

# **BIANNUAL REPORT OF RESEARCH PROJECT**

RESEARCH PROJECT TITLE	Pacific Community Water Management Supporting decentralised rural water networks to support Pacific Rural Wa	supply in Pacific islan ater Committee engage	
	management for climate resilient WA	SH outcomes	
ID CODE			
FUNDERS	Australian Government		
PROJECT PARTNER(S)	Griffith University, International Water C University	entre, USP, and Solomo	on Islands National
STAKEHOLDER(S)	Provincial government Environmental H	ealth Divisions and Faith	Based Organization
START DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2023	END DATE	30 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023

#### **PROJECT INFORMATION:**

Co-investigator Dr Hugo Bugoro, of Solomon Islands National University (SINU), will contribute to the intellectual development of the research and supervise a team that will include Mr Collin Benjamin and Ms Sheilla Funubo to undertake research in Western Province, Isabel Province and Guadalcanal Province - and other rural locations (yet to be identified) - that will include interviews, surveys, stakeholder engagement and management, workshops and other activities. In addition, Dr Bugoro and team, where applicable, will participate in regional events that include travel and capacity building as set out in the proposal. The partnership of the project implementation is between International WaterCentre, SINU, and provincial EHD (RWASH). This will run for two (2) years, 2023 – 2024.

#### BACKGROUND:

Researchers from the University of the South Pacific (Fiji and Vanuatu) and Solomon Islands National University have been working with researchers from the International WaterCentre, Griffith University, conducting research on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), rural community water management and Water Safety Planning in Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji for the last five years - Pacific Community Water Management Plus (PaCWaM+) See: <a href="https://www.watercentre.org/research/r

We are now working on a new applied research project over the course of 2023-24, building on our previous work

#### **RATIONAL:**

In year 2022, as we drew closer to the end of the PaCWM+ research project, the research team from SINU (Hugo & Collin) conducted a baseline assessment on the three (3) provinces, Western, Isabel, and Malaita. The objective of the engagement was conducting a Tok Stori (informal session) with the provincial Environmental Health Division officers including RWASH field technicians. The aim is to find out the level of their resources and capacities, challenges, also administrative and financial functions.

Unfortunately, we happened to find out that all the visited provincial EHDs have the same level of the issues, which reflecting their poor capacity and limited resources to function proactively. They were more involved only in the instalment of water systems, and basic training conducted for communities once and only during the course of the water supplies instalment. They have very limited resources and tools to regularly maintain the community engagement services that should support the communities to actively manage their own water systems.

Thus, the need of the provincial EHDs is to assist them with workable and efficient approaches that will help them run regular community visitation that will increase the capacity of communities to be actively involved in water management and inclusively. This is where this research project will work through and towards.











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#### MAIN CONTENT The research project entitled, Pacific Community Water Management Plus (PaCWM+2) is an initiative aimed at enhancing water management practices in the Pacific region. This report covers the activities and progress made by the PaCWM+ from January to June 2023. During this period, the PaCWM+2 focused on INTRODUCTION several aspects of the project, including dissemination of research outputs, conference presentation, writing abstracts and reports, publications, proposal submission, planning and administration of new projects, capacity building, and stakeholders and community engagement. The key objectives of the PaCWM+2 reporting period were as follows: a. Dissemination of the research outputs to the stakeholders including provincial government EHDs and Faith-based Organizations Writing articles for publication, including abstracts for conference presentation b. C. Participating in various international and regional conferences related to WASH field Planning and administration of PaCWM+2 new research projects d. **OBJECTIVES** Provide training and knowledge-sharing opportunities to water management researchers, e. professionals and community members to enhance their skills in water resource management. Trigger governmental RWASH regular visits to community, community participation and f. ownership in water management initiatives through the establishment of inclusive local water committees and engagement activities. A research fellow from the International WaterCentre (Dr. Mark Love) was joined by the researcher from SINU (Collin Benjamin) to conduct the first visit to the selected communities in the Western province. The researchers have joined the EHD team members, namely; Merilyn Vana, Senior Health Inspector (7160845); **METHODOLOGY** John Sele, Principle Health Inspector (7970243); and Andy Dickson, Hospital Driver. Merilyn Vana has been the key person to collaborate with on behalf of the Western province EHD team, in regards to any community engagement activities The communities were highlighted on the map below, namely, Kaza, Nusa Roviana, Baeni, and Lambulambu.















