

Innovative Financing for Inclusive ICT in Education

Waka Moana Learning Management Platform

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Who are involved in this Partnership for Financing of Effective and Sustainable ICT in Education?

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GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

- Partnerships of International Development Agencies (IDA).
- 3 Partners – World Bank, UNICEF and UNESCO
- One goal “Ensure Continued and Accelerated Learning for All Children and Youth.

REGIONAL

- International and national governments partnerships
- IDA, University of South Pacific, Country Ministries of Education (Kiribati, Marshall Is, Samoa, Solomon Is, Tonga and Tuvalu)

COUNTRY NATIONAL LEVEL

- Inter ministerial, local institutions and community
- National Ministries of Education, Higher Learning Institutions (Universities) and Parents

Why Partnership by International Development Agencies for Pacific - SIDS?

- Vulnerability, Acute Education Challenges perpetuated by COVID19
- Creating Support for populations digitally isolated, while making learning more effective for those having access to distance learning platforms.
- Diversification of approach and contextualizing of education resources as well as the development of capacities for teachers and other education personnel on a sub regional scale.
- Support Pacific SIDS through regionalism mechanism approach and interventions

What is the Partnership's Intervention?

1. Establish a Regional Open Source Platform to support distance and blended learning, a regional repository of resources and developing capacities of teachers and other educational personnel.
 - Support connectivity, especially for marginalized groups
 - Moodle based
2. A Regional Repository of Resources
 - Digitized curriculum based resources
 - Support distance learning on different technology delivery models
 - Including Open Educational Resources (OERs)
3. Develop capacities of teachers and other education personnel
 - Scaling regional capacities
 - Use to these resources and tools – low tech distance learning scenarios, Moodle platforms, off line and on line platforms



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About this Partner & Nature of the Partnership

- UNESCO Apia approached the University of the South Pacific to partner in a program that aims to strengthen Pacific SIDS education systems.
 - Coordination at the Regional Level by the Implementation Agencies is vital.
- Collaboration at all levels – at Regional Level; building on existing work in various efforts to support national ministries.
 - Continuity of Learning.
- Existing Regional Campuses in the 6 countries – linking their remote hubs or schools sites directly through these USP campuses.
 - Accessibility
- Each country will have 1 pilot school
 - Conditionality
 - Encourage further partnerships with Internet Service Providers (ISP) in country.



Key Features of the Intervention for Inclusive ICT in Education

- Expected Results
 - Establishment of an Off Line Audio Platform
 - Strengthening Traditions
 - Low Technology and more accessible
 - Develop Regional On Line Repository of Curriculum Aligned Resources
 - Enhance student's learning experience
 - On line all subject curriculum materials for all secondary school levels
 - Curating additional OERs relevant for Science and Math
 - Regional Folder for English for junior high school
 - Professional Development and Learning (PDL) for teachers, IT support staff and teacher educators
 - Use of technology, curating relevant material from OERs
 - Designing relevant learning lessons
 - Evaluating students learning
 - Technical Workshops with ministry of education IT support to support online training with pilot schools
 - Home Based Learning Program
 - Connecting schools and parents and community

Challenges

- Travel Restrictions
- Engagement with
 - National Teacher Training Institutions
 - Pilot schools
 - Parents and Communities

Summary

The Pacific SIDS Waka Moana Learning Management Platform exemplifies different models of partnerships that support innovative financing such as public private partnerships, inter ministerial partnerships, international and national governments, private corporations and community partnerships and government and community partnerships with the ultimate goal – strengthen the resilience of Pacific Education systems to Continue Learning.

Thank you

