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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 Solomon Islands

As at 31 March 2025, 30 Pacific Women Lead projects and 3 research were being (or had been) implemented in Solomon Islands, with a total funding of AUD123,282,568.07.[[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 Solomon Islands as at 31 March 2025

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| PWL components | # of projects | Ongoing | Completed | Total funding (AUD) |
| PWL at SPC projects | 7 | 7 | 0 | $3,341,307.02 |
| PWL Governance Board projects | - | - | - | - |
| Pacific Women’s Funds projects | - | - | - | - |
| DFAT regional and research projects | 16 | 9 | 7 | $107,946,042.05 |
| DFAT bilateral projects | 10 | 3 | 7 | $11,995,219 |
| PWLES projects | - | - | - | - |
| **Total** | **33** | **19** | **14** | **$123,282,568.07** |

## 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 a grants program for its government partners and women’s organisations across the Pacific.

In Solomon Islands, PWL at SPC funds 7 downstream implementing partners to implement 7 projects.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Project name and partner | Project description | Value (AUD) / timeframe | Project status |
| 1 | | 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  2024–2025 | Ongoing (new) |
| 2 | | Economic Empowerment for Rural Remote Pacific Women  (Rise beyond the Reef) | In Solomon Islands, the project works through the established Artisan Cooperative representatives in partnership with local government, village leaders, spouses, to develop a community development strategy that promotes GE and address harmful norms through GESI outreach trainings and community check-ins. | $499,595.35  2024 – 2025 | Ongoing (new) |
| 3 | Implementation of the 2014 Family Protection and Gender Analysis on the Cyber Crime Bill  (Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs) | This project supports the implementation of the 2014 Family Protection Act by strengthening GBV response systems and legal frameworks including a gender analysis of the Cyber Crime Bill. It works to establish a Domestic Violence Counselling Committees in 9 provinces and deliver training of first responders in partnership with the Solomon Islands Police Force. The project also promotes financial literacy and better business practices for rural women in Guadalcanal Province. A national EVAW coordinator will be recruited to lead these efforts, ensuring sustainability and impact. | $395,213.63  2024–2025 | Ongoing (new) |
| 4 | 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) |
| 5 | Shifting the Power Coalition: Pacific Owned, Women-led Early Warning and Resilience (POWER) systems  (ActionAid Australia – YWCA Solomon Islands) | 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 of the women’s movement in Solomon Islands  (Women’s Right Action Movement) | The project will mentor young women on gender and the law, fostering their leadership through a community of practice. It will also conduct a study examining the connection between violence against women and women's leadership. | $500,000  2024–2025 | Ongoing (new) |
| 7 | Women-led communities thrive/Women-ledim, komunity-gud  (Save the Children, Solomon Islands) | The aim of this project is to empower and support survivors of gender-based violence and promote gender equality in Malaita Province by supporting the Malaita Christian Care Centre Safe House for victims of GBV. | $498,725.97  2024–2025 | Ongoing (new) |

## Pacific Women Lead Governance Board

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.

Ethel Sigimanu is the Solomon Islands representative on the PWL Governance Board and a longstanding advocate for gender equality and women’s rights. She served as a permanent secretary for 17 years, including 10 years at the Ministry of Women, where she played a key role in the passage of the Family Protection Act 2014 and the Child and Family Welfare Act 2017. Recognized with the 2019 Women of Courage Award, she continues to champion gender and human rights as a consultant and serves on national and regional boards in the social services sector.

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 have been funded through this component.

## 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, there have been no projects funded through this component in Solomon Islands.

## DFAT regional

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

There are 13 regional projects and 3 research implemented by 12 distinct implementing partners in Solomon Islands. Of these, 9 are ongoing and 7 have been completed.