Figure 1. Projected Map of the Community Engagement in Western Province with the EHD (RWASH) Team

Table 1. RWASH Project Attributes of the Selected Communities

Community	Type of system	Year constructed	Cost SBD
Nusa Roviana	Hand pump	2021	\$165,000
Baeni	Gravity Fed	2021	\$9997,565
Labulabu	Gravity Fed	2021	\$840,000
Kaza	Gravity Fed	2018	\$-

#### 1.1. Partnership dialogue

The final proposal and contract was forwarded by Griffith University to the sub-contractor (SINU) and was reviewed and signed on the 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2023













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Name of Project	islands: formal and informal netwo	centralised rural water supply in Pacific rks to support Pacific Rural Water resources management for climate	Deputy Director, Research Services	Name and position of authorised officer
Head Contract	Grant Agreement WRA-CR02_WRA-CR Griffith University dated 7 February 2 Annexure A.	09 between GHD Australia Pty Ltd and 2023 - a copy of which is attached as	17 April 2023 Date	1920 FESSUE TRANSFORM AROTAN Date 14/4/2023
Term	Commencement Date: 1 January 2023			

SINU submitted the proposal to the SIHRERB for review and permission on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2023, with other documents such as approval letters from both Western and Isabel provincial health directors and EHD chief officers.

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Please reply to: Provincial Health Director Your Ref: Date:4/4/23 P.O.BOX 2 Buala Hospital, Tel: 35/20/352/ Facsimile: 3506	SIMRERB, B M.H.M.S
Letter of Approval	Honiara
To: National Environmental Health Division MHMS Honiara	Atten: SIHRERB Secretariat Dear Sir,
Subject: Approval of the WASH research project to be conducted in Isabel	REF: SUPPORT LETTER FOR THE RESEARCH ON COMMUNITY WATER MANAGEMENT IN RURAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WESTERN PROVINCE, SOLOMON ISLANDS
This letter serves to inform you that the Isabel Health Serves approves the requeresearchers from the USP and IWC at Griffith University to conduct a research Water Management in rural communities in Isabel Province.	
We look forward to working closely with your team.	availability of clean drinking water to the people and to reduce water borne diseases to the people in Solomon Islands.
Thank you for considering your research conducted in Isabel. Yours Sincerely,	I here-by recommend that this Research Proposal should be given approval by the SHHERB for Western Province, as it will a have positive outcome to influence the positive management of water at the rural communities level as well as improving the WASH outcomes. I strongly believe that the findings of this research will give long-term benefits and to enhance new insights for the sustainability of management water in rural Solomon Islands and the Pacific Countries.
	Yours Faithfully,
Tony Stewart Quity Provincial Health Director Supervising	PHD-Western Province Institute A Ministry of Health & Ministry of Health

However, due to the highlighted gaps, the proposal was returned to SINU/Griffith to revise once more according to ethics standard and requirement. The revised document was submitted again to ethics on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, for further review. Below are the attached proposal for ethics and feedbacks from the first submission.











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WaterCentre Winnerst Australian	Should you need additional clarification(s), please let me know and always quote your Project Number at the top in future correspondences. All the best,

SINU attempted to contact Western and Isabel provincial EHDs to make arrangement of the project implementation. The two provinces have approved the project to assist them, and have sent in their AOPs as requested by IWC/SINU team for scheduling of the first field trip. Attached are the AOPs for both provincial EHDs.

