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Pacific Women Lead at the Pacific Community (PWL at SPC) programme

PWL at SPC Highlights 2022–2024

Reaching 22 PICTs | Supporting 28 projects | Sustaining 5 years

Highlights from January 2022 to June 2024. Data in this booklet spans January 2022 to December 2023 unless otherwise stated. The 28 projects include 21 new CSO grants, 7 existing grants such as with Pacific Girl.

Highlights

The Pacific Community (SPC) has rapidly scaled-up its gender equality work across the Pacific, in an effort to contribute to Pacific Women Lead's three outcomes: to improve women's leadership, realise women's rights, and increase the effectiveness of regional gender equality efforts through Pacific ownership. This progress is led by the PWL at SPC programme, through its streams of work:

Pacific-led innovation and technical support for gender equality is through adaptive and innovative approaches to gender equality, women's empowerment and ending gender-based violence (GBV) including through civil society organisations (CSOs) and other grantees, member governments and partners — up to 40 grantees forecast by the end of 2024. This includes the 'nothing about us without us' approach of the Pacific Girl programme and its adolescent girl-led design and focus.

Partnerships for gender equality are expanding with CSO and government partners across SPC's 22 member Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs), Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific (CROP) agencies and other partnerships. Nurturing partnerships through grants, funding and technical support has proven to be a successful way of working — co-building strengths and inviting one another into each of our spaces, to ensure a cohesive gender equality movement in the Pacific. The PWL Governance Board, with SPC as Secretariat, is composed of 11 independent members representing Pacific interests, including disability and youth representation and working groups.

Programme learning and convening is a key area of work, bringing people together from across the region and beyond, ensuring we are working on gender equality issues that matter to the Pacific and that activities are designed for the Pacific. Such activities include:

- » Sector-specific learning events such as the Safe and Equal Online Spaces — Pacific Cyber Safety Symposium and Regional Telephone GBV Counsellor Skills training package and Pacific manual.
- » Regional Conference for Pacific Women in Maritime and International Day for Women in Maritime.
- » Pacific Women in Energy Conference and launch of the Women in Energy Strategy and Pacific Energy and Gender Network Strategic Action Plan.
- » Spaces for adolescent girls and youths in all their diversity through convenings, learning and sharing, including Pacific Girl activities.
- » Celebrations and commemorations around key international dates such as International Women's Day.
- » SPC-convened, long-term Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) Roundtable.

About

Pacific Women Lead (PWL) has a portfolio of delivery partners that include women's funds, civil society organisations and coalitions, termed the AIR partnership (Amplify, Invest, Reach); PWL Enabling Services (PWLES); Australian Government bilateral and regionally supported gender projects such as with the United Nations (UN); and the Pacific Community (SPC) as key implementing partner.

The PWL at SPC programme is the key implementer for the PWL portfolio. The PWL at SPC programme has more than AUD56 million dedicated to its work through the Australian Government's AUD170 million Pacific Women Lead investment portfolio (2021–2026). SPC also provides secretariat support to the independent PWL Governance Board, which takes a Pacific-centred approach to set PWL's strategic direction and comprises at least two thirds of Pacific women members. The PWL portfolio also funds SPC's Women in Leadership (WIL) and other gender equality initiatives, under the SPC Gender Equality Flagship approach.





» Supporting diverse partners to drive gender equality

PWL at SPC has increased the number of grants to civil society and other partners implementing Pacific gender equality initiatives from seven to 28, expected to further expand to more than 40 by the end of 2024.

This has included ensuring continuity of essential services in PICTs through funding and training support to crisis centres, such as the North Pacific's Tongen Inepwineu Counselling Center (TICC) at Chuuk Women's Council and Women United Together Marshall Islands (WUTMI)'s counselling service Weto in Mour (WiM).

The programme also continues to support key events and convenings such as the 3rd Pacific Human Rights Conference on SOGIESC, 2nd Micronesia Ministers for Women Conference, 7th Pacific Regional Conference on Disability, and the region's first Safe and Equal Online Spaces – Pacific Cyber Safety Symposium.



