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5th Pacific Soil
Partnership
Meeting

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NATIONAL UPDATES ON SOIL: SOLOMON ISLANDS

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Main Activities Implemented Under Pillar I



- On-farm demonstration with lead farmers in the use of composting, cover cropping (mucuna), green manuring, vetiver grass contours (Soil erosion) and heavy mulching – MAL Research and Extension Officers, Kastom Gaden Association(KGA)
- Supsup Garden (Urban Agriculture) – Women in Agriculture (MAL Extension)
- Agriculture Extension Services on Sustainable farming
- Promotion of Organic Farming – KGA
- Farmers Needs Assessment in Sustainable Land Management – Live& Learn / FAO
- Forest Resources Management (Agroforestry and carbon trading) – Ministry of Forestry and Research
- Youth resilience and Value Chain Market – Ola Fou Solomons

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Main Activities Implemented Under Pillar 2



- World Food Day Celebrations
- Development of Agriculture extension materials, publication
- Lead farmer farm demonstration
- Agriculture Research and Extension Activities
- Integrated Land Management Committee (ILMC) –
COOPERATION
- Agriculture Sector Growth and Investment Plan (ASGIP 2021)
- Community Land use planning policy
- Climate change policy



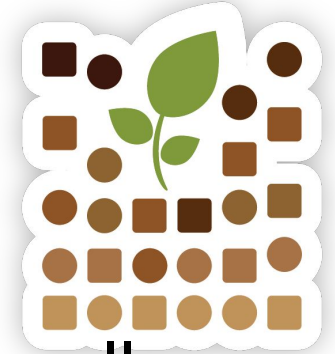
Main Activities Implemented Under Pillar 3



- Soil Research – of the various soil amendment
- Soil Research – promoting soil biodiversity and microorganisms
- Soil Research – Managing Soil Erosion contour and cover cropping



Main Activities Implemented Under Pillar 4



- Digitization of the Land Resources of Solomon Islands – Hansell and Walls (1974)
- Major challenges and opportunities



Main Activities Implemented Under Pillar 5



- Soil Laboratory – SINU
- Soil test kits – MAL Research





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