

# Investigating the potential of international landcare



## **Key details**

#### Location

Fiji, Indonesia, Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Uganda

Duration

Start Jun 2018 **End** Dec 2019

**Budget** AUD 250,000

**Commissioned organisation** 

**RMIT University** 

**Project Leader** 

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**Program** Social Systems

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## Overview

This project aimed to study the landcare approach across six countries to determine how sustainable agricultural land management contributes to food security and poverty reduction; better

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management of natural resources and climate; gender equity and empowerment of women and girls; as well as post-disaster management and recovery, and social cohesion.

This project undertook a study of the landcare approach across six countries (Fiji, Indonesia, Philippines, South Africa and Sri Lanka) to determine how sustainable agricultural land management mobilised through landcare contributes to development outcomes.

Furthermore the study examined whether there are research questions to be answered in the context of agricultural research for development (R4D) and if so, whether these can be addressed in a stand-alone project or better conceptualised over a greater time horizon as a series of projects. Thus, the study findings will produce an evidence base for ACIAR to assess the role of landcare for future agicultural R4D and more broadly as an extension model in sustainable agriculture and natural resource management.

# **Project Outcomes**

- Defined the principles of community development models operating.
- Defined the landcare process that has occurred.
- Analysed pre-adoption conditions and the modalities and triggers to adopt a landcare process, including how the landcare process was implemented.

- Assessed the contribution of a landcare process to the achievement of the intended sustainable resource management outcomes.
- Defined the circumstances (modalities) in which a landcare approach may be replicated.



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