» Cross-sectoral collaboration, cohesion and innovation

The core PWL at SPC team has been coalescing various bodies of work to deliver a gender transformative programme within a regional intergovernmental agency. This includes supporting the development of a Gender Equality Flagship approach at SPC, broad stakeholder engagement and a wide call of expressions of interest for a multi-stage granting process for civil society.

This consolidation of efforts is an ambitious goal, requiring the first 24 months of the five-year PWL at SPC programme to be front-loaded with the delivery of high volumes of technical support, provided internally across SPC's nine divisions and its Executive as well as externally to SPC's 22 member countries and territories. The stage is now set for intensifying technical support for the implementation of more convenings, partnerships and innovative approaches, including through funded government and CSO initiatives across the region.




» Pacific priorities at the centre of co-design

Pacific-led approaches that prioritise Pacific voices and ownership, continue to lead the direction of the PWL at SPC programme. From concept to grant delivery, the goals and aspirations of Pacific peoples have been at the core of each step of the implementation of PWL at SPC's body of work:

- » Adolescent girls and young women from the Pacific guide the learning and future direction of Pacific Girl – the only regional programme for girls in the Pacific
- » Diverse Pacific youth leaders directly influencing the actions of the independent PWL Governance Board through its Youth Working Group
- » The Pacific Cyber Safety Symposium where, in the absence of published Pacific research, the region's 'talanoa' approach to storytelling was used to garner a robust evidence-base around the endemic issue of technology facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV).

This has enabled a fast-start for the programme to build on existing and promising bodies of work, such as in the energy and maritime sectors and ongoing intergovernmental processes like the Commission on the Status of Women. Such work is supported by a growing number of in-country PWL at SPC staff, including gender advisers, working with partners at home in their respective country, to lead on local and regional issues. The programme will remain focused on supporting Pacific-led priorities, especially successful approaches and initiatives in the region that exist and can be supported to expand and grow.



Nothing about us without us

Girl-led review for next phase

Designed for and by girls, Pacific Girl is the only regional programme in the Pacific dedicated to advancing the rights and opportunities of adolescent girls. It is managed by the PWL at SPC programme.

The Pacific Girl mid-term review findings support the continuation of grant funding to partners, while setting a clear direction for the programme's further improvement using identified strengths, successes and innovations to build on, while acknowledging challenges and what has not worked.

A key finding was for partners and donors to increase their focus on Adolescent Girl Inclusion (AGI) as an intentional approach to ensure adolescent girls are considered, visible, and prioritised in programmes, strategies and frameworks beyond Pacific Girl. The review highlighted the importance of AGI given adolescent girls remain largely invisible as a cohort in gender and youth programming and policy. Applying AGI seeks to address this while ensuring adolescent girls' interests and priorities are explicitly and intentionally included in initiatives.

True to the programme's values, the review adopted a girl-led and girl-focused evaluation process. This included using young women creative consultants to facilitate Pacific girl-led, youth friendly and participatory approaches to guide feedback and evaluation sessions.

Adolescent girls engaged	Activities adolescent girls have engaged in
1,031	Adolescent girls undertaken advocacy initiatives at the sub-national, national and regional levels (since 2019)
146	Adolescent girls have been supported to take on leadership roles at the community, provincial and national levels
3,429	Adolescent girls have had formal opportunities to share ideas and learn from each other
2,415	Adolescent girls have participated in training on gender, ending violence against women and girls, and human rights



What works for Pacific girls?

Progress and positive changes reported in the mid-term review

For the first time, many teachers and parents have learned about child protection, reporting, and safe spaces for girls as a result of Pacific Girl supported programming.

For adolescent girls, more now understand that they have rights, legal protections, access to services including for sexual and reproductive and health rights (SRHR).

