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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 Tonga

As at 31 March 2025, 24 Pacific Women Lead projects and 3 research were being (or had been) implemented in Tonga, with a total funding of AUD118,411,122.23.[[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 women-led civil society organisations, multilateral and regional organisations, government and other stakeholders.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| PWL components | # of projects | Ongoing | Completed | Total funding (AUD) |
| PWL at SPC projects | 3 | 3 | - | $1,209,350.07 |
| PWL Governance Board projects | - | - | - | - |
| Pacific Women’s Funds projects | - | - | - | - |
| DFAT regional and research projects | 13 | 8 | 5 | $93,171,654.75 |
| DFAT bilateral projects | 9 | 7 | 2 | $9,146,751.41 |
| PWLES projects | 2 | 1 | 1 | $14,883,366 |
| **Total** | **27** | **19** | **8** | **$118,411,122.23** |

## 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 Tonga, PWL at SPC funds 3 downstream implementing partners to implement 3 projects. All 3 projects are ongoing.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Project name and partner | Project description | Value (AUD) / timeframe | Project status |
| 1 | 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) |
| 2 | Shifting the Power Coalition: Pacific Owned, Women-led Early Warning and Resilience (POWER) systems  (ActionAid Australia – Talitha Project Incorporated) | 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 |
| 3 | Pacific Girl: My Body! My Rights!  (Talitha Project Incorporated) | Pacific Girl is a multi-country program designed to support adolescent girls in Pacific Island countries to achieve their full potential.  The Talitha Project's *My Body! My Rights!* program aims to empower 375 girls aged 10 to 14 across four locations in Tonga, including outer islands. The program will enhance community perceptions of girls' value by amplifying their voices through creative media. It will also provide education on health, sexuality, and self-esteem, supporting girls to build confidence and advocate for their rights. | $177,117  2021–2025 | Ongoing |

## 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.

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 Tonga have been funded by the Board.

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| --- | --- |
| A photo of PWL Governance Board member. | ‘Ana Malia Falemaka, a 19-year-old advocate from Tonga, serves as a Governance Board representative, board member, mentor, and youth ambassador for the Talitha Project. Her journey began in 2018 at a Talitha empowerment camp, inspiring her commitment to creating change. Ana Malia has contributed to various initiatives, including the Pacific Girl program and the *With and For Girls Fund Advisory Group*. She is also a member of *Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change* and is pursuing a Bachelor of Law at the University of the South Pacific. Ana Malia encourages young people to stand up, speak out, and shape the future. |
| A photo of PWL Governance Board member. | Rhema Misser is one of Tonga's representatives on the Governance Board. With 19 years of experience as a leader in the disability movement, he is the President and Founder of the Lavamea Taeiloa Disabled People Association, Inc. Rhema also served as a board member of the Pacific Disability Forum in Fiji for four years. He is committed to collaborating with fellow Pacific Women Lead participants to promote positive change across the Pacific region. |

## 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.

In Tonga, there have been no projects funded through this component to date.

## DFAT regional

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

There are 10 DFAT regional projects and 3 research implemented by 10 distinct implementing partners in Tonga. Of these, 8 are ongoing and 5 have been completed.

Table 3: DFAT regional projects in Tonga 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) | 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 | 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 |
| 3 | 77557 | Oceania Rise Rugby Project  (Oceania Rugby) | The Oceania Rise Rugby Project, delivered in partnership between Oceania Rugby and Pacific rugby federations promotes gender equality in rugby across the Pacific. The project provides leadership training for women, direct investments in Union activities, and the development of a Women in Rugby Network. | $2,933,000  2022–2024 | Completed |
| TBC | Rise Rugby Phase 2  (Oceania Rugby) | *Project description will be included in the next update.* | 2,974,500  2025-2027 | Ongoing |
| 4 | 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 (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[[4]](#footnote-5)  2023 – 2027 | Ongoing |
| 5 | 69294/67 | Pacific Community’s 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 |
| 6 | 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  2021–2023 | Completed |
| TBC | Netball’s Ocean of Power - Strength in Every Wave  Phase 2 | 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 |
| 7 | 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) 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 |
| 8 | 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) |
| 9 | 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 |
| 10 | 70302 | Women's safety, leadership and rights in Tonga  Tonga Women and Children Crisis Centre (WCCC) | The project contributes to the long-term goal of WCCC to eliminate all forms of violence, abuse and discrimination against women and children in Tonga using a human rights framework. | $988,172  2024 - 2025 | Ongoing |
| **Research Projects** | | | | | |
| 11 | 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. In Tonga, a rapid data collection exercise provided valuable insights and guidance for COVID-19 recovery efforts. | $2,516,863  2020 – 2022 | Completed |
| 12 | 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 |
| 13 | 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 in Tonga. These projects are funded and managed by either Tonga DFAT Post or the Tonga Australia Support Platform (TASP).

