence in decision-making processes
- 4) More young people participate in environmental action

Context

SDP's goal is to "advance gender equality and cultural diversity to obtain equal development outcomes in key settings across the region". In line with this goal, SDP has three strategic objectives.

1. **Assets and influence:** Pacific people of all diversities build their social, cultural and economic assets and influence decision making.

2. **Strategy, knowledge and capacity:** Effective strategies are in place and knowledge is generated to enable capacity for GESI and cultural development.
3. **Responsiveness of institutions:** National and regional institutions (including SPC) advance gender equality, social inclusion and cultural development¹.

Based on strategic objectives 2 and 3 the information that will be generated from the midterm review of the PYDF will generate knowledge to assist civil society, SPC and PIC governments in their efforts to become more responsive to youth development. Not only that but the review will also help capture information on services and programmes targeting youth across the 4 outcome areas towards identifying the gaps and challenges to be addressed over the next 5 years.

Furthermore, the PYDF review provides a key platform to strengthen our strategies and approaches to addressing youth development and to identify how the PYDF can be utilised to address the challenges identified in the State of Pacific Youth Report 2017.

Purpose

SDP seeks technical assistance to conduct the midterm review the Pacific Youth Development Framework 2014 – 2023. The midterm review provides an opportunity to assess the Pacific Island countries and territories are doing as a region in line with the direction of the PYDF since it was launched in 2015. The review will facilitate a dialogue focused on commitments made to youth and how these could be further strengthened to enhance outcomes for young people in the Pacific.

Content of the Assignment and Scope of Work

The assignment will include:

1. Delivery plan and methodology on how to;
 - a. Conduct a Stocktake of implementation since the PYDF launch in 2015,
 - b. Conduct Mapping of programmes and services for youth against the 4 outcome areas,
2. Analysis of gaps and challenges in implementing youth development initiatives in relation to PYDF priority outcomes and;
3. Documentation of practices and lessons learned in the last 3 years on advancing PYDF outcomes.

Expected Outputs:

Based on the content and scope of the assignment, the consultant will be delivering the following outputs:

- 1) Analysis on how the PYDF has been useful in guiding the work on youth development in the region;
 - 2) Recommendations on how PYDF could be used to further strengthen partnerships and increase investment for youth development.
 - 3) Strengthened collaboration and responses as a region to the findings and recommendations of the State of Pacific Youth Report 2017.
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- 4) Strengthening of partnerships for progressing youth development and social inclusion between governments, civil society, and other development actors (through experience sharing on PYDF priorities, side events, and networking events).
- 5) Facilitation of a regional workshop to share the findings of the mid-term review.

Duration

This work is expected to begin from 13th September to 25th November 2019, a total of 50 working days.