“By being a part of the Program, it really helps them to be able to speak up. They [girls] share about the bad things like sexual violence in families and in the community, in which they have never been able to speak about it because they are afraid,” said a key informant participating in the Pacific Girl mid-term review.

Pacific Girl’s mid-term review details the programme’s achievements for adolescent girls despite the challenges, undoubtedly due to the dedication of project teams in each Pacific island country and territory who describe their work not as a job but “as a calling.” These teams are supported by strong Pacific women leaders representing the implementing partners at the country level.

The mid-term review offers many examples of innovative, successful programming such as in Tonga where the National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) leads information sharing as part of the Talitha Project’s sessions with adolescent girls; and in Vanuatu where Life Blo Mi respectful relationships sessions delivered to adolescent girls and boys in Tafea Province schools have been adopted by the Ministry of Education and Training into national school curriculum.



Pacific Film Festival led by adolescent girls

Led by girls and supported by the Pacific Girl programme, the International Day of the Girl Pacific Film Festival took place in Tonga and was based on the year’s theme, Invest in Girls’ Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being. Members of the Pacific Girl Reference Group produced two short films for the festival.

They recorded and edited their films to highlight key issues important to Pacific Island adolescent girls and young women. The festival was held in person and streamed online (by Broadcom to over 4,000 viewers) and the short films were uploaded on Pacific Girl social media channels.



Pacific Women Lead outcome	Results
<p>Women and girls' leadership promoted</p> <p>PWL at SPC continues to support women's leadership at all levels including through Pacific Girl ensuring adolescent girls' have voice and agency and their interests are represented at all levels of decision making.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adolescent girls' advisory group and the Pacific Girl Reference Group are guiding Pacific Girl partners' programmes and strengthening girl participants' leadership skills. • Fiji Women's Rights Movement's (FWRM's) Girls Arise programme held two forums with a focus on enhancing the engagement and leadership of Deaf girls, and ensuring girls' more meaningful participation in public life. • Pacific Girl leaders from the CARE Vanuatu Laef Blo Mi, Vois Blo Mi program advised government on how to improvise in-school packages for adolescent girls and boys who are out of school. • The Young Women's Empowerment Program (YWEP) alumni officially became the first young women's association to sit within the Chuuk Women's Council (CWC). • In Tonga, the Talitha Project's My Body! My Rights! program is reaching girls aged 10–14 to improve community perceptions of girls' value and to amplify girls' voices.
<p>Women and girls' rights realised</p> <p>In some Pacific Island countries, the prevalence of violence against women is more than twice the global average and affects more than two-thirds of women and girls. Along with gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) is a key issue for Pacific women.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survivors of violence against women and girls at Chuuk Women's Council, FSM, and WUTMI, RMI, are getting better support as a result of improved database systems and training. • Domestic Violence Counsellor Skills Training was held for 12 staff members from the TICC and WiM Crisis Centre, and for Regional GBV Telephone Counsellor Skills Training. • 16 experienced counsellors and caseworkers from RMI, FSM, Solomon Islands, PNG and Tonga participated in Regional GBV Telephone Counsellor Skills Training that led to a first in-person training in PNG attended by 37 telephone counsellors and safe house service providers. • The Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) Roundtable is convened by SPC several times annually for WEE practitioners. • Pacific Girl partner Talitha Project in Tonga provides adolescent girls, and service providers with sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) support.
<p>Regional ownership and effectiveness</p> <p>PWL at SPC are facilitating and supporting national and regional dialogues to advance gender equality and making gender data available and accessible. This supports government policy development and decision making.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a first, the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) is collaborating with SPC to host the Pacific Islands Forum Women Leaders Meeting (PIFWLM) following the Triennial Conference of Pacific Women in 2024, following the Pacific Leaders' endorsement of the Revitalised Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration (PLGED) in November 2023. • Supported partners with funding and technical support for national and regional dialogues, such as the global Women Deliver Conference, 2nd Micronesian Ministers for Women Conference, 7th Pacific Regional Conference on Disability, 3rd Pacific Human Rights Conference on SOGIESC. • Resourcing the coordination of the Regional Working Group on the Implementation of Family Protection/Domestic Violence Legislation, including its annual meetings and other sessions • Increased volumes of gender data are available and accessible through the Toksave Pacific Gender Resource portal now housed at SPC, alongside the Pacific Data Hub.

