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The PRIDE Project

Researching donor – recipient engagement in the delivery of educational aid in the Pacific



Pacific Educational Aid

- Educational aid is 'big business'
- Significant achievements
- Global goals and agendas- EFA/ MDGs
- Basic Education prioritised
- Concerns about quality and relevancy of education-
- Lack of strategic direction, high drop out rates
- Issues of ownership- who owns education?



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Pacific **R**egional Initiative for the **D**elivery of basic
Education

Strengthening the capacity of each Ministry of
Education to plan and deliver quality basic education



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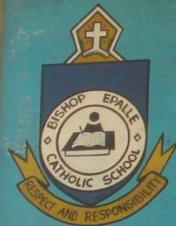
- Brainchild of Pacific Ministers of Education
- Funded by EU/NZAID/PIFS
- Housed out of USP in Suva
- Two main strands (4 sub strands)
 - Strategic Planning
 - Sub Projects (132 completed)
 - » PRIDE Resource Centre
 - » PADDLE Online Resource Centre
 - » NOPE (Network of Pacific Educators)
 - » Regional Workshops
- Implemented in 15 countries

The PRIDE Project- What can this project teach us?

- Recent review of the project gave it 5/5- what dynamics made it so successful?
 - Regional model, birthed and housed in the Pacific by Ministers of Education
 - Ownership – countries developing their own needs/strategies
 - Dialogue/participation – wide consultation
 - Capacity Building activities
 - In line with current development practices – SWAPS, Paris Declaration Principles

The Masters 'Process'

- Challenging but rewarding
- Changed focus – had to 'reign in' focus
- Interviews/meeting key personnel
- Trip – 3.5 weeks adventure to Suva and Honiara



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