

PACIFIC ISLANDS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE (PIEMA) MEDIA FACTSHEET



Helping countries prepare, respond and recover from disaster in the most economical and collaborated way is the main focus of the Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance (PIEMA).

This alliance is supported by the European Union through the Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (BSRP) project which is a €19.36 million investment in increasing the resilience of communities and reducing the vulnerability of 15 Pacific Island countries to environmental and natural disasters. This includes the impact on society and the economy once disaster strikes.

The Pacific Region is at risk of many disasters, such as drought, cyclone, earthquake, tsunami and flooding. This is made worse by the fact that many countries in the region still have significant development challenges, such as poverty. Factors like these can make Emergency and Disaster Risk Management more challenging and, as such, the Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance (PIEMA) is helping coordinate emergency services to ensure countries are as prepared as possible and able to respond to disaster in the most effective and collaborative ways.



PIEMA works with key national and regional disaster response agencies such as:

- Police (Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police or PICP),
- Fire Services (Pacific Islands Fire & Emergency Services Association or PIFESA),
- Ambulance Services
- National Disaster Management Offices (Regional Disaster Manager's Forum)

PIEMA helps each of them strengthen their country's response to disaster while creating a framework for all of these agencies to work in partnership when preparing, responding or recovering from disaster.

