

Background

In June 2009, GreenLight Technology Group was awarded funding by The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) for a sustainable energy initiative to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy in the Fijian Hotel and Resort. REEEP's funding for the Pacific stemmed from a partnership with AusAID. Four projects were selected in the Pacific region under AusAID's arrangement with REEEP.

The following comment reflects upon an observation during the project implication.

Lack of Sustainability measurement in the Pacific

Notwithstanding AusAID's long-term commitment to funding projects in the Pacific, there appears an apparent lack of any wide spread measurement framework to assess the **sustainability** of aid investment and expenditure in the region. A technique such as "Triple Bottom Line (TBL)", taking in economic, environmental and social impacts, has been available for some time now and makes transparent the decisions on aid allocation explicitly taking into consideration economic, environmental and social impacts. The allocation and investment of aid is a complex issue and requires a measure such as TBL that accounts for the interactions between economic, environmental and social parameters.

The availability of a Sustainability accounting mechanism such as TBL for AusAID funding would allow for transparent performance measurement across all project types and locations.

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