



Progress in implementation of the Western Pacific EU-ARD project:

Generation and adaptation of improved agricultural technologies to mitigate climate change-imposed risks to food production within vulnerable smallholder farming communities in Western Pacific countries



Project launching in Port Moresby on 10 March 2011:

- Chief Guest, Hon. Ano Pala, CMG, MP, Minister for Agriculture & Livestock, along with representatives of Government Departments
- Dr. Martin Dihm, Head of Delegation of EU to PNG
- Delegates of partner institutions in Solomon Islands (MAL) and Vanuatu (DARD)
- Members of the Diplomatic Community
- Representatives of International Development and Aid Agencies
- Representatives of other stakeholders



Project inception workshops:

- PNG: 02-04 May 2011. NARI HQ, Lae
- Solomon Islands: 11 – 13 May 2011. MAL, Honiara
- Vanuatu: 18-20 May 2011, DARD, Port Vila



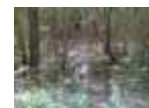
Site selection:

- Interest of participating communities and their awareness of the key constraint (s)
- Vulnerability to food supply problems and food insecurity due to problems associated with climate variability and change: drought, excessive soil moisture, worsening soil & water salinity
- Likelihood of adoption of new/improved technologies/innovations
- Size of the community: 100 households per site
- Accessibility- easy to reach for and work with
 - 5 sites in PNG
 - 3 sites in Solomon Islands
 - 3 sites in Vanuatu



Needs assessment and baseline surveys

	PNG	SI	VU
Survey period	13 - 30 Sept 2011	01-07 Nov. 2011	10 – 16 Nov 2012
Sites	5	3	3
Farmer interviews	267	158	179
Focus group discussions	6	4	5
Institutions involved	NARI, World Vision, DAL	NARI, MAL, Kastom Gaden, World Vision, VBMS	NARI, DARD, World Vision, DLQ, VARTC



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