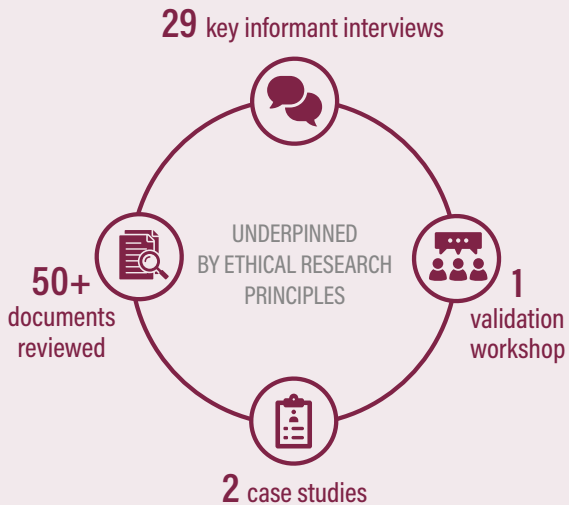




Overview

This paper explores good-practice approaches to implementing anticipatory action in the Pacific. It identifies existing elements across the Pacific upon which anticipatory action systems can build, as well as the key barriers to their implementation. It explores the evidence base on anticipatory action, identifying the strengths, opportunities and lessons learnt from systems worldwide that may inform suitable approaches for the Pacific, and presents a pathway for collective work towards establishing anticipatory action systems in the Pacific.

Methods



What we found

- While formally recognised anticipatory systems are yet to be established in the Pacific, **elements of anticipatory action exist at the community level and are reflected in traditional knowledge-based practices.**
- The global terminology on anticipatory action and other fields associated with early warning systems are not familiar across the Pacific. **The research highlighted the need to build common understandings that reflect Pacific values, customs and knowledge.**
- The region is home to a strong resilience architecture of frameworks, regional bodies and disaster risk financing systems.** Therefore, implementing anticipatory action in the Pacific is best achieved through aligning to existing structures.
- Implementing anticipatory action in the Pacific is best achieved through building from the community level upwards.** This can record and elevate traditional knowledge in the region, which has been central to anticipatory action and climate adaptation initiatives at the community level.
- Research on donor-funded anticipatory action pilots shows that significant return on investment can be achieved.** For example, an investment of \$1 can have a return of \$7 in avoided losses and added benefits, yet there is a need to invest in more evaluations of larger and longer-term programs to better understand the cost benefit of anticipatory action.¹

¹ WFP (2020), [The evidence base on anticipatory action](#)

The way forward

The key takeaway from this research is that anticipatory action mechanisms for the region must be Pacific built and Pacific owned. The following steps outline a roadmap for establishing anticipatory action mechanisms in the Pacific, informed by the research process and validated with Pacific-based actors.



Specific actions are unpacked further in the paper for different actors – Pacific governments, Pacific regional actors, donors and all stakeholders (see pages 22-25).

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