Actions

- Funded 5 programmes promoting women and girls' leadership through Pacific Girl and Shifting the Power Coalition.
- Supported 390 women and 19 girls to assume a leadership role at community, provincial and national levels.
- Contributed technical and funding support for learning and dialogue spaces with over 1,000 Pacific peoples.
- Over 100 women leaders and girls connecting annually through mentorship, supported through Graduate Women Fiji and its Vital Voices Global Mentoring Walk.
- Adolescent girl and young women leaders comprise a Reference Group directly guiding the Pacific Girl programme's direction and messaging.

- 407 services accessed by diverse women and children and other survivors of violence.
- 245 people were reached with training and convening activities.
- 3,519 diverse women, men, girls and boys participated in sessions on gender issues and women's equal rights.
- 54 people attended two WEE Roundtable events.
- 65 GBV counsellors, caseworkers and safehouse providers were trained to improve crisis centre services in 5 PICTs.
- 130 people working in TFGBV across 14 PICTs joined the region's first TFGBV symposium.

- Raised the profile of gender equality at over 24 national and regional dialogues through support to SPC's Gender Equality Flagship and Principal Strategic Lead – Pacific Women and Girls.
- Pacific girls presented at regional and international meetings such as Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting youth dialogue.
- Supported national and subregional convenings to prepare for the 15th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women.
- Increased focus on joint-activities with CROP partners, including through the Women of the Wave (WOW) network.
- Resourced SPC divisions to scale-up existing gender equality work in energy, maritime, agriculture, justice and other sectors.
- Over 600 gender datasets were migrated to SPC's Pacific Data Hub plus the Toksave Pacific Gender Resource transitioned to SPC.

SPC's Gender Equality Flagship

Steering integrated regional gender programming

PWL at SPC has increased the reach of SPC as a gender equality champion, particularly as a conduit for civil society to increase engagement with SPC member governments.

SPC's role as the key implementing partner for the PWL portfolio signals the importance of Pacific priorities and Pacific leadership in driving gender equality in the region.

It also provides an opportunity for SPC to deepen its own expertise in this area and enable the regional technical organisation to become more gender equitable in all its work, including through its new Gender Equality Flagship approach.

The PWL investments and the Gender Equality Flagship are overseen by SPC's Principal Strategic Lead – Pacific Women and Girls, Mereseini Rakuita, who is a member of SPC's Senior Leadership Team and works across the organisation, working with staff and external partners including CROP, civil society, government and other partners.



Disability and social inclusion integrated into programme delivery

Guidance note for disability inclusion

In the vast expanse of the Pacific, where diverse cultures intertwine and flourish, there exists a population often overlooked and underserved: individuals with disabilities. People with disabilities make up around 16 per cent of the region's inhabitants, yet face formidable barriers to essential services and opportunities.

Learning from past experiences, the practical 'Guidance Note: Reporting on Disability Inclusion' has been developed by Pacific Women Lead's delivery partners, including SPC. The guidance note aims to assist partners in reporting on their efforts to achieve disability equity and rights.

Disability inclusion is a priority for all programmes delivered through, and by, PWL at SPC. Programme partners are identifying their training needs in disability inclusive practice, data collection, and reporting.

Significant achievements include an increased number of Deaf girls engaged in grantees' activities; a new Disability Working Group supports the PWL Governance Board members; and an increased emphasis on diverse speakers at PWL at SPC events. Here are a few examples:

- » A Shifting the Power Coalition delegation attended the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, engaging 50% women with disability who collectively called for the inclusion of persons with disability in disaster planning and management.
- » The PWL Governance Board has endorsed the establishment of a Disability Working Group, with the process to be led by board member Rhema Misser. The group will provide the board with regular input to ensure their decisions are informed by the perspectives and interest of Pacific persons with disabilities.

