

DFAT management response to partner-led Independent Evaluation of Pacific Biosecurity Partnership Program March 2020 – June 2027

DFAT welcomes the findings of the independent evaluation of the Pacific Biosecurity Partnerships Program (PBPP) and the Solomon Islands Biosecurity Development Program (SIBDP). The evaluation found PBPP and SIBDP is contributing to stronger relationships, regional coordination and biosecurity capacity across the Pacific, while also identifying opportunities to improve strategic focus, sustainability, monitoring and evaluation, and coordination with other partners and programs.

DFAT notes that the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has agreed four out of six recommendations of the independent evaluation and partially agreed two.

DFAT welcomes DAFF's response and its commitment to strengthen program implementation. Since mid-2025, and following receipt of the initial evaluation findings, DFAT has worked with the DAFF to strengthen the program. This has included providing multi-year funding in recognition that regional coordination requires sustained effort over time, developing a clearer theory of change and outcome indicators for 2026 to 2027, and enhancing communication and coordination with DFAT's overseas missions.

DFAT agrees that future programming should have a more clearly defined scope and set of priorities that reflect the program's scale, available resources and Australia's comparative advantage. DFAT will use the evaluation to inform future biosecurity investments in the Pacific, ensure alignment with broader regional programs and the Australia-Pacific Regional Development Partnership Plan, and maintain Australia's support target, effective, and sustainable outcomes.

DAFF has published the report and its management response on its website [DAFF evaluation published webpage](#).