**Partnerships for Social Protection – End-of-Phase Evaluation - infographic on findings**

**Findings:** P4SP has played an important role in supporting governments to strengthen social protection systems and improve coverage, quality and inclusiveness.

**Relevance:** P4SP remains relevant to the Government of Australia and is well positioned to contribute to Government of Australia’s priority engagement with the Pacific region.

**Effectiveness:** P4SP has played an important role in supporting governments to improve social protection policies, strengthen and change the status of social protection systems and improve their coverage, quality and inclusiveness. There is evidence that the knowledge and confidence of partners is growing. Regional training, knowledge products and communications has raised awareness of social protection, and demand for support in reforming social assistance schemes in the region. There is appetite for more Pacific focused social protection research.

**Effectiveness - Gender equality:** At the bilateral level, opportunities have been taken to **mainstream** consideration of gender into analytical work and, where the ‘door is open’, inform government led systems strengthening in social protection operations. While gender mainstreaming has progressed well, P4SP can improve engagement with strategic and gender specific considerations related to social protection.

**Effectiveness - Disability equity:** P4SP has achieved some important gains in disability social assistance in a short period of time and has mainstreamed attention to disability and created opportunities for ongoing engagement on disability inclusion in reform processes.

**Sustainability:** P4SP has well established systems and ways of working that support sustainability in the Pacific context. Supporting government partners to make evidence based and risk informed choices and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of existing programs and systems enhances program sustainability.

**Efficiency:** P4SP is efficient and represents value for money. Adaptive management is valued by partner governments and positions Australia to deliver relevant, timely and responsive support. In-country partners value the access P4SP gives them to consistent, niche expertise who work in a respectful and empowering way. The One Team approach of DFAT Canberra and Posts, the Managing Contractor and technical teams underpins program success.

**Coherence:** P4SP has been nimble in leveraging and complementing DFAT programs in priority P4SP countries. It works via existing programs in Timor-Leste and Vanuatu. The program aligns well with Australian budget support and multi-donor Joint Policy Reform initiatives.