Inclusion and mainstreaming is also key. This can range from adjusting the SPC workplace environment, ensuring reasonable adjustments are in place to ensure staff inclusion and accessibility to mainstreaming speakers and coordinators into regional convenings, such as the Safe and Equal Spaces – Pacific Cyber Safety Symposium and the Pacific Girl Annual Convening. The programme also supports dedicated sectoral events such as the 7th Pacific Regional Conference on Disability, co-hosted by the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) and PIFS, in partnership with SPC.



Transfer of Toksave to SPC

Pacific Gender Portal finds a Pacific home at SPC



The Toksave Pacific Gender Resource is an online community and clearinghouse for Pacific gender research, which was initiated by Pacific gender specialists in 2014 who wanted to improve the availability and access for gender research, especially that undertaken by Pacific researchers.

Toksave aims to address gender inequality in the Pacific by ensuring that quality Pacific gender research and knowledge is discoverable and accessible. Having research that is robust and relevant assists governments, civil society and other stakeholders.

A Reference Group oversees Toksave and includes representatives from universities and regional organisations in the Pacific. The hosting of Toksave has transitioned from the Australian National University to PWL at SPC (Pacific Women initially funded Toksave) with the Reference Group continuing its oversight role.

Micronesia: gender equality trailblazer

The Pacific's first sub-regional gender framework will be completed soon, as a key priority for the Micronesia Islands Forum (MIF) leaders.

The development of the Micronesia Islands Forum's Gender Equality Framework (Micronesian Gender Equality Framework) was endorsed in 2023 by the 25th Micronesia Islands Forum (MIF) and progressed at the 26th meeting held at Guam in June 2024. The framework was also highlighted as a top priority in the An-Towepo Declaration endorsed at this year's 2nd Micronesian Ministers for Women Conference (MMWC), held in Nauru.

The framework's development reflects the sub-region's commitment by leaders to improve gender equality and the empowerment of women across its jurisdictions.

The final framework will provide Micronesian leaders with a clear vision, priorities, outcomes and dimensions to progress gender equality across the sub-region, including leaders from Guam, Republic of Nauru, Republic of Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the states of FSM, Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap.

SPC through its PWL investments, especially the PWL at SPC programme and the Women In Leadership programme - led by SPC's Principal Strategic Lead for Pacific Women and Girls - continues to provide technical and funding support to the MIF and its Gender Equality Committee (GEC) plus the Micronesian Ministers for Women Conference, to finalise the Micronesian Gender Equality Framework and to advance gender equality across the sub-region.



Grants to civil society and other partners

Currently 28 - and soon more than 40 - projects will receive funding from the PWL at SPC programme, through support from the Australian Government. This includes seven Pacific Girl and other existing grantees, plus 21 new grantee projects announced mid-2024 following a competitive, advertised multi-stage granting process for civil society and other organisations. In coming months funding will be released for up to 10 of SPC's member governments who applied for grants (up to 10 projects), and about five new Discretionary Funds grant projects facilitated through the independent PWL Governance Board. This will take the total of grants to more than 40.

