



< PacificTA's mission is to help improve the quality of life for citizens in Pacific Island countries, through hands-on practical support for local Pacific Island managers to run public services. >

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## How we do it

practical advice and guidance

We match New Zealand-based local government technical experts with Pacific Island teams to provide hands-on, onsite training, mentoring and assistance. Through PacificTA, our Pacific Island partners are equipped with the knowledge and technical expertise to better manage essential public infrastructure and services.

"It brings a new way of seeing things, new ideas, sharing experiences with us, [and] assistance - that is the key outcome." PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRY PARTICIPANT

## Get in touch to get involved in PacificTA

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## Sharing expertise since 2012

PacificTA is a local government initiative funded by the New Zealand Government's aid programme and managed by Local Government New Zealand. Technical experts are drawn from New Zealand's 78 local authorities.

Since 2012 the initiative has partnered New Zealand and Pacific Island teams to solve issues and overcome challenges impacting Pacific Island communities.

All Pacific Island countries with New Zealand bilateral relationships are eligible for support: the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu, Tokelau and Tonga.



2012

PacificTA started



200

local government staff involved in PacificTA



19

different work programmes completed since 2012



8

different countries involved to date

## How we can help



### Environmental management

- Water and air quality
- Coastal planning
- Marine regulations and marine pollution response
- Biodiversity
- Pest management
- Flood protection and river management
- Natural hazard management including climate change



### Infrastructure and asset management

- Drinking water
- Sanitation
- Stormwater and drainage
- Local roads
- Waste collection, recycling and landfill management
- Airport and port ownership
- Libraries and sports centres
- Parks and open spaces
- Asset management and maintenance planning



### Urban planning and transport planning

- Public transport
- Urban, town and community planning
- Local regulations / by-laws
- Building control
- Harbour and boating safety



### Public health and safety

- Crime prevention planning
- Rural fire protection
- Civil defence/ disaster planning and response
- Public health regulation and compliance:
  - Animal control
  - Food safety compliance
  - Sale, supply and consumption of alcohol



### Making good decisions

- Governance
- Organisation structure
- Financial management and strategy
- Democracy support
- Major event planning and governance

## Benefits for everyone involved

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People are the heart of PacificTA. Its emphasis is on building relationships between our New Zealand and Pacific Island partners.

All participants work towards the same goal – improving the quality of life for citizens in Pacific Island countries.

To date PacificTA has assisted with improvements in the participating countries:

Delivery of the Apia Waterfront Development Strategy in Samoa and technical assistance on water quality testing and building a playground.

“we sat down and brainstormed, and actually drew up a map, we went as far as that, and be selective [to reflect our context]...so we tailormake the idea, make our own flavour, instead of cut and paste. We ended up with a very satisfactory result.”

PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRY GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDER

Betio Town Council in Kiribati requested technical advice on revenue generation, management and financial administration training.

The Cook Islands successfully partnered with PacificTA to improve water storage and waste management.

“Right down to how to best implement with local capacity ... having [staff] engaged in the local implementation leaves them with a skill to maintain [and build on the project].”

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Provided strategic and technical assistance for Apia Waterfront development, water quality testing, playground development and dog management.

“Tourists feel safe at night to walk around and not have dogs barking at their heels. You can go out any time of night, and no worries.”

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