Table 3: DFAT regional projects in Solomon Islands as at 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) | 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  2023–2028 | | Ongoing | |
| 2 | | 72410/14 | | Child Protection in Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu  (UNICEF) | The UNICEF Pacific Child Protection Programme supports 14 Pacific Island countries and territories, aiming to enhance protection for children against violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The programme works to strengthen child protection frameworks within governments, particularly in target countries, and enhance the capacities of service providers, including NGOs, to prevent and respond to child abuse. It also focuses on increasing the knowledge and skills of parents, caregivers, and teachers to eliminate harmful practices and better protect children. The ultimate goal is to ensure children in the Pacific are better protected from abuse and psychological distress, even in emergencies. | | $3,542,280  2021–2024 | | Completed[[3]](#footnote-4) |
| 3 | | 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 |
| 4 | | 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 |
| 5 | | 73159/28 | | Markets for Change (M4C) Phase 2  (UN Women) | M4C strengthens economic opportunities and safety for women market vendors across the Pacific. The project improves market infrastructure, providing secure accommodation, sanitation, and clean water while empowering women through leadership, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship training. By increasing women’s representation in market governance and decision-making, M4C enhances their economic security and community influence. The project is implemented in Fiji, the Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. | | $9,951,871[[4]](#footnote-5)  2022–2026 | | Ongoing |
| 6 | | 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 to the IPPF Global Strategic Framework (22-26) and Pacific Strategy (22-26)  (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 |
| 7 | | 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 |
|  | | Rise Rugby Phase 2  (Oceania Rugby | *Project description to be included in*  *next update* | | $2,974,500  2025 - 2027 | | Ongoing (new) |
| 8 | | 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 – 2022 | Completed | |
| 77334/8 | Pacific Partnership to End Violence Against Women and Girls (PPEVAWG) 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[[5]](#footnote-6)  2023–2027 | Ongoing | |
| 9 | | 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 |
| 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[[6]](#footnote-7) |
| 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 | | 76453 | | RiseUp! Mobilising Young Women's Leadership and Advocacy Phase IV  (World YWCA) | RiseUp! provides training, networking and peer support to young women between the ages of 18 and 30 years. It supports young women in contexts where their rights and voices are repressed to know and claim those rights within their peer, family and community networks, and to work collectively to mobilise for change. | | $6,000,000  2020–2025 | | Ongoing |
| 13 | | UN Women Trust Fund recipient | | Women and Girls Accessing Essential, Safe and Secured GBV Services in Solomon Islands  (Family Support Centre) | This project strengthens GBV Provincial Committees, improves service access for women and girls, raises awareness in schools, and builds a network for sharing best practices. It aims to create a safer environment, ensuring all women and girls, including those with disabilities, can seek support without barriers. | | Budget and timeline not yet available | | Ongoing (new) |
| **Research Projects** | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | | 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 aims to enhance the production and use of quality, timely data to ensure COVID-19 response and recovery efforts address gender inequalities. By integrating gender-sensitive data, the project supports strategies that maximise protection from COVID-19 impacts while empowering women and girls to contribute fully to recovery efforts. | | $3,522,558  2021–2023 | | Completed |
| 15 | | 76470 | | Equality Insights: Gender data supporting COVID-19 response and recovery in the Pacific  (International Women’s Development Agency) | Equality Insights is a gender data program that gathers inclusive data to advance gender equality. Using a gender-sensitive measurement tool, the program collects detailed information on poverty and inequality, shedding light on the experiences of individuals often overlooked in traditional poverty data. These intersectional insights inform policy solutions to address inequality. | | $2,516,863  2020–2022 | | Completed |
| 16 | | 72938/47 | | Strengthening Capacities for Measuring Violence Against Women (kNOwVAWdata) 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 presents information on bilateral gender projects funded and managed by Solomon Islands DFAT Post. DFAT Post recently launched its Gender Design Framework which will inform its gender priorities going forward. The project list in Table 5 will be updated when DFAT Post starts granting under this new Framework.