Grantee	Project	Summary
Punanga Tauturu Inc	Educate, Empower and Support: Reducing Gender-based Violence (GBV) in the Cook Islands.	This project includes GBV: research in the Cook Islands; integration of awareness and prevention into primary and secondary schools curricula; awareness on prevention with sports clubs; awareness and gender score cards for faith-based groups; training for health care professionals; awareness for women's and men's groups, including men's advocacy/allies.
Fiji Women's Rights Movement	Girls Arise	To work with girls aged 10–12 to build their life skills and confidence. It extends activities to girls outside of the capital, Suva, using a toolkit to share the organisation's approach and to raise the profile of girls' issues with decision-makers.
Fiji Women's Rights Movement	Strengthening our movements through Learning and Practice	To strengthen, upskill and support the technical capacities of women's rights organisations in the Pacific (PSIDS) on gender analysis tools, evidence-based legislative lobbying and advocacy in two key areas: women's leadership, and the support of women's rights organisations to effectively monitor national, regional, and international commitments on ending violence against women.
House of Sarah	Sarah Safe Home: Temporary Shelter for Survivors of Gender Based Violence.	To establish safe house facilities, called Sarah's Safe Home, to provide safe and secure temporary accommodation for women and children survivors of GBV. The safe house complements existing faith-based, behavioural change work on ending violence against women and girls.
Rise Beyond the Reef	Economic Empowerment for Rural & Remote Pacific Women	To build resilient communities through sustainable income generating projects that promote traditional knowledge in Fiji. In Solomon Islands: to work through the established Artisan Cooperative representatives in partnership with local government, village leaders and spouses; to develop a community development strategy that promotes positive, gender social norms through community outreach and training.
Chuuk Women's Council (CWC)	Young Women's Empowerment Project (YWEP)	The Chuuk Women's Council will reach 150 marginalised girls through a young women's empowerment course. The curriculum will focus on sexual and mental health, healthy relationships and developing future goals.
Chuuk Women's Council (CWC)	Tongen Inepwineu Counselling Centre (TICC) for Eliminating Violence Against Women (EVAW) services	Ongoing support to GBV counselling and casework services for women survivors of violence in Chuuk State, FSM. This includes community awareness and advocacy on domestic violence, strengthening referral pathways, ensuring women survivors can receive counselling plus also legal advice and safety.
Kiribati Women and Children Support Centre (KWCS)	Expansion of KWCS DV counselling services and psychosocial support to women and children in rural Kiribati	To provide women and children in the outer islands of Kiribati access to GBV counselling and psychosocial support through the engagement of women interest workers in the island councils.
Women United Together Marshall Islands (WUTMI)	Weto in Mour (WiM) - Violence Against Women and Girls Support Service - Phase 3	Ongoing support to GBV counselling and casework services for women survivors of violence in RMI, including systems and process upgrades. Also support for customised community-based responses to women and girls who experience domestic violence in Majuro, with an extension service in Ebeye.
Palau National Olympic Committee (PNOC)	Raising Innovative Sport Enablers (RISE)	Inspiring women to lead in, and through, sports as a platform to inspire young women as the next generation of leaders.
Kokoda Track Foundation Ltd	Sanap Strong, Standing up strong together for a zero-tolerance approach to GBV, family & sexual violence, and child harm	Establish an accessible and essential case management service and counselling support, along with medical services, justice processes and repatriation.
Samoa Women's Association of Growers (SWAG)	Producing organic seaweed fertilizer to help increase economic opportunities for women in the rural coastal communities.	This 'Shore to Table' project takes an organic approach to sustainable fertiliser, using women's leadership and building their economic opportunities. SWAG has significant experience in supporting women farmers and growers.
Women's Rights Action Movement (WRAM)	Advancing and empowering women, changing the story project.	Mentoring on gender and the law for young women, including strengthening women's leadership through the community of practice, and supporting a study on the link between violence against women and women in leadership.

