

AUD\$300,000 for climate change projects in Fiji

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The Australian government has given AUD\$300,000 to the University of the South Pacific (USP) to facilitate the set up of climate change adaptation projects in rural communities in Fiji.

Speaking to FijiLive, Dr Angela Jokhan, the Head of Department for the School of Pure and Applied Sciences said USP would help six villages with the set up of the projects.

"The climate change adaptation projects will help villages with their water sectors, health and sanitation, food security and inundation of their coastal areas," said Jokhan.

"The villages are Barotu village in Ra, Danimau village in Bua, Soso and Navala village in Ba and Nabouwalu Village, Ono district in Kadavu."

She said the project team had visited all the sites with work already underway at Barotu village.

Work is expected to begin at the other villages in the second and third quarters of this year.

The project is expected to conclude in June 2013.

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