

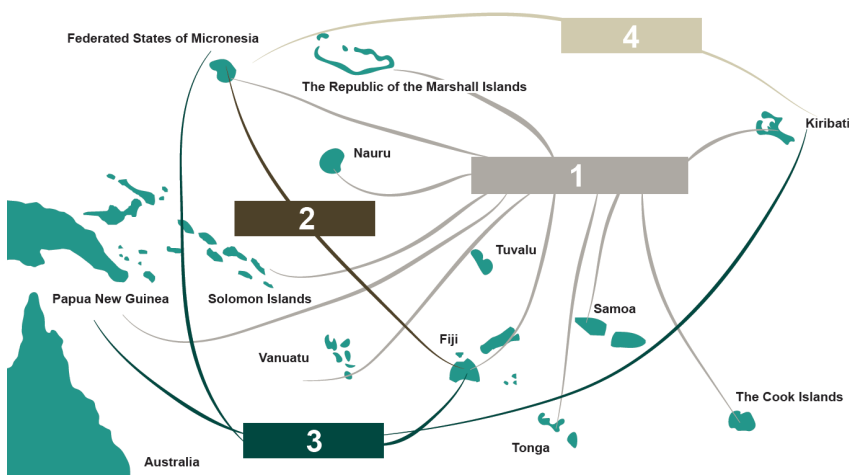
South-South Exchanges

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Family support and crisis centres across the Pacific continue to assist each other to improve levels of expertise and service to support survivors of family and sexual violence.

Support for these information exchanges across countries and regionally is provided by Australia through Pacific Women. This includes long-term funding commitments for 15 crisis support centres in Pacific Island countries.



Here is an overview of some recent information exchanges between crisis support services:

1. The Pacific Women's Network Against Violence Against Women (PWNAVAW) was established in 1992 and is the oldest network of organisations working to end violence against women in the Pacific. Members regularly engage to support each other and to convene regionally. More than 60 participants from 11 Pacific Island countries (the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu) gathered for the Eighth Meeting of the PWNAVAW in December 2018.
2. Lululeen Santos, Women's Interest Coordinator for the Department of Health and Social Services for Pohnpei State, Federated States of

Micronesia, attended a four-week Regional Training Program in October 2019. The Fiji Women's Crisis Centre, as Secretariat of the PWNAAVAW, conducts the training twice a year.

3. The Fiji Women's Crisis Centre is mentoring emerging organisations working to end violence against women, including Hela Women Never Give Up and Couppe Safe House in Papua New Guinea; Kiribati Women and Children's Support Centre; and Pohnpei Women's Council in the Federated States of Micronesia. Many Pacific Women partners access this and other mentoring opportunities.
4. Teretia Tokam, Executive Director of the Kiribati Women and Children Support Centre (KWCS), spent 10 days in October 2019 with Christina 'Kiki' Stinnett, President, and staff of the Chuuk Women's Council. Ms Tokam visited Chuuk to share her experience of the first year of operations of KWCS and to exchange ideas as Chuuk Women's Council prepared to open the Tongen Inepwinew Counseling Center, to be the first crisis centre in the Federated States of Micronesia.

This story has been developed for the Pacific Women Annual Progress Report 2019. It features several Pacific Women-funded initiatives and partners. For more information about Pacific Women's support for initiatives across the region, refer to the interactive map: <https://pacificwomen.org/map/>