



Microfinance Pasifika Network News

Pacific Resource Centre for Microfinance

The Pacific Resource Centre for Microfinance (PRCM) is a "one-stop shop", providing a platform for mutual learning and sharing of information, knowledge and experience in microfinance within the region.

The aim of the PRCM is to:

- Act as a virtual hub for mutual learning and sharing amongst microfinance stakeholders;
- Assist to develop content and create a pool of resources in the region so as to facilitate the growth of the microfinance sector;
- Increase the effectiveness and capacity of knowledge management within the Pacific; and
- Challenge member practitioners to new levels of excellence through promoting transparent performance standards and reporting and sharing of experience;

The PRCM has been made possible by the support provided by the United Nations Development Programme Pacific Centre.

The PRCM is available for everyone and includes features like:

- [public portal](#)
- [a public discussion form](#)
- [publications](#)
- [e-newsletters](#)
- [rss news feeds](#)

To take full advantage of the PRCM it is essential that you register online at <http://www.microfinance-pasifika.org/request-an-account.html>.

Members of Microfinance Pasifika are also entitled to access the members portal which includes extra features such as an online chat facility, a members only online discussion forum, online learning and the ability to upload documents for publication in the PRCM.

Over the coming months the PRCM will be developed further and will include resources such as: country profiles, member profiles, additional online resources and the opportunity for online learning.

We want to make the PRCM into an active useful online resource centre. To do so we need your active participation and support of the website. If you have any publications, newsletters, news items, upcoming events, topics for discussion in the forums etc. that you would like to see published in the PRCM please send them to info@microfinance-pasifika.org.

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Microfinance Pasifika Member News

The Microfinance Pasifika Network would like to welcome two new members to the network:



The MF Pasifika Network is an initiative of [The Foundation for Development Cooperation](http://www.mf-pasifika.org)

❖ PNG Microfinance Limited (PML)

PNG Microfinance Limited was established in 2004 by PNG Sustainable Development Program Limited to provide financial services of the unbanked people of PNG. PML provides various services related to microfinance and financial inclusion including: group lending, individual lending, consumer finance, voluntary savings, school savings and term deposits.

❖ Bank of Marshall Islands

The Bank of Marshall Islands is commercially licensed bank in the Republic of the Marshall Islands which is committed to extend micro credit to unemployed citizens. Currently, the Bank of Marshall Islands microfinance and financial inclusion operations consist of three village banks and mobile bank services through the government's Outer Island ship field trips.

If your organisation is interested in becoming a member of Microfinance Pasifika an online application form for membership is now available from: <http://www.microfinance-pasifika.org/microfinance-pasifika-online-membership>.

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If you have an announcement that you would like publicised in our newsletter or on our website, please contact us at: info@microfinance-pasifika.org



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If you want to **subscribe** to our E-newsletter, [click here](#).

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❖ Parliament of Australia: Inquiry into Australia's aid program in the Pacific

On Thursday 20 September 2007, the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade tabled its report on the inquiry into Australia's aid program in the Pacific Australia's aid program in the Pacific.

Report accessibility:
[Single chapter version downloads](#)
[Consolidated version download](#) (PDF 6511KB)

A public online discussion regarding this report is available here on the PRCM at: <http://www.microfinance-pasifika.org/forums/index.php?topic=5.0>

❖ ABC Pacific Beat - PNG: Govt to establish new microfinance bank – PodCast

The Papua New Guinea government has announced plans to establish a new microfinance bank. The move comes as more than 100 delegates from 15 Pacific countries gather in Port Moresby for a conference to mark Pacific Microfinance Week 2007. To listen to the PodCast [click here](#).

❖ ABC Pacific Beat - Microfinance organisations adopt new technology – PodCast

Microfinance organisations across the Pacific are to place a top priority on introducing new technology to bring down transaction costs for their clients. That's one of outcomes of the first Pacific Microfinance Week which took place in Port Moresby, during August.

Presenter - Jemima Garrett
Speaker - Luse Kinivuwai, Chairperson of the Pasifika Microfinance Network

To listen to the PodCast [click here](#).

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❖ **CGAP Brief: MFI Capital Structure Decision Making: A Call for Greater Awareness**

In August 2007, CGAP and Grameen Foundation conducted a survey of MFI managers to better understand MFI capital structure decision-making processes in the face of expanding financing options. This CGAP Brief summarises the study's findings and makes recommendations about ways we can work toward optimizing MFI balance sheets. [More...](#)

❖ **East Timor: Leveraging Remittances with Microfinance**

The Foundation for Development Cooperation recently completed a country study on 'Leveraging Remittances with Microfinance'. This study was a part of a wider Australian Research Council (ARC) funded six country research project involving Sri Lanka, Philippines, Indonesia, Samoa, Fiji and East Timor. A copy of the East Timor report is [available here](#).

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