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# About Pacific Women Lead

Pacific Women Lead (PWL) is a portfolio of regional investments valued at AUD170 million over 5 years (2021 – 2026). PWL aims to advance gender equality and is ambitious in its intent to take a Pacific-led, intersectional and transformative approach to promoting gender equality in the region and bringing new emphasis to strengthening regional action and architecture in support of gender equality.

The goal of PWL is for: Pacific women and girls, in all their diversity, to be safe and equitably share in resources, opportunities and decision-making with men and boys. For more information visit [www.pacificwomen.org](http://www.pacificwomen.org)

# Overview of Pacific Women Lead activities in Samoa

As of 31 March 2025, a total of 24 Pacific Women Lead projects and 2 research have been (or are being) implemented in Samoa, with a total funding of AUD110,730,623.12.[[1]](#footnote-2)

Table 1 shows how each of these projects are linked to the different PWL portfolio components.[[2]](#footnote-3) Through these components, technical support and funding is provided to Pacific civil society organisations, multilateral and regional organisations, government and other stakeholders.

Table 1: Summary of PWL projects in Samoa as of 31 March 2025

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| PWL components | # of projects | Ongoing | Completed | Total funding (AUD) |
| PWL at SPC projects | 6 | 6 | - | $2,888,052.89 |
| PWL Governance Board projects | - | - | - | - |
| Pacific Women’s Funds projects | - | - | - | - |
| DFAT regional and research projects | 14 | 10 | 4 | $103,683,811.75 |
| DFAT bilateral projects | 5 | 4 | 1 | $873,066.48 |
| PWLES projects | 1 | 1 | - | $3,285,692 |
| **Total** | **26** | **21** | **5** | **$110,730,623.12** |

## Pacific Women Lead at SPC

The Pacific Community (SPC) is a distinct implementing partner of PWL (known as PWL at SPC) and has a grant agreement with DFAT Canberra, valued at AUD57,600,000. From this total value, SPC provides technical support to Pacific governments, hosts and supports regional convenings and implements a grants program for its government partners and civil-society organisations across the Pacific.

In Samoa, PWL at SPC funds 6 downstream implementing partners to implement 6 projects. All projects are ongoing.

Table 2: PWL at SPC projects in Samoa as at 31 March 2025

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Project name and partner | Project description | Value (AUD) / timeframe | Project status |
| 1 | A Niu Pasifika Paradigm: ‘Whole of Life’ Transformative Leadership for Justice - Strengthening Women’s Leadership, Gender, Ecological, Economic and Social Justice in the Pasifika Household of God  (Pacific Theological College) | The Project works to introduce a new Master of Theology in Gender Justice, promote and support women’s economic empowerment, and advocate for a living income/wage policy with CSOs through Fiji Council of Social Services. It also aims to strengthen women’s agency within Methodist Church Women’s Secretariat and coordinate Talanoa sessions on GB, including setting up a help line and pastoral counselling. | $499,711.64  2024 - 2025 | Ongoing (new) |
| 2 | Barriers to Female Leadership for Staff at Selected Pacific Island Universities, with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)  (University of South Pacific) | This project aims to establish baselines and catalysing mechanisms to increase the number of women in senior leadership positions in Pacific Island Universities within STEM and beyond. | $415,539.25  2024–2025 | Ongoing  (new) |
| 3 | Just, Safe, Resilient and Empowered Pacific Communities  (Pacific Conference of Churches - PCC) | The Project works to establish a reporting system for member churches to track and report on their gender equality performance, implement a Safe Church policy on zero tolerance of VAWC in church communities and the Code of Conduct and development and roll out of the Pacific regional faith-based EVAWG strategy. The Project also works to increase women’s participation and access in Church  leadership and theology, collaboration of women theologians and national, regional Feminist Organisations, development of Church programmes to address masculinity and violence. | $500,000  2024 - 2025 | Ongoing (new) |
| 4 | Organic Fertiliser to Improve Women Growers Harvests and Increase Earning Opportunities for Rural Women  (Samoa Women’s Association of Growers) | This project produces organic seaweed fertiliser to help increase economic opportunities for women in rural coastal communities. | $440,568.93  2024–2025 | Ongoing  (new) |
| 5 | Shifting the Power Coalition: Pacific Owned, Women-led Early Warning and Resilience (POWER) systems  (ActionAid Australia) | Shifting the Power Coalition (StPC) empowers diverse Pacific women to lead disaster management, humanitarian, and climate action. Through rapid response and core support grants, StPC has enabled women-led networks to drive crisis response, recovery, and advocacy, ensuring inclusive, gender-responsive humanitarian action. | $532,233.07  2022–2025 | Ongoing |
| 6 | Strengthening Pacific Women’s Rights to Safety and Access to Health through Survivor-Centred and Evidence-Based approaches    (Fiji National University) | A situation analysis and research will be undertaken, review existing strengths, weaknesses, resources and opportunities, for national response to GBV in terms of health policies and programs in Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Samoa. | $500,000  2024 - 2025 | Ongoing  (new) |

