

GGGI Fiji: Fact Sheet

Implementation of the Green Growth Framework

Challenges

Fiji is an archipelagic nation made of 800-plus volcanic and coral islands in the South Pacific. The economy is driven by its tourism, agriculture, manufacturing and financial sectors. Fiji's coastal and marine resources play important economic and social roles as they are critical to tourism and food provision and also hold significant cultural values. As with other Small Island Developing States, climate change poses significant challenges that threaten the sustainability of important sectors of Fiji's economy. Key challenges facing Fiji include:

- Vulnerability to external shocks, including climate change and financial crises
- High dependence on imported fossil fuels
- Declining terrestrial and marine biodiversity due to unsustainable land management and coral reef degradation
- Provision of urban infrastructure and services

Activities

To address these challenges, the Government of Fiji (GoF) has committed to integrating green growth into its development efforts. Green growth is a cornerstone of the new National Development Plan (NDP) for 2015-2020, which builds on the recent Green Growth Framework of Fiji. GGGI is supporting the Ministry of Finance with mainstreaming green growth into national planning and infrastructure project implementation. In 2015-2016, GGGI will assist the GoF with:

- Providing inputs to guide the integration of crosssectoral green growth into the new NDP
- Facilitating knowledge sharing of green growth planning from other developing countries

- Building capacity to access infrastructure and climate financing
- Developing green growth criteria for the prioritization of infrastructure projects
- Supporting the implementation of green growth pilot projects

Overall goals

- Support the implementation of the Green Growth Framework into Fiji's National Development Plan
- Development of green infrastructure project proposals

Implementing Partners

- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Results to date

• Developed well-defined scope of work and institutional set-up for green growth intervention in Fiji