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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 Vanuatu

As of 31 March 2025, 26 Pacific Women Lead projects and 1 research were being (or had been) implemented in Vanuatu, with a total funding of AUD135,826,193.76.[[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 Vanuatu as of 31 March 2025

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| PWL components | # of projects | Ongoing | Completed | Total funding (AUD) |
| PWL at SPC projects  | 8 | 8 | - | $3,799,385.71 |
| PWL Governance Board projects | - | - | - | - |
| Pacific Women’s Funds projects | - | - | - | - |
| DFAT regional and research projects | 13 | 9 | 4 | $107,253,442.05 |
| DFAT bilateral and research projects | 4 | 4 | - | $9,890,000 |
| PWLES projects  | 2 | 1 | 1 | $14,883,366 |
| **Total**  | **27** | **22** | **5** | **$135,826,193.76** |

## 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 Vanuatu, PWL at SPC funds 7 downstream implementing partners to implement 8 projects.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Project name and partner | Project description | Value (AUD) / timeframe | Project status |
| 1 | Building Rural Women's Leadership in Food Security and Disaster Management(Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Biosecurity) | Project description will be included in next update.  | $299,7502024 - 2025 | Ongoing (new) |
| 2 | 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. | $500,0002024 - 2025 | Ongoing (new) |
| 3 | Ni Vanuatu Women with Disabilities Leading Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change(ActionAid Vanuatu)  | The project empowers women with disabilities to claim their rights, improve their livelihoods, and strengthen their resilience. Using a train-the-trainer model, the project will equip women with disabilities to participate in emergency preparedness, recovery, and response through SMS blasts, phone tree networks, and sister circles, ensuring inclusive disaster resilience. | $500,0002024–2025 | Ongoing (new) |
| 4 | Realisng Women’s Rights and to Increase the Effectiveness of Gender Equality in Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG)(Melanesian Spearhead Group - MSG)  | The Project supports the recruitment of a GESI Adviser, Research Officers in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu for women MPs and works in advancing women’s economic empowerment through trade value chain training and markets initiative. It also works to finalise the MSG GESI Policy.  | $402,0002024 - 2025 | Ongoing (new) |
| 5 | Shifting the Power Coalition: Pacific Owned, Women-led Early Warning and Resilience (POWER) systems(ActionAid Australia – Vanuatu Women for Change and The Vanuatu Disability Promotion and Advocacy Association) | 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.  | $532,233.072022–2025 | Ongoing |
| 6 | Pacific Girl: Laef Blo Mi, Vois Blo mi(CARE Vanuatu) | **Pacific Girl** is a multi-country program designed to support adolescent girls in Pacific Island countries to achieve their full potential.In Vanuatu, CARE’s *Laef blo mi, Vois blo mi* program works with girls aged 12–19 in rural and remote areas of Tafea Province. Through Pacific Girl, CARE will expand life skills and respectful relationships education to younger adolescents in schools, reaching approximately 800 girls. The program also engages male peers, teachers, and families to create a supportive environment where girls are safe and respected. | $752,702.642021–2025 | Ongoing |
| 7 | Strengthening Women’s Voice in Local Governance(CARE Vanuatu) | This project strengthens Vanuatu’s decentralisation policy by promoting diverse women’s leadership in community governance structures. Using the Central Tanna Area Council in Tafea Province as a case study, it will empower women to take on leadership roles within village and tribal pillar committees. Through training, reflection sessions, and ongoing support, women will develop strategies to navigate governance spaces, build collective leadership, and address challenges. Insights from the project will inform policy and practice, with learning briefs and a documentary capturing key outcomes shared at provincial, national, and regional forums to drive broader change in inclusive governance. | $500,0002024–2025 | Ongoing (new) |
| 8 | Women’s Leadership and Decision-making in the Beef Industry(Ministry of Tourism, Trade, Industry, Commerce and Ni-Vanuatu Business - Department of Industry) | This project focuses on improving women’s leadership and decision making in the beef industry in Sanma Province. The project takes an inclusive process, working with the family unit to support women’s economic empowerment. The project will also carry out action research to generate knowledge to develop evidence-based training to support women’s agribusiness in the Pacific.  | $312,7002024–2025 | 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.

Currently, there is no representative from Vanuatu on the Governance 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 Vanuatu 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 FSM have been funded by the Women’s Funds.

## DFAT regional

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

There are 11 DFAT regional projects implemented by 8 distinct implementing partners in Vanuatu. Of these, 10 are ongoing and one has been completed.