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A02: Solid Waste Management Survey and Audit for Munda and Gizo.	1	-													
A03: Household survey and monitoring on hot spot areas without sanitation (noro,munda, Gizo).	1	1													
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We will be working with the EHD team from Western province first to support their activity (A14), monitoring their four WASH project sites. This will happen on the  $11^{th} - 28^{th}$  June.











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The initial plan for this first trip to Western province was to integrate an extension project under the existing PaCWM-2 project, focused on Faith-Based Organisations (FBOs) and Community Water Management (CWM), unfortunately, adjustment made due to the administrative delays and time limitation.

	Planned Activity(s)	Actual Activity(s)
11 <sup>th</sup> June: Sunday	Research team arriving in Gizo, lodge in Rekona's lodge.	The research team (SINU/Griffith) arrived in Gizo on the
	Briefing among researchers	11 <sup>th</sup> June, checked in at the Rekona lodge
12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting with Merrilyn and the EHD/RWASH officers.	The research team met with EHD/RWASH officers for
Monday - Tuesday	Few interviews and grey literature.	community engagement planning, overviewing the whole
	Briefing and awareness	project, and an interview with the RWASH head.
	Logistic preparation for the trips.	Also, the research team consulted with the different
		denominational church leaders for planning and
		preparation towards another project on Faith based
		organized workshop, did meet with Catholic, SDA, and
		United church.
14 <sup>th</sup> June: Wednesday	Trip 1 to Kaza: [Departure @8am - Arrival @9am]	Research team with EHD officers head to the 1 <sup>st</sup>
	Lodging @9:30am	community, Kaza.
	Meeting with village leaders and Water committee @11am	The team comprised of two researchers, two EHD
	Research, implementation, monitoring @1pm – 4pm	officers, and a driver.
		Activities conducted were SWOT Analysis and Video to
		stori. Then we did water system transect as well.
5 <sup>th</sup> June: Thursday	Research, implementation, monitoring @8am – 4pm	On Thursday morning we developed Kaza's WASH
		action plan.
		Then the team departed to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> community, Nusa
		Roviana.
		Activities conducted were SWOT Analysis, WASH action
		planning, and key informant interview. Even we
		conducted water system transect.
6 <sup>th</sup> June: Friday	Trip 2 to Nusa Roviana: [Departure @8am - Arrival @9am]	The team departed to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> community, Baeni.
	Lodging @9:30am	Arrived on Friday, the team did transect of the water
	Meeting with village leaders and Water committee @11am	system.
	Research, implementation, monitoring @1pm – 4pm	
7 <sup>th</sup> June: Saturday	Mingle & Fellowship with community members	Spent a weekend, fellowship with church members.













		On the closing Sabbath, the team conducted video tok-
		stori.
18 <sup>th</sup> June: Sunday	Research, implementation, monitoring @1pm – 4pm	On Sunday morning, the team did SWOT Analysis with
		the Water committee and formulating WASH Action Plan.
19 <sup>th</sup> June: Monday	Trip 3 to Baeni: [Departure @8am - Arrival @9am]	The team returned to Gizo for process briefing, and few
	Lodging @9:30am	more preparation for the last community.
	Meeting with village leaders and Water committee @11am	
	Research, implementation, and monitoring @1pm – 4pm	
20 <sup>th</sup> June: Tuesday	Research, implementation, monitoring @8am – 4pm	The team departed for the final community, Lambulambu
		Activities conducted were Video tok-stori. SWOT
		Analysis, and WASH action planning, and key informant
		interview.
21 <sup>st</sup> June: Wednesday	Return Trip to Gizo: [Departure @8am - Arrival @11am]	Then we did water system transect.
	Lodging @11:30am	Depart to Mereusu Kolombangara to interview RWASH
	Process debriefing and logistic preparation for the last	field officers, then head back to Gizo.
	community	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June: Thursday	Trip 4 to Lambulambu: [Departure @12pm - Arrival @1pm]	Debriefing with EHD officers, meeting with Telekom
	Lodging @1:30pm	marketing officer.
	Meeting with village leaders and Water committee @2pm	
	Research, implementation, monitoring @3pm – 5pm	
23 <sup>rd</sup> June: Friday	Research, implementation, monitoring @8am – 4pm	Meeting with EHD officer & SSEC church pastor for
		planning for FBO workshop. Flight back to Honiara
24 <sup>th</sup> June: Saturday	Mingle & fellowship with community members	Weekend in Honiara
25 <sup>th</sup> June: Sunday	Research, implementation, monitoring @1pm – 4pm	Weekend in Honiara
26 <sup>th</sup> June: Monday	Return Trip to Gizo: [Departure @8am - Arrival @11am]	Meeting with SINU VC, SINU Research Director
	Lodging @11:30am	
	Reflection notes (Research team) @1pm – 4pm	
27 <sup>th</sup> June: Tuesday	Final debriefing with EHD staff @9am – 12pm	Meeting with ACOM management
	Setting new schedule + logistics arrangement with church	
	leaders for FBO project @1pm – 4pm	
	Return flight to Honiara for research team.	Meeting with Telekom marketing manager.













