PacificTA

Local Government New Zealand Technical Assistance Facility

Criteria for short term technical assistance

The Local Government Technical Assistance Facility (PacificTA) was established to harness the expertise of New Zealand local authorities to support local government and service delivery in the Pacific. PacificTA is funded under the New Zealand Aid Programme, managed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The Aid Programme seeks to “support sustainable development in developing countries, in order to reduce poverty and to contribute to a more secure, equitable and prosperous world”. This is a key foreign policy objective for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The Aid Programme has a core focus on the Pacific region. The twelve Investment Priorities for support in the Pacific are: renewable energy, agriculture, information and communications technology, fisheries, tourism, trade and labour mobility, economic governance, law and justice, health, education, resilience, and humanitarian response.

All these areas can have implications for the role of local government and service delivery at the local level.

The goal of PacificTA is to work with Pacific partners to improve local government service delivery at the local level in Pacific Island countries through the provision of technical assistance. Against this background the criteria for consideration and approval of requests for technical assistance are as follows.

1. Applications to the Local Government Technical Assistance Facility must align with the goal of the facility.
2. The steering committee will consider requests received direct from eligible Pacific Island countries, NZ High Commissions in the Pacific, LGNZ or from NZ Councils within the context of established relationships.
3. All requests need to align with Pacific national country strategies, and local government development plans.
4. A local Pacific counterpart is to be appointed for each assignment.
5. Primarily technical support is for short one off assignments, i.e. 2-3 weeks.
6. Longer term assignments will be considered on a case by case basis.
7. Assignments approved for support by the steering committee will be scoped by LGNZ, and a relevant terms of reference developed and agreedwith the Pacific partner organisation.

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