Barriers to Adaptation in Socially Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups: Insights from the Pacific Region

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Barriers to Adaptation

- Limited information, knowledge and awareness
- Weak institutions
- Poor stakeholder inclusion
- Limited incentives and financing
- Implications of gender issues
Addressing the Barriers

Information, education, and communication

- Raise public awareness and understanding of climate change issues and implications
- Foster effective partnerships with local communities to adapt to (or mitigate) climate change
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Institutional capacity development in-country

- Oversee coordination and efficiently implement climate change adaptation programs and initiatives
- Draw on knowledge, technology, and extension services from development partners
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Stakeholder inclusion and consultation

- Pacific countries, key regional organizations, CSOs, NGOs, and development partners
- Private sector engagement in national programs
  - Climate resilient cross-sectoral infrastructure development
Addressing the Barriers

Effective stakeholder coordination

- Close collaboration and teamwork on climate change activities
- Coordinated responses to countries’ requests for technical support, including strategic approaches to access climate financing
- Regular and sustained climate change coordination dialogues
Addressing the Barriers

Incentives and development finance

- Enhance adaptive capacities and ensure appropriate adaptation actions
- Facilitate CCA and DRR integration
- Leverage maximum adaptation results within existing development activities and investments
- Most appropriate and efficient regional aid delivery modality for climate change
PNG Strategic Program for Climate Resilience

- Building climate resilient communities
  - pilot community climate change vulnerability mapping and adaptation planning
  - small grants scheme for communities to implement adaptation plans and early warning systems
  - pilot activities to address CC health risks
  - scholarships opportunities for district & provincial government

- Addressing climate change risks to food security in vulnerable communities
Pacific Regional Strategic Program for Climate Resilience

Mainly to mainstream CCA and DRR into national/sectoral/local development programs

- Transfer best practices through knowledge platforms
- Provide regionally-based technical assistance
- Facilitate access to climate financing
- Strengthen stakeholder coordination