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Revival of Traditional Root & Tuber Crops

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Traditional food systems are vulnerable to imported food and introduction of new varieties of non-native crops. The lessons learned from introducing new crop varieties and conventional farming systems have slowly, but surely recognised, the importance of natural food systems for the environment, culture, and wellbeing of indigenous communities. Traditional root crops, like those found in the Pacific, play a significant role in adopting climate-smart agriculture. Unfortunately, the variety of traditional root crops in Fiji is underappreciated. The integration of new technology, such as germplasm, into farming systems can help preserve the diverse range of traditional root crops and their unique characteristics, benefiting Fijian communities and researchers. Postharvest management knowledge is crucial for maintaining the quality and shelf-life of these crops. This webinar shares insights on how indigenous agricultural knowledge can contribute to achieving climate-smart agriculture in Fiji, particularly with regards to traditional root crops. The objective of this webinar is to create awareness of the traditional Fijian farming practices for root crops and how these practices can be integrated with the concept of Climate Smart Agriculture to boost production and preserve the traditional root crop varieties for future use.

PHAMA Plus works in the root crop sector across Fiji, Tonga and Samoa, supporting the integration of sustainable traditional farming practices in its partnerships as an approach to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change and limit environmental degradation.

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