There are 10 projects implemented by 10 distinct implementing partners and 3 downstream implementing in Solomon Islands. Of these, 3 are going and 7 have been completed.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Aidworks number | Project name and partner | Project description | Value (AUD) / timeframe | Project status |
| 1 | 74682 | Channels of Hope Phase 3  (World Vision Solomon Islands) | Channels of Hope is a faith-based approach to dealing with gender-based violence. It focuses on Churches as catalysts of change through a re-exploration of Biblical messages. | $1,256,500  2021 –2023 | Completed |
| 2 | 74888 | Let’s Make Our Families Safe Phase 2 (Safe Families) Project  (Oxfam Solomon Islands) | Safe Families is a multi-layered approach to violence prevention that aims to influence the social and cultural norm, values, attitudes and beliefs that support family and sexual violence, as well as enabling and resourcing collective action. Oxfam works with the Solomon Islands National Provincial Council of Women to implement the Safe Families Project through Provincial Council of Women in Malaita, Western, Choiseul and Temotu Provinces. | $1,500,000  2021–2023 | Completed |
| 3 |  | Markets for Change (M4C) UN Women | *Project description to be included in the next update* | $1,250,000  2024 - 2027 | Ongoing (new) |
| 4 | 76862 | Transforming Inclusion: Disability and Gender Mainstreaming  (People With Disability Solomon Islands - PWDSI) | The project aims to enhance inclusion by addressing disability and gender equality. The project promotes social inclusion, improves access to justice, and supports leadership opportunities for women with disabilities. | $40,000  2021–2022 | Completed |
| 5 | 76873 | Responding to Violence against Women Phase 2 [[7]](#footnote-8)  (IWDA with the Family Support Centre and the Christian Care Centre) | The project provides core funding, technical support and capacity building to the Christian Care Centre and Family Support Centre, two key organisations providing emergency shelter, first aid, counselling, and legal services to survivors of violence. This includes funding to explore options (including through property construction, purchase or long-term rental) for ensuring that the Family Support Centre has a permanent crisis centre in Honiara. | $1,580,813  2021–2023 | Completed |
| 6 | TBC | Solomon Islands Professional Driver Training School (SIPDTS) | The project aims to enhance road safety and create economic opportunities through driver training. It focuses on empowering women and partnering with corporate organisations to provide tailored training. By helping women reduce transport costs and improve personal safety, the project supports greater independence. With an expanded fleet and staff capacity, SIPDTS is well-positioned to meet growing demand while promoting safer roads and improved livelihoods. | $45,054  2023 | Completed |
| 7 | 76800 | Solomon Islands Women in Business Association (SWIBA) | The project aims to empower women in the Solomon Islands by enhancing their economic participation and entrepreneurial skills. The project focuses on capacity building, market access, and strengthening business acumen to improve women's financial independence and overall wellbeing. | $60,000  2021–2023 | Completed |
| 8 | TBC | Supporting the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs  (MWYCFA)  (DT Global, through Australia Solomon Islands Resource Facility) | The project is supporting the MWYCFA in its role of coordinating gender equality policy and implementation across the Solomon Islands Government. This includes providing research, developing policies, assessing the gendered impacts of COVID-19, and undertaking activities linked to the review of the Family Protection Act 2014. Support is provided through technical assistance, core funding for staff, and flexible funding for activities identified throughout the year. | $3,070,645  2021–2023 | Completed |
| 9 | 76845 | Women Ignite Stability and Economic Recovery in Solomon Islands (WISER)  (International Women’s Development Division - Women’s Rights Action Movement) | The project aims to enhance young women's leadership skills, advocate for Temporary Special Measures (TSM) to boost women's political participation and improve the inclusion of women with disabilities. WRAM’s efforts have influenced legislative reforms, contributed to CEDAW reporting, and strengthened collaboration between civil society and government, driving sustained progress toward gender equality and women’s leadership in the Solomon Islands. | $942,207  2021–2023 | Completed |
|  |  | Women Ignite Stability and Economic Recovery in Solomon Islands (WISER) Phase 2  (Women’s Right Action Movement - WRAM) | Project description to be included in the next update. | $1,750,000  2024 - 2028 | Ongoing (new) |
| 10 | 78503/22 | Support for Civil Society Organisations  (Australia Solomon Islands Program Support) | Interim grant support to grantees during the finalisation of Solomon Islands DFAT Post’s Gender Design Framework. | $500,000  2024–2025 | 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.

# Impact stories and reach data for DFAT bilateral projects

## Impact stories

Links to these stories will be available in the next update when the stories are uploaded onto the PWL website.

## Periodic reach data

From January to December 2024, 1 project in Solomon Islands provided data against quantitative PWL indicators.

Table 5: Reach data for DFAT bilateral projects in Solomon Islands (January to December 2024)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Project title | Indicator | Girls | Women | Women with disabilities | Boys | Boys with disabilities | Men | Total |
| Women’s Rights Action Movement – Women Ignite Stability and Economic Recovery in Solomon Islands (WISER) | Diverse women and girls supported to assume a leadership role at community, provincial and national | 0 | 135 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 410 | 546 |
| **Total** | | **0** | **135** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **410** | **546** |

## Cumulative reach data

Since 2021 to present, 8 projects have provided data against PWL quantitative indicators. See Annex 1 for cumulative reach data for DFAT bilateral projects.