## Pacific Women Lead Governance Board projects in Samoa

The PWL Governance Board comprises 13 members, 12 of whom are from the Pacific region. DFAT’s Assistant Secretary of the Pacific Development Branch serves as an ex-officio member of the Board.

Alex Su’a is the Samoa representative on the PWL Governance Board. He is a lawyer with over 20 years of experience, having practised law since 2004. Mr Su’a is registered as a barrister, solicitor, and notary public of the Supreme Court of Samoa. Since 2018, he has been a partner at Stowers & Su’a Lawyers, a law firm in Apia, and currently serves as the President of the Samoa Law Society. Alex is a proud fa'afafine and a passionate advocate for the human rights of the fa'afafine and fa'atama community in Samoa. Since 2005, he has been a founding member of the Samoa Fa'afafine Association, Inc., the only organisation in Samoa working with people of diverse sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC). Since 2018, he has served as its President.

The Board has a $5 million discretionary fund for projects that it can use to add value to and build on existing PWL activities. To date, no projects in Samoa have been funded by the Board.

## Pacific Women’s Funds

The Pacific Women’s Funds is made up of 3 feminist organisations: Women’s Fund Fiji, Urgent Action Fund Asia and Pacific and Pacific Feminist Fund.

To date, no projects in Samoa have been funded by the Women’s Funds.

## DFAT regional

This section presents information on regional (multi-country) gender activities in Samoa. These regional gender activities are managed by either DFAT Post in Fiji or DFAT Canberra (Australia).

There are 12 DFAT regional projects and 2 research implemented by 10 distinct implementing partners in Samoa. Of these, 10 are ongoing and 4 have been completed.

