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TO: SPREP National Focal Points

SUBJECT: **FINPAC - Reduced Vulnerability of the Pacific Island Country Villagers' Livelihoods to the Effects of Climate Change**

Dear Focal Points,

The Government of Finland is funding this project with EUR3.96 Million allocated to the delivery of the project to 14 countries within the SPREP membership (Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu) over 4 years starting January 2013.

The FINPAC Project is a regionally coordinated project targeting the most pressing needs of Pacific Islands' communities in the coming years: adapting to the effects of Climate Change. The overall objective of the Project is:
Reduced vulnerability of the Pacific Island Country villagers' livelihoods to the effects of Climate Change

The adaptation approach developed in the Project is based on the development of capacity of the National Meteorological Services (NMSs) in the region to respond to the growing needs of communities to prepare and respond to the changing weather patterns and climate trends by using improved services. The FINPAC Project will partner NMSs with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to work with communities and villages from participating Pacific Island Countries (PICs) and their NMSs to develop early warning systems and improved dialogue between disaster managers and NMSs and with end users of weather and climate information for the benefit of the life of all people living in PICs. A particular focus will be on those living in rural communities and villages.

Project implementation will commence with a baseline study commencing shortly. For your reference a copy of the project document is attached. We hope to have project documentation available on the SPREP web site in the very near future. In the meantime if you have any questions or want to know more feel free to contact the SPREP Climate Change Division's Pacific Meteorological Desk at PacMetDesk@sprep.org at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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