STRENGTHENING THE ELECTORAL CYCLE IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS PROJECT (SECSIP)

Project focus: Provision of United Nations electoral technical assistance to support the sustainability and credibility of electoral processes in the Solomon Islands. Since 2013 SECSIP assists the electoral authorities, particularly the Electoral Office and Political Parties Commission, in the timely and effective implementation of their mandate contributing to provide an enabling environment for democratic development.

Background: Following the request of the Solomon Islands Government (SIG) to receive UN electoral technical assistance, an initial Needs Assessment Mission (NAM) was deployed in September 2012. The endorsement of the findings and recommendations of the NAM informed the project formulation rolled out in July 2013. In 2015, another NAM was deployed in response to a second request of SIG seeking the continuity of UN assistance. This resulted in the extension of SECSIP I until June 2017 and the formulation of a second project phase with an expected duration of 3 years ending in June 2020.

Implementation period:
Phase I July 2013–June 2017
Phase II July 2017–June 2020

Key outputs:
1. Sustainability and inclusiveness of Biometric Voter Registration.
2. Supporting the capacity of the electoral national authorities to manage an electoral cycle.
3. Enhancing the capacities of national authorities & local networks to train and conduct voter and civic awareness.
4. Support to electoral, legal and administrative reform
5. Promotion of women’s leadership and political participation

Partners:
- Solomon Islands Electoral Office (SIEC) and its Secretariat, the Electoral Office
- Political Parties Commission (PPC) and the Office of the Registrar of the PPC.
- SECSIP has established key alliances with other partners:
  - MEHRD, MWYFA, RSIPF
  - Civil society organizations: NCW, GPCW, SIALC, VTT, TEFILA, HOH, Destiny Glocal, MASI, TSI, SOC, Melanesian Board of Mission, FOC, TCCDA
  - Private sector: SolRice.

Estimated budget (Phase II): USD 5,860,986
Resource mobilised: USD 5,085,718 (Australia: 2,486,732; EU: 2,048,985; UNDP: 550,000)
Shortfall: USD 775,267

Annual delivery chart (Phase I and Phase II):