Table 3: DFAT regional projects in Samoa as of 31 March 2025

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Aidworks number | Project name and partner | Project description | Value (AUD) / timeframe | Project status |
| 1 | 74352 | A Transformative Agenda for Women, Adolescents and Youth in the Pacific: Towards Zero Unmet Need for Planning 2018 - 2022 Phase 1    (UNFPA) | The goal of the Project is transformative change in the lives of women, adolescents and youth across the Pacific by 2022. The Transformative Agenda outlines action that will increase the demand for, and supply of, SRH services and information (particularly family planning) and create an enabling environment for their progress. | $7,500,000  2021 – 2022 | Completed |
| 77337/9 | A Transformative Agenda for Women, Adolescents and Youth in the Pacific: Towards Zero Unmet Need for Planning 2018 – 2022 (Phase 2)  (UNFPA) | The project aims to improve access to quality sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) information and services, with a particular focus on family planning. It seeks to increase the availability of integrated SRHR services for both the general population and marginalised groups, while also driving greater demand for SRHR information. Additionally, the project works to create a more supportive environment that empowers vulnerable communities to access and benefit from SRHR services, with a specific emphasis on expanding contraceptive choice. | $37,000,000[[3]](#footnote-4)  2023 - 2028 | Ongoing |
| 2 | 77821 | Emerging onto the World Stage - Tennis Australia Women and Girls Pacific Extension  (Tennis Australia) | This project aims to increase the pipeline of women administrators in tennis across the Pacific. The program, implemented by Tennis Australia in Fiji, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu, focuses on professional development and networking opportunities for women in sports leadership. The project seeks to empower women to take on leadership roles, increase opportunities for elite-level competition, and improve governance structures to better support women and girls in tennis across the region. | $1,111,000  2022 – 2026 | Ongoing |
| 3 | 77520 | Gender responsive Climate Policy and Women’s Climate Leadership in the Pacific  (Women’s Environment and Development Organisation) | This project sought to advance Pacific women’s leadership in climate change decision-making through WEDO’s Women Delegates Fund (WDF) program. By providing funding and capacity-building opportunities, the WDF enabled Pacific women to engage meaningfully in global climate discussions, ensuring their perspectives were reflected in critical decision-making processes. The project also aimed to enhance gender-responsive climate policy in the Pacific by strengthening the capacity of National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points through targeted training and resources to support the integration of gender considerations into national climate policies and strategies. | $699,900  2022–2024 | Completed |
| 4 | 73159/28 | Markets for Change (M4C) Phase 2  (UN Women) | Promoting gender equality and the economic empowerment of market vendors, with specific attention to the needs and aspirations of women market vendors. | $9,951,871[[4]](#footnote-5)  2022 – 2026 | Ongoing |
| 5 | 74843 | Niu Vaka Pacific Strategy (2018 - 2022) Phase 1  (International Planned Parenthood Federation - IPPF) | The Niu Vaka Pacific Strategy provides a framework and guidance on a life course approach to SRHR in the Pacific. This entails broadening the focus from family planning to services across the life span from pregnancy and prenatal care and pre-menstruation through menopause. It also looks at critical factors for the Pacific including climate change, gender, disability, non-communicable diseases and sexual and gender-based violence. | $500,000  2021 – 2022 | Completed |
| 77862 | Core Funding for IPPF Global Strategic Framework (22-26) and Pacific Strategic Strategy (22-26) Phase 2  (International Planned Parenthood Federation – IPPF) | IPPF's Pacific Niu Vaka Strategy, Phase II aims to break down barriers and ensure quality sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are accessible to all in the Pacific. The project focuses on reaching the most marginalised and excluded groups with comprehensive SRHR information and services. It champions the voices of young people and leverages the power of movements and networks to advance SRHR across the region. | $2,000,000  2023–2026 | Ongoing |
| 6 | 77557 | Oceania Rise Rugby Project  (Oceania Rugby) | The project aims to promote gender equality in Pacific rugby through leadership, competitions, and governance. It seeks to establish new senior management positions for women, develop national women’s competitions in Fiji, Solomon Islands, and Tonga, and support leadership training. Regional initiatives will include building a Women in Rugby Network, delivering governance training, and developing shared resources. The project is designed to enhance pathways for women’s participation and visibility, strengthen institutional capacity, and foster sustainable development in rugby across the Pacific, with ongoing support from the Australian government. | $2,933,000  2022–2024 | Completed |
| TBC | Rise Rugby Phase 2  (Oceania Rugby) | Project description to be included in next update | $2,974,500  2025 - 2027 | Ongoing |
| 7 | 74112 | Pacific Partnership to End Violence Against Women and Girls (PPEVAWG) Phase 1    (UN Women) | The Project sought to promote Gender Equality, prevent VAWG, and increase access to quality VAWG response services for survivors. The programme engages with over 100 partners across the region, including national governments, CSOs, EVAWG networks, faith-based groups, and sports associations. | $800,000  2021 – 2023 | Completed |
