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ONOC's, Oceania Sport Education Programme (OSEP) is an innovative Pacific-led sport education programme that has transformed and complemented capacity and capability development within the sports sector in the Pacific region. It was created to address a gap within the sport education space as identified in the key findings of the Pacific Sporting Needs Assessment conducted in 2004 by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), and subsequently constructed through the collaborative efforts of the Australian Sports Commission the Oceania National Olympic Committee (ONOC) and the Organisation of Sports Federations of Oceania (OSFO).

The establishment of OSEP as the first regional sports education programme offered a cost effective solution to build the capacity of Pacific based coaches, administrators and trainers utilising a regional approach of collaboration. It is currently delivered across 15 Pacific island countries which are: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

An independent evaluation in 2020 stated that it stands without equal as the only community-based sport education programme of its kind within the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Continental regions. This is a significant achievement on a global scale.

**External Evaluation** – the education programme conducted its first ever external evaluation in 2020 It was necessary to take stock of its impact; assess relevance and to identify areas that needed strengthening or redesign. The external evaluation report and OSEP strategy was presented and approved at the 40<sup>th</sup> ONOC General Assembly in December 2020.

The findings were grouped into five key thematic areas:

1. Governance and Management
2. Programme Efficiency and Effectiveness
3. Impact of sports participation and performance
4. Visibility and Ownership
5. Value for Money

From August to October 2020, the Consortium of Pasifika Compass and Apex Global Sport Group were re-engaged to conduct a Planning2Practice [P2P] series of online workshops with a working group of stakeholders. A total of 4 sessions were held. Stakeholders represented 10 NOCs of ASA, FSM, FIJI, COK, GUM, KIR, MHL, PNG, SAM and TGA; 3 Government, 1 OSFO, 1 AC, 1 Training provider and ONOC Education.

The Consortium produced an OSEP strategic framework with 3 functional areas and a total of 15 goals and 60 programmes, activities and events. These will be customised to suit each of

our NOC in the consultation process in 2021 to develop a 4 year Plan of Action for each member country.



**MOU Signing** – On Wednesday 24 March 2021, a partnership agreement was signed between the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) and the Pacific Community (SPC) to strengthen career pathways, technical expertise and administrations skills across the region. This Memorandum of Understanding commits ONOC’s Oceania Sport Education Programme (OSEP) courses to be accredited on the Pacific Qualifications Framework (PQF) and registered on the Pacific Register of Qualification and Standards (PRQS) through the Pacific Community’s Education Quality Assessment Programme (EQAP).

The Commission acknowledges the tremendous work put in by OSEP regional and national staff and all the licensed OSEP trainers across the pacific.

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