



“El Niño drought: food insecurity monitoring, preparedness and support in Micronesia and Melanesia”

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- Objective:** To mitigate risks to the food security and nutrition of vulnerable households created by El Niño-induced effects, particularly droughts.
- Key partners:** The National Department of Resources and Development, and the Chuuk State Department of Agriculture in Micronesia (Federated States of); the National Disaster Management Office, the Ministry of Resources and Development, and the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Marshall Islands; the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, and the Bureau of Agriculture in Palau; and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock in Solomon Islands
- Beneficiaries reached:** Government ministries and departments.
- Activities implemented:**
- Developed and designed a food availability monitoring system for data collection and analysis.
 - Trained government officials in Solomon Islands, Palau, the Marshall Islands and Micronesia (Federated States of) on the use of tablets populated with the Kobo Toolbox software for data collection, analysis and reporting.
 - Guided and assisted government departments to prepare implementation plans for data collection and monitoring capability for household food security and nutrition.
 - Liaised with ministries of agriculture and village leaders/local representatives to ensure regular collection and triangulation of data.
- Results:**
- Improved the capacity of governments to respond to vulnerable households at risk of food insecurity and poor nutrition.
 - Built beneficiaries and stakeholders' capacity through trainings and provision of simple technology.
 - Enhanced national food security clusters' coordination plans through the establishment of clear communication tools, process of declaring a crisis and overall standard operating procedures.
 - Solomon Islands independently applied the training and technology to conduct analyses over the Makira earthquake early in 2017 and the volcanic eruption of 2017