| 77334/8 | Pacific Partnership to End Violence Against Women and Girls Phase 2  (UN Women) | The Pacific Partnership to End Violence Against Women and Girls Phase II aims to promote gender equality, prevent violence, and improve access to services for survivors. The programme supports regional and national leadership to align legislation and policies with international standards, addressing gaps and securing resources for enforcement. It challenges harmful social norms through community engagement and education, with the Social Citizenship Education project working within schools to promote gender equality. The programme strengthens survivor-centred services by enhancing the capacity of health, justice, and social service providers, while empowering women’s rights movements and amplifying the voices of marginalized groups. | $15,934,693.05  2022–2027 | Ongoing |
| 8 | 69294/67 | Pacific Community’s (SPC) Human Rights and Social Development (HRSD) Division Support | This project provides program funding to support the implementation of the SPC HRSD Business Plan 2021-2026. The plan focuses on strengthening inclusive, transparent, and responsive governance and institutions for human rights and social development; promoting gender equality, equity, and social inclusion; preserving and protecting positive cultural expressions; and accelerating impact through knowledge, learning, and innovation. The project aims to achieve a just, equitable, and resilient Pacific Island society by ensuring that state laws, policies, and institutions uphold the rights of all people, providing equitable access to social services and economic opportunities for women, youth, and marginalised groups, promoting non-violence and inclusion in communities, and safeguarding cultural heritage. | $2,700,000  2022–2026 | Ongoing |
| 9 | 76569 | Pilot Pacific Women's Sports Administration Program Phase 1  (Netball Australia) | The program focuses on governance and administration support, recognizing that this enables netball associations to advance women in decision-making and leadership roles and their effectiveness in those roles. | $1,638,600  2021 – 2024 | Completed |
| TBC | Netball’s Ocean of Power - Strength in Every Wave  Phase 2  (Netball Australia) | This project promotes women's leadership within netball by supporting women in taking on executive, coaching, and decision-making roles. It also aims to increase access to safe and inclusive competition for women and girls across the Pacific, ensuring they can participate in sports free from discrimination or harm. | $2,403,991.70  2024 - 2026 | Ongoing |
| 10 | 69294/46 | Progressing Gender Equality in the Pacific  (Human and Social Development Division - SPC) | This project focused on strengthening gender mainstreaming by enhancing policy design, implementation, and monitoring to advance gender equality outcomes. It worked to build the capacity of Pacific governments to integrate gender considerations across policies, programs and services.  The project also supported improved collection, analysis, and use of gender data and statistics at both country and regional levels. By strengthening data systems, the project aimed to provide evidence that informs policy decisions, tracks progress on gender equality commitments and ensures that the needs and experiences of women and men were accurately represented. | $2,156,401  2021 – 2023 | Completed[[5]](#footnote-6) |
| 11 | 78400 | Progressing Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion Priorities  (Pacific Island Forum Secretariat) | This project provides funding for the Pacific Islands Forum Women Leaders Meeting (PIFWLM) and supports broader gender equality and disability inclusion efforts by the Secretariat, including the implementation of PIFWLM outcomes and the coordination and monitoring of key regional frameworks such as the revitalised Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration (PLGED), the Pacific Framework on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PFRPD), and the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) commitments outlined in the 2050 Strategy Implementation Plan. | $3,902,976  2023-2026 | Ongoing |
| 12 | TBC | We Rise Phase 4  (International Women’s Development Agency) | We Rise 4 is a feminist movement-building project led by six experienced Pacific feminist organisations: femLINKpacific (Fiji), Fiji Women’s Rights Movement (Fiji), Sista (Vanuatu), Voice for Change (PNG), Brown Girl Woke (Samoa), and IWDA (Australia). The program aims to strengthen Pacific feminist organisations and movements by fostering solidarity, empowering new generations of leaders, advocating for gender-transformative policies, and mobilising resources. | $2,954,321  2024 – 2026 | Ongoing |
| **Research Projects** | | | | | |
| 13 | 76473 | Building Back Better: Promoting gender data-driven response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Pacific and South-east Asia  (UN Women) | This project increased the production and use of quality and timely data to ensure COVID-19 response and recovery efforts are sensitive to gender inequality considerations, provide maximum protection from COVID-19 impacts, and enable women’s and girls’ fullest contributions to recovery. | $3,522,558  2021–2023 | Completed |
| 14 | 72938/47 | Strengthening Capacities for Measuring Violence Against Women (nKOwVAWdata) Phase 2  (UNFPA) | This project aims to support and strengthen regional and national capacity to measure violence against women in Asia and the Pacific. The project aims to develop sustained regional capacity through the development and implementation of a sound training curriculum and to build a committed pool of trained professionals and researchers on the measurement of violence against women in Asia and the Pacific region. | $3,000,000  2021–2024 | Completed |

