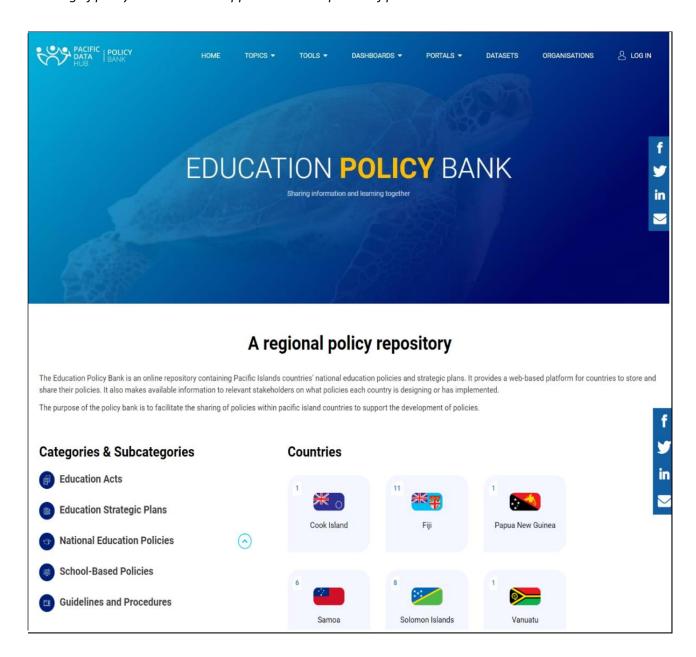# Education Policy Bank

With an overall goal of improving the quality of education in the region, the Pacific Community's (SPC) Educational Quality and Assessment Programme (EQAP) embarked on building a regional policy bank. A regional policy bank is a central place where Pacific Island countries' national educational policies and strategic plans are stored and maintained. The repository is inbuilt in the SPC Pacific Data Hub portal. Currently, the policies in the Bank are those that countries have agreed to share, EQAP will keep updating the Bank as new policies are received from the countries. The policies are either sourced from the education website of the country or emailed to EQAP.

The Bank is EQAP's response to the Pacific Board of Educational Quality's (PBEQ), a subcommittee of SPC's Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA), recommendation for an additional priority action that was endorsed during the annual meeting held in 2019. The additional priority action was "*1.3.4 EQAP facilitates the sharing of policy documents to support the development of policies*".

The Intention of the repository

- The member countries, education stakeholders, and EQAP will know what policies each country has and the policy status since the policies are stored at a central place.
- Provide a platform for countries to showcase their policies by linking their education website to the regional repository.
- Countries to develop their national policies by adapting existing policies in the repository with support from EQAP, hence facilitating the sharing of documents amongst the countries.

Options for level of accessibility

- Only the list of policies a country has is shown in the repository. In this case, anyone who wishes to access the listed policies will have to liaise with the country directly.
- The PDF copies of the policies are available in the repository that can be viewed by member countries only or the general public. If the policies are available on the country's education website, a link will also be provided in the repository that directs to that website, in which case these policies are public.
- A PDF and word copies of the policies are available in the repository that can be downloaded and adapted by the member countries only. Alternatively, the country that wants to adapt a policy of the other country can make a request directly to the country.

Example of Policy displayed by category