



## Mid-Term Evaluation Brief /2023

**PacWaste Plus (PWP)** is a regional programme working with Pacific Island States to improve their solid waste management practices. Funded by the **European Union**, PWP is implemented by the **Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)**. Between January and August 2023, **NIRAS** conducted a mid-term evaluation of PacWaste Plus, producing a series of findings, conclusions, and recommendations to improve the programme implementation.

## Solomon Islands



### Country project focus:



**Organics Management**



**Advance Recovery Fees & Deposits (ARFD)**

### Local actors involved:

Ministry of Environment Climate Change Disaster Management and Meteorology, Western Provincial Government, Gizo Town Council, Gizo Central Market, Honiara Referral Hospital, Gizo Hospital.



### Good practices

The Solomon Islands' country project takes place in Gizo, a small town with 7,000 inhabitants. Gizo Town staff are planning to upgrade the dumpsite and transform it into a central waste management site. PacWaste Plus' organic processing facility will be built in that location, which demonstrates that local staff are ensuring synergies between different projects and funds. That same staff is also active in Civil Society Organisations, such as PlasticWise Gizo, which teaches women to make handicrafts from recyclable materials. This small, tight and committed community shows a lot of potential for success.

### Lessons learned:

- Gizo market is plastic-free, offering an easy entry point for implementing organic waste processing, as the waste is already sorted. This could be later expanded to household waste, provided that it is accompanied by awareness raising on waste segregation.
- Although solid waste management responsibilities fall within provincial governments, civil society and private sector are important actors to involve, as they can engage in awareness raising, urban cleaning, and technology development.
- Sustainable financing principles applied in recyclables are yet to be incorporated into organic processing to sustain operations beyond the programme implementation period.



### Main results achieved:

- A stocktake of existing waste legislation and an assessment of legislative frameworks were completed.
- A waste audit for Gizo Market was completed.
- A feasibility study on sustainable financing legislation for ARFD was developed.
- A paper on sustainable financing legislation was drafted and sent to Cabinet.
- The healthcare waste incinerators at Honiara Referral Hospital and Helena Goldie Hospital, purchased by PacWASTE, were repaired; operational training, spare parts and personal protective equipment was provided to hospital staff.

### Next steps:

- Design and implement an organic processing programme in Gizo.
- Build and operate an organic processing facility in Gizo.
- Train staff on the operation of the organic processing facility.
- Passing of sustainable financing law.
- Facilitate awareness programmes for local communities.