

MFAT Management Response to Increasing Economic and  
Employment Benefits from Tuna Fisheries Project  
Evaluation



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<p><b>Recommendation 1:</b> Due to the uncertainties identified in relation to project expenditure and coding, FFA should carry out an in-house review to confirm the expenditure figures and totals for the Increasing Economic and Employment Benefits from Tuna Fisheries Project (IEEBTF) project</p>	<p><b>Agree</b> – FFA to confirm expenditure for IEEBTF as part of completion reporting for phase II.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 2:</b> The activities under the project to promote fisheries development are important and support should continue. The work is strongly aligned with regional priorities and national needs. In relation to the four output areas:</p> <p>Output 1: The Evaluation has been advised that work is underway to design a separate project addressing these issues</p> <p>Output 2: Work should continue to address key analytical gaps for investments and Joint Ventures, and work with funding partners to bring resources to support development in the sector</p> <p>Output 3: Continue to facilitate market linkages e.g. through trade ‘expos’ when possible. Consideration should be given to the concepts raised during consultation during this evaluation as listed in section 4 b: Covid-19 support, inclusion of non-tuna/coastal fisheries, promoting national tenure/access arrangements compatible with long term investment.</p> <p>Output 4: Regional support will continue to be needed to retain national capacity and access to markets. FFA should review its ongoing role in view of the lack of agreement on RECAS.</p>	<p><b>Agree</b> – activities to promote fisheries development to continue in phase II and into phase III.</p>

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<p><b>Recommendation 3:</b> Future Project design should include the role of women in fisheries.</p> <p>The current project has developed some promising concepts to support women in the fisheries sector. However this was done by going outside the specifications of the project design. Future projects should address this by incorporating gender-related activities into the design at the outset.</p>	<p><b>Agree</b> – Gender-related activities to be a clear and defined component under Phase III Activity design.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 4:</b> Future Project implementation should include a clear accountability structure.</p> <p>The level of flexibility under the current project has been appreciated, but some gaps have emerged in project reporting and monitoring. Future projects should address this through an enhanced oversight arrangement such as a joint Steering Committee with the task of reviewing progress at least annually.</p>	<p><b>Agree</b> – The MFAT Activity Manager to continue to conduct monthly “catch up” meetings with the FFA Programme Manager to discuss ongoing management of the programme.</p> <p>A joint steering committee to also be stood up for Phase III to assess progress annually and provide strategic oversight.</p>