Table 3: DFAT regional projects in Vanuatu 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. | $7,500,0002021 – 2022 | Completed |
| 77337/9 | A Transformative Agenda for Women, Adolescents and Youth in the Pacific: Towards Zero Unmet Need for Planning 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)2022 - 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. | $1,111,0002022–2026 | Ongoing |
| 3 | 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. | $3,542,2802021 – 2024[[4]](#footnote-5) | Completed |
| 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. | $699,9002022–2024 | 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[[5]](#footnote-6)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.  | $500,0002021 – 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. | $2,000,0002023–2026 | Ongoing |
| 7 | 74112 | Pacific Partnership to End Violence Against Women and Girls PPEVAWGPhase 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. | $800,0002021 – 2022 | 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[[6]](#footnote-7)2023 – 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. | $2,700,0002022–2026 | Ongoing |
| 9 | 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. | $2,156,4012021 – 2023 | Completed[[7]](#footnote-8) |
| 10 | 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.  | $3,902,9762023-2026 | Ongoing |
| 11 | 73159/25 | Women’s Resilience to Disasters (WRD) Program(UN Women) | The project promotes gender-responsive decision-making and governance systems, aiming to enable countries to adopt targeted actions that build the resilience of women and girls to current and future disasters. Its key outcomes focus on ensuring that prevention, preparedness, and recovery frameworks are gender-responsive and shaped by the advocacy of local women and girls. Additionally, the project empowers women and girls by providing them with the agency and voice needed to withstand multiple hazards, recover from disasters, and strengthen their resilience to evolving risks. | $13,500,0002021–2026 | Ongoing |
| 12 | 79876 | We Rise Phase 4 International Women’s Development Agency(International Women’s Development Agency – Sista) | 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. | $2,954,3212024 – 2026 | Ongoing |
| **Research Projects** |
| 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. | $3,000,0002021–2024 | Completed |

## DFAT bilateral

This section provides information on bilateral gender projects funded and managed by Vanuatu DFAT Post.

There are 4 projects implemented by 3 distinct implementing partners in Vanuatu.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Aidworks number | Project name and partner | Project description | Value (AUD) / timeframe | Project status |
| 1 | 77047 | Vanuatu Women’s Centre Program Against Violence Against Women - Vanuatu Gender Equality Program Phase 8 (Vanuatu Women’s Centre)  | The project focuses on supporting survivors of violence, improving access to justice, and strengthening community awareness. Key activities include training counsellors in gender-based violence response, expanding outreach through community education, and conducting a national prevalence study. | $8,000,0002021–2026 | Ongoing |
| 2 | 77833 | Gender Equality Together! (Phase 2) Building a movement for gender equality and freedom from violence in Vanuatu (CARE Vanuatu) | The project aims to strengthen the collective leadership, capacity and coordination of civil society and government actors in Vanuatu to promote gender equality. The project strengthens the leadership of young women through the Young Women’s Leadership Program and works with young men to promote gender equality through intergenerational networks.  | $1,110,0002022–2025 | Ongoing |
| 3 | 79876 | Core support to Sista(Sista Vanuatu) | This project provides core funding to Sista to help strengthen their hiring and systems. | 2024 - 2026[[8]](#footnote-9) | Ongoing  |
| **Research Projects** |
| 4 | 76968 | National Gender-based Violence Prevalence Study(Vanuatu Women’s Centre) | The study will follow WHO methodology to ensure accurate, comparable data on violence against women. Preparations include adapting survey tools, training staff, and developing a sampling strategy. The final report is expected by June 2025, with findings integrated into VWC’s advocacy efforts.  | $780,0002021–2025 | 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 Vanuatu 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 Vanuatu 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[[9]](#footnote-10)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[[10]](#footnote-11)2022 – 2024 | Ongoing |

# Impact stories and reach data for DFAT bilateral projects

## Impact stories

This section will provide links to impact stories collected for DFAT bilateral projects when available online.

## Periodic reach data

From January to December 2024, 2 projects in Vanuatu provided data against quantitative PWL indicators.

