



# COVID-19: economic costs and responses in the Pacific

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## Speakers

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The economic costs of COVID-19 continue to mount, globally and in the Pacific. But what is the damage in the Pacific, and how are Pacific governments responding? In this seminar, we'll explore the economic damage caused by COVID-19 and the responses Pacific governments are taking.

Professor Stephen Howes will present an overview based on the Pacific Covid Economic Database the Development Policy Centre has put together. Dr Jenny Gordon, Chief Economist of DFAT, will provide her assessment. Dr Neelesh Gounder and Mr Maholopa Laveil will present perspectives on Fiji and PNG, respectively.

## Chair

Sadhana Sen, Regional Media Adviser, Development Policy Centre, ANU

## Panelists

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