



# IOM Resilience to Climate Change and Disaster-Related Human Mobility in the Pacific

## IOM Strategic Plan 2024–2028



### OBJECTIVE 1

Saving lives and protecting people on the move



### OBJECTIVE 2

Driving solutions to displacement

Under Pillar I of the [IOM Pacific Strategy 2022–2026](#), IOM supports resilience to climate change and disaster related human mobility in the Pacific. The goal of the strategy is to contribute towards enhanced resilience, governance, and sustainable development in the context of human mobility in the Blue Pacific and aligns with [IOM Strategic Plan 2024–2028](#).

### Funding Partners



## Evacuation Centre Management and Displacement Cluster (ECMD)

- IOM-led regional cluster has been activated under the *UN Pacific Humanitarian Team* and supports PICs throughout the entire disaster management cycle.
- Activated in response to a disaster, IOM works closely with national governments in providing coordination support including monitoring of evacuation centre populations and regularly sharing information with relevant national clusters on the conditions and needs of displaced persons sheltering in evacuation centres.
- In 2023, IOM Vanuatu led the response in the aftermaths of *Cyclone Judy, Kevin* and Lola assisting the coordination of referrals to clusters including Shelter, Health, Education, Gender and Protection, Food Security and Agriculture, and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene to address the immediate needs in evacuation centres and affected communities. IOM's coordination support through the DECM cluster has been critical in addressing the immediate needs especially of the most vulnerable persons such as pregnant women, lactating mothers, persons living with disabilities and the elderly, including internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- In 2022, IOM Tonga through the ECMD cluster supported the immediate response and coordination in the aftermath of the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai Volcanic Eruption and Tsunami (HTHH Disaster).

## Pacific Climate Change Migration and Human Security (PCCMHS)

- Led the development of *Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility* to guide governments and other actors in ensuring rights based and people-centred movement in the context of climate change, including staying in place, planned relocation, migration, and displacement.
- Support to Pacific Governments to develop and implement national policies to address climate mobility.
- Actively engaging Pacific civil society actors, worker and employer organizations, and communities in national, regional, and global processes to manage climate mobility.

## Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Palau

- *Inclusive Migration and Preparedness in Action (IMPACT)* to enhance disaster resilience in communities and governments by equipping communities with skills and resources to mitigate hazards, (2) prioritizing an inclusive approach and (3) supporting response planning through Joint Damage Assessments.

## Vanuatu

- *UN secretary General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement:* Under the agenda, IOM Vanuatu co-leads (with the Government) a one-of-a-kind National Durable Solutions Taskforce. Vanuatu is the only Pacific country selected for the pilot, and IOM is implementing two projects to advance durable solutions including the development and pilot of planned relocation and durable solutions guidelines.
- *Wokbaot Wetem Kalja:* IOM works closely with the local government and communities to support better integration of traditional knowledge, social and cultural systems, and environmentally sustainable practices into displacement management.
- *Institutional capacity and community resilience:* IOM is developing a national participatory displacement risk mapping tool, establishing, and training Community-based Disaster and Evacuation Management Committees (CDEMCS) and supporting construction of 8 evacuation centres to strengthen Vanuatu's response and recovery from disasters.



## Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia

- *Disaster Resilience in the Compact Nations (RESILIENCE)* to prepare for, respond to, and reconstruct after natural disasters through building capacity and local ownership in preparedness and disaster management, and raising the threshold that necessitates U.S. assistance.

## Fiji

- *Designed an anticipatory action approach* which acts ahead of predicted hazards to prevent or reduce acute humanitarian impacts before they fully unfold. The action will be triggered if a tropical cyclone that is forecasted to be a Category 4 or 5 while within 250 km of Fiji, or Category 3, 4, or 5 while making landfall in Fiji. If any point in the forecast up to a lead time of 72 hours meets the trigger conditions, the activation trigger is met and IOM will provide shelter kits and information, education, and communication materials to support vulnerable communities' ability to strengthen their shelters in advance of a cyclone.
- *Strengthening National and Community Resilience to Disaster and Displacement Risks:* IOM is supporting the construction/refurbishment of multiple evacuation centres alongside rolling out a participatory approach with communities, government authorities and first responders to improve evacuation centre management, information management systems and disaster resilience in at-risk communities.

## Solomon Islands

- *Strengthening Resilience Against Disaster and Climate Change Related Fragility* aims to reduce fragility of populations lacking preparedness for disaster displacement in line with priorities under the Sendai Framework by supporting Integrated Vulnerability Assessments in 9 at-risk communities.

## Tonga

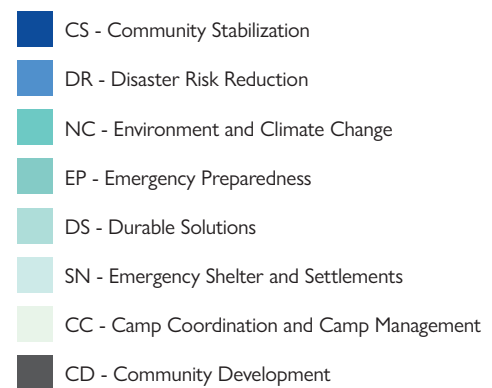
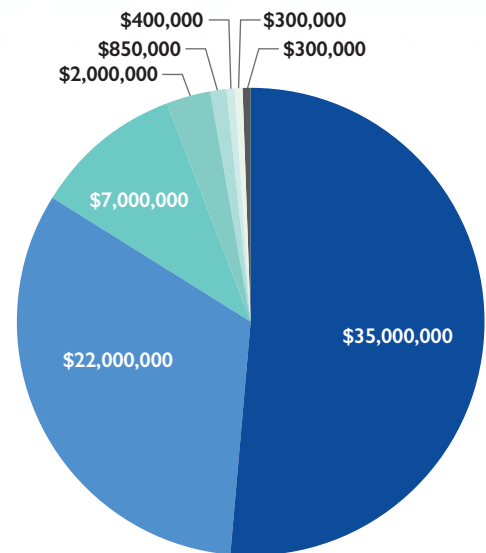
- *Supporting (HTHH Disaster) Recovery and Resilience Building Plan 2022 – 2025* through increased knowledge and skills to mainstream durable solutions including implementing Community Vulnerability Assessments (CVAs) and village and district emergency plans.

**USD 66 million**

Total active funding for IOM Pacific Pillar I projects, at January 2024



IOM Pacific Strategy Pillar I – January 2024



## Sustainable Development Goals

