

# Progress Report 2024: Pacific Private Sector Development Initiative Annual

The Pacific Private Sector Development Initiative (PSD) is a multi-year, multi-stakeholder initiative that aims to promote private sector development and economic growth in the Pacific region. The PSD is funded by the Australian Government and is implemented by the Pacific Community (SPC).

The PSD has four key objectives:

1. To improve the business environment for private sector development
2. To increase access to finance for private sector businesses
3. To promote trade and investment
4. To develop human capital for the private sector

The PSD is making progress towards achieving its objectives. In 2024, the PSD:



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- Provided training to over 1,000 small businesses in the Pacific region
- Facilitated over \$100 million in new investment into the Pacific region
- Developed a new curriculum for the Pacific Business School

The PSD is facing a number of challenges, including:

- The lack of a strong private sector in the Pacific region
- The high cost of doing business in the Pacific region
- The lack of access to finance for private sector businesses

The PSD is working to overcome these challenges by:

- Providing technical assistance to governments and businesses
- Advocating for policy reforms
- Investing in infrastructure

The PSD is having a positive impact on the Pacific region. The PSD is helping to create a more conducive environment for private sector development and economic growth. The PSD is also helping to build the capacity of the private sector in the Pacific region.

The PSD has made a number of key achievements in 2024. These achievements include:

- **Supporting the development of a new business registration system in Fiji.** The new system is designed to make it easier for businesses to register and operate in Fiji.
- **Providing training to over 1,000 small businesses in the Pacific region.** The training covered a range of topics, including business planning, marketing, and financial management.
- **Facilitating over \$100 million in new investment into the Pacific region.** The investment was made by a range of private sector investors, including venture capitalists, private equity funds, and sovereign wealth funds.
- **Developing a new curriculum for the Pacific Business School.** The new curriculum is designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the private sector.

These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of the PSD team. The PSD is making a real difference in the lives of Pacific people.

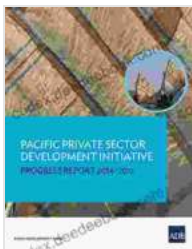
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- **The lack of a strong private sector in the Pacific region.** The private sector in the Pacific region is small and fragmented. This is due to a number of factors, including the lack of access to finance, the high cost of doing business, and the lack of a skilled workforce.

- **The high cost of doing business in the Pacific region.** The cost of doing business in the Pacific region is high compared to other regions of the world. This is due to a number of factors, including the lack of infrastructure, the high cost of labor, and the high cost of transportation.
- **The lack of access to finance for private sector businesses.** Access to finance is a major challenge for private sector businesses in the Pacific region. Banks and other financial institutions are often reluctant to lend to small businesses, and interest rates are high.

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- **\*\*Providing technical assistance to governments**

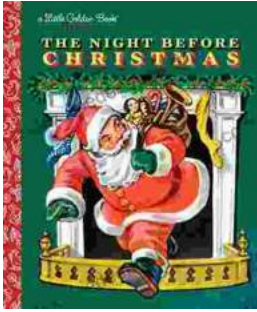


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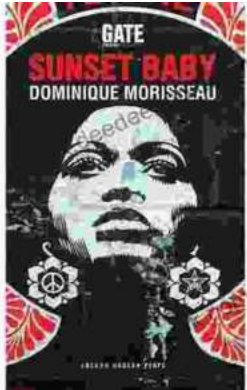
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