#### During the reporting period, the PaCWM-2 achieved significant milestones in each of its key objectives:

- The provincial EHD in Western and Isabel province, as well as the leaders of the Anglican, United church, Seventh-Day Adventist, and South Sea Evangelical Church in the Solomon Islands, received various materials such as concept notes, implementation guides, and reports.
- A submission titled "Factors Influencing the Lifespan of Water Systems in the Solomon Islands" was written and accepted. This abstract was chosen and presented during the 5th PIURN conference, held in Cook Islands on July 5, 2023. Additionally, a proposal for the World Water Week in Sweden was written and selected. Titled "Going beyond Community WASH planning", scheduled for August 20th to 24th.
- Several technical reports were published to be used for policy review, implementation guides for CSOs when doing community engagement.
- The PaCWM+ research team from SINU, participated in two conferences. One was an international conference focused on Water and WASH Futures, which took place in Brisbane from February 13th to 16th. The presentation was titled *"Planning for Uncertain Climate Risks to Community Water: Water Security Improvement Planning in Solomon Islands."* The team received a 'Big Ideas' award.
- The team also attended a regional conference recently, organized by the Pacific Islands University Research Networks (PIURN) in Cook Islands from July 2nd to 4th. The presentation titled "*"Factors Influencing the Lifespan of Water Systems in the Solomon Islands."* Currently, the team is actively preparing for another conference in Sweden.
- Despite experiencing delays in the process involving donors, contract signing with partners, and receiving ethics feedback, the planning and administration of the new PaCWM+2 research project were carried out successfully. The implementation schedule was executed as planned, taking place from June 11<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. The specific sub-project, titled "Supporting Decentralized Rural Water Supply in Pacific Islands: Formal and Informal Networks to Facilitate Pacific Rural Water Committee Engagement in Climate-Resilient WASH Outcomes," is a part of the PaCWM-2 initiative.
- During the months of May and June, the research team from the Solomon Islands National University (SINU) participated in two training sessions. The first training focused on the topic of Gender in WASH, while the second training covered the subject of Safeguarding. In addition, representatives from stakeholders in the Western province underwent training on utilizing an implementation guide titled 'Strong Water Committee Strong WASH Committee'.
- For the first time, the provincial EHD officers in the Western province incorporated a budget for follow-up visits into the current Annual Operational Planning (AOP). Together with the SINU research team, these officers carried out monitoring activities in four communities: Kaza, Nusa Roviana, Baeni, and Lambulambu. During these follow-up visits, SWOT analysis was conducted, and discussions were facilitated using the PaCWM+ video. Subsequently, action plans were formulated after meetings with each community, and water committees were reinstated to collaborate on the identified key actions with the assistance of community members.
- Efforts are underway to revive and implement the national RWASH policy from 2015 to 2020 with the aim of utilizing churches to enhance water management in rural communities. Currently, preparations are being











#### ACHIEVEMENT(S)



made to engage church leaders in a two-day workshop scheduled to take place in Isabel and Western provinces between July and September.

