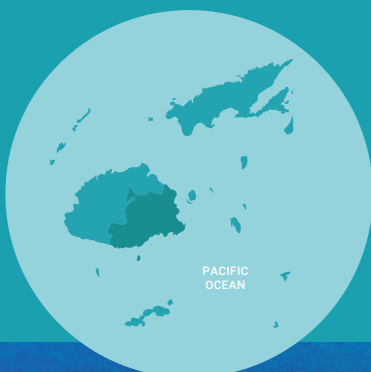




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or €23 million, is the AFD Group's portfolio in Fiji, supporting sustainable, inclusive and resilient development.

13 areas of action

Green and inclusive finance, health, agriculture, fisheries, oceans, biodiversity, rugby, waste management, disaster risk management and community resilience, drinking water, renewable energy, resilient infrastructure.

The second largest economy among the Pacific Islands, the Fiji archipelago has a population of nearly one million, whose daily lives remain deeply rooted in community bonds. Since opening its office in Suva in 2024, Agence française de développement (AFD), the French Development Agency, has been structuring its operations in Fiji around three strategic priorities:

1. Strengthening climate resilience;
2. Preserving exceptional biodiversity on land and at sea;
3. Reducing vulnerability to natural and health risks.

As a regional hub, Fiji serves as a platform for innovation and regional cooperation, benefiting from the AFD Group's Pacific-wide initiatives.

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1

Strengthening climate resilience with local communities

In Fiji, AFD supports resilience-building through communities, villages, private and public actors, and local authorities.

Through the Fiji Development Bank (FDB), AFD contributes to the development of green and inclusive entrepreneurship. Thanks to a credit guarantee provided to this financial institution, women, young people and rural business owners have easier access to funding for their sustainable projects.

Through the Kiwa initiative, co-funded by several donors and managed by AFD, 10 nature-based solution projects support communities to restore mangroves, rehabilitate watersheds and strengthen climate-resilient livelihoods – reaching more than 15,000 people.

The Greening the Pacific Financial Systems (GPFS) project, implemented by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), supports

public development banks and central banks in the Pacific, including those in Fiji, to integrate climate-related risks and sustainability at the core of financial systems. These reforms help redirect capital flows towards climate-smart investments such as clean energy, resilient agriculture, sustainable housing and financial inclusion.

The Cap Rugby programme, in partnership with the French Rugby Federation and the Fiji Rugby Union, uses sport to promote inclusion and raise awareness on climate risks.

AFD is also working with the Fijian authorities to improve access to safe and sustainable drinking water in villages. Potential new projects in flood management and renewable energy aim to lay the foundations for a more resilient country.

2

Protecting marine and terrestrial biodiversity

With more than 1,500 plant species, 170 bird species and unique coral reef and mangrove ecosystems, Fiji is home to an exceptionally rich natural heritage – now threatened by deforestation, pollution and the effects of climate change.

The BIODEV2030 project, implemented by Expertise France, supports the integration of biodiversity considerations into public policies and key economic value chains such as kava and coastal fishing, through close dialogue between public stakeholders, businesses and local communities.

The Pacific Ocean Initiative supports the sustainable management of coastal and marine ecosystems in 16 Pacific countries, including Fiji. Mobilising the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and scientific data produced by French research institutes in the region, it is based on two pillars: regional cooperation and capacity building.

The regional SWAP (Solid Waste and Pollution Management in the Pacific) project, managed by SPREP, aims to reduce waste and combat marine pollution in order to preserve the oceans and protect biodiversity while improving the living conditions of local communities.

3

Reducing vulnerability

Fiji is one of the countries most exposed to natural hazards in the world, facing frequent earthquakes, floods, droughts and cyclones. Between 2005 and 2020, more than 80% of the population was affected by at least one major disaster. AFD supports initiatives that strengthen prevention, preparedness and response to these crises.

Through the Preparedness and Response Platform for the Pacific (PIROPS), AFD supports disaster preparedness and response in the region by providing national Red Cross societies, including the Fiji Red Cross, with the human, material and logistical resources to respond more quickly and effectively to climate and natural disasters.

The Fiji-Share project, implemented with the Louis Malardé Institute in French Polynesia, is strengthening the country's epidemiological surveillance capabilities (research, laboratories, state-of-the-art equipment) to better detect and respond to mosquito-borne diseases. By supporting the Pacific Community's Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network, AFD is also helping to improve laboratories, non-communicable disease management and health worker training, while raising awareness among youth and women about the links between health, the environment and climate change.

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