Table 7: Reach data for DFAT bilateral projects in Vanuatu (January to December 2024)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Project title | Indicator | Girls | Women | Women with disabilities | Boys | Men | LGBTQIA+ | Not disaggregated | Total  |
| Gender Equality Together! Phase 2 Building a movement for gender equality and freedom from violence in Vanuatu | Diverse women and girls participating in civil society and intergovernmental forums | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Gender Equality Together! Phase 2 Building a movement for gender equality and freedom from violence in Vanuatu | Diverse women and girls supported to assume a leadership role at community, provincial and national | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Gender Equality Together! Phase 2 Building a movement for gender equality and freedom from violence in Vanuatu | Diverse women entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services  | 0 | 63 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 81 |
| Vanuatu Gender Equality Program Phase 8 | Number of counsellors graduating from recognized counselling institutions  | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Gender Equality Together! Phase 2 Building a movement for gender equality and freedom from violence in Vanuatu | Number of Men who have undertaken male advocacy training and actively participating to promote GE | 0 | 117 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 124 |
| Vanuatu Gender Equality Program Phase 8 | Number of Men who have undertaken male advocacy training and actively participating to promote GE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 61 |
| Gender Equality Together! Phase 2 Building a movement for gender equality and freedom from violence in Vanuatu | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights  | 0 | 87 | 1 | 0 | 211 | 0 | 0 | 299 |
| Vanuatu Gender Equality Program Phase 8 | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights  | 0 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 134 | 0 | 0 | 176 |
| Vanuatu Gender Equality Program Phase 8 | Number of services provided to diverse women and children and other survivors of violence  | 452 | 15886 | 20 | 110 | 0 | 0 | 659 | 17127 |
| **Total** | **452** | **16232** | **25** | **110** | **422** | **5** | **659** | **17905** |

## Cumulative reach data

Since 2021 to present, 2 projects have provided data against PWL quantitative indicators. See Annex 1 for cumulative reach data (2021 – present) for DFAT bilateral gender projects in Vanuatu.

# 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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Project title | Indicator | Girls | Girls with disabilities | Women | Women with disabilities | Boys | Boys with disabilities | Men | Men with disabilities | LGBTQIA+ | Not disaggregated | Total |
| Gender Equality Together! Phase 2 Building a movement for gender equality and freedom from violence in Vanuatu | Number of Men who have undertaken male advocacy training and actively participating to promote GE | 0 | 0 | 117 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 129 |
| Gender Equality Together! Phase 2 Building a movement for gender equality and freedom from violence in Vanuatu | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights  | 0 | 0 | 209 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 261 | 1 | 5 | 35 | 512 |
| Gender Equality Together! Phase 2 Building a movement for gender equality and freedom from violence in Vanuatu | Diverse women and girls supported to assume a leadership role at community, provincial and national | 0 | 0 | 163 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 177 |
| Gender Equality Together! Phase 2 Building a movement for gender equality and freedom from violence in Vanuatu | Diverse women and girls participating in civil society and intergovernmental forums | 0 | 0 | 16 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Gender Equality Together! Phase 2 Building a movement for gender equality and freedom from violence in Vanuatu | Diverse women entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services  | 0 | 0 | 63 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 |
| Vanuatu Gender Equality Program Phase 8 | Number of counsellors graduating from recognized counselling institutions  | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Vanuatu Gender Equality Program Phase 8 | Number of Men who have undertaken male advocacy training and actively participating to promote GE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 152 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 152 |
| Vanuatu Gender Equality Program Phase 8 | Number of people who participated in sessions on gender issues and women’s equal rights  | 6258 | 0 | 5761 | 0 | 5500 | 0 | 4158 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21677 |
| Gender Equality Together! Phase 2 Building a movement for gender equality and freedom from violence in Vanuatu | Number of services provided to diverse women and children and other survivors of violence  | 0 | 0 | 55 |  | 0 | 0 | 33 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 89 |
| Vanuatu Gender Equality Program Phase 8 | Number of services provided to diverse women and children and other survivors of violence  | 1333 | 7 | 41479 | 53 | 291 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2541 | 45707 |
| **Total** | **7591** | **7** | **47868** | **62** | **5791** | **3** | **4625** | **2** | **13** | **2583** | **68545** |

1. Note that total funding only reflects the grants managed under these components that are being implemented in Vanuatu 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. The Project evaluation was finalised in 2024. PWLES is yet to receive update on the next phase. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. 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-6)
6. Total includes DFAT Post (TBC which Post) contribution of AUD 2,000,000. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Next phase to be funded under Pacific Women Lead at SPC. Details to be confirmed. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. Vanuatu DFAT Post AUD 80,000 contribution captured under We Rise Coalition Phase 4 budget in list of regional projects to avoid double-counting. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. Balance of Power funding comes out of Pacific Women Enabling Services AUD 32,000,000 budget. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
10. We Rise Coalition Phase 3 funding comes out of Pacific Women Lead Enabling Services AUD 32,000,000 budget. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)