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IS AID EFFECTIVE IN THE PACIFIC?
Aid Effectiveness is about improving the delivery and management of aid, so partner countries can easily achieve their development objectives.
Before 2005: (Paris Declaration) Aid flows to the Pacific were:

- Highly volatile
- Coordination between donors fragmented
- Lack consistency between donor activities and national priorities
- Inconsistencies between donors
- Excessive demands on local resources
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Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness 2005
5 Principles

1. Alignment
2. Harmonisation
3. Managing for Results
4. Mutual Accountability
5. Ownership
Pacific Principles of Aid Effectiveness  2007
(Derived from the Paris Declaration) 7 Principles

2. Multi-year commitments by development partners, and for the countries aligned priorities according to National Development Strategies.
3. Greater Pacific Ownership of Regional Development.
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4. Harmonisation in the delivery of assistance.
5. Strengthened institutional mechanisms and Capacity.
6. Technical Assistance to help in Capacity building.
7. Use of an agreed Monitoring and Evaluation framework.
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Total Aid to the Pacific – stable for years...........

USD $1—1.3 billion a year
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Total Bilateral ODA as reported under Cairns Compact: 2008 calendar year
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REALITIES

- Each country needs to determine for itself what the immediate **feasible** priorities are and to make its position clear to development partners.

- Having a National Strategic Plan does not always lead to clear direction or determine resource allocation.

- Nearly all pacific island countries have national development strategy, but only those with relatively **good capacity** and **experience** are able to use it to shape sector activity and budget exercises to align with development partners and country priorities.
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Progress Areas:

- Country-led donor Coordination: Pacific making good progress, although many countries still behind.
- National Development Strategies
- Use of budget support for aid delivery. Good progress in many countries.
- Joint programming and analytical approaches. Overall trend very good.
- Rationalization of aid: growth in harmonised programmes, joint monitoring and analysis. Cook Islands: Australia has delegated bulk of its programme to NZ. Tonga: Education sector delegated to NZ & Australia.
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Crucial Factor is .................

............Strong Political Leadership/Commitment
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Areas for Improvement

- Common approach by development partners to policy dialogue
- Persistent weaknesses in country systems
- Lack of capacity within Pacific countries to coordinate and lead development activities
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- Managing for Results and Mutual Accountability is still a grey area in the Pacific.
- Predictability of aid is still an area that deserves attention. Only the very large donors are able to engage in longer term planning discussions.
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Technical Assistance

- Quite challenging
- Considerable improvements over the years
- Capacity development role
Relation to Specialist Clinical Services: QUITE EFFECTIVE

- Direct Clinical Care and Outcomes
- Capacity Building for local clinicians / nurses.
- Equipment's / supplies
- Personal Relationships
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Thank You