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Ensuring a climate-secure future

In Kiribati, a nation comprised of 33 atolls that sit less than two meters above sea level, addressing climate security is about survival. Here coastal erosion, water security, and climate-related food security are the most urgent priorities to be addressed. Food security is especially a priority with regards to the improvement and enhancement of available and accessible local food products on the outer islands.

Peacebuilding impacts

Working with the government and local communities, the project is addressing climate-related food security issues in two of the most vulnerable islands: Tamana and Marakei.

The project helped in finding the definition of Climate Security to the Kiribati context and the identification of the top priorities for the country under climate-security.

The initiative will contribute to building resilience to climate-related food security issues, seeking to address conflicts over natural resources that are arising due to the impact of climate change.

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