



Pacific Immigration Directors Conference

2017 Regular Annual Meeting,

June 20 – 22, Apia, Samoa

Agenda item 23: Supporting our Kainga

Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to **note** the experiences of Pacific Island countries participating in labour mobility schemes and in particular the benefits the scheme brings to their families.

Purpose

1. To discuss how labour mobility schemes are supporting families in the Pacific.

Background

2. Members will look to share their experiences on the direct impact labour mobility schemes bring to families in the Pacific. This session seeks to discuss the benefits of labour mobility/seasonal workers scheme that Kiribati and Vanuatu nationals have received from participating in Australian and NZ seasonal workers schemes. The social and economic benefits of participating in these seasonal employment schemes (for example university studies that some have come back to participate in after saving money from their overseas employment or for their children to study; or sending remittances back to Kiribati or Vanuatu) including the participation of women in these overseas employment programmes.

Financial Implications

3. There are no financial implications identified for activities discussed under this agenda item although Members may propose specific activities as a result of discussions.

Conclusion

4. Labour mobility schemes have the potential to improve well-being of families and reduce poverty directly. The opportunity for seasonal workers from Pacific Island countries to earn an income for their respective families is one of the most significant benefits of the labour mobility schemes.