



Community Involvement for EIA in the Pacific

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Local knowledge (vital)



- Weather
- Behavioural patterns
- Customs and traditions are also used in the process



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Involving communities

Why is it important?



- Land is life
- First approval from customary owners
- Must be aware of what is happening



How are they actively involved?



- Awareness and Workshop
- Acceptance of affected individual and group
- Understand EIA assists with the implementation of project
- It only works if there is effective engagement



Communities also monitor!



- Ensure sustainability of projects (Vanuatu)
- Establishment of networks
- Our eyes and ears



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Tankiu tumas!



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