There are 9 projects implemented by 4 distinct implementing partners and 5 downstream implementing partners in Tonga. Of these, 7 are ongoing and 2 have been completed.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Aidworks number | Project name and partner | Project description | Value (AUD) / timeframe | Project status |
| 1 | TASP Grantee | Empowering Women and Girls in Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Tech-inclusive for EVAW Program  (Tonga Women in ICT) | The Tonga Women in ICT project aims to empower women and youth by expanding digital literacy, enhancing ICT skills, and promoting gender equality in the technology sector. Key outcomes include increased awareness of STEM and ICT career pathways through school programs, mentorship initiatives, and a Young Professional Tech Camp. The project also strengthens cyber safety awareness through campaigns and educator training. | $93,750  2024–2025 | Ongoing |
| 2 | 70187/TASP Grantee | Eliminate Violence Against Women and Children in Tonga using a human rights framework  (Tonga Women and Children Crisis Centre, WCCC) | WCCC in Tonga works to improve access to support services for women and children. Key outcomes include enhanced counselling services, expanded support to outer islands, and strengthened partnerships with healthcare providers to improve gender-based violence (GBV) response. WCCC also played a key role in advocating for policy changes, delivering community awareness programs, and promoting gender equality. | $3,271,148.93[[6]](#footnote-7)  2021–2025 | Ongoing |
| 3 | 75274 | Families Free of Violence (FFOV)  (Australia Federal Police program) | FFOV works to eliminate family violence in Tonga by enhancing service coordination, strengthening police response, and increasing civil society engagement. The program partners with the Women’s Affairs and Gender Equality Division (WAGED) to implement the Family Protection Act and Service Delivery Protocol, improve police training and response, and expand civil society involvement. | $4,226,243  2022–2026 | Ongoing |
| 4 | TBC | Provision of economic empowerment services for women survivors of violence alongside their counselling and support services  (Tonga National Centre for Women and Children) | This project supports women and girls, including survivors of violence, by enhancing their access to economic opportunities and empowering them to make informed, strategic life choices. | $330,609.48  2021–2023 | Completed |
| 5 | TASP Grantee | Provision of Care and Support to Aged Population Project in Tongatapu  (Ma’a Fafine Mo’e Famili INC) | Ma’a Fafine Mo’e Famili Inc. (MFF) is dedicated to fostering safer, more inclusive communities in Tonga by addressing gender-based violence (GBV) and improving aged care services. The program works to strengthen protection systems, empower caregivers, and enhance access to essential services for vulnerable groups. Through collaboration with government and community stakeholders, MFF advocates for policy improvements to ensure survivors receive the support they need. | $312,500  2023–2025 | Ongoing |
| 6 | TBC | Support to the Ministry of Justice for Family Protection Legal Aid Centre (FPLAC). | This provides free legal advice to clients in response to Family violence. | $100,000  2021–2022 | Completed |
| 7 | 73035 | Support to the Women's Affairs Division, Ministry of Internal Affairs  (Ministry of Internal Affairs) | This project strengthens the institutional capacity of the Women’s Affairs Division (WAGED) to advance gender equality and protection in Tonga. It provides targeted support through funding key positions, including a Family Protection Act Coordinator, a Principal Policy Officer, and a Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, as well as a Safety and Protection Cluster Coordinator within the CEO’s office. By embedding gender considerations across policies and disaster risk management efforts—spanning preparedness, response, and recovery—the program enhances the protection of vulnerable communities. | $500,000  2021–2026 | Ongoing |
| 8 | TASP Grantee | Support to Tonga Leitis Association  (Tonga Leitis Association) | *Project description to be included in the next update* | TBC | Ongoing |
| 9 | TASP Grantee | Tackling Stigma and Discrimination against People with Disability Project  (Lavame’a Ta’e’iloa Disabled People Association INC) | The project strengthens access to essential services, advocates for disability-inclusive policies, and builds community awareness on disability rights. Through strong partnerships with government and civil society, LATA works to influence policy, including the development of a national Disability Act, while also delivering direct support through health outreach programs. By fostering leadership, advocacy, and accessibility, LATA aims to create a more inclusive society where people with disabilities can fully participate and thrive. | $312,500  2023–2025 | 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 2 projects in Tonga with 2 distinct implementing partners and one downstream 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 Tonga as at 31 March 2025

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Project name and partner | Project description | Value (AUD) / timeframe | Project status |
| 1 | Balance of Power  (DT Global – managing contractor) | The Balance of Power program aims to initiate dialogue and action around social norms and women’s roles in decision making and leadership in the Pacific region. | $11,597,674[[7]](#footnote-8)  2021 – 2026 | Ongoing |
| 2 | 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[[8]](#footnote-9)    2022 – 2024 | Completed |

# Impact stories and reach data for DFAT bilateral projects

## Impact stories

PWLES engages with TASP to collect 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, 5 projects in Tonga provided data against quantitative PWL indicators.

