



▶ Improving Labour Market Statistics to Reflect Climate Impact on Labour Market Outcomes in the Asia-Pacific Region through South-South Cooperation

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▶ At a glance



Implementing partners

- ▶ National statistical offices (NSOs),
- ▶ Departments of labour (DoLs), and
- ▶ Employers' and workers' organizations of the following countries:
 - ▶ Marshall Islands
 - ▶ Tonga
 - ▶ Vanuatu
- ▶ Pacific Community (SPC) and its Statistics for Development Division (SPC/SDD)
- ▶ Other stakeholders, including civil society organizations and academia.



Funding partner

ILO, Multilateral Partnerships and Development Cooperation Department (PARTNERSHIPS).



Duration

June 2024 – December 2025



Target beneficiaries

NSOs, DoLs, Employers' and Workers' Organizations in the Marshall Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu



Geographical focus

Pacific Island Countries

▶ Project objective

The relationship between climate change, livelihoods, and labour markets is complex. At the same time, there is little robust quantitative data available to gauge the direct impact of climate change on employment. This lack of data is especially pronounced in Small Island Developing States (SIDS), which are heavily affected by climate change, but have comparatively little capacity to regularly collect and analyse data, including on the impact of climate change and natural disasters.

For this reason, policy responses to disasters lack adequate data on the impact on labour markets, and when these do exist, they are not ready to serve disaster responses. The SDGs add significant statistical challenges for SIDS of the Pacific in the collection and analysis of climate change-related data through national surveys and other administrative data.

Therefore, there is an increasing demand for technical support in collecting, analysing, and utilising labour market statistics to better understand the relationship between climate change, livelihoods, and employment among ILO member States in the Pacific Islands.

Recognizing this gap, the project will provide support in assessing and analysing the impact of climate change on labour market outcomes in three selected Pacific Island Countries, in close collaboration with the Pacific Community (SPC).

By creating relevant insights that go beyond the three selected countries, this partnership will assist in enhancing knowledge sharing and peer learning among the 11 member States of the ILO in the Pacific region, creating replicable, scalable and relevant solutions to improve the understanding of climate change impacts on livelihoods and labour markets through a South-South cooperation approach.

► Objectives

South-South and triangular cooperation (SSTC) for capacity building on climate change and the labour market

The initiative will focus on capacity development and technical assistance to enhance the analysis and use of labour market statistics by expanding the climate change dimensions in promoting the Decent Work Agenda in the selected Pacific Island Countries and will produce relevant analytical reports and guidance on climate change and labour markets.

The SSTC collaboration mechanism aims at establishing partnerships from the Global South, as well as traditional funding partners, to improve the capacity of the Pacific Island Countries to assess the climate impact on the labour market and to facilitate evidence-based policy responses.

Interregional connectivity and SSTC network of experts

The initiative will support several peer learning and online knowledge-sharing sessions among academics and experts from different SIDS, in partnership with the Pacific Community (SPC). Online peer learning initiatives engaging academics and experts will include identifying recommendations for further improving the analysis of the climate impact on the labour market outcomes through labour force surveys and labour statistics. Analytical reports, technical guidance notes and recommendations will be shared with the member countries of ILO in the Pacific region and also among SIDS.

Replication and scale-up

Partnership with the SPC and other SIDS partners will support in building bridges with all the ILO and UN member states in the Pacific region for peer learning on incorporating climate change related indicators in their national surveys such as the LFS.

► Expected results

The proposed intervention will lead to peer learning and improved awareness of how labour market data and statistics can assist the peer learning and partnership to assess the climate impact on labour market and employment outcomes. It will in particular help to boost:

- **Improved knowledge, expertise and capacities of DoLs', NSOs' staff and tripartite constituents** through South-South exchange of experiences and good practices to engage effectively in contributing to UNSDCF through crucial labour market analytics of climate change impact.
- **Enhanced peer learning and sharing platform through partnerships on labour market data and statistics:** this will be done by online learning and experience-sharing sessions engaging experts, academics, think tanks and relevant ILO specialists among the SIDS where the analytical reports, guidance and technical tools will be shared and discussed for joint peer learning.
- **Establishing a robust South-South network of experts, statisticians, academics and researchers** among the selected countries through partnership with SPC to exchange knowledge, experience, and expertise for sustained cooperation in analysing and incorporating the climate impacts on the labour market. Improved knowledge sharing through South-South cooperation identifying areas of labour market statistics incorporating climate change effects.
- **Two analytical reports on the impact of climate change in the labour market and employment outcome in the Pacific region** through analysing data from the selected countries, as well as guidance notes and technical tools that will also facilitate peer-learning among these countries and other SIDS.

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