- The Solomon Islands Health Research Ethics Review Board (SIHREB) has experienced delays and provided inconsistent feedback.
- There is a lack of alignment between the provincial EHD Annual Operation Plan and the work plan schedule of research partners, indicating a difference in their respective levels of coordination.
- Limited administrative process of contracting between partners- less incentives for SINU full-time staff and delay process of PV payment.
- Working under the research policy that needs to be reviewed and revised to contain other variable costs
- Community financial constraints in the western province, most communities have water systems, but over three-quarters of these systems have deteriorated due to a lack of funds for maintenance.
- Government Financial constraints limited funds only for constructions and activities related to constructions such as pre and post construction. Provincial EHDs and the provincial government do not have budgets allocated for maintenance, leading to a sense of helplessness
- Water committee low prestige, high turnover, and inactive few women, high median age- no institutional redundancy- retiring RWASH field officers
- Lack of cooperation within the community, which poses challenges for provincial EHDs. One factor contributing to this lack of cooperation seems to be the absence of a well-defined plan by the community. Furthermore, the community's inability to sustain water fee payments also affects their commitment to maintaining the water system.
- Poor communication and coordination between provincial and national government EHDs- resulted in reactive operations and services conducted.
- Government actors and politicians have little respect for the EHD (RWASH) policies overriding the selection criteria that is meant to be used to identify communities most in need of system installation or rehabilitation. Leads to unfair distribution of water projects.
- Lack of tracking project assets- leads to losses of several equipment.

#### CONCLUSION

**CHALLENGES** 

The Pacific Community Water Management Plus (2) project in the Solomon Islands made significant progress in improving water management practices and addressing water-related challenges from January to June 2023. The findings and recommendations derived from the research will serve as valuable inputs for policy development, improving the provincial government level of monitoring to communities, and community-led initiatives. Continued collaboration and investment in sustainable water management practices are crucial to ensure long-term water security in the Solomon Islands.













	The SIHRERB (ethics) should provide quick feedbacks of the submitted proposal for early assurance
	The primary contracting management (Griffith University) should meet with the sub-contracting heads
	(SINU) for a common understanding between the linked parties to support the quick processing of
	administrative and financial outputs.
	• The SINU Research policy should be reviewed and revised to update level of some peripheral costs based
	on the trend now. to cater for the additionally incentives for the full-time staff as well
RECOMMENDATIONS	All provincial EHDs should now include the monitoring activities and budget into their AOPs
	Using PaCWM+ video to motivate and empower members of the community to encourage them improve
	their water systems. We have tried this tool just recently with four communities in the Western province.
	Great initial impact – appreciating the visit and video is very inspiring and empowering. Aligning to EHD
	current Community Engagement activities of SWOT analysis – developing simple action plan
	• It would be good for provincial EHDs to have their own projector and speaker to use during follow-up visits.
	<ul> <li>Follow-up visits do not only have to be physical approach, the cheapest way is contact the communities by</li> </ul>
	phone to keep track of their progress.
	The administrative process of contracting between partners necessitated additional technical training for
	SINU staff regarding financial management, reporting, and assets registration.
	We would like to extend our gratitude to the local communities in the Western province and government agencies in
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	the Solomon Islands who actively participated in this research project. Big thumbs up to the research partners as
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	well, especially, Griffith University and International Water Centre. Their contributions were instrumental in achieving
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## Field photos:

Kaza community - Jbk-stori coordinated by EHD officers



Baeni - Tok stori coordinated by EHD officers



Nusa Roviana - Tok stori coordinated by EHD officers



Lambulambu - Tok stori corrdinated by EHD officers





PHOTOS

























BUDGET DETAILS							
CODE		BUDGETED AMOUNT		ACTUAL AMOUNT			

REPORT PREPARED BY	Office of Research and Post- graduate Studies (ORPS)	REPORT APPROVED BY (BUDGET HOLDER)	
DATE OF REPORT	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	DATE OF APPROVAL	