# 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:

* Two regional programs: Balance of Power and We Rise Coalition Phase 3,
* 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 Junita Ngai (MEL Manager, PWLES) at [info@pwles.org](mailto:info@pwles.org)

# Annex 1 Cumulative reach data (2021 – present) for DFAT bilateral projects

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Project title | Indicator | Girls | Women | Women with disabilities | Boys | Men | Men with disabilities | Not disaggregated | Total |
| Supporting the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs | Number of government staff and development practitioners applying gender mainstreaming tools | 0 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 26 | 120 |
| Supporting the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs | Number of mechanisms in place to support gender mainstreaming processes in the government | 0 | 252 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 285 |
| Women's Rights Action Movement - Women Ignite Stability and Economic Recovery in Solomon Islands (WISER) | Diverse women and girls participating in civil society and intergovernmental forums | 0 | 110 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 145 |
| Women's Rights Action Movement - Women Ignite Stability and Economic Recovery in Solomon Islands (WISER) | Number of women’s organisations, groups or coalitions actively engaged in the project | 10 | 98 | 1 | 0 | 108 | 0 | 0 | 217 |
| Channels of Hope Phase 3 | Diverse women and girls supported to assume a leadership role at community, provincial and national | 0 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 0 | 0 | 141 |
| People with Disability Solomon Islands | Diverse women and girls supported to assume a leadership role at community, provincial and national | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 16 |
| Supporting the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs | Diverse women and girls supported to assume a leadership role at community, provincial and national | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 16 |
| Women's Rights Action Movement - Women Ignite Stability and Economic Recovery in Solomon Islands (WISER) | Diverse women and girls supported to assume a leadership role at community, provincial and national | 0 | 161 | 1 | 0 | 410 | 0 | 0 | 572 |
| Channels of Hope Phase 3 | Diverse women entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services | 0 | 277 | 0 | 0 | 220 | 0 | 0 | 497 |
| People with Disability Solomon Islands | Diverse women entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| Responding to Violence against Women Phase 2 | Diverse women entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services | 0 | 69 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 |
| Solomon Islands Professional Driver Training School (SIPDTS) | Diverse women entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services | 0 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 0 | 0 | 160 |
| Solomon Islands Women in Business | Diverse women entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services | 0 | 134 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 634 |
| Supporting the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs | Diverse women entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services | 0 | 998 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 1023 |
| Supporting the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs | Number of police, law, and justice officials trained to respond to incidents of EVAWG | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| Responding to Violence against Women Phase 2 | Number of counsellors graduating from recognized counselling institutions | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Channels of Hope Phase 3 | Number of Men who have undertaken male advocacy training and actively participating to promote GE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 10 | 0 | 41 |
| Let’s Make Our Families Safe Project Phase 2 | Number of Men who have undertaken male advocacy training and actively participating to promote GE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Responding to Violence against Women Phase 2 | Number of Men who have undertaken male advocacy training and actively participating to promote GE | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 0 | 15 | 98 |
| Channels of Hope Phase 3 | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 0 | 1792 | 28 | 0 | 1868 | 29 | 95 | 3812 |
| Let’s Make Our Families Safe Project Phase 2 | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 28 | 829 | 2 | 0 | 757 | 5 | 0 | 1621 |
| People with Disability Solomon Islands | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 0 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 16 | 86 |
| Responding to Violence against Women Phase 2 | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 0 | 652 | 14 | 0 | 729 | 2 | 0 | 1397 |
| Solomon Islands Women in Business | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| Women's Rights Action Movement - Women Ignite Stability and Economic Recovery in Solomon Islands (WISER) | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 0 | 1021 | 1 | 0 | 620 | 10 | 20 | 1672 |
| Let’s Make Our Families Safe Project Phase 2 | Number of services provided to diverse women and children and other survivors of violence | 0 | 85 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 136 |
| Responding to Violence against Women Phase 2 | Number of services provided to diverse women and children and other survivors of violence | 60 | 1453 | 22 | 13 | 130 | 3 | 1017 | 2698 |
| **Total** | | | **98** | **8244** | **119** | **13** | **5267** | **96** | **1740** | **15577** |

1. Note that total funding only reflects the grants managed under these components that are being implemented in Solomon Islands 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. The Project evaluation was finalised in 2024. PWLES is yet to receive update on the next phase. [↑](#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. Total includes DFAT Post (TBC which Post) contribution of AUD 2,000,000. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Next phase to be funded under Pacific Women Lead at SPC. Details to be confirmed. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. This project will be updated to reflect a new phase once update is received from Solomon Islands DFAT Post. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)