## DFAT bilateral

This section provides information on bilateral gender projects funded and managed by either Samoa DFAT Post or the Samoa Gender Partnership Program (SGPP).

There are 5 projects implemented in Samoa: 1 project is implemented by a distinct implementing partner and 4 projects are implemented by 4 downstream implementing partners. Of these, 4 are ongoing and one has been completed.

Table 4: DFAT bilateral projects in Samoa as at 31 March 2025

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Aidworks number | Project name and partner | Project description | Value (AUD) / timeframe | Project Status |
| 1 | 74280 | Women in Leadership  (UNDP and UN Women joint program) | The project aimed to strengthen women's leadership and advance gender equality across all levels of society, including Parliament. Through capacity building, advocacy, and public awareness programs, it enhanced women's leadership skills, promoted political inclusivity, supported women’s political participation. | 2018 – 2022[[6]](#footnote-7) | Completed |
| 2 | SGPP Grantee | Building a Stronger Community Approach Toward Gender-based Violence Responsiveness (GBV)  (Samoa Victim Support Group) | This project is for SVSG to have increased capacity and access to resources, to support building a stronger community approach towards GBV and to encompass the whole of community in responding to GBV | $236,086.98  2023 – 2025 | Ongoing |
| 3 | SGPP Grantee | Building a Stronger Community Approach Toward Gender-based Violence Responsiveness (SRHR)  (Samoa Family Health Association) | This project aimed to increase access of women and girls to safe and professional SRH services, support and counselling that meets their needs. It also works to increase access of women and girls to quality information and knowledge on SRHR services through SFHA and other service providers and to improve the capacity of staff to adequately support the work of SFHA. | $198,009.4  2022 – 2025 | Ongoing |
| 4 | SGPP Grantee | COVID Response Project  (Women in Business Development Incorporated) | The primary aim of this project is to ensure that Women’s participation and business is improved and more resilient through production activities and training. The project works to see that women are supported with their businesses through financial and social services as well as linked with online platforms. The project will also strengthen the organisational capacity for WIBDI to ensure sustainability for supporting families, women and girls. | $256,157.34  2022 – 2025 | Ongoing |
| 5 | SGPP Grantee | Increasing Women’s Entrepreneurship in Formal and Informal Economies in Samoa  (Samoa Women’s Association of Growers) | This project aims to build the capacity building and institutional strengthening of the Organization with its Strategic Plan & Policy design & implementation. It will also work to train women Entrepreneur in value-adding, packaging, online marketing, e-commerce, digital literacy & financial skills. | $182,812.76  2022 – 2025 | Ongoing |

## Pacific Women Lead Enabling Services

Pacific Women Lead Enabling Services (PWLES) provides whole-of-portfolio monitoring, evaluation and learning oversight, technical advisory support and grant management services. PWLES has an independent Quality and Technical Assurance Group (QTAG) panel of approximately 50 consultants. PWLES is valued at AUD32 million.

PWLES manages 1 project in Samoa with 1 distinct implementing partner. We Rise Coalition Phase 3 is completed, and its next phase is now being managed by DFAT Canberra.

Table 5: PWLES-managed projects in Samoa as at 31 March 2025

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Project name and partner | Project description | Value (AUD) / timeframe | Project status |
| 1 | We Rise Coalition: Feminist Movement for transformative change Phase 3  (International Women’s Development Agency) | We Rise Coalition Phase 3 focuses on developing, demonstrating, and strengthening feminist coalitions and partnerships to promote inclusive governance, equality, diversity, justice, and women’s human rights | $3,285,692    2022 – 2024 | Completed |

# Impact stories and reach data for DFAT bilateral projects

## Impact stories

Tautua Partnership Program, managed by Palladium (managing contractor) collects impact stories with the Samoa Partnership Program grantees. These stories are shared with PWLES and will be uploaded to the PWL website and link included in the next update.

## Periodic reach data

PWLES is working closely with the SGPP to collate and enter data into the PWL monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) system. This section will be updated when all data is verified and entered into the MEL system.

## Cumulative reach data

Since 2021 to present, 1 project have provided data against PWL quantitative indicators.

