



# PACIFIC WOMEN

## What we do

Through a 10-year commitment, Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development (*Pacific Women*) connects more than 170 gender equality initiatives funded by Australia and implemented by over 160 partners across 14 Pacific Island countries.<sup>1</sup>

Providing technical, knowledge sharing and convening support to the portfolio of partners is *Pacific Women's* Support Unit, working to improve the long-term impact of gender equality projects in the Pacific.



With a 10-year funding commitment to 2022, *Pacific Women* supports the stability, security and prosperity of partner nations in the Pacific.



Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI), Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, and including Cook Islands and Niue.



From adolescent girl leaders to women mushroom farmers, rural coffee entrepreneurs, rural women and market vendors, faith groups and civil society working for gender equality, women's empowerment and to end violence against women.



Including Pacific governments, women's organisations and other civil society groups, private sector, disabled persons' organisations, and development agencies.

## One of the largest global commitments to gender equality

### Ending Violence Against Women (EVAW)

*Pacific Women* seeks to ensure violence against women and girls is reduced and survivors of violence have access to justice and support services.



**102,720**

women and children accessing crisis support services, including counselling, health and justice services.



**912,961**

people participating in EVAW community awareness, outreach and advocacy activities.



**16,909**

women taking on leadership roles at community, sub-national and national levels in the private sector, governments and civil society.



**46,906**

people accessing gender-focused civic and voter education.

Providing long-term crisis centre support to 15 partners in eight countries of which three - FSM, Kiribati and RMI – have established their nation's first crisis support centre.

Supporting more than 3,000 women to participate in Market Vendor Associations to drive market management and infrastructure decisions to create safer, more productive market spaces, through co-funding support to the Markets for Change program.

## Enhancing Agency

Pacific Women seeks to ensure women in Pacific Island countries gain a stronger sense of their own agency, supported by a changing legal and social environment.



6,653

women accessing formal opportunities to share their ideas and learn from each other through research, learning forums and advocacy.



10,131

men undertaking male advocacy training to champion gender equality in all spheres of life.



25,010

women accessing financial literacy training and financial services.



1,253

women attaining formal qualifications.

Ensuring funds reach the most remote and rural women's groups by incubating the region's first women's fund, the Fiji Women's Fund.

Supporting a family approach to WEE, resulting in documented increases in family incomes and women's influence over family budget and decisions, through the Coffee Industry Support Project.

## PACIFIC GIRL — Empowering Adolescent Girls

Pacific Women's innovative new regional program is designed by girls for girls.

This multi-country program supports adolescent girls in Pacific Island countries achieve their full potential. Pacific Girl partners aim to equip adolescent girls to make informed decisions while engaging with the boys, parents, carers and communities in their lives to build more supportive environments. Since it began in 2019, Pacific Girl has developed six civil society partnerships across six Pacific Island Countries (Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu).



\$4.5 million

6 countries



YOUNG PEOPLE

56%

PACIFIC POPULATION<sup>2</sup>



### VOICE

Pacific Girl partners are amplifying the voices of adolescent girls, through national advocacy forums and leadership training.



### LEARNING

The Pacific Girl regional learning network brings together adolescent girls and organisations who support girls to share their research, encourage advocacy and learn from each other.



### RIGHTS

Pacific girls identified sexual and reproductive health and rights, access to education, climate change and freedom from violence among their priorities. These are now the priorities for Pacific Girl partners working with girls, governments and service providers.

<sup>1</sup>Data and information is sourced from partner reports and is cumulative to June 2019, unless otherwise stated.

<sup>2</sup>A Measure of the Future, Family Planning International 2009. Of a total Pacific Island country population of around 10 million, about 56% are 24 years of age or less and 37% are believed to be 14 years of age or less. Pacific Girl focuses on adolescent girls aged 10 to 19 years.