





# **UNCDF** - The Pacific Digital Economy Programme (PDEP)

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## Pacific Digital Economy Programme (PDEP)





# Objective: promote inclusive digital economies in the Pacific

that allow vulnerable populations, including women, MSMEs, rural communities, and labour mobility workers

to enhance market participation by applying digital solutions that meet their needs

# Implementing in Pacific Island Countries



Fiji



Samoa





Tonga









Solomon Islands

Timor Leste

Papua New Kiribati Guinea



Cook Islands

#### Expanding to







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Partnership with Pacific Island Forum Secretariat to implement regional Ecommerce strategy

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## Holistic Approach to Digital Financial Literacy (DFL)





#### Why DFL?

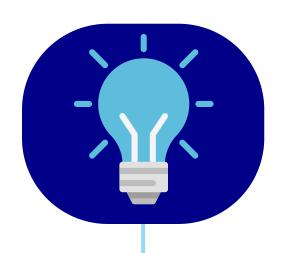
- Driving inclusive
   Economic Growth
- Bridging the Digital Divide
- Foundation for Financial Inclusion
- Enhances Resilience,
   Equality and
   Empowerment
- Catalyst for achieving SDGs



#### PDEP Approach

- Market System market development approach
- Evidence-based: Datadriven understanding of literacy needs.
- Best practices tailored to local contexts
- Tailored Programs: For women, MSMEs, and rural communities.

#### **Driving Region-Wide Change**



The change we want to see: Bridging the digital divide across Pacific.



Partnerships: Collaborating with Governments, schools, and development partners driving inclusion.



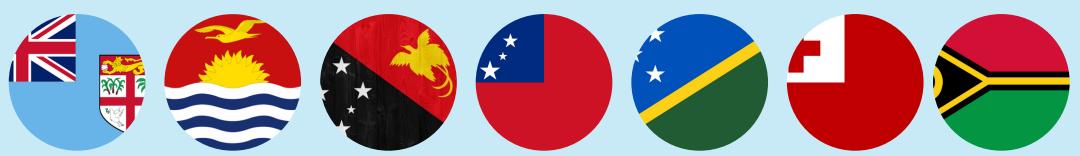
Future Focus: Empowering informed decision-making, economic opportunity, and sustainable livelihoods through digital literacy.

## **Strengthening the Foundations**





National Financial Inclusion Strategies

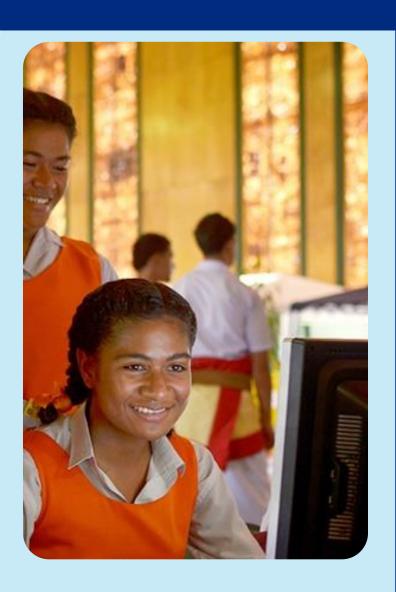


Digital and Financial Literacy Survey Reports
Across 7 Countries

Incorporation of Digital and Financial Literacy in Education Curriculum

### **Accelerating Impact**





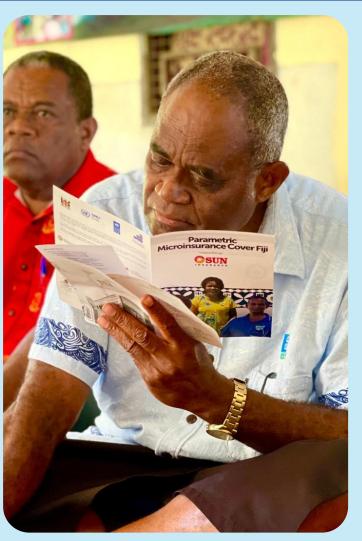


(Griffith University)



FinEd: Primary and Secondary School Curriculum

(Fiji, Kiribati, Solomons)



Integrating DFL to the National Technical and Vocational Education

(DFL Campaigns with Samoa Business Hub, KIT)



Working with Private
Sector Financial Service
Providers and MNOs

(DigiCell, Vodafone, M-Selen, etc.)



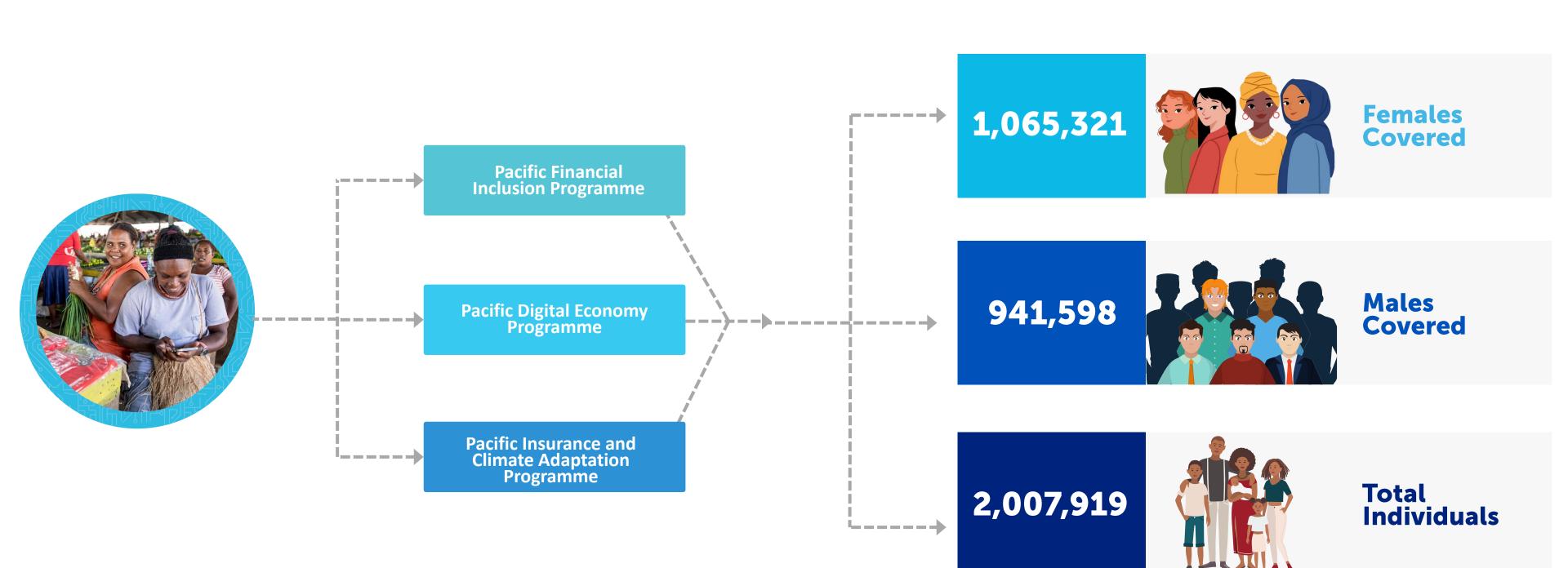
# Consumer protection and awareness

- The Noda i Lavo TV Programme by RBF

- Scam Awareness Week

# **Accelerating Impact**

















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