Table 8: Reach data for DFAT bilateral gender projects in Tonga (January to December 2024)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Project title | Indicator | Girls | Women | Boys | Men | LGBTQIA+ | Not disaggregated | Total |
| Eliminate Violence Against Women and Children in Tonga using a human rights framework | Diverse women and girls participating in civil society and intergovernmental forums | 0 | 190 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 190 |
| Tackling Stigma and Discrimination against People with Disability Project | Diverse women and girls supported to assume a leadership role at community, provincial and national | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 80 |
| Eliminate Violence Against Women and Children in Tonga using a human rights framework | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 85 | 1801 | 56 | 256 | 0 | 0 | 2198 |
| Empowering Women and Girls in ICT and Tech-Inclusive for EVAW Program | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Provision of Care and Support to Aged Population Project in Tongatapu | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 167 | 195 |
| Support to Tonga Leitis Association | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 0 | 687 | 0 | 82 | 94 | 0 | 863 |
| Tackling Stigma and Discrimination against People with Disability Project | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 35 |
| Eliminate Violence Against Women and Children in Tonga using a human rights framework | Number of services provided to diverse women and children and other survivors of violence | 217 | 1830 | 50 | 124 | 0 | 4 | 2225 |
| **Total** | | **309** | **4535** | **107** | **462** | **95** | **286** | **5794** |

## Cumulative reach data

Since 2021 to present, 6 projects have provided data against PWL quantitative indicators. See Annex 1 for cumulative reach data for DFAT bilateral gender projects in Tonga.

# 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 PWLES on [info@pwles.org](mailto:info@pwles.org)

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Project title | Indicator | Girls | Girls with disabilities | Women | Women with disabilities | Boys | Men | Men with disabilities | LGBTQIA+ | Not disaggregated | Total |
| Support to Tonga Leitis Association | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 0 | 0 | 687 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 0 | 94 | 0 | 863 |
| Eliminate Violence Against Women and Children in Tonga using a human rights framework | Number of services provided to diverse women and children and other survivors of violence | 1123 | 26 | 12613 | 234 | 213 | 860 | 1 | 23 | 1222 | 16323 |
| Eliminate Violence Against Women and Children in Tonga using a human rights framework | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 2583 | 0 | 3999 | 12 | 90 | 525 | 4 | 14 | 667 | 7894 |
| Provision of Care and Support to Aged Population Project in Tongatapu | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 167 | 195 |
| Eliminate Violence Against Women and Children in Tonga using a human rights framework | Women and children accessing counselling services (New phone counselling) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 54 |
| Eliminate Violence Against Women and Children in Tonga using a human rights framework | Women and children accessing counselling services (Online counselling) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 86 |
| Eliminate Violence Against Women and Children in Tonga using a human rights framework | Women and children accessing counselling services (Repeat phone counselling) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 85 |
| Eliminate Violence Against Women and Children in Tonga using a human rights framework | Diverse women and girls participating in civil society and intergovernmental forums | 0 | 0 | 190 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 190 |
| Tackling Stigma and Discrimination against People with Disability Project | Diverse women and girls supported to assume a leadership role at community, provincial and national | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 80 |
| Provision of economic empowerment services for women survivors of violence alongside their counselling and support services | Diverse women entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services | 0 | 0 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 131 |
| Families Free of Violence | Number of police, law, and justice officials trained to respond to incidents of EVAWG | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 89 |
| Eliminate Violence Against Women and Children in Tonga using a human rights framework | Number of Men who have undertaken male advocacy training and actively participating to promote GE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Empowering Women and Girls in ICT and Tech-Inclusive for EVAW Program | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Families Free of Violence | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 0 | 0 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 |
| Tackling Stigma and Discrimination against People with Disability Project | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 35 |
| Provision of economic empowerment services for women survivors of violence alongside their counselling and support services | Number of services provided to diverse women and children and other survivors of violence | 3 | 0 | 271 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 305 |
| **Total** | | **3716** | **26** | **17968** | **246** | **305** | **1542** | **5** | **132** | **2453** | **26401** |

1. Note that total funding only reflects the grants managed under these components that are being implemented in Tonga 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 includes DFAT Post (TBC which Post) contribution of AUD 2,000,000. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Next phase to be funded under Pacific Women Lead at SPC. Details to be confirmed. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. GBV funding from DFAT Canberra to WCCC captured under list of regional projects. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Balance of Power funding comes of out PWLES AUD 32,000,000 budget. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. We Rise Coalition Phase 3 budget comes out of PWLES AUD32,000,000 budget. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)