Grantee	Project	Summary
Save the Children Australia	Women-led, communities thrive / Women-ledim, komunity-gud	To empower and support survivors of gender-based violence and promote gender equality in Malaita Province, remote Solomon Islands, by supporting the Malaita Christian Care Centre Safe House for survivor/victims of GBV.
Talitha Project	My Body! My Rights!	Pacific Girl supports this programme to improve the community perceptions of girls' value; amplify girls' voices through creative media; and train girls on health, sex and sexuality education, and self-esteem.
Women and Children Crisis Centre (WCCC)	ULOA WOMENS Diversity, Inclusion, Engagement, Resilience movement building	To support the establishment of local women's empowerment groups at the village and district grassroots levels.
FATU LEI Association	Empowering women and girls now for a resilient and prosper future.	To promote women's rights, incorporating economic empowerment, access to health, and women's safety including ending violence against women and girls.
CARE Vanuatu	Laef Blo Mi, Vois Blo Mi	Pacific Girl supports this programme for girls aged 12–19 years living in rural and remote areas of Tafea Province. It delivers life skills and respectful relationships education to younger adolescents in schools, including around 800 adolescent girls. The programme includes male peers, teachers and families to ensure girls are safe and respected.
CARE Vanuatu	Promoting Women's Leadership in Local Governance.	To promote diverse women's leadership in community governance structures in Vanuatu's Tafea Province, through a workshop and follow-up reflection sessions to over 200 members of the village and tribal pillar committees, then to village committee members. Sessions with women will allow them to strategise, plan, learn and support each other to advance women's leadership.
ActionAid Vanuatu	Ni Vanuatu Women with Disabilities leading resilience to disasters and climate change.	To empower women with disabilities to claim their rights and improve their livelihoods, by preparing their participation in emergency preparedness, recovery, and response through a 'train the trainer' model. Complementing the training is support to operate a small businesses, grants and the establishment of 'sister savings' and loan schemes to enhance their collective savings, and referral pathways and learning exchanges with relevant services.
Shifting the Power Coalition	Pacific Owned, Women-Led Early Warning & Resilience (POWER) Systems	To support women's rights and disability organisations in the Pacific who co-create, and share lessons learned from iterative gender- and disability-inclusive responses to humanitarian emergencies. This work ensures diverse Pacific women's voices are included in disaster planning and response at all levels, resulting in tangible outcomes around diverse women leaders in the region.
College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences, Fiji National University	Strengthening Pacific Women to Safety and Access to Health through Survivor-centred and evidence-based approach.	Building on the existing Veilomani programme to deliver online training to a wider cohort of health practitioners on responding to GBV in Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Samoa. It includes research and a situation analysis to determine existing strengths, weaknesses, resources and opportunities for national health responses to GBV in terms of policies and programmes.
Uniting World	Equal Oceania Churches Community of Practice (CoP)	To establish a first of its kind, regional Safe and Equal Oceania Churches Community of Practice (CoP), building on past successes using faith-based approaches to improve gender equality theology in churches around the region.
University of the South Pacific	STEM senior leadership positions in Pacific universities	To increase the number of regional women in senior leadership positions in Pacific universities within science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) by implementing interventions at an institutional level via recommendations for policy changes, action plans and training requirements.
ActionAid Australia	Pacific Women Driving locally led Feminist Humanitarian action	To establish a Pacific women's regional surge roster by 2025, so that women from across the region can be deployed to support gender transformative, and disability-inclusive humanitarian response at home and across the region. To provide opportunities for women's leadership in humanitarian response.
Pacific Theological College	New Master of Theology in Gender Justice	Introducing a new Master of Theology in Gender Justice to promote and support economic empowerment of women - a new Pasifika gender paradigm. Working with partners the project will involve advocating for a living income and living wage policy, strengthening church women's agency, coordinate talanoa sessions on GBV, and establish a Helpline.
International Women's Development Agency (IWDA)	Pacific Regional Feminist Movement Strengthening	To implement a feminist movement strengthening programme by enhancing the collective power of all women. Implemented through the We Rise Coalition, it will involve FEMlink, FWRM, Brown Girl Woke in Samoa, Sista in Vanuatu and Voice for Change in PNG.
Pacific Conference of Churches	Just, Safe, Resilient and Empowered Pacific Communities	To establish systems for member churches to monitor and report on the performance of their commitments through such mechanisms. These include the Gender Report Card, implementation of a safe church policy (zero tolerance of VAWG in church communities), Code of Conduct, and to launch the Pacific regional faith-based strategy to EVAWG.
Various civil society organisations across the Pacific region	Pacific Peoples Advancing Change (PPAC)	PPAC supports Pacific CSOs engaged with human rights issues, while also advancing those issues by supporting specific campaigns, through a package of assistance that includes advocacy training workshops, ongoing mentoring, small grants, and facilitating regional dialogue for advocates. Following the high volume of applicants for the competitive multi-stage grants process, including from community-based organisations, PWL at SPC is supporting PPAC's Phase 6.

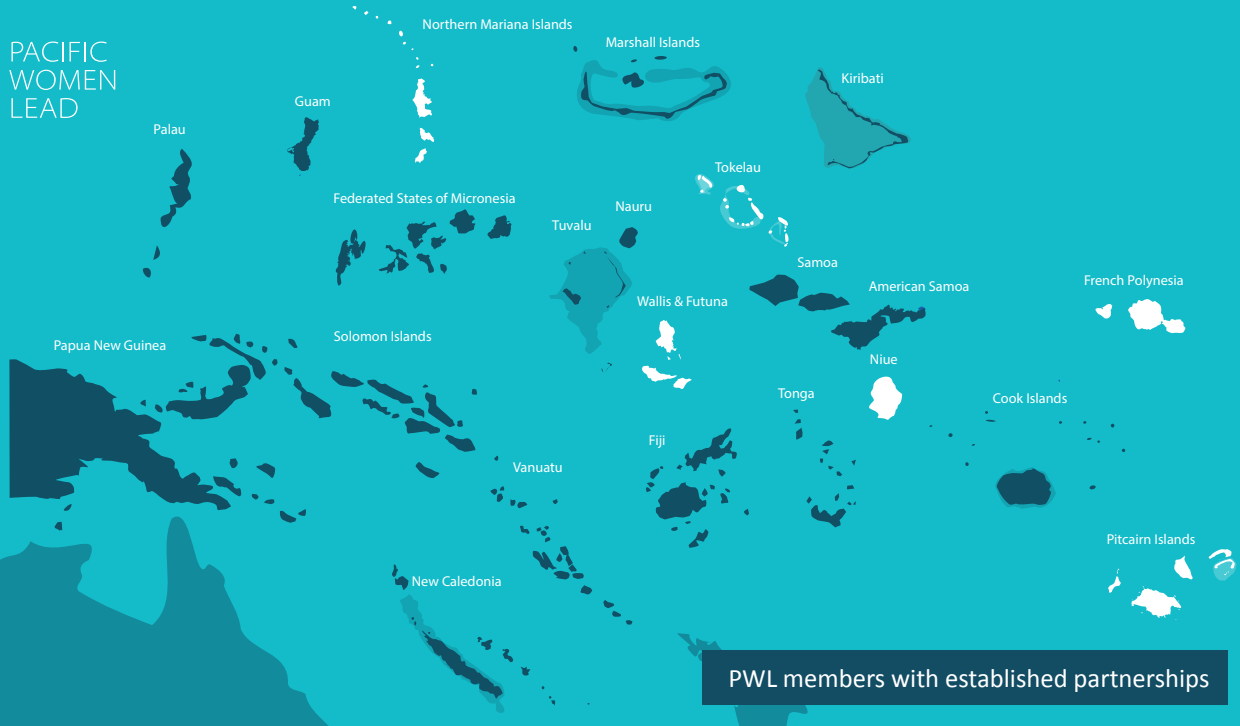
SPC as custodian of the Pacific Platform for Action

The PWL at SPC programme provides technical, learning and convening, plus partnerships and funding support to partners.

This includes supporting the implementation of key regional commitments through the Pacific Platform for Action on Gender Equality and Women's Human Rights (PPA). SPC's member governments use the Pacific Platform for Action (PPA) as a tool to plan actions and track progress towards achieving gender equality commitments such as the Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration (PLGED), revitalised in 2023. The PPA is used at the Triennial Conference of Pacific Women by governments and partners to report on progress. SPC is custodian of the PPA and Triennial, working with the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) that supports Pacific leaders and the PLGED.



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