Table 6: Cumulative reach data (2021 to present) for DFAT bilateral gender projects in Samoa

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Project title | Indicator | Girls | Women | Men | Not disaggregated | Total |
| Samoa Women in Leadership | Number of diverse women and girls supported to assume a leadership role. | 0 | 1166 | 180 | 1046 | 2394 |
| Samoa Women in Leadership | Number of men who have undertaken advocacy training. | 0 | 0 | 315 | 0 | 315 |
| **Total** | | **0** | **1166** | **180** | **1046** | **2394** |

# More information and support

This country brief was prepared by Pacific Women Lead Enabling Services (PWLES). PWLES provides support for DFAT Posts and PWL at SPC in the following ways.

## Monitoring, evaluation and learning support

PWLES manages the PWL portfolio MEL system. The MEL system has two databases:

1. A **Quantitative database** that tracks progress against PWL indicators and can be accessed through a dashboard on the PWL website: [Pacific Women Lead - Our Impact](https://pacificwomen.org/our-impact/). The dashboard is updated six monthly after each reporting cycle.
2. A **Qualitative database** that allows the PWLES MEL team to code partner narrative reports against qualitative change domains.

The MEL system has the capability to organise and provide data, particularly for DFAT’s reporting processes (IMR and Tier 2 reporting), and qualitative evidence or quotes that can be used for briefing documents or speeches.

**Collection of qualitative impact stories:** PWLES collaborates with partners in each country to collect impact stories twice a year (February and July). These stories are used to inform the PWL MEL system and can be used by the PWL components for public diplomacy. These stories are published on the PWL website: [Pacific Women Lead - Stories](https://pacificwomen.org/latest-updates/stories/)

**Monitoring the rights of people with disabilities Framework:** PWLES developed two guidance notes to support partners to enhance data collection and reporting on disability inclusion. The guidance notes can be accessed here: [Pacific Women Lead - Resources](https://pacificwomen.org/resources/). PWLES has also facilitated a webinar discussion on these guidance notes which you can watch here: [Monitoring the journey towards the realisation of rights for people with disabilities](https://youtu.be/JCeG_6OmOuE?si=WgwOnXcFATJoiKG7).

**Annual Reflection and Analysis Workshop:** Each year, PWLES co-convenes an Annual Reflection and Analysis Workshop in September that brings together partners across the PWL portfolio to collaborate and analyse data to understand the program’s progress and make recommendations for the program. A summary of the 2024 Annual Reflection and Analysis Workshop can be watched here: [Second Pacific Women Lead Annual Reflection and Analysis Workshop (2024)](https://youtu.be/p5gbcZHlKdg?si=7LXyyJI6AQalYxBT).

**Clear Horizon Academy PWL MEL Platform:** PWLES has developed 3 training modules with Clear Horizon Academy to support PWL partners:

* Using data for reporting and learning,
* collecting impact stories
* understanding, monitoring and reporting disability inclusion.

These are online and self-paced modules and partners can seek access through the PWLES.

## Quality Technical Assurance Group (QTAG)

Through the QTAG, PWLES provides technical support to smaller DFAT Post in Tuvalu, Kiribati, FSM, Palau, Nauru, Niue, and Republic of Marshall Islands. QTAG currently offers tailored GEDSI support through consultants to smaller DFAT Posts.

## Grant management

PWLES provides program management support to DFAT Posts in smaller countries. Currently, PWLES provides grant management support to:

* One regional program: Balance of Power
* Three projects in Tuvalu (funded through the Tuvalu DFAT Post Gender Country Plan), and
* Management of Gender Advisers in Tuvalu (Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Adviser), FSM (Family Protection Adviser) and Palau (Family Protection Act Adviser).

## Contact and feedback

If you have questions or feedback on this country brief, please contact PWLES on [info@pwles.org](mailto:info@pwles.org)

1. Note that total funding only reflects the grants managed under these components that are being implemented in Samoa and does not reflect the total value of the components. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Each component is a distinct implementing partner of PWL, which means that organisations have a direct grant agreement with donors or funders. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Total budget includes Nauru DFAT Post contribution of AUD 2,700,000. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Total budget inclusive of Solomon Islands DFAT Post contribution of AUD 1,000,000 and Samoa DFAT Post contribution of AUD 2,650,000. Samoa DFAT Post has expended AUD 2,650,000 in Phase 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Next phase to be funded under Pacific Women Lead at SPC. Details to be